

MINUTES

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH SESSION

OF THE

NIAGARA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH,

HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, IN THE TOWN OF TILSONBURG,
ONTARIO, FROM JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 7TH, 1892.



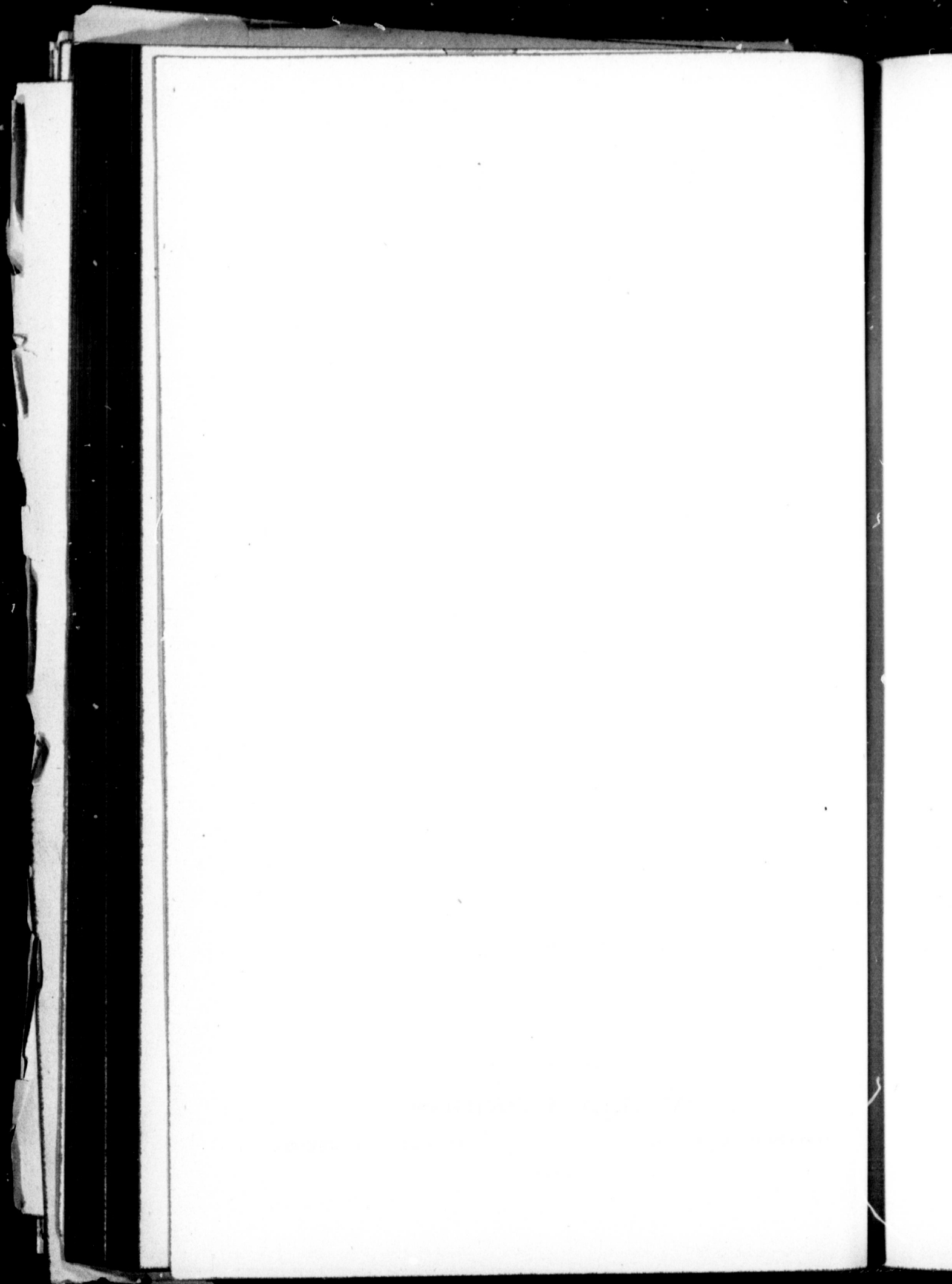
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WILLIAM BRIGGS.

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HALIFAX: S. F. HUESTIS.

1892.



Officers of the Conference, 1892.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:

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THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE

OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH

WAS ORGANIZED IN THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, HAMILTON,
ONTARIO, ON THURSDAY, JUNE, 12TH, 1884.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1884	Hamilton	J. A. Williams, D.D.	A. Langford.
1885	Brantford	Amos E. Russ, M.A.	Wm. J. Maxwell.
1886	Woodstock	W. J. Hunter, D.D.	J. Sprague Williamson.
1887	St. Catharines....	D. L. Brethour, M.A., Ph.D.	James S. Ross, M.A.
1888	Norwich	Wm. J. Maxwell	Thomas W. Jackson.
1889	Ingersoll	J. Sprague Williamson	Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A.
1890	Hamilton	John Kay	R. W. Woodsworth.
1891	Brantford	John Wakefield	Jas. Van Wyck, B.A.
1892	Tilsonburg	D.G. Sutherland, D.D., LL.B.	Robert J. Elliott.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CIRCUITS

IN

THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

The figures in the list denote the order in which the Circuits are arranged in the Stations. The Missions are marked with a star.

Ancaster	12	Hamilton—	
Ayr	59	Hannah Street	7
		Emerald Street	8
Binbrook	13	Hagersville	68
Bartonville	14		
Beamsville	29	Ingersoll—	
Brant	44	King Street	50
Brantford—		Charles Street	51
Wellington Street	33		
Brant Avenue	34	International Bridge	100
Colborne Street	35		
Oxford Street	36	Jarvis	67
Bright	61	Jerseyville	43
Burford and Fairfield	104		
Burlington	79	Kelvin	105
		Ker	17
Cainsville	45		
Caistorville	94	Louth and Grantham	22
Caledonia	10	Lowville	85
Canboro'	95	Lynden	41
Carlisle	86	Lynedoch	72
Cathcart	56		
Cayuga	74	Merritton	23
* Courtland	112	Millgrove	82
		Milton	77
Delhi	111	Mount Pleasant	46
Dereham	110	Mountain	88
* Drumbo and Richwood	63	Mountsberg	87
Dundas	9		
Dunnville	93	* New Credit	76
		Niagara	28
Eastwood	55	Niagara Falls	26
		Niagara Falls South	25
Fenwick	96	Norwich	102
Fonthill	90		
Freeman	80	Oakland	110
		Oakville	78
Glanford	11	Otterville and Bookton	107
* Grand River	47	Oxford Centre	54
Grimsby	30	Palermo	83
		Paris	37
Hamilton—		Plattsville	60
Centenary	1	Port Dover	66
Wesley	2	Port Colborne and Humberstone	92
First Methodist	3	Port Robinson	91
Gore Street	4	Port Rowan and St. Williams	71
Zion Tabernacle	5	Princeton	57
Simcoe Street	6		

* Rainham	101	Tapleystown	16
* Ridgeway	99	Teeterville	109
Rockford	70	Thorold	24
		Tintern	32
Salford	52	Tilsonburg	103
Selkirk	73	Townsend	69
Sheffield	39	Trafalgar	84
Simcoe	64	Troy	42
Smithville	31	* Walsingham Centre	75
Springford	106	Washington	62
Stamford and St. David's	27	Waterdown	81
Strathallan	58	Waterford	65
St. Catharines—		Welland	89
St. Paul Street	19	Wellandport	97
Welland Avenue	20	West Flamboro'	40
Niagara Street	21	Woodstock—	
St. George	38	Central Church	48
Stoney Creek	15	Dundas Street	49
Stromness	99	York	18
Sweaborg	53		

NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL,

1892.

The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister commenced his ministry, and those at the end denote the first, second, or third year in his charge. Post Offices in brackets, when the name of the Circuit or Station is not the P. O. address.

1868 Adams, Ezra, Sup'd	Courtland	3
1869 Allan, James, B.A.	Hamilton, Centenary	1
1842 Ames, Wm., Sup'd	Woodstock	4
1869 Archer, Joseph	Port Rowan and St. Williams	3
1870 Athoe, Thomas	Cariisle	3
1877 Atkins, Thomas J.	Waterford	3
1869 Awde, James, B.A.	Niagara Falls South	1
1887 Baillie, James E. S.	Drumbo and Richwood	2
1885 Barraclough, Wm. H.	Springford	2
1865 Bell, James P.	Townsend (Simcoe)	1
1883 Bennett, Clifford T., B.A.	Jarvis	1
1875 Bowers, Alfred A., B.A.	Princeton	1
1883 Bowlby, Charles L.	Tapleystown	1
1870 Boyd, Thomas	Dereham (Mount Elgin)	3
1891 Brand, Henry	Cainsville	1
1860 Brethour, D. L., Ph.D. ...	Burlington	2
1858 Bristol, Burness, Sup'd	Jerseyville	9
1839 Bristol, Emerson, Sup'd	Ancaster	12
1863 Brown, W. G., M.A., Sup'd	Chicago	4
1860 Burns, Alex., S.T.D., LL.D.	Hamilton, Wesleyan Ladies' College	15
1871 Burns, Robt., Ph.B.	Ingersoll, Charles Street	3
1869 Calvert, Geo. W., <i>Fin. Sec</i>	Paris	3
1890 Calvert, Reuben	Montreal, Wesleyan Theo. College	2
1883 Carpenter, George	Sweaborg	3
1891 Cavers, Chas. A.	Jarvis, (Cheapside)	1
1860 Chalmers, David	Cayuga	2
1866 Clark, George, Ph.D.	Hamilton, Zion Tabernacle	2
1878 Clarke, E. J.	Smithville	1
1875 Clarke, T. R.	Delhi	1
1876 Cleaver, Solomon, B.A.	St. Catharines, St. Paul Street	2
1873 Clement, Ephraim, Sup'd	Burford	1
1871 Cohoe, B.L.	Mountsberg (Freelton)	3
1840 Coleman, Francis, Sup'd	Hamilton	15
1851 Collamore, Owen G.	Stamford and St. David's	1

1862 Colling, Thos., B.A.	St. George	1
1868 Collins, J. H.	Merriton	3
1877 Cook, Henry A.	Teeterville	3
1865 Cookman, Christopher	Port Dover	1
1874 Cooley, John W.	Tilsonburg	1
1877 Cosens, Chas. W.	Jerseyville	1
1891 Crawford, Alex. W.	Burford	1
1856 Cross, Wm., Sup'd	Cainsville (9 Grove Avenue, Toronto)	8
1891 Culp, Josephus	Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal	1
1868 Cutler, J. B., Sup'd	Smithville	1
1859 Davis, J. T.	Caistorville	2
1876 Deacon, Charles	Salford	3
1888 Dougall, Hugh Shaw, B.A.	Hamilton, Hannah Street	1
1870 Duff, Robert	Brant (Onondaga)	3
1854 Dyer, James E., Sup'd	Stoney Creek (585 Markham St., Toronto)	3
1870 Ecker, Daniel	York	1
1870 Elliott, R. J., <i>Sec. of Con., Fin. Sec.</i>	Woodstock, Dundas St.	2
1878 Emory, Vernon H., <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Welland	2
1889 Fallis, Samuel W.	Victoria College	1
1863 Fergusson, George	Waterdown	3
1876 Foote, James G.	Cainsville	2
1853 Forman, Richard J.	Ancaster	1
1841 Gardiner, James, D.C.L., Sup'd	Ingersoll (Belleville)	7
1881 Garnham, Wm. H., B.A.	Key (Abingdon)	1
1874 Gee, Abraham L., Ph.B.	Beamsville	1
1853 German, Peter, Sup'd	Cainsville (Echo Place)	11
1856 Goodwin, James, Sup'd	Grimsby	4
1877 Hall, Harvey M.	Lynden	3
1887 Hamilton, Andrew, B.A.	Port Colborne	1
1843 Haynes, Frederick, Sup'y	Beamsville	18
1877 Hazlewood, James H., <i>Chairman</i>	Dunnville	2
1856 Hilts, Joseph, Sup'd	Dundas	3
1844 Histon, John, Sup'd	Burlington	11
1872 Hobbs, Richard	Brantford, Colborne St.	1
1879 Hockey, John E.	Stoney Creek	3
1878 Holden, Samuel W.	Palermo	3
1891 Hollinrake, F. W.	Victoria College	2
1892 Holmes, James H.	Townsend (Simcoe)	1
1855 Howard, Thomas S.	New Credit (Hagersville)	4
1854 Hunt, David	Oxford Centre	3
1877 Jackson, J. A., <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Hagersville	1
1867 Jackson, Thos. W.	Caledonia	1
1879 Jamieson, Walter S.	Brantford, Oxford St.	1
1847 Jefferis, Thomas M., Sup'd	Oakville	15
1892 Johnson, D. M.	Oxford Centre	1
1871 Jolley, W. C., Sup'd	Norwich	4
1862 Kappelle, Stephen, Sup'd	Hamilton (42 Park Road, Toronto)	6
1862 Kay, John	Dundas	2
1879 Kearns, David, Sup'd	Mountsberg	3
1886 Kelly, T. Webster, B.A.	Bright	1
1871 Kelly, D. Ward	Rockford	2
1882 Kelly, Samuel Judson	Tintern	2
1873 Kennedy, Albert, Sup'd	Woodstock	3
1892 Kennedy, Howard	Otterville and Bookton	1
1867 Kennedy, James H.	Glanford	2
1881 Kerby, George W., B.A.	Hamilton, Hannah St.	2

1	1883 Kerruish, Thomas L.	Louth and Grantham (St. Catharines)	3
3	1872 Kettlewell, William, <i>Chairman</i>	Norwich	3
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1	1890 Laidman, Samuel A.	Victoria College	1
1	1882 Laing, Byron	No Station (Acton)	1
1	1862 Laird, James	Binbrook	1
1	1844 Lawrence, George, Sup'd	Ingersoll, King Street	18
8	1860 Leith, Hamilton, Sup'd	Hamilton, Simcoe Street	1
1	1875 Linscott, T. S., Sup'y	Brantford, Colborne Street	13
1	1884 Livingstone, Henry G.	International Bridge	3
2	1849 Lounsbury, Edward, Sup'd	Hamilton, First Church	7
3	1853 Lund, William, Sup'd	Woodstock	10
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3	1886 McArthur, John H., S.T.L.	Selkirk	1
3	1863 McCartney, James H.	Freeman	1
3	1888 Marshall, Edson E.	Victoria College	3
1	1890 Marshall, Sanford	Victoria College	2
2	1891 Marshall, Charles M.	Port Robinson (Crowland)	1
2	1854 Masson, James	Strathallan	3
2	1891 Miller, Amasa B.	Wesleyan Theological College	1
1	1856 Miller, George	Washington	3
3	1865 Mitchell, George A., B.A., <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	St. Catharines, Welland Avenue	2
2	1871 Mooney, James	Mount Pleasant	2
1	1880 Moore, T. Albert	Niagara Falls	1
7	1892 Morris, Francis	Stromness (Forks' Road)	1
1	1892 Monsinger, Henry	Binbrook	1
1	1872 Morrow, Charles R.	West Flamboro' (Copetown)	1
11	1890 Nicholson, Samuel	Victoria College	2
4	1875 Ockley, Robert L.	Wellandport	2
3	1874 Orme, Thomas H., M.A.	Millgrove	3
1			
18	1887 Parr, Theo. J.	Victoria College (96 Wilcox Street, Toronto)	3
2	1892 Parsons, James F.	Ridgeway (Stevensville)	1
3	1891 Patterson, Joshua R.	Cathcart	1
11	1883 Pescott, Walter E., B.A.	Hamilton, Emerald Street	1
1	1872 Pickering, John, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Milton	2
3	1851 Preston, James, Sup'd	Mount Pleasant (Mohawk)	8
3	1892 Prudham, Wm. W.	Port Dover (Vittoria)	1
2			
1	1890 Railton, Richard	Victoria College	2
4	1891 Reader, George	No Station	1
3	1865 Robinson, John H., <i>Chairman</i>	Simcoe	1
1	1867 Ross, James S., M.A., <i>Chairman</i>	Woodstock	2
1	1870 Rowe, Richard B.	Bartonville	3
1	1854 Russ, Amos E., M.A., <i>Chairman</i>	Brantford, Wellington Street	2
1	1875 Russ, James E.	Troy	1
15	1870 Rutledge, William L., B.A.	Brantford, Brant Ave.	1
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4	1866 Saunders, John, M.A.	Niagara	1
6	1850 Savage, David, Sup'd	Tilsonburg	3
2	1880 Scanlon, Richard W., Ph.B.	Trafalgar (Omagh)	3
3	1891 Sheppard, Edward	Walsingham Centre	2
1	1858 Sheridan, William, Sup'd	Beamsville	8
2	1880 Sifton, Jas. W., M.A., LL.D., Sup'y.	(Valley City, N.D., U.S.)	4
2	1890 Sipprell, W. J.	St. Catharines, Niagara Street	1
3	1892 Sipprell, W. A.		
1	1875 Smith, Wray R.	Burford	3
2	1880 Snider, David W., <i>Journal Sec.</i>	Ingersoll, King Street	3
2	1876 Stewart, John	Ayr	3
2	1875 Stevenson, Ephraim, B., B.A.	Lowville	1

1850 Stobbs, Thomas, Sup'd.....	Centenary Church, Hamilton, 8 Stinson Street	3
1855 Stringfellow, Charles	Ridgeway	3
1864 Sutherland, D. G., LL.B., D.D., President of Conference	Hamilton, Wesley Church	3
1880 Taylor, D.H.	Fonthill	2
1869 Taylor, Edward H.	Rainham Centre	1
1877 Teeple, W. M.	Fenwick	1
1844 Terwilligar, Simon, Sup'd.....	Ingersoll, Charles Street	11
1890 Terryberry, Arthur I.	Montreal, Wesleyan Theo. College	2
1868 Tovell, Isaac, <i>Ass. Sec. and Fin. Sec.</i>	Hamilton, Gore Street	2
1881 Trimble, Thomas B.	Otterville and Bookton	1
1882 Truax, Albert	Courtland	1
1868 Van Wyck, Jas., B.A.	Hamilton, First Church	2
1889 Voaden, Thomas, B.A.	Eastwood (Innerkip)	1
1877 Vollick, W. N.	Kelvin	3
1852 Wakefield, John, <i>Chairman</i>	Thorold	2
1879 Walker, William	Grand River (Brantford)	2
1860 Watson, William C., M.A., <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Oakland	2
1875 Webb, James	Canboro'	2
1863 Whitworth, Edward	Lynedoch	1
1862 Wilkinson, Thomas L.	Grimsby	2
1854 Wilson, J. V., Sup'd.	Dunnville	17
1856 Wilson, Samuel, Sup'd.	Niagara	2
1864 Williams, David, Sup'd.	Townsend (Nixon)	17
1865 Williamson, J. Sprague, <i>Chairman</i>	Oakville	3
1850 Wood, John, Sup'd	Norwich	4
1867 Woodsworth, Richard W.	Hamilton, Simcoe Street	1
1875 Wright, R. Walter, B.D.	Plattsville	1
1890 Wright, James M.	Sheffield	1

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MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

The MINISTERIAL SESSION of the NIAGARA CONFERENCE was held in the Methodist Church, in the Town of TILSONBURG, on Wednesday, June 1st, 1892, at 9.30 a.m. The President of the Conference, Rev. JOHN WAKEFIELD, in the chair.

Hymn 748 was sung, the Secretary, Rev. JAMES VAN WYCK, B.A., read St. John xv., and Rev. O. G. COLLAMORE and Rev. DAVID CHALMERS led in prayer.

The roll was called, and thirty-nine answered to their names.

The President read the list of transferred ministers, as follows :

Into the Niagara Conference :—

Rev. W. L. Rutledge, B.A., to take effect June 3rd, at 9 a.m.
 Rev. James Allen, M.A., to take effect June 10th, at 9 a.m.
 Rev. Hamilton Leith, to take effect forthwith.
 Rev. Joseph H. Hilts, to take effect forthwith.

Out of the Conference :—

Rev. Eardley H. Koyle, M.A., to take effect June 2nd, at noon.
 Rev. E. Victor Smith, to take effect June 2nd, at noon.
 Rev. John Laycock, to take effect June 2nd, at noon.

On nomination by Chairmen, the following were appointed the

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Wm. Kettlewell (<i>ex officio</i>).	R. W. Woodsworth.	O. G. Collamore.
J. S. Williamson (<i>ex officio</i>).	John W. Cooley.	D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.
I. Tovell.	J. H. McCartney.	D. H. Taylor.

QUESTION.—Are there any objections or charges preferred against any of our Ministers or Probationers ?

ANSWER.—No objections.

QUESTION.—Who are the Superannuated Ministers ?

ANSWER :

Thomas Stobbs.	J. B. Cutler.	Simon Terwilligar.
Stephen Kappelle.	W. G. Brown, M. A.	David Williams.
Edward Lounsbury.	Burness Bristol.	Thomas M. Jefferis.
Francis Coleman.	Peter German.	John Histon.
Hamilton Leith.	William Cross.	David Kearns.
Joseph H. Hilts.	James Preston.	J. V. Wilson.
Emerson Bristol.	William Lund.	John Wood.
James E. Dyer.	Albert Kennedy.	David Savage.
Samuel Wilson.	George Lawrence.	Ephraim L. Clement.
William Sheridan.	James Gardiner, D.C.L.	Ezra Adams.
James Goodwin.	William Ames.	

QUESTION.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers ?

ANSWER :

J. W. Sifton, B.A., LL.D.
Frederick Haynes.T. S. Linscott.
W. C. Jolley.**QUESTION.—What Probationers for the Ministry are now recommended to be received into full connexion and ordained ?**

ANSWER :

Hugh S. Dougall, B.A.

John H. McArthur, S.T.L.

QUESTION.—What Probationers for the Ministry remain on trial ?ANSWER :—(1) *Probationers of three years.*

Theo. J. Parr.

James M. Wright.

Samuel W. Fallis.

(2) *Probationers of two years.*Richard Railton.
S. A. Laidman.
W. J. Sipprell.
Reuben Calvert.Edson E. Marshall.
Sanford E. Marshall.
Amasa B. Miller.*Josephus Culp.
*Arthur I. Terryberry.
*Samuel Nicholson.

* The year to be allowed on completion of his studies.

(3) *Probationers of one year.*Alexander Crawford.
E. Victor Smith.
Charles M. Marshall.Fred. W. Holliurake.
Henry Brand.
George Reader.*Joshua R. Patterson.
*Edward Sheppard.
†Charles A. Cavers.

* The year to be allowed on completion of his studies.

† Conditioned on Greek in the Preliminary Course.

QUESTION.—What Candidates for the Ministry are now received on trial ?

ANSWER :

Francis Morris.
Howard Kennedy.
George F. Swinnerton.
William W. Prudham.W. A. Sipprell.
James F. Parsons.
Charles M. Marshall.*Henry Monsinger.
*James H. Holmes.
*Daniel M. Johnson.

* Conditioned on Greek.

QUESTION.—What young men are the Chairmen permitted to employ ?

ANSWER :

Charles T. Bayliss.

William B. Smith.

Austin Baynton.

QUESTION.—Who have resigned, and received credentials ?

ANSWER.—Benjamin B. Keefer.

The Ministerial Session closed at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 2nd, 1892.

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Dr. R.
Sehec
Cyrus
W. J.
Thom
L. A.
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Georg
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W. J.
A. W.
James
J. A.

W. J.
W. M.
J. W.
W. B.
John M.
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LAY MEMBERS OF NIAGARA CONFERENCE, 1892.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Joseph Lister	Hamilton	S. F. Lazier, Q.C.	Hamilton
Dr. Rosebrugh	"	J. H. Smith, I.P.S.	"
Seneca Jones	"	W. H. Keagey	Dundas
Cyrus A. Birge	"	W. R. Horning	"
W. J. Waugh, <i>Ass't. Sec. Conf.</i> ..	"	Alfred Atkinson	Caledonia
Thomas Morris	"	George Bell	Glanford Station
L. A. Cummer	"	Wellington Shaw	North Seneca
Thomas C. Watkins	"	J. A. Daniels	Ancaster
Robert Campbell	"	Francis Ecker	North Glanford
George Frid	"	J. M. Foran	Winona
Thomas Horn	"	A. G. Jones	Stoney Creek
W. J. Morden	"	Joseph Tweedle	Tweedside
A. W. Semmens	"	James Ker	Woodburn
James C. Taylor	"	James Packham	Abingdon
J. A. Dean	"	John Senn	York

ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

W. J. Robertson, LL.B.	St. Catharines	J. H. Beatty	Thorold
W. McGibbon	"	James Swinnerton	Niagara
J. W. Carman	"	S. M. Culp	Beamsville
W. B. Gilleland	"	George Hyatt	Stamford
John Newhouse	Homer	F. A. Hutt	South End
Thomas Ward	Niagara Falls	W. B. Adams	Smithville
J. B. Bouslaugh	Grimshy	Jacob Fry	Jordan
F. T. Schooley	Merritton	Robert Fralick	Niagara Falls South
Wm. McCleary, M.P.P.	Thorold		

BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

Dr. Birchard	Brantford	Levi Westbrook	Langford
Wm. Wilkinson, M.A.	"	Charles Cox	Mohawk
R. S. Schell	"	H. R. Nixon	St. George
T. N. Preston	"	J. B. Howell	"
W. S. Brewster	"	George Atkins	Rockton
John McGeary	"	John Bennett	Copetown
John Mann	"	James Bawtenhimer	"
Dr. Lowry	"	Wm. Miller	Troy
Henry Watson	"	W. F. Vansickle	Trinity
Lewis Maus	Paris	Justus Vanderlip	Cainsville
D. M. Lee	"		

WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

James Lund	Woodstock	John Smith	Beachville
R. W. Knight	"	M. S. Schell	Oxford Centre
Dr. Bartlette	"	Charles Kelly	Cathcart
G. C. Bean	"	Wesley Lazenby	Innerkip
J. S. Parmenter	"	Thomas Lowes	Princeton
J. V. Wadland	"	A. Miller	Walmart
John Morrow	Ingersoll	John W. Hunt	Ayr
Thomas Seldon	"	Wm. Rouse	Plattsville
James Waterhouse	"	Ed. Wilson	Bright
J. H. Berry	"	David Kyte	Richwood
Joseph Gibson	"	John Day	Washington
T. L. Newton	Salford		

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SIMCOE DISTRICT.

A. J. Donly	Simcoe	Peter Quance	Delhi
A. W. Smith	"	Thomas Waterson	Wyecombe
Hugh S. Collver	"	John Steel	Selkirk
W. C. Lundy	Waterford	Jonathan Ellis	Port Dover
Wm. Jennings	Jarvis	John V. Watts	Walsh
Wm. Harrison	Hagersville	Isaac Pratten	Nanticoke
Wm. Hambly	Rockford		

MILTON DISTRICT.

Johnson Harrison	Milton	Oliver Livingston	Carlisle
Henry McMaster	"	Abraham Purnell	"
John Robinson	Oakville	Shipman Cummings	Millgrove
W. H. Young	"	Edward Wrinch	Merton
W. H. Finnemore	Burlington	Birge Gunby	Cummingsville
E. H. Cleaver	"	R. A. Flemming	Trafalgar
George Allison	Waterdown	J. B. Matthewman	Appleby

WELLAND DISTRICT.

James Hodges	Welland	E. Misener	Marshville
W. A. Van Every	Ridgeway	Cecil McPherson	Wellandport
H. N. Hibbard	"	John Houser	International Bridge
F. K. Brown	Port Colborne	John Edgeworth	Stevensville
R. A. Harrison	Dunnville	J. D. Albright	South Cayuga
James Allan	Canboro'		

NORWICH DISTRICT.

G. W. Falconer	Norwich	Charles Hedges	Kelvin
L. D. Swartout	"	F. F. Cox	Harley
George R. Coon	"	George Parsons	Otterville
Thomas Wood	Tilsonburg	A. Horning	Vanessa
Isaac Hogarth	"	S. R. Gill	Dereham
James Imrie	"	A. Ransom	Courtland
Adam Kelly	Burford	Thomas Mills	Oakland

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,

Held in the Methodist Church, Tilsonburg, June 2nd to June 7th, 1892.

The NINTH SESSION of the NIAGARA CONFERENCE of the Methodist Church, opened in the Methodist Church, Tilsonburg, on Thursday, June 2nd, 1892, at 2.30 p.m.

The President of the Conference, Rev. JOHN WAKEFIELD, occupied the chair.

Hymn 753 was sung, after which the Secretary, Rev. JAMES VAN WYCK, B.A., read the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians, and Rev. AMOS E. RUSS, M.A., and JAMES M. FORAN, Esq., led the Conference in prayer.

The roll was called; one hundred and one ministers and eighty-five laymen answered to their names.

The election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

Rev. DONALD G. SUTHERLAND, LL.B., D.D., President.

Rev. ROBERT J. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

Rev. ISAAC TOVELL and W. J. WAUGH, Esq., Assistant Secretaries.

Rev. DAVID W. SNIDER, Journal Secretary.

Hours of Session Fixed.

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Thanks to Retiring Officers.

Moved by Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, seconded by Rev. Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A.,

That the unanimous and most cordial thanks of this Conference be extended to our retiring President, the Rev. John Wakefield, for the marked ability and uniform courtesy with which he has discharged the responsible duties of his official position during the past year. We earnestly pray that his valuable life may long be spared, and that with continued vigor of body and mind he may be permitted to serve the Church of his choice.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. John Wakefield, seconded by Rev. W. C. Watson, M.A.,

That this Conference presents its best thanks to the Rev. James Van Wyck, B.A., for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Secretary during the past year.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. James Van Wyck, B.A., seconded by Rev. George Clarke, Ph.D.,

That the cordial thanks of this Conference are hereby presented to Rev. J. H. Collins, the Journal Secretary, for the painstaking manner in which he has made the record of the minutes of the last year's session in the Journal of the Conference. That we also express our hearty appreciation of the work done by the ex-Assistant Secretaries, Revs. R. J. Elliott, and Isaac Tovell, and the members of the Statistical Committee of the past year for their efficient services in preparing the minutes of the Conference for publication.—Carried unanimously.

Committee on Nominations.

Moved by Rev. Robt Burns, Ph.B., seconded by Rev. R. J. Elliott, and

Resolved,—That a Committee on Nominations be appointed, to consist of the President of the Conference and a Minister and a Layman from each District, the same to be named by the respective Chairmen. That the following be the Committees:—Pastoral Address, Memorials, Educational, Statistical, Contingent Fund, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Church and Parsonage Property, State of the Work, and Systematic Beneficence.

Stations.

The first draft of Stations was laid on the table by Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Secretary of the Stationing Committee, and received as read.

QUESTION.—Who compose the Conference Committees?

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

D. G. Sutherland, D.D.	Isaac Tovell.
John Wakefield.	Solomon Cleaver, B.A.
Amos E. Russ, M.A.	George W. Calvert.
James S. Ross, M.A.	Robert J. Elliott.
John Saunders, M.A.	J. Austin Jackson.
J. S. Williamson.	David L. Brethour, Ph.D.
Jas. Hazlewood.	Vernon H. Emory.
Wm. Kettlewell.	Wray R. Smith.

NOMINATIONS.

Ministers.

	D. G. Sutherland, D.D., <i>President</i> .	
Isaac Tovell.	R. W. Woodsworth.	Christopher Cookman.
David Hunt.	Joseph Archer.	Thomas Athoe.
Charles Stringfellow.	Richard Hobbs.	

Laymen.

S. F. Lazier, Q.C.	Wm. McCleary, M.P.P.	John Mann.
Joseph Gibson.	Jonathan Ellis.	Johnson Harrison.
Wm. Van Every.	George R. Coon.	

STATISTICAL.

Robert Burns, Ph.B.	C. T. Bennett, B.A.	James Laird.
James Webb.	W. E. Pescott, B.A.	Solomon Cleaver, B.A.
Charles Deacon.	B. L. Cohoe.	W. H. Barraclough.

PASTORAL ADDRESS FOR 1893.

R. W. Woodsworth.	Geo. Clark, Ph.D.	J. S. Williamson.
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CONTINGENT FUND.

Ministers.

John Kay.
David Hunt.
Edward Whitworth.

John Wakefield.
C. R. Morrow.

A. E. Russ, M.A.
Thomas Athoe.

Laymen.

L. A. Cummer.
M. S. Schell.
Thomas Wood.

W. McGibbon.
Wm. Harrison.

John McGeary.
Oliver Livingston.

EDUCATIONAL.

Ministers.

D. G. Sutherland, D.D., *Prs.* D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., *Trea.* J. S. Ross, M.A.
William Kettlewell, *Sec.* G. W. Calvert. John Saunders, M.A.

Laymen.

Joseph Lister.
A. J. Donly.

Dr. Birchard.

John Morrow.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE PROPERTY.

Ministers.

James VanWyck, B.A.
T. W. Jackson.
Jas. Masson.
D. Chalmers.
V. H. Emory.
T. R. Clarke.

J. H. Kennedy.
A. L. Gee, Ph.B.
John Stewart.
S. W. Holden.
R. L. Ockley.

G. A. Mitchell, B.A.
J. G. Foote.
J. H. Robinson.
R. W. Scanlon, Ph.B.
W. C. Watson, M.A.

Laymen.

W. J. Morden.
F. A. Hutt.
J. S. Parmenter.
Burge Gunby.
R. Robinson.
T. H. Preston.
A. G. Jones.

Thos. Morris.
Justus Vanderlip.
Peter Quance.
E. H. McMaster.
Isaac Hogarth.
W. R. Horning.

R. W. Fralick.
Joseph Gibson.
John V. Watts.
E. Misener.
Adam Kelly.
Geo. Bell.

MEMORIAL.

Ministers.

Alexander Burns, LL.D.
J. E. Russ.
Thos. Colling, B.A.
Joseph Archer.
J. T. Davis.
Thomas Boyd.

G. W. Kerby, B.A.
Jas. Awde, B.A.
Jas. McCartney.
John Pickering.
Albert Truax.

J. H. Collins.
Jas. Mooney.
John Saunders, M.A.
R. J. Forman.
E. L. Clement.

Laymen.

C. A. Birge.
W. J. Robertson, LL.B.
James Lund.
Johnson Harrison.
B. Tucker.
Jas. Imrie.

Dr. Rosebrugh.
Dr. Lowry.
Thos. Seldon.
Geo. Allison.
John Senn.
S. R. Gill.

Wm. McCleary, M.P.P.
Levi Westbrooke.
Wm. Jennings.
Jas. Hodges.
Jas. Ker.

STATE OF THE WORK.

Ministers.

John Kay.
Harvey M. Hall.
Geo. Ferguson.
T. A. Moore.

C. W. Cosens.
Geo. Miller.
H. G. Livingston.

W. S. Jamieson.
D. W. Kelly.
John Wood.

Laymen.

W. J. Waugh.
Dr. Bartlette.
W. A. Van Every.
J. A. Daniels.
J. V. Wadland.

W. B. Adams.
John Steel.
Geo. Parsons.
F. T. Cox.
Wesley Lazenby.

John Mann.
A. Purnell.
J. H. Smith, I.P.S.
E. Wrinch.
Jas. Bawtenhimer.

TEMPERANCE.

Ministers.

R. B. Rowe.
T. L. Wilkinson.
W. H. Garnham, B.A.
T. J. Atkins.
J. H. Hazelwood.
H. A. Cook.
Stephen Kappelle.

J. W. Cooley.
R. W. Wright, B.D.
Byron Laing.
D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.
Chas. Stringfellow.
A. Kennedy.
B. Bristol.

J. P. Bell.
W. M. Teeple.
T. B. Trimble.
Thos. Orme, M.A.
Wray R. Smith.
E. H. Taylor.
Wm. Walker.

Laymen.

Thomas C. Watkins.
Jas. H. Beatty.
J. H. Berry.
Johnson Harrison.
H. N. Hibbard.
Jas. Waterhouse.
Francis Ecker.
John Bennett.
C. G. Bean.
G. W. Falconer.
Chas. Cox.

A. W. Semmens.
Wm. Wilkinson, M.A.
Joseph Gibson.
Shipman Cummings.
G. R. Coon.
J. Tweedle.
J. Swinnerton.
J. B. Howell.
W. H. Finnemore.
A. W. Smith.
W. S. Brewster.

W. B. Gilleland.
D. M. Lee.
H. A. Collver.
Jas. Allen.
A. Horning.
John Newhouse.
J. W. Carman.
E. Wilson.
C. McPherson.
W. C. Lundy.
Thos. Watterson.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Ministers.

E. B. Stevenson, B.A.
S. J. Kelly.
D. W. Kelly.
D. Chalmers.
John Histon.
W. N. Vollick.
Daniel Ecker.
Wm. Ames.

J. E. Hockey.
A. A. Bowers, B.A.
D. W. Snider.
T. S. Howard.
D. H. Taylor.
Ezra Adams.
Jas. Goodwin.

T. L. Kerruish.
T. W. Kelly.
Thos. Voaden, B.A.
E. J. Clarke.
J. T. Davis.
Jas. E. Dyer.
Peter German.

Laymen.

W. H. Keagey.
Jacob Fry.
Henry Watson.
A. J. Donly.
E. H. Cleaver.
J. N. Ransom.
Jas. Packham.
W. C. Lundy.
F. T. Schooley.
Wm. Rouse.
W. Shaw.

J. C. Taylor.
Geo. Atkins.
J. W. Hunt.
Thos. Watson.
John Edgeworth.
Thos. Mills.
Lewis Maus.
R. A. Flemming.
Chas. Kelly.
A. Miller.

S. N. Culp.
John Mann.
John Smith.
W. H. Young.
J. D. Albright.
J. M. Foran.
R. Campbell.
Geo. Hyatt.
John Day.
Geo. Frid.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Ministers.

Thos. Stobbs.
G. A. Mitchell, B.A.
J. E. S. Baillie.
John Pickering.
J. H. Hazlewood.

C. L. Bowlby.
Robert Duff.
J. A. Jackson.
Thos. Athoe.
David Savage.

R. W. Woodsworth.
T. S. Linscott.
O. G. Collamore.
V. H. Emory.
R. Hobbs.

Laymen.

S. F. Lazier, Q.C.
Thos. Ward.
R. W. Knight.
Isaac Pratton.
F. K. Brown.
Charles Hedges.
J. A. Daniels.

A. Atkinson.
H. R. Nixon.
T. L. Newton.
John Robinson.
R. A. Harrison.
Thos. Horn.

J. B. Bouslaugh.
Dr. Lowrey.
Wm. Hambly.
J. V. Matthewman.
L. D. Swartout.
J. B. Howell.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Ministers.

Isaac Tovell.
J. S. Ross, M.A.
J. H. Hazlewood.

John Wakefield.
Joseph Archer.
Wm. Kettlewell.

A. E. Russ, M.A.
J. S. Williamson.

Laymen.

Thomas C. Watkins.
R. W. Knight.
W. A. Van Every.

W. McGibbon.
Jonathan Ellis.
George Coon.

Wm. Wilkinson, M.A.
Oliver Livingston.

COMMITTEE ON DUNDAS STREET CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

Ministers.

John Wakefield.
T. W. Jackson.

D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.

Geo. Clark, Ph.D.

Laymen.

W. McGibbon.
Joseph Gibson.

John Mann.

Jas. Lund.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

*Districts.**Ministers.**Laymen.*

Hamilton	Geo. Clark, Ph.D.	A. Atkinson.
St. Catharines	T. W. Jackson	Wm. McCleary, M.P.P.
Brantford	A. L. Gee, Ph.B.	Dr. Lowrey.
Woodstock	R. Burns, Ph.B.	Wm. Rouse.
Simcoe	T. J. Atkins	Wm. Harrison.
Milton	T. H. Orme, M.A.	Geo. Allison.
Welland	D. H. Taylor.	H. N. Hibbard.
Norwich	Wm. C. Watson, M.A.	F. T. Cox.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

*Districts.**Ministers.**Laymen.*

Hamilton	T. A. Moore	W. J. Waugh.
St. Catharines	Geo. A. Mitchell, M.A.	W. J. Robertson, LL.B.
Brantford	J. W. Cooley.	John Mann.
Woodstock	D. W. Snider	Dr. Bartlette.
Simcoe	C. R. Morrow	T. S. Green.
Milton	John Pickering	W. H. Young.
Welland	H. G. Livingston	E. Misener.
Norwich	T. R. Clarke	Thos Wood.

QUESTION.—Who compose the Standing Committees for 1892-3?

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., *President of Conference.*
Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., *Clerical Sec-Treasurer.*
John Mann, Brantford, *Lay Sec-Treasurer.*

Ministers.

John Wakefield.
J. S. Williamson.

J. S. Ross, M.A.
J. H. Hazlewood.

J. H. Robinson.
Wm. Kettlewell.

Laymen.

C. A. Birge, 237 Victoria Ave. N., Hamilton.	W. McGibbon, St. Catharines.
Wm. Wilkinson, M.A., Brantford.	Joseph Gibson, Ingersoll.
A. J. Donly, Simcoe.	Johnson Harrison, Milton.
James Asher, Caistorville.	Thomas Wood, Tilsonburg.

CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

President of Conference.
Secretary of Conference.
Chairmen of Districts.
D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.

George A. Mitchell, B.A.
John Kay.
R. W. Woodsworth.
O. G. Collamore.

MEMBER OF TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., *President of Conference (ex officio)*.

GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., *Pres.*, Hamilton. Joseph Lister, Hamilton.

VISITORS TO WESLEYAN LADIES' COLLEGE, HAMILTON.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., *Pres.*, and W. J. Waugh, *Ass't Sec'y*, Hamilton.

REPRESENTATIVE TO ALMA COLLEGE BOARD.

Rev. Amos E. Russ, M.A.

DELEGATES TO DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Burlington, and Jos. Gibson, Esq., Ingersoll.

REPRESENTATIVES TO PRISON REFORM ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

Rev. Alex. Burns, S.T.D., LL.D., Hamilton, Wm. McCleary, M.P.P., Thorold.

QUESTION.—What Ministers or Probationers have died during the year?

Ezra A. Stafford, D.D., LL.D., Hamilton.

Daniel E. Brownell, St. George.

Erastus Hurlburt, Burford.

Henry E. C. Stoney, Victoria College, Cobourg.

(See Obituaries, page 77.)

QUESTION—Where are the Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry stationed for the ensuing year?

ANSWER :

D. G. SUTHERLAND, D.D., LL.B., PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.

R. J. ELLIOTT, SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE.

The word in parentheses is the Post Office address of the Minister whose name immediately precedes it.

I. HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- 1 *Hamilton* (Centenary Church)—James Allen, M.A., 177 James Street South. Thos. Stobbs, 8 Stinson Street, Superannuated.
- 2 *Hamilton* (Wesley Church)—D. G. Sutherland, LL.B., D.D., *President of Conference*, 137 Catharine Street North. Stephen Kappelle, 42 Park Road, Toronto, Superannuated. J. W. Sifton, B.A., LL.D., Superannuated.
- 3 *Hamilton* (First Church)—James Van Wyck, B.A., 275 Main Street East. Edward Lounsbury, 20 Erie Avenue, Superannuated.
- 4 *Hamilton* (Gore Street)—Isaac Tovell, *Assistant Secretary of Conference*, 50 Gore Street.
- 5 *Hamilton* (Zion Tabernacle)—George Clark, Ph.D., 103 Bay Street South. Francis Coleman, 149 Napier Street, Superannuated.
- 6 *Hamilton* (Simcoe Street)—Richard W. Woodsworth, 386 John Street North. Hamilton Leith, 367 Hughson Street North, Superannuated.
- 7 *Hamilton* (Hannah Street)—Geo. W. Kerby, B.A., 139 Herkimer Street. Hugh S. Dougall, B.A.
- 8 *Hamilton* (Emerald Street)—Walter E. Pescott, B.A., 81 Emerald Street North.

Wesleyan Ladies' College.

Alexander Burns, S.T.D., LL.D., *Principal*.

- 9 *Dundas*—John Kay. Joseph H. Hilts, Superannuated.
 - 10 *Caledonia*—Thomas W. Jackson.
 - 11 *Glanford*—James H. Kennedy.
 - 12 *Ancaster*—Richard J. Forman. Emerson Bristol, Superannuated.
 - 13 *Binbrook*—James Laird ; Henry Monsinger.
 - 14 *Bartonville*—Richard B. Rowe.
 - 15 *Stoney Creek*—John E. Hockey. James E. Dyer, 585 Markham Street, Toronto, Superannuated.
 - 16 *Tapleytown*—Charles L. Bowlby.
 - 17 *Ker*—Wm. H. Garnham, B.A. (Abingdon).
 - 18 *York*—Daniel Ecker.
- Alexander Burns, S.T.D., LL.D., is a member of the Centenary Quarterly Official Board.
Richard Railton, Victoria College.

D. G. SUTHERLAND, LL.B., D.D., *Chairman*.
ISAAC TOVELL, *Fin. Secretary*.

II. ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

- 19 *St. Catharines* (St. Paul Street)—Solomon Cleaver, B.A.
 20 *St. Catharines* (Welland Avenue)—George A. Mitchell, B.A.
 21 *St. Catharines* (Niagara Street)—Wm. J. Sipprell, under superintendency of the pastor of Welland Avenue.
 22 *Louth and Grantham*—Thomas L. Kerruish (St. Catharines).
 23 *Merriton*—James H. Collins.
 24 *Thorold*—John Wakefield.
 25 *Niagara Falls South*—James Awde, B.A.
 26 *Niagara Falls*—T. Albert Moore.
 27 *Stamford and St. David's*—Owen G. Collamore.
 28 *Niagara*—John Saunders, M.A. Samuel Wilson, 29 Tranby Avenue, Toronto, Superannuated.
 29 *Beamsville*—Abram L. Gee, Ph.B. William Sheridan, Superannuated. Frederick Haynes, Supernumerary.
 30 *Grimsby*—Thomas L. Wilkinson. James Goodwin, Superannuated.
 31 *Smithville*—Edward J. Clarke. J. B. Cutler, Superannuated.
 32 *Tintern*—S. Judson Kelly (Jordan Station). Sanford E. Marshall, Edson E. Marshall, Victoria College.

JOHN WAKEFIELD, *Chairman*.

GEORGE A. MITCHELL, B.A., *Fin. Secretary*.

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

- 33 *Brantford* (Wellington Street)—Amos E. Russ, M.A.
 34 *Brantford* (Brant Avenue)—Wm. L. Rutledge, B.A.
 35 *Brantford* (Colborne Street)—Richard Hobbs. W. G. Brown, M.A., Superannuated, with permission to reside in the United States. T. S. Linscott, Supernumerary.
 36 *Brantford* (Oxford Street)—Walter S. Jamieson.
 37 *Paris*—George W. Calvert.
 38 *St. George*—Thomas Colling, B.A.
 39 *Sheffield*—J. M. Wright, under superintendency of St. George minister.
 40 *West Flamboro'*—Chas. R. Morrow (Copetown).
 41 *Lynden*—Harvey M. Hall.
 42 *Troy*—J. Edgar Russ.
 43 *Jerseyville*—Charles W. Cosens. Burness Bristol, Superannuated.
 44 *Brant*—Robert Duff (Onondaga).
 45 *Cainsville*—James G. Foote. Henry Brand. Peter German (Echo Place), Wm. Cross, 9 Grove Avenue, Toronto, Superannuated.
 46 *Mount Pleasant*—James Mooney (Mohawk). James Preston (Mohawk) Superannuated.
 47 *Grand River*—Wm. Walker (Newport). Arthur I. Terryberry, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

AMOS E. RUSS, M.A., *Chairman*.

GEORGE W. CALVERT, *Fin. Secretary*.

IV. WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

- 48 *Woodstock* (Central Church)—James S. Ross, M.A. Wm. Lund, Wm. Ames, Albert Kennedy, Superannuated.
 49 *Woodstock* (Dundas Street)—Robert J. Elliott, *Secretary of Conference*.
 50 *Ingersoll* (King Street)—David W. Snider, *Journal Secretary*. George Lawrence, Superannuated.

- 51 *Ingersoll* (Charles Street)—Robert Burns, Ph.B. James Gardiner, D.C.L. (Belleville). Simon Terwilligar, Superannuated, who has permission to reside in the United States.
- 52 *Salford*—Charles Deacon.
- 53 *Sweaborg*—George Carpenter.
- 54 *Oxford Centre*—David Hunt. Daniel M. Johnson (Currie's Crossing).
- 55 *Eastwood*—Thomas Voaden, B.A. (Innerkip).
- 56 *Cathcart*—Joshua R. Patterson, under the superintendency of the Chairman of the District.
- 57 *Princeton*—Alfred A. Bowers, B.A.
- 58 *Strathallan*—James Masson.
- 59 *Ayr*—John Stewart.
- 60 *Plattsville*—R. Walter Wright, B.D.
- 61 *Bright*—T. Webster Kelly, B.A.
- 62 *Washington*—George Miller.
- 63 *Drumbo and Richwood*—James E. S. Baillie.
- Byron Laing (Acton) left without a station for one year at his own request.

Theo. J. Parr (96 Wilcox Street, Toronto), Victoria College.

JAMES S. ROSS, M.A., *Chairman*.

ROBERT J. ELLIOTT, *Fin. Secretary*.

V. SIMCOE DISTRICT.

- 64 *Simcoe*—John H. Robinson.
- 65 *Waterford*—Thomas J. Atkins.
- 66 *Port Dover*—Christopher Cookman; Wm. W. Prudham (Vittoria).
- 67 *Jarvis*—Clifford T. Bennett, B.A.; Charles A. Cavers (Cheapside).
- 68 *Hagersville*—J. Austin Jackson.
- 69 *Townsend*—James P. Bell (Simcoe); J. Henry Holmes (Simcoe). David Williams (Nixon), Superannuated.
- 70 *Rockford*—D. Ward Kelly.
- 71 *Port Rowan and St. Williams*—Joseph Archer.
- 72 *Lynedoch*—Edward Whitworth.
- 73 *Selkirk*—John H. McArthur, S.T.L.
- 74 *Cayuga*—David Chalmers.
- 75 *Walsingham Centre*—Edward Sheppard, under the superintendency of Port Rowan minister.
- 76 *New Credit*—Thomas S. Howard (Hagersville). Samuel W. Fallis, Samuel A. Laidman, Victoria College. Reuben Calvert, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

JOHN H. ROBINSON, *Chairman*.

J. AUSTIN JACKSON, *Fin. Secretary*.

VI. MILTON DISTRICT.

- 77 *Milton*—John Pickering.
- 78 *Oakville*—J. Sprague Williamson. Thomas M. Jefferis, Superannuated.
- 79 *Burlington*—David L. Brethour, Ph.D. John Histon, Superannuated.
- 80 *Freeman*—James H. McCartney.
- 81 *Waterdown*—George Fergusson.
- 82 *Millgrove*—Thomas H. Orme, M.A.
- 83 *Paiermo*—Samuel W. Holden.
- 84 *Trafalgar*—Richard W. Scanlon, Ph.B. (Omagh). One to be sent (Trafalgar).
- 85 *Lowville*—Ephraim B. Stevenson, B.A.
- 86 *Carlisle*—Thomas Athoe

87 *Mountsberg*—Benjamin L. Cohoe (Freelton). David Kearns, Superannuated (Corwhin).

88 *Mountain*—To be supplied under the superintendency of Lowville minister. Frederick W. Hollinrake, Victoria College.

J. S. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman*.
JOHN PICKERING, *Fin. Secretary*.

VII. WELLAND DISTRICT.

89 *Welland*—Vernon H. Emory.

90 *Fonthill*—David H. Taylor. George F. Swinnerton (Allanburg).

91 *Port Robinson*—Charles M. Marshall (Crowland), under superintendency of Welland minister.

92 *Port Colborne and Humberstone*—Andrew Hamilton, B.A. (Port Colborne).

93 *Dunnville*—James H. Hazlewood. J. V. Wilson, Superannuated.

94 *Caistorville*—John T. Davis.

95 *Canboro'*—James Webb.

96 *Fenwick*—Wm. M. Teeple.

97 *Wellandport*—Robert L. Ockley.

98 *Stromness*—G. Francis Morris (Fork's Road), under the superintendency of the Dunnville minister.

99 *Ridgeway*—Charles Springfellow. James F. Parsons, who shall reside at Stevensville.

100 *International Bridge*—Henry G. Livingston.

101 *Rainham*—Edward H. Taylor (South Cayuga).

W. A. Sipprill left without a station with a view to taking work in the North-West.

George Reader left without a station at his own request, with a view to a transfer.

JAMES H. HAZELWOOD, *Chairman*.
VERNON H. EMORY, *Fin. Secretary*.

VIII. NORWICH DISTRICT.

102 *Norwich*—Wm. Kettlewell. John Wood, Superannuated. W. C. Jolley, Supernumerary.

103 *Tilsonburg*—John W. Cooley. David Savage, Ephriam L. Clement, Superannuated.

104 *Burford and Fairfield*—Wray R. Smith (Burford); A. W. Crawford.

105 *Kelvin*—Wm. N. Vollick.

106 *Springford*—Wm. H. Barraclough. One to be sent.

107 *Otterville and Bookton*—Thos. B. Trimble (Otterville); Howard Kennedy (Otterville).

108 *Oakland*—Wm. C. Watson, M.A.

109 *Teeterville*—Henry A. Cook.

110 *Dereham*—Thomas Boyd (Dereham Centre).

111 *Delhi*—Thomas R. Clarke.

112 *Courtland*—Albert Truax. Ezra Adams, Superannuated.

Samuel W. Nicholson, Victoria College.

Josephus Culp, Amasa B. Miller, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

WM. KETTLEWELL, *Chairman*.
WM. C. WATSON, M.A., *Fin. Secretary*.

Samuel A. Laidman.
Samuel W. Nicholson.

Reuben Calvert.

John Kay.
J. S. Ross, M.A.
Thomas Athoe.
S. Cleaver, B.A.
G. W. Calvert.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Chairmen.</i>	<i>Financial Secretaries.</i>
Hamilton	D. G. Sutherland, D.D., LL.B.	Isaac Tovell.
St. Catharines	John Wakefield	Geo. A. Mitchell, B. A.
Brantford	Amos E. Russ, M.A.	Geo. W. Calvert.
Woodstock	James S. Ross, M.A.	R. J. Elliott.
Simcoe	John H. Robinson	J. A. Jackson.
Milton	J. S. Williamson	John Pickering.
Welland	J. H. Hazelwood	V. H. Emory.
Norwich	Wm. Kettlewell	W. C. Watson, M.A.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Secretaries.</i>
Hamilton	James Van Wyck, B.A.
St. Catharines	W. S. Jamieson.
Brantford	James G. Foote.
Woodstock	Thomas Voaden, B.A.
Simcoe	John H. Robinson.
Milton	R. W. Scanlon.
Welland	H. G. Livingston.
Norwich	Thomas R. Clarke.

<i>Fund.</i>	<i>When taken up.</i>	<i>To whom paid.</i>
General Conference..	July	District Fin. Sec.
Contingent.....	September	" " "
Union Church Relief.	October	" " "
Superannuation	December	" " "
Sustentation	March.....	" " "
Sabbath School Aid..	Before May District Meeting	" " "
Educational	Time fixed by Financial District Meeting	" " "
Missionary.....	" " " " " "	Chairman of Dist.

N.B.—By order of Conference, all Connexional collections shall include both morning and evening collections for the Sabbath on which they are taken.

QUESTION.—Who are the Treasurers of the various Connexional Funds?

General Conference Fund..	Rev. John Kay, Dundas.
Contingent Fund	" J. H. Collins, Merritton.
Union Church Relief Fund	{ J. N. Lake, Esq., Toronto.
	{ Rev. James Gray (Acting Treasurer).
	{ " " (General Treasurer), Toronto.
Superannuation Fund	{ " R. W. Woodsworth (Conference Treasurer), [Hamilton.
Sustentation Fund.....	" Richard Hobbs, Brantford.
Sabbath School Aid Fund..	" T. W. Jackson, Caledonia.
Educational Fund	" D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Burlington.
	{ " A. E. Russ, M.A. (Clerical Treasurer), [Brantford.
Missionary Fund	{ John Mann, Esq. (Lay Treasurer), Brantford.
Temperance Fund	Rev. J. W. Cooley, Tilsonburg.

QUESTION.—Who are the Delegates to the General Conference?

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
John Kay	Dundas Judge Jones
John Wakefield	Thorold A. J. Donly
D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.	Burlington Dr. Field
A. E. Russ, M.A.	Brantford W. J. Robertson, M.A., LL.B., [St. Catharines
R. W. Woodsworth	Hamilton S. F. Lazier, Q.C.
J. S. Williamson	Oakville Archibald Harley
J. S. Ross, M.A.	Woodstock J. H. Beatty
Wm. Kettlewell	Norwich Walter McGibbon
D. G. Sutherland, D.D., LL.B.	Hamilton J. H. Smith
James Van Wyck, B.A.	" James Lund
Isaac Tovell	" J. Hollinrake
G. A. Mitchell, B.A.	St. Catharines Jonathan Ellis
Alex. Burns, S.T.D., LL.D.	Hamilton Port Dover
T. W. Jackson	Caledonia John Edmonds
James Gardiner, D.C.L.	Belleville Senator Sanford
	Brantford John Mann
<i>Reserves.</i>	<i>Reserves.</i>
T. L. Wilkinson	Grimsby Thomas C. Watkins
J. H. Collins	Merritton R. S. Schell
G. W. Calvert	Paris Dr. Rosebrugh

N.B.—A vacancy having been caused in the Ministerial Delegation, by the death of Rev. E. A. Stafford, D.D., on ballot Rev. G. W. Calvert, of Paris, was elected to fill said vacancy.

Hamilton—Cer
Hamilton—We
Hamilton—Fir
Hamilton—Gor
Hamilton—Zio
Hamilton—Sim
Hamilton—Har
Hamilton—Em
Dundas

Total

St. Catharines—
St. Catharines—
St. Catharines—
Louth and Gran
Merritton

Total

Brantford—Well
Brantford—Br
Brantford—Colb
Brantford—Oxfo
Paris

Total

QUESTION.—What is the number of our Church Members? What is the number of Baptisms administered and of Marriages solemnized by each Minister?

1. THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	PRESENT MEMBERS			No. Published Last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.
	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infant.	Adult.	Total.		
Hamilton—Centenary	592	5	597	592	5	..	..	20	4	24	20	25
Hamilton—Wesley	620	10	630	600	30	..	..	37	5	42	34	26
Hamilton—First Church	450	20	470	440	30	..	50	25	..	25	18	30
Hamilton—Gore Street	390	30	420	410	10	..	30	15	..	15	38	12
Hamilton—Zion Tabernacle	386	14	400	331	69	..	20	33	10	43	10	18
Hamilton—Simcoe Street	259	13	272	246	26	..	22	71	6	77	33	31
Hamilton—Hannah Street	318	..	318	262	56	..	20	21	10	31	17	23
Hamilton—Emerald Street	150	..	150	147	3	..	..	15	..	15	4	15
Dundas	269	75	344	350	..	6	..	4	..	4	7	13
Caledonia	239	88	327	270	57	..	..	14	..	14	7	18
Glanford	241	..	241	250	..	9	..	16	..	16	5	8
Ancaster	199	14	213	212	1	..	..	6	..	6	8	9
Binbrook	336	..	336	296	40	..	..	10	6	16	2	10
Bartonville	198	13	211	196	15	..	..	24	..	24	6	6
Stoney Creek	302	4	306	300	6	..	17	17	7	24	7	25
Taplestown	179	8	187	186	1	..	..	8	..	8	7	5
Ker	193	..	193	212	..	19	..	7	..	7	4	6
Y-rk	159	1	160	161	..	1	..	4	1	5	3	9
Total	5480	295	5775	5461	349	35	159	347	49	396	230	293

2. THE ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

St. Catharines—St. Paul Street	384	..	384	400	..	16	45	14	3	17	5	20
St. Catharines—Welland Avenue	278	19	297	316	..	19	40	20	4	24	10	15
St. Catharines—Niagara Street	71	7	78	74	4	..	..	2	..	2	..	4
Louth and Grantham	203	8	211	205	6	..	..	1	2	3	7	7
Merriton	136	2	138	156	..	18	26	6	1	7	5	9
Thorold	116	1	117	147	..	..	..	8	..	8	5	6
Niagara Falls South	232	7	239	234	5	..	..	1	4	5	13	15
Niagara Falls	174	1	175	165	10	..	7	13	2	15	14	9
Stamford and St. David's	104	18	122	120	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	4
Niagara	155	5	160	159	1	..	..	7	..	7	2	6
Beamsville	190	50	240	202	38	..	6	8	27	35	3	11
Grimsby	141	15	156	139	17	..	..	2	..	2	2	3
Smithville	352	3	355	352	3	..	17	8	9	17	7	17
Tintern	360	..	360	357	3	..	..	2	14	16	10	6
Total	2926	136	3062	3026	89	53	141	93	66	159	83	132

3. THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

Brantford—Wellington Street	400	18	418	383	35	..	40	12	21	33	17	18
Brantford—Brant Avenue	350	14	364	411	..	47	15	11	1	12	5	11
Brantford—Colborne Street	383	27	410	435	..	25	..	14	4	18	10	22
Brantford—Oxford Street	200	6	206	128	78	..	15	10	3	13	10	9
Paris	435	..	435	399	36	..	..	7	9	16	11	12
St. George	214	7	221	271	..	50	20	..	..	..	1	7
Sheffield	145	4	149	140	9	..	..	5	..	5	1	6
West Flamboro'	209	40	249	218	31	..	10	13	4	17	2	2
Lynden	217	9	226	241	..	15	..	2	5	7	2	2
Troy	123	3	126	144	..	18	..	13	2	15	4	4
Jerseyville	204	19	223	227	..	4	..	4	3	7	3	16
Brant	159	26	185	177	8	..	..	11	1	12	3	12
Cainsville	324	..	324	308	16	..	22	3	..	3	6	15
Mount Pleasant	234	..	234	202	32	..	..	6	10	16	4	10
Grand River	119	10	129	123	6	..	..	15	12	27	6	9
Total	3716	183	3899	3807	251	159	122	126	75	201	85	155

4. THE WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	PRESENT MEMBERS			No. Published Last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.
	Full Mem- bership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infant.	Adult.	Total.		
Woodstock Central Church.....	700	24	724	754	..	30	40	6	6	12	12	11
Woodstock—Dundas Street	273	..	273	300	..	27	53	7	3	10	12	12
Ingersoll—King Street	273	3	276	268	8	..	30	7	2	9	3	8
Ingersoll—Charles Street.....	200	4	204	202	2	..	30	22	..	22	18	15
Salford.....	176	4	180	163	17	..	8	4	..	4	..	3
Sweaborg.....	199	9	208	196	12	..	..	3	2	5	8	18
Oxford Centre	280	..	280	280	..	..	..	12	2	14	7	4
Eastwood	114	..	114	127	..	13	..	5	..	5	5	5
Cathcart.....	94	..	94	104	..	10	15	4	..	4	4	7
Princeton.....	192	3	195	196	..	1	..	3	..	3	5	11
Strathallan.....	111	1	112	111	1	..	..	6	..	6	2	5
Ayr.....	94	..	94	92	2	..	..	1	3	4	4	4
Plattsville	107	1	108	114	..	6	..	3	..	3	1	11
Bright	145	6	151	154	..	3	..	18	4	22	2	7
Washington	85	..	85	73	12	..	3	1	9	10	3	6
Drumbo and Richwood.....	132	1	133	147	..	14	..	2	..	2	3	9
Total.....	3175	56	3231	3281	54	104	179	104	31	135	89	134

5. THE SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Simcoe.....	290	..	290	286	4	..	18	8	2	10	13	18
Waterford	247	..	247	231	16	..	15	3	9	12	8	10
Port Dover.....	318	9	327	337	..	10	..	7	6	13	9	13
Jarvis	383	55	438	437	1	..	8	20	14	34	17	20
Hagersville.....	434	24	458	456	2	..	..	25	13	38	17	21
Townsend.....	367	16	383	390	..	7	10	4	10	14	6	14
Rockford.....	140	7	147	137	10	..	..	2	..	2	3	4
Port Rowan and St. Williams	218	..	218	207	11	..	15	4	6	10	3	10
Delhi	207	15	222	214	8	..	5	8	14	22	12	7
Lynedoch.....	244	15	259	268	..	9	..	3	3	6	10	5
Selkirk	65	..	65	88	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cayuga.....	244	15	259	246	13	..	..	6	4	10	4	8
Walsingham Centre.....	143	..	143	83	60	..	..	9	37	46	..	8
New Credit.....	99	3	102	113	..	11	..	8	1	9	4	8
Total.....	3399	159	3558	3493	125	60	71	107	119	226	106	150

6. THE MILTON DISTRICT.

Milton	264	70	334	331	3	..	23	10	..	10	6	12
Oakville	300	18	318	316	2	..	..	23	..	23	8	5
Burlington	305	10	315	305	10	..	10	12	11	23	5	10
Freeman.....	196	..	196	196	..	..	..	7	..	7	2	8
Waterdown	255	16	271	263	8	..	..	16	1	17	8	8
Millgrove	253	27	280	275	5	..	30	10	..	10	7	20
Palermo	170	..	170	170	..	..	..	4	..	4	2	4
Trafalgar.....	388	14	402	402	..	..	..	6	1	7	5	9
Lowville	184	..	184	156	28	..	..	10	2	12	2	5
Carlisle.....	300	..	300	318	..	18	..	18	..	18	5	8
Mountsberg.....	162	3	165	165	..	..	10	12	..	12	8	15
Mountain .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	2777	158	2935	2897	56	18	73	128	15	143	58	104

Welland
Fonthill
Port Robinson
Port Colborne
Dunnville
Caistorville
Canboro'
Fenwick
Wellandport
Stromness
Ridgeway
International
Stevensville
Rainham

Total

Norwich
Tilsonburg
Burford and Fa
Kelvin
Springford
Otterville and I
Oakland
Teeterville
Dereham
Courtland

Total

Hamilton
St. Catharines
Brantford
Woodstock
Simcoe
Milton
Welland
Norwich

Total

7. THE WELLAND DISTRICT.

BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.
Infant.	Adult.	Total.		
6	6	12	12	11
7	3	10	12	12
7	2	9	3	8
22	..	22	18	15
4	..	4	..	3
3	2	5	8	18
12	2	14	7	4
5	..	5	5	5
4	..	4	4	7
3	..	3	5	11
6	..	6	2	5
1	3	4	4	2
3	..	3	1	11
18	4	22	2	7
1	9	10	3	6
2	..	2	3	9
104	31	135	89	134

CIRCUITS.	PRESENT MEMBERS			No. Published Last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.
	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infant.	Adult.	Total.		
Welland	231	.	231	254	..	23	..	5	7	12	17	17
Ponthill	192	5	197	186	11	..	..	6	16	22	4	13
Port Robinson	100	17	117	105	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Port Colborne	145	8	153	141	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunnville	150	23	173	152	21	..	..	6	3	9	12	13
Caistorville	270	33	303	300	3	..	..	26	5	31	5	18
Canboro'	246	20	266	230	36	..	..	..	..	24	27	10
Fenwick	264	5	269	287	..	18	..	6	..	6	9	12
Wellandport	264	4	268	268	..	..	..	3	2	5	5	15
Stromness	153	2	155	160	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ridgeway	118	..	118	124	..	6	..	3	..	3	17	12
International Bridge	154	7	161	160	1	..	..	15	..	15	16	10
Stevensville	150	1	151	152	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Rainham	100	..	100	105	..	5	..	1	..	1	3	10
Total	2537	125	2662	2624	96	58	..	74	57	131	98	152

8. THE NORWICH DISTRICT.

8	2	10	13	18
3	9	12	8	10
7	6	13	9	13
20	14	34	17	20
25	13	38	17	21
4	10	14	6	14
2	..	2	3	4
4	6	10	3	10
8	14	22	12	7
3	3	6	10	5
..	..	..	..	4
6	4	10	4	8
9	37	46	..	8
8	1	9	4	8
107	119	226	106	150

Norwich	292	21	313	239	74	..	13	2	84	86	5	11
Tilsonburg	370	..	370	350	20	..	25	2	20	22	16	7
Burford and Fairfield	326	20	346	350	..	4	..	11	..	11	8	9
Kelvin	189	5	194	188	6	..	23	..	5	5	4	5
Springford	257	54	311	248	63	..	..	4	13	17	5	15
Otterville and Bookton	325	25	350	341	9	..	..	..	17	17	5	17
Oakland	325	5	330	350	..	20	..	4	..	4	6	10
Teeterville	227	16	243	234	9	..	..	6	8	14	..	5
Dereham	232	6	238	237	1	..	10	..	..	..	2	12
Courtland	173	..	173	190	..	17	..	..	..	..	11	7
Total	2716	152	2868	2727	182	41	71	29	147	176	62	98

RECAPITULATION.

10	..	10	6	12
23	..	23	8	5
12	11	23	5	10
7	..	7	2	8
16	1	17	8	8
10	..	10	7	20
4	..	4	2	4
6	1	7	5	9
10	2	12	2	5
18	..	18	5	8
12	..	12	8	15
..
128	15	143	58	104

DISTRICTS.	PRESENT MEMBERS			No. Published Last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.
	Full Mem- bership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infant.	Adult.	Total.		
Hamilton	5480	295	5775	5461	349	35	159	347	49	396	230	293
St. Catharines	2926	136	3062	3026	89	53	141	93	66	159	83	132
Brantford	3716	183	3899	3807	251	159	122	126	75	201	85	155
Woodstock	3175	56	3231	3281	54	104	179	104	31	135	89	134
Simcoe	3399	159	3558	3493	125	60	71	107	119	226	105	150
Milton	2777	158	2935	2897	56	18	73	128	15	143	58	104
Welland	2537	125	2662	2624	96	58	74	57	131	98	152	94
Norwich	2716	152	2868	2727	182	41	71	29	147	176	62	94
Total	26726	1264	27990	27316	1202	528	816	1008	559	1567	811	1218

AMOUNTS RAISED FOR CIRCUIT PURPOSES.

1. THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Circuit Incl- dentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Ex- penses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday- schools.	Epworth Leagues.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	TOTAL.
Hamilton—											
Centenary .....	..	..	..	\$54 18	..	\$225 95	\$30 00	\$361 00	\$3868 81	\$2280 00	\$6462 55
Wesley .....	..	..	..	30 00	..	412 79	50 00	260 17	3114 00	562 27	4429 23
First Church	\$5 00	..	..	19 00	..	755 63	..	150 00	3278 75	432 00	4640 38
Gore Street	5 00	..	..	25 00	..	627 17	87 48	125 00	1561 00	135 00	2565 65
Zion Tabernacle	20 00	\$240 00	..	20 00	..	316 22	..	209 05	1700 00	260 00	2765 27
Simcoe Street	5 00	150 00	..	..	..	226 92	..	477 38	2766 77	220 00	3846 07
Hannah Street	10 00	203 00	..	17 05	..	280 00	10 00	153 00	2113 12	224 00	3010 17
Emerald Street .....	..	..	..	..	..	80 00	..	75 00	502 43	..	657 43
Dundas	28 75	..	..	21 25	..	331 39	47 00	..	1185 00	366 00	1919 39
Caledonia	12 00	..	\$75 00	..	\$13 00	83 24	47 62	102 00	584 64	87 46	1004 96
Glanford .....	..	..	75 00	18 50	..	37 61	..	40 50	170 00	..	341 61
Ancaster	1 50	..	40 00	..	..	91 56	..	..	150 00	214 00	497 06
Binbrooke .....	..	76 00	75 00	..	..	160 33	..	..	443 87	40 00	795 20
Bartonville .....	..	..	57 00	..	..	160 00	..	..	270 00	150 00	637 00
Stoney Creek	5 00	..	60 00	..	..	319 78	9 07	64 13	1336 83	51 00	1845 81
Tapleystown	5 00	..	50 00	..	..	85 00	..	..	160 00	..	300 00
Kerr	2 00	..	50 00	..	..	56 00	..	..	617 00	20 00	745 00
York	5 00	..	50 00	..	5 00	50 00	2 00	109 40	112 00	135 00	468 40
Total	104 25	\$669 00	\$532 00	204 98	\$18 00	\$4299 59	\$283 17	2126 63	23934 22	\$5116 73	\$30931 18

2. THE ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

St. Catharines—											
St. Paul Street ..	\$5 00	..	..	\$23 50	\$10 00	\$260 62	\$52 09	\$214 34	\$2063 50	\$200 00	\$2828 96
Welland Avenue ..	5 00	..	..	28 25	10 20	215 38	124 00	356 65	1000 00	115 75	1855 23
Niagara Street	5 00	..	..	5 00	..	49 00	4 75	232 40	149 00	100 00	545 15
Louth and Grantham ..	2 00	\$75 50	\$45 00	..	..	109 30	..	30 00	31 01	75 00	367 80
Merritt	1 50	96 00	..	9 00	..	94 42	7 57	..	227 77	129 00	565 26
Thorold	5 00	..	..	18 00	..	253 37	..	100 00	750 00	36 00	1162 37
Niagara Falls South ..	8 10	..	..	..	4 90	78 59	7 16	126 62	769 32	115 00	1109 69
Niagara Falls .....	..	144 00	..	25 00	..	102 37	16 18	325 05	469 83	343 95	1453 38
Stamford & St. Davids ..	..	..	50 00	..	..	95 00	..	..	500 00	..	645 00
Niagara	0 60	..	..	..	..	80 52	..	101 80	227 64	..	410 56
Beamsville	3 00	..	50 00	..	..	98 75	3 00	293 00	717 77	129 00	1285 52
Grimsby .....	..	..	..	10 00	..	43 72	5 00	121 00	290 00	130 00	599 72
Smithville	11 86	..	50 00	..	..	129 77	..	..	346 98	48 00	586 61
Tintern	2 00	100 00	50 00	10 00	..	133 44	..	..	185 00	33 00	513 41
Total	\$49 06	\$415 50	\$245 00	128 75	\$25 10	\$1744 27	\$219 66	1900 86	\$7727 81	\$1445 70	\$13928 66

3. THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

Brantford—											
Wellington Street ..	\$3 80	..	..	\$28 00	..	\$251 64	\$350 00	\$225 98	\$2084 10	\$476 75	\$3420 27
Brant Avenue	30 00	..	..	..	..	191 00	50 00	95 56	2276 00	20 00	2662 56
Colborne Street	5 00	..	..	6 00	..	296 77	121 22	355 85	2287 00	139 00	3220 11
Oxford Street	4 00	\$84 00	..	..	..	157 78	..	..	550 66	70 00	866 44
Paris	30 00	..	..	..	..	117 04	..	25 00	1087 40	1000 00	2259 49
St. George .....	..	..	..	24 00	..	131 80	..	..	363 00	158 00	676 80
Sheffield .....	..	..	\$50 00	..	..	43 27	..	60 00	4500 00	100 00	4753 27
West Flamboro' .....	..	..	60 00	..	..	108 45	..	66 00	362 00	130 01	726 45
Lynden	5 80	..	50 00	..	..	143 46	..	147 04	400 00	323 76	1070 06
Troy	2 35	..	50 00	..	..	79 34	..	200 00	510 10	40 00	881 69
Jerseyville	1 20	..	50 00	..	..	101 28	22 68	..	104 01	178 75	457 92
Brant .....	..	..	50 00	..	..	68 00	..	10 00	10 00	3 00	141 00
Cainsville	3 00	..	100 00	9 35	..	110 74	49 00	80 00	890 00	6 80	1248 89
Mount Pleasant .....	..	..	50 00	..	..	61 08	..	20 00	325 00	300 00	756 08
Grand River	6 50	98 00	104 50
Total	\$85 15	\$84 00	\$460 00	\$67 35	..	\$1868 15	\$592 90	1285 43	15749 27	\$3044 06	\$23245 51

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Plattsville
Bright.
Washington
Drumbo &

Total ..

Simcoe ...
Waterford ...
Port Dover ...
Jarvis.
Hagersville
Townsend ...
Rockford ...
Pt. Rowan &
Delhi.
Lynedoch ...
Selkirk ...
Cayuga ...
Walsingham
New Credit

Total ..

Milton.
Oakville ...
Burlington
Freeman ...
Waterdown
Millgrove ...
Palermo ...
Trafalgar ...
Lowville ...
Carlisle ...
Mountsberg
Mountain ...

Total ..

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POSES.

4. THE WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Circuit Inci- dentials.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Ex- penses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday- schools.	Epworth Leagues.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	TOTAL.
Woodstock—Central..	\$15 75	....	\$15 00	\$43 68	..	\$334 38	\$70 33	\$421 89	\$4511 00	\$193 81	\$5605 84
Woodstock—Dundas St.	5 65	....	....	25 45	..	219 77	31 00	265 00	1370 47	946 97	2364 31
Ingersoll—King St...	9 00	....	....	....	..	121 00	25 00	60 00	1300 00	500 00	2015 00
Ingersoll—Charles St.	3 50	....	....	....	..	107 00	45 00	107 57	467 00	525 00	1255 07
Salford	2 00	....	28 00	....	..	127 14	..	150 00	1822 00	145 00	2274 14
Swaborg	5 00	....	100 00	....	\$10 00	155 67	5 00	337 00	1600 00	120 00	2332 67
Oxford Centre .....	....	....	100 00	....	....	145 00	..	....	2370 00	112 00	2727 00
Eastwood .....	....	....	....	....	..	40 00	25 00	50 00	825 00	....	940 00
Cathcart .....	....	....	50 00	....	..	29 00	..	....	....	13 00	92 00
Princeton	5 00	....	50 00	....	5 00	54 00	..	....	350 00	60 00	524 00
Strathallan .....	....	....	60 00	....	....	64 11	..	....	95 12	12 88	232 11
Ayr	3 00	....	60 00	....	12 60	38 00	..	....	180 00	....	293 00
Plattsville	2 00	....	....	....	..	81 00	..	80 00	164 47	130 00	457 47
Bright	5 00	....	50 00	2 50	5 00	80 78	..	20 00	460 50	25 00	648 78
Washington	2 00	....	....	....	..	12 37	..	152 00	73 00	60 60	309 37
Drumbo & Richwood..	2 00	\$72 00	75 00	8 00	..	58 00	..	....	136 00	36 00	387 00
Total	\$59 90	\$72 00	\$588 00	\$79 63	\$32 00	1667 22	201 33	1643 46	15724 56	\$2879 66	22957 76

5. THE SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Simcoe .....	....	....	....	....	..	\$144 71	..	\$70 00	\$655 84	\$54 00	\$924 55
Waterford .....	....	....	\$50 00	....	..	97 00	..	80 00	700 00	500 00	1427 00
Port Dover	\$6 00	....	120 00	....	\$20 00	163 92	..	180 00	450 00	....	939 92
Jarvis	5 00	....	150 00	....	..	308 71	..	....	200 00	....	663 71
Hagersville	20 00	....	100 00	\$5 00	5 00	287 72	\$70 00	....	200 00	100 00	787 72
Townsend	1 00	....	115 00	....	..	150 98	..	....	....	337 00	653 98
Rockford	2 00	....	60 00	....	5 00	44 00	..	57 00	....	75 00	243 00
Pt. Rowan & St. Will'ms	3 00	....	75 00	....	..	38 70	3 75	....	....	127 52	247 97
Delhi	3 85	....	50 00	....	..	39 50	3 26	190 00	....	254 55	541 16
Lyndoch	4 00	....	50 00	....	..	185 87	..	50 00	230 00	145 00	664 87
Selkirk	2 50	....	50 00	....	..	50 00	165 00	....	90 00	4 50	362 00
Cayuga	2 00	....	50 00	15 00	..	72 00	..	200 00	250 00	50 00	639 00
Walsingham Centre..	5 00	....	70 00	....	..	100 00	0 75	....	....	....	175 75
New Credit .....	....	....	....	....	..	30 00	..	....	....	140 00	170 00
Total	\$54 35	....	\$940 00	\$20 00	\$30 00	1713 11	242 76	\$827 00	\$2775 84	\$1837 57	\$8440 63

6. THE MILTON DISTRICT.

Milton	\$13 00	....	....	\$13 00	..	\$57 93	\$10 00	\$224 00	\$3800 00	....	\$4117 93
Oakville	30 00	....	....	....	..	120 00	19 00	110 76	80 00	\$381 00	740 76
Burlington	5 00	....	....	29 25	..	223 34	..	158 86	1125 00	251 25	1792 70
Freeman .....	....	\$100 00	\$50 00	....	..	66 00	..	100 00	100 00	450 00	866 00
Waterdown .....	....	....	50 00	....	..	119 55	..	82 32	244 00	200 00	701 87
Millgrove	4 00	....	50 00	....	..	147 95	50 00	....	610 00	3 00	864 95
Palermo	2 00	....	50 00	....	..	108 39	73 00	100 00	568 50	152 00	1053 89
Trafalgar	8 00	....	120 00	....	..	121 90	..	....	290 00	320 00	859 90
Lowville	5 00	....	75 00	....	\$10 00	40 00	..	....	1314 00	35 00	1479 00
Carlisle .....	....	....	50 00	....	..	101 69	..	200 00	5500 00	200 00	6051 55
Mountsberg	5 00	....	50 00	....	..	54 18	2 50	75 00	268 50	45 00	500 18
Mountain .....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Total	\$72 00	\$100 00	\$495 00	\$42 25	\$10 00	1160 89	164 50	1050 94	13900 00	\$2037 25	19028 73

7. THE WELLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Circuit Inci- dentials.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Ex- penses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday- schools.	Epworth Leagues.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	Total.
Welland	\$5 00	....	....	\$10 00	....	\$120 00	\$32 65	\$127 68	\$822 71	\$140 00	\$1258 04
Fonthill .....	....	....	\$85 00	....	....	82 58	14 50	....	354 45	50 00	586 53
Port Robinson	3 00	....	50 00	1 40	\$2 00	....	12 00	....	....	36 00	104 40
Port Colborne and Humberstone .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	44 65	....	20 00	600 00	....	714 65
Dunnville	1 50	....	....	7 50	....	100 00	50 00	125 00	250 00	....	534 00
Caistorville	1 87	....	60 00	7 50	....	86 03	....	79 16	....	96 17	330 73
Canboro' .....	....	....	50 00	6 75	....	79 73	....	130 00	140 00	75 00	481 48
Fenwick	4 75	....	50 00	....	....	83 86	....	146 89	332 48	76 66	694 64
Wellandport	2 50	....	50 00	10 50	....	49 00	5 00	158 00	96 00	60 05	431 05
Stromness .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	21 40	....	....	115 00	....	186 40
Ridgeway .....	....	....	....	....	....	70 84	....	22 90	105 00	120 00	318 74
International Bridge.	....	\$45 00	....	....	....	172 20	....	460 00	373 00	138 48	1188 68
Stevensville .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	64 00	....	24 00	40 00	20 00	198 00
Rainham	3 00	....	50 00	....	4 00	....	....	....	405 09	52 00	514 00
Total	\$21 62	\$45 00	\$545 00	\$43 65	\$6 00	\$974 29	\$114 15	1214 47	\$3772 80	\$864 36	\$7541 34

8. THE NORWICH DISTRICT.

Norwich	\$14 75	....	....	....	....	\$149 56	\$254 81	....	\$583 00	\$132 00	\$1134 12
Tilsonburg	10 00	....	....	....	....	232 85	51 79	\$295 65	1016 35	243 00	1549 64
Burford and Fairfield	10 00	....	\$120 00	....	\$12 00	234 00	16 00	....	500 00	50 00	942 00
Kelvin	5 00	....	50 00	....	5 00	144 21	....	....	18 00	60 00	282 21
Springford	6 00	....	100 00	\$6 00	5 00	119 93	....	100 00	700 00	110 00	1146 93
Otterville & Bookton	10 00	....	120 00	....	20 00	226 00	30 00	47 00	480 00	28 50	1001 50
Oakland .....	....	....	50 00	6 00	....	110 10	....	200 00	650 00	359 22	1375 32
Teeterville .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	115 66	....	100 00	210 00	....	475 66
Dereham	10 00	....	60 00	....	....	113 13	....	....	1363 13	150 00	1696 26
Courtland .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	94 86	....	49 88	....	26 00	220 74
Total	\$65 75	....	\$600 00	\$12 00	\$42 00	\$1580 30	\$352 60	\$792 53	\$5520 48	\$1158 72	\$10124 38

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Circuit Inci- dentials.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Ex- penses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday- schools.	Epworth Leagues.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	Total.
Hamilton	\$104 25	\$669 00	\$532 00	\$204 98	\$18 00	\$4299 59	\$283 17	\$2126 63	\$23934 22	\$5116 73	\$36931 18
St. Catharines.	49 06	415 50	245 00	128 75	25 10	1744 27	219 16	1900 86	7727 81	1445 70	13928 66
Brantford	85 15	84 00	460 00	67 35	....	1868 15	592 00	1285 43	15749 27	3044 06	23245 50
Woodstock	59 90	72 00	588 00	79 63	32 00	1667 22	201 33	1643 46	15724 56	2879 66	22957 76
Simcoe	54 35	....	940 00	20 00	30 00	1713 11	242 76	827 00	2775 84	1837 57	8440 63
Milton	72 00	100 00	495 00	42 25	10 00	1160 89	154 50	1050 94	13900 00	2037 25	19023 73
Welland	21 62	45 00	540 00	43 65	6 00	974 29	114 15	1214 47	3712 80	864 36	7541 34
Norwich	65 75	....	600 00	12 00	42 00	1580 30	352 60	792 53	5520 48	1158 72	10124 38
Total	\$512 08	\$1385 50	4400 00	\$598 61	163 10	15007 82	2160 57	10841 32	\$39044 98	\$18384 05	142198 18

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Grimsby ..
Smithville
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Brantford-
Wellington
Brant A
Colborne
Oxford S
Paris

Total

1. THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	TOTAL.
2 71	\$140 00	\$1258 04
4 45	50 00	586 53
..	36 00	104 40
0 00	....	714 65
0 00	....	534 00
9 16	96 17	330 73
0 00	75 00	481 48
2 48	76 66	694 64
6 00	60 05	431 05
5 00	....	186 40
5 00	120 00	318 74
3 00	138 48	1188 68
0 00	20 00	198 00
5 09	52 00	514 00
2 80	\$864 36	\$7541 34

CIRCUITS.	Missionary Fund.	Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund.	Educational Fund.	Contingent Fund.	General Conference Fund.	Union Church Relief Fund.	Sunday-school Aid Fund.	Total Assessable for S. M. Fund.	Sustentation Fund.	Woman's Missionary Fund.	TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS.
Hamilton—											
Centenary.....	\$2189 41	\$464 45	\$409 33	\$47 04	\$29 30	\$30 00	\$6 00	\$3175 53	\$28 00	\$554 97	\$3758 50
Wesley.....	695 73	195 00	92 78	22 54	18 29	25 97	4 00	1054 31	20 59	218 90	1293 80
First Church.....	591 48	121 00	70 53	16 40	18 25	15 08	5 00	837 74	14 70	200 54	1052 98
Gore Street.....	373 30	108 00	65 55	16 00	19 00	18 50	5 00	595 35	20 00	28 85	654 20
Zion Tabernacle.....	240 61	69 00	26 40	8 80	8 50	7 35	2 50	363 16	10 45	55 25	428 86
Simcoe Street.....	185 67	76 00	13 40	5 30	7 90	4 25	2 50	295 02	4 10	50 00	349 12
Hannah Street.....	186 94	71 00	18 00	6 00	7 00	4 00	2 50	295 44	5 00	....	300 44
Emerald Street.....	65 00	17 00	2 00	1 00	1 25	1 13	0 70	88 08	....	20 00	108 08
Dundas.....	1329 89	141 00	93 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	1591 39	10 00	158 85	1765 24
Caledonia.....	268 32	66 00	20 28	8 14	10 46	7 88	5 01	386 09	5 81	....	391 90
Glanford.....	152 03	33 00	6 25	3 85	6 65	5 25	2 00	209 03	3 50	....	212 53
Ancaster.....	172 48	43 00	6 84	4 70	5 29	4 25	1 10	237 66	2 61	....	240 27
Binbrook.....	284 00	84 00	15 00	6 32	7 56	5 00	3 40	405 28	7 91	....	413 19
Bartonville.....	200 72	55 00	10 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	289 72	4 00	....	293 72
Stoney Creek.....	317 68	62 00	6 77	8 43	5 55	5 78	5 50	411 71	5 00	23 50	440 21
Tapleystown.....	93 34	34 25	5 88	4 05	4 25	3 31	1 36	146 44	3 28	....	149 72
Ker.....	120 45	25 00	3 23	3 65	3 74	2 68	2 50	161 25	2 07	....	163 32
York.....	83 40	42 00	4 00	3 58	3 20	3 00	2 78	141 96	3 12	....	145 08
Total.....	\$7550 45	1706 70	\$869 24	180 80	173 19	158 43	\$61 35	10556 21	150 14	\$1310 86	12161 16

2. THE ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	TOTAL.
3 00	\$132 00	\$1134 12
6 35	243 00	1949 64
..	50 00	942 00
8 00	60 00	282 21
0 00	110 00	1146 93
0 00	28 50	1001 50
0 00	359 22	1375 32
0 00	....	475 66
3 13	150 00	1696 26
..	26 00	220 74
0 48	\$1158 72	\$10124 38

St. Catharines—											
St. Paul Street.....	\$346 75	\$127 36	\$95 25	\$13 51	\$11 44	\$10 90	\$4 00	\$609 21	\$5 09	\$139 27	\$753 57
Welland Avenue.....	200 00	84 00	51 40	8 35	9 60	10 00	2 70	366 05	6 00	46 00	418 05
Niagara Street.....	32 55	22 00	1 53	1 32	0 93	1 50	0 92	60 75	1 16	....	61 91
Louth and Grantham...	115 80	46 00	10 36	3 80	3 70	3 22	1 50	184 38	3 60	....	187 98
Merriton.....	130 08	62 00	26 67	4 71	3 25	2 75	2 00	231 46	2 42	51 49	285 37
Thorold.....	726 24	118 00	226 41	8 20	15 06	11 11	2 00	1147 02	16 00	....	1163 02
Niagara Falls South....	382 08	96 00	41 50	9 80	11 00	8 82	1 00	550 20	9 00	122 73	681 93
Niagara Falls.....	191 47	67 00	58 85	8 00	7 00	3 50	2 00	335 82	3 00	60 00	398 82
Stamford and St. David's	135 65	43 00	15 15	5 25	5 25	5 25	1 60	211 15	5 25	....	216 40
Niagara.....	172 26	55 00	7 23	3 36	5 66	2 37	2 00	247 88	1 75	....	249 63
Beamsville.....	120 10	54 00	17 00	4 37	4 61	3 00	2 00	205 08	5 20	40 87	251 15
Grimsby.....	150 26	61 00	11 29	3 61	4 00	4 00	1 00	235 16	4 25	32 83	272 24
Smithville.....	151 41	57 00	10 00	3 37	3 50	3 00	1 54	229 82	3 00	18 00	250 82
Tintern.....	136 18	47 00	9 10	3 80	5 00	3 70	3 30	208 08	2 21	40 00	250 29
Total.....	\$2990 83	\$939 36	\$619 74	\$81 45	\$90 00	\$73 12	\$27 56	\$4822 06	\$67 93	\$551 19	\$5441 18

3. THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

Boards.	All Other Pur- poses.	TOTAL.
22	\$5116 73	\$36931 18
81	1445 70	13928 66
27	3044 06	23245 50
56	2879 66	22957 76
84	1837 57	8440 63
00	2037 25	19028 73
80	864 36	7541 34
48	1158 72	10124 38
98	\$18384 06	\$142198 18

Brantford—											
Wellington Street....	\$388 97	\$108 00	\$37 57	\$10 00	\$11 25	\$10 50	\$2 00	\$568 29	\$10 30	\$122 25	\$700 84
Brant Avenue.....	543 53	129 00	112 07	7 77	6 00	6 00	3 30	807 67	10 67	187 99	1006 33
Colborne Street.....	720 20	114 00	67 36	7 00	9 00	7 08	4 00	928 64	7 36	50 27	986 27
Oxford Street.....	157 41	40 00	4 22	2 75	3 33	2 72	2 77	213 20	3 62	....	216 82
Paris.....	437 61	97 00	54 14	10 20	10 00	9 33	2 00	620 28	12 00	77 00	709 28
St. George.....	236 17	89 00	29 00	6 45	4 65	7 38	2 62	375 27	3 15	23 40	401 82
Sheffield.....	122 79	37 00	5 25	4 64	4 00	3 16	2 51	179 35	4 21	....	183 56
West Flamboro.....	278 70	61 00	6 42	4 00	5 00	3 70	1 00	359 82	4 00	90 00	453 82
Lynden.....	123 26	44 00	5 68	3 87	4 00	3 00	2 00	185 83	3 21	....	189 04
Troy.....	112 32	50 00	15 00	5 52	3 50	3 52	1 75	191 61	3 05	....	194 66
Jerseyville.....	500 39	73 00	34 36	6 08	8 16	7 22	1 49	630 70	6 40	110 85	747 95
Brant.....	82 47	35 00	5 18	2 15	2 00	2 00	1 25	130 05	2 00	....	132 05
Cainsville.....	250 21	81 00	10 30	8 69	8 00	5 74	2 60	366 54	4 21	....	370 75
Mount Pleasant.....	122 17	65 00	8 50	5 00	5 00	3 25	1 68	210 54	3 65	40 00	254 19
Grand River.....	42 44	1 00	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	43 44
Total.....	\$4118 64	1024 00	\$395 05	\$84 12	\$83 89	\$74 60	\$30 97	\$5767 79	\$77 83	\$701 76	\$6590 82

4. THE WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Missionary Fund.	Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund.	Educational Fund.	Contingent Fund.	General Conference Fund.	Union Church Relief Fund.	Sunday-school Aid Fund.	Total Assessable for S.M. Fund.	Sustentation Fund.	Woman's Missionary Fund.	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONAL FUNDS.
Woodstock—Central....	\$556 43	\$123 00	\$100 00	\$16 10	\$22 00	\$18 00	\$4 00	\$839 53	\$17 00	\$145 00	\$1001 53
Woodstock—Dundas St.	73 50	57 00	16 00	5 00	8 00	3 00	1 75	164 25	2 10	....	166 35
Ingersoll—King Street..	300 16	94 00	71 81	9 50	8 75	8 00	1 75	493 97	6 50	72 00	572 47
Ingersoll—Charles St...	147 75	62 00	31 50	6 00	6 00	5 50	1 50	260 34	4 50	....	264 84
Salford	192 00	55 00	23 12	4 25	5 08	3 16	2 10	285 71	3 27	....	288 98
Sweaborg	201 24	52 00	7 06	5 00	6 45	3 00	3 33	278 08	3 92	....	282 00
Oxford Centre.....	362 63	88 00	11 50	7 00	6 10	6 00	2 12	483 85	6 40	....	490 25
Eastwood.....	37 80	25 00	3 15	2 88	2 78	2 75	1 17	75 53	1 15	....	76 68
Cathcart	61 00	8 12	3 00	2 64	1 40	1 57	2 00	79 73	1 67	....	81 40
Princeton.....	86 20	39 00	6 76	3 00	2 84	2 98	2 00	142 78	2 98	....	145 76
Strathallan.....	189 86	54 00	11 02	3 74	4 42	2 72	1 25	267 01	3 12	....	270 13
Ayr	126 55	49 00	11 83	4 85	5 25	5 00	1 00	203 48	5 89	....	209 37
Plattsville.....	67 02	48 00	5 50	3 00	5 00	3 43	1 25	133 20	3 10	....	136 30
Bright.....	104 46	44 00	7 08	2 50	5 15	5 00	1 00	169 19	5 10	....	174 29
Washington.....	86 25	44 00	2 50	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	141 75	1 50	....	143 25
Drumbo and Richwood	71 57	35 00	5 58	3 58	4 00	4 37	1 00	125 10	3 54	....	128 64
Total	\$2664 42	\$877 12	\$317 41	\$82 54	\$96 22	\$76 48	\$28 31	\$4143 50	\$71 74	\$217 00	\$4432 24

5. THE SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Simcoe.....	\$136 45	\$58 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$1 73	\$2 00	\$3 60	\$215 78	\$1 62	\$50 00	\$267 40
Waterford	90 70	59 00	4 56	4 45	4 26	3 70	1 00	167 67	4 45	18 00	190 12
Port Dover.....	236 15	83 00	14 74	7 32	9 00	8 00	2 50	360 71	7 00	50 00	417 71
Jarvis	391 10	95 00	7 78	5 97	5 66	5 35	1 75	512 61	4 00	75 00	591 61
Hagersville.....	404 91	91 00	29 25	5 50	7 15	5 50	3 00	546 31	5 70	45 00	597 01
Townsend.....	140 12	70 00	6 00	3 59	4 65	4 00	2 00	230 36	2 50	35 00	267 86
Rockford	67 58	29 00	1 43	1 69	2 00	2 00	..	103 70	0 47	....	104 17
Pt. Rowan & St. Williams	63 52	44 00	2 24	2 72	4 40	2 50	1 05	120 43	1 79	....	122 22
Delhi	89 20	41 00	5 00	4 54	4 00	3 53	0 50	147 77	3 25	....	151 02
Lyndoch.....	181 00	52 00	5 50	7 00	10 00	7 50	3 50	266 50	7 00	....	273 50
Selkirk	20 80	12 00	3 25	2 41	2 83	..	0 75	42 04	1 30	6 00	49 34
Cayuga.....	125 18	50 00	5 50	5 40	6 60	4 00	1 50	198 18	6 00	12 00	216 18
Walsingham Centre....	56 50	20 00	5 50	4 00	4 00	2 50	2 00	94 50	3 00	....	97 50
New Credit.....	81 00	5 00	1 00	0 90	0 95	1 00	..	89 85	0 50	....	90 35
Total	\$2084 21	\$709 00	\$93 75	\$57 49	\$67 23	\$51 58	\$23 15	\$3086 41	\$48 58	\$291 00	\$3425 99

6. THE MILTON DISTRICT.

Milton.....	\$269 72	\$92 00	\$27 67	\$12 25	\$11 50	\$10 00	\$2 00	\$425 14	\$12 25	\$41 10	\$478 49
Oakville	488 91	101 00	86 78	6 00	16 00	13 50	2 00	714 19	13 00	73 26	800 45
Burlington.....	375 70	95 00	23 67	9 21	12 14	4 81	5 00	525 53	9 11	73 51	608 15
Freeman	266 29	59 00	21 00	5 35	6 00	4 56	2 41	364 61	6 00	....	370 61
Waterdown.....	235 25	63 00	12 40	8 00	8 00	7 35	2 40	336 40	8 00	68 00	412 40
Milgrove.....	234 90	61 00	13 00	6 10	5 00	5 05	6 79	331 84	5	92 00	429 25
Palermo.....	277 05	56 00	23 50	7 50	7 15	7 00	2 41	380 61	7 40	....	388 01
Trafalgar	400 00	87 00	21 40	7 98	7 00	6 64	3 24	533 26	4 45	15 00	552 71
Lowville.....	146 27	53 00	15 53	4 30	3 75	3 50	1 00	227 35	3 00	6 00	236 35
Carlisle.....	217 36	62 00	10 00	7 00	8 00	6 50	2 50	313 36	6 00	21 27	340 36
Mountsberg.....	140 00	49 00	3 00	2 03	3 00	3 46	4 07	204 57	3 71	27 63	235 90
Mountain.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....
Total	\$3051 45	\$778 00	\$257 95	\$75 72	\$87 54	\$72 37	\$33 82	\$4356 85	\$78 33	\$417 50	\$4852 68

CIRCUITS.

Welland ..
Fonthill ..
Port Robin ..
Port Col ..
Humber ..
Dunnville ..
Caistorville ..
Canboro' ..
Fenwick ..
Welland ..
Stromness ..
Ridgeway ..
Internatio ..
Stevensvil ..
Rainham ..

Total

Norwich ..
Tilsonburg ..
Burford ..
Kelvin ..
Springford ..
Otterville ..
Oakland ..
Teeterville ..
Dereham ..
Courtland ..

Total

DISTRICT.

Hamilton ..
St. Cathar ..
Brantford ..
Woodstock ..
Simcoe ..
Milton ..
Welland ..
Norwich ..

Total.

7. THE WELLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Missionary Fund.	Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund.	Educational Fund.	Contingent Fund.	General Conference Fund.	Union Church Relief Fund.	Sunday-school Aid Fund.	Total Assessable for S. M. Fund.	Sustentation Fund.	Woman's Missionary Fund.	TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS.
Welland	\$167 50	\$62 00	\$11 97	\$7 97	\$8 15	\$3 35	\$2 00	\$262 94	\$5 65	\$25 00	\$293 59
Fonthill	136 23	44 00	24 73	6 38	6 31	8 02	0 63	226 30	3 00	....	229 30
Port Robinson	51 95	23 00	2 50	3 16	2 18	2 00	..	85 42	2 12	....	87 54
Port Colborne and Humberstone	85 54	43 00	3 15	3 99	4 37	2 84	1 50	144 39	2 00	....	146 39
Dunnville	143 76	50 00	13 00	4 65	4 72	5 00	1 87	223 00	2 45	36 20	261 65
Caistorville	193 49	51 00	8 07	2 19	3 73	3 11	5 32	266 91	3 40	24 00	294 31
Canboro'	89 60	34 00	2 75	2 40	3 50	1 50	1 00	134 75	1 50	....	136 25
Fenwick	77 41	44 00	2 53	1 95	1 65	1 00	1 50	130 04	1 91	....	131 95
Wellandport	46 00	34 00	2 70	1 70	3 25	2 10	2 70	92 45	2 50	....	94 95
Stromness	30 83	22 00	....	2 07	1 64	1 53	1 14	59 21	1 24	....	60 45
Ridgeway	74 93	42 00	4 25	5 14	5 14	3 25	1 25	135 96	2 89	....	138 85
International Bridge ...	150 00	49 00	2 00	1 53	3 72	1 49	2 59	210 33	2 00	....	212 33
Stevensville	83 49	26 00	2 50	2 55	2 80	2 65	1 00	120 99	1 50	....	122 49
Rainham	62 64	19 00	4 39	3 13	2 58	2 06	..	93 80	2 58	18 00	114 38
Total	\$1393 37	\$543 00	\$84 54	\$48 81	\$54 37	\$39 90	\$22 50	\$2186 49	\$34 74	\$103 20	\$2324 43

1 74	\$217 00	\$4432 24
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8. THE NORWICH DISTRICT.

Norwich	\$384 67	\$83 00	\$91 11	\$6 00	\$9 10	\$8 20	\$1 50	\$511 58	\$5 70	\$50 54	\$567 82
Tilsonburg	525 77	97 00	27 19	10 90	11 50	9 00	2 00	683 36	9 00	71 32	763 68
Burford and Fairfield ...	234 00	83 00	12 37	5 57	6 00	3 75	2 00	346 69	4 25	86 00	436 94
Kelvin	138 47	45 00	2 52	3 10	4 08	2 88	2 75	198 80	2 70	25 50	227 00
Springford	257 52	65 00	8 00	5 90	6 74	6 00	5 80	354 96	4 00	....	358 96
Otterville and Bookton..	234 23	64 00	6 58	6 00	4 00	5 00	4 61	324 42	5 20	40 00	369 62
Oakland	277 08	63 00	7 00	4 37	5 00	4 00	3 00	368 45	4 23	105 00	477 68
Teeterville	117 09	46 00	7 29	3 03	3 03	3 53	4 93	184 90	2 00	44 58	231 48
Dereham	242 37	66 00	20 78	4 68	5 66	5 11	2 85	347 45	6 16	169 73	523 34
Courtland	37 91	20 00	1 35	2 13	2 00	1 50	0 98	65 87	0 62	....	66 49
Total	\$2449 11	\$637 00	\$112 19	\$51 68	\$57 11	\$48 97	\$30 42	\$3386 48	\$43 86	\$592 67	\$4023 01

1 74	\$217 00	\$4432 24
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RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Missionary Fund.	Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund.	Educational Fund.	Contingent Fund.	General Conference Fund.	Union Church Relief Fund.	Sunday-school Aid Fund.	Total Assessable for S. M. Fund.	Sustentation Fund.	Woman's Missionary Fund.	TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS.
Hamilton	\$7550 45	\$1706 70	\$869 24	\$180 80	\$173 19	\$158 43	\$61 35	10556 21	\$150 14	\$1310 86	\$12161 16
St. Catharines	2990 83	939 36	619 74	81 45	90 00	73 12	27 56	4822 06	67 93	551 19	5441 18
Brantford	4118 64	1024 00	395 05	84 12	83 89	74 60	30 97	5767 79	77 83	701 76	6590 82
Woodstock	2664 42	877 12	317 41	82 54	96 22	76 48	28 31	4143 50	71 74	217 00	4432 24
Simcoe	2084 21	709 00	93 75	57 49	67 23	51 58	23 15	3086 41	48 58	291 00	3425 99
Milton	3051 45	778 00	257 95	75 72	87 54	72 37	33 82	4356 85	78 33	417 50	4852 68
Welland	1393 37	543 00	84 54	48 81	54 37	39 90	22 50	2186 49	34 74	103 20	2324 43
Norwich	2449 11	637 00	112 19	51 68	57 11	48 97	30 42	3386 48	43 86	592 67	4023 01
Total	26302 48	\$7214 18	\$2749 87	\$662 61	\$709 55	\$595 45	\$258 08	38305 79	\$573 15	\$4185 18	\$43251 51

78 33	\$417 50	\$4852 68
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AMOUNTS RAISED FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

1. THE HAMILTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MINISTERS.	Paid by Circuit.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL. Amount Raised by Circuit for all Purposes.
			Salary.	Rent.	Removal.			
Hamilton—								
Centenary	E. A. Stafford, D.D., LL.D.	\$2450	..	..	..	\$2450	..	\$13092 10
"	W. E. Pescott, B.A.	550	..	..	..	550	..	..
"	Alex. Burns, D.D., LL.D. ....	..	..	..	..	2000	..	..
"	Thos. Stobbs .....	..	..	..	..	400	..	..
Wesley	D. G. Sutherland, LL.B., D.D.	2000	..	..	..	2000	..	7723 03
"	B. B. Keefer .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
First Church	J. Van Wyck, B.A.	1250	..	..	..	1250	..	6943 36
"	E. Lounsbury .....	..	..	..	..	350	..	..
Gore	Isaac Tovell	1200	..	..	..	1200	..	4411 85
Zion Tabernacle	George Clark, Ph.D.	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	4194 26
"	Francis Coleman .....	..	..	..	..	340	..	..
Simcoe Street	T. Albert Moore	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	5195 19
"	Hamilton Leith .....	..	..	..	..	218	..	..
Hannah Street	G. W. Kirby, B.A.	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	4310 61
"	Stephen Kappelle .....	..	..	..	..	230	..	..
Emerald Street	John Laycock	600	\$125	..	..	725	\$100	1365 51
Dundas	John Kay	1200	..	..	..	1200	..	4718 78
"	Joseph H. Hilts .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Caledonia	Chas. W. Cosens	750	..	..	..	750	..	2146 86
Glanford	J. H. Kennedy	725	..	..	..	725	..	1279 14
Ancaster	E. B. Stephenson, B.A.	700	..	..	..	700	..	1437 33
"	Emerson Bristol .....	..	..	..	..	390	..	..
Binbrook	J. P. Bell	670	..	..	..	670	..	2135 39
"	George Reader	257	..	..	..	257	..	..
Bartonville	R. B. Rowe	665	..	..	..	665	..	1595 72
Stoney Creek	John E. Hockey	735	..	..	..	735	..	3021 02
"	James E. Dyer .....	..	..	..	..	360	..	..
Tapleystown	Daniel Ecker	550	..	..	..	550	..	999 72
Ker	E. H. Taylor	581	..	..	..	581	67	1489 32
"	J. B. Cutler .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
York	Charles L. Bowlby	550	..	..	..	550	..	1163 48
Total .....	..	\$18433	\$125	..	..	\$22846	\$167	\$67383 39

2. THE ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

St. Catharines—								
St. Paul Street	S. Cleaver, B.A.	\$1300	..	..	..	\$1300	..	\$4882 53
Welland Avenue	G. A. Mitchell, B.A.	900	..	..	..	900	..	3173 28
Niagara Street	George Swinnerton (supply)	265	..	..	..	265	\$85	872 06
Louth and Grantham	T. L. Kerruish	600	..	..	..	600	..	1155 78
Merritton	J. H. Collins	750	..	..	..	750	..	1594 88
Thorold	Jno. Wakefield	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	3425 39
Niagara Falls South	R. W. Woodsworth	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	2792 42
Niagara Falls	E. H. Koyl, M.A.	800	..	..	..	800	..	2652 20
Stamford and St. David's	J. E. Russ	550	..	..	..	550	..	1411 40
Niagara	W. S. Jamieson	750	..	..	..	750	..	1403 19
Beamsville	T. W. Jackson	700	..	..	..	700	..	2236 67
Grimsby	T. L. Wilkinson	800	..	..	..	800	..	1667 96
Smithville	R. W. Wright, B.D.	700	..	..	..	700	..	1536 43
Tintern	S. J. Kelly	650	..	..	..	650	..	1413 70
Total .....	..	\$10765	..	..	..	\$10765	\$85	\$30217 89

Brantford—
Wellington
Brant Ave.
Colborne
Oxford St.
Paris ...
St. George.
Sheffield...
West Flamb.
Lynden...
Troy ...
Jerseyville.
Brant...
Cainsville..
" "
Mount Plea
Grand River
" "

Total ..

Woodstock—
Woodstock—
Ingersoll—R
Ingersoll—C
Salford...
Sweaborg..
Oxford Cent
" "
" "
Eastwood..
Cathcart...
Princeton..
Strathallan.
Ayr...
Plattsville..
Bright...
Washington
Drumbo and

Total ..

Simcoe...
Waterford..
Port Dover..
" "
Jarvis...
" "
Hagersville..
" "
Townsend..
" "
Rockford..
Pt. Rowan &
Delhi...
Lynedoch...
Selkirk...
Cayuga...
Walsingham
New Credit.
" "
" "

Total ..

3. THE BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MINISTERS.	Paid by Circuit.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL. Amount Raised by Circuit for all Purposes.
			Salary.	Rent.	Removal.			
Brantford—								
Wellington Street.....	A. E. Russ, M.A.....	\$1200	..	..	..	\$1200	..	\$5321 11
Brant Avenue.....	Jas. Awde, B.A.....	1200	..	..	..	1200	..	4868 89
Colborne Street.....	J. W. Cooley.....	1100	..	..	..	1100	..	5306 98
Oxford Street.....	C. T. Bennett, B.A.....	700	..	..	..	700	..	1783 26
Paris.....	G. W. Calvert.....	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	3968 75
St. George.....	D. E. Brownell.....	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	2078 62
Sheffield.....	T. Webster Kelly, B.A.....	500	..	..	..	500	..	5436 83
West Flamboro'.....	Christopher Cookman.....	700	..	..	..	700	..	1880 27
Lynden.....	H. M. Hall.....	550	..	..	..	550	..	1809 10
Troy.....	Wm. Teeple.....	650	..	..	..	650	..	1726 35
Jerseyville.....	A. F. Gee, Ph.B.....	700	..	..	..	700	..	1905 87
Brant.....	R. Duff.....	420	..	..	..	420	\$80	693 05
Cainsville.....	J. G. Foote.....	750	..	..	..	750	..	2669 64
".....	A. W. Crawford.....	300	..	..	..	300	..	1860 27
Mount Pleasant.....	Jas. Mooney.....	850	..	..	..	850	..	147 94
Grand River.....	Wm. Walker.....	..	\$500	..	\$25	..	..	..
".....	Interpreter.....	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....		\$11620	\$550	..	\$25	\$12195	\$80	\$41456 93

4. THE WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

Woodstock—Central.....	Jas. S. Ross, M.A.....	\$1200	..	..	..	\$1200	..	\$7807 37
Woodstock—Dundas Street	R. J. Elliott.....	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	4030 66
Ingersoll—King Street.....	David W. Snider.....	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	3587 47
Ingersoll—Charles Street..	Robt. Burns, Ph.B.....	850	..	..	..	850	..	2369 91
Salford.....	Charles Deacon.....	670	..	..	..	670	..	3233 12
Sweaborg.....	George Carpenter.....	535	..	..	..	535	..	3149 67
Oxford Centre.....	David Hunt.....	690	..	..	..	690	..	..
".....	R. G. Martin.....	198	..	..	..	198	..	4120 25
".....	" (Supply).....	15	..	..	..	15	..	..
Eastwood.....	Byron Laing.....	450	..	..	..	450	..	1466 68
Cathcart.....	Thomas Voaden, B.A.....	260	..	..	..	260	\$50	433 40
Princeton.....	Jas. H. McCartney.....	480	..	..	..	480	60	1149 76
Strathallan.....	James Masson.....	640	..	..	..	640	..	1142 24
Ayr.....	John Stewart.....	625	..	..	..	625	..	1127 37
Plattsville.....	Thomas Colling, B.A.....	650	..	..	..	650	..	1243 77
Bright.....	W. H. Garnham, B.A.....	540	..	..	..	540	..	1363 07
Washington.....	George Miller.....	530	..	..	..	530	70	982 62
Drumbo and Richwood....	John E. S. Baillie.....	289	..	..	..	289	54	804 64
Total.....		\$10622	..	..	..	\$10622	\$234	\$38012 00

5. THE SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Simcoe.....	J. A. Jackson.....	\$800	..	..	..	\$800	..	\$1981 95
Waterford.....	T. J. Atkins.....	800	..	..	..	800	..	2417 12
Port Dover.....	J. Saunders, M.A.....	724	..	..	..	724	..	2361 63
".....	J. K. Patterson.....	280	..	..	..	280	..	..
Jarvis.....	C. R. Morrow.....	800	..	..	..	800	..	2280 32
".....	S. A. Laidman.....	225	..	..	..	225	..	..
Hagersville.....	J. H. Robinson.....	800	..	..	..	800	..	2484 73
".....	S. W. Fallis.....	300	..	..	..	300	..	..
Townsend.....	James Laird.....	607	..	..	..	607	\$33	1921 84
".....	C. A. Cavers.....	278	..	..	..	278	16	775 17
Rockford.....	D. W. Kelly.....	428	..	..	..	428	105	945 19
Pt. Rowan & St. Williams.	J. Archer.....	575	..	..	..	575	..	1257 18
Delhi.....	T. R. Trimble.....	565	..	..	..	565	..	1538 37
Lynedoch.....	O. G. Collamore.....	600	..	..	..	600	..	698 84
Selkirk.....	J. M. Wright.....	197	\$62	..	..	260	40	1505 18
Cayuga.....	D. Chalmers.....	650	..	..	..	650	..	511 25
Walsingham Centre.....	E. Sheppard.....	238	37	..	..	275	..	260 35
New Credit.....	T. S. Howard.....	..	550	..	..	550	..	..
".....	Interpreter.....	..	50	..	..	50	..	..
Total.....		\$8867	\$699	..	..	\$9567	\$194	\$20849 12

6. THE MILTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MINISTERS.	Paid by Circuit.	MISSION'Y FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL. Amount Raised by Circuit for all Purposes.
			Salary.	Rent.	Removal.			
Milton	John Pickering	\$1000	..	..	..	\$1000	..	\$5596 42
Oakville	J. S. Williamson	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	2541 21
Burlington	D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.	1000	..	..	..	1000	..	3400 85
Freeman	R. J. Forman	700	..	..	..	700	..	1936 61
Waterdown	George Fergusson	750	..	..	..	750	..	1864 27
Milgrove	T. H. Orme, M.A.	696	..	..	..	696	..	1990 20
Palermo	S. W. Holden	600	..	..	..	600	..	2041 90
Trafalgar	R. W. Scanlan	738	..	..	..	738	..	2465 61
"	S. E. Marshall	315	..	..	..	315	..	..
Lowville	E. J. Clarke	700	..	..	..	700	..	2415 35
Carlisle	Thomas Athoe	750	..	..	..	750	..	7142 01
Mountsberg	B. L. Cohoe	600	..	..	..	600	..	1336 08
Mountain .....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .....	.....	\$8849	..	..	..	\$8849	..	\$32730 51

7. THE WELLAND DISTRICT.

Welland	V. H. Emory	\$800	..	..	..	\$800	..	\$2351 63
Fonthill	D. H. Taylor	625	..	..	..	625	\$25	1650 83
"	C. M. Marshall (supply)	210	..	..	..	210	5	..
Point Robinson	W. J. Sipprell	297	..	..	..	297	42	489 49
Pt. Colborne & Hum'stne	W. E. Pescott, B.A. (part)	366	..	..	..	366	38	1422 04
"	George Reader	195	..	..	..	195	40	..
Dunnville	J. H. Hazlewood	750	..	..	..	750	..	1545 65
Caistorville	John F. Davis	590	..	..	..	590	..	1215 04
Canboro'	James Webb	600	..	..	..	600	..	1217 73
Fenwick	E. Whitworth	600	..	..	..	600	100	1426 52
Wellandport	R. L. Ockley	475	..	..	..	475	75	1001 00
Stromness	E. Victor Smith	260	..	..	..	260	50	506 85
Ridgeway	C. Stringfellow	525	..	..	..	525	75	992 59
International Bridge	H. G. Livingston	610	..	..	..	610	..	2011 01
Stevensville	D. M. Johnston	430	..	..	..	430	20	750 49
Rainham	A. Truax	213	\$327	..	..	540	..	841 38
Total .....	.....	\$7546	\$327	..	..	\$7873	\$470	\$17422 32

8. THE NORWICH DISTRICT.

Norwich	William Kettlewell	\$1000	..	..	..	\$1000	..	\$2701 94
"	John Wood .....	..	..	..	..	390	..	..
Tilsonburg	R. Hobbs	1100	..	..	..	1100	..	3713 32
"	D. Savage .....	..	..	..	..	400	..	..
Burford and Fairfield	Wray R. Smith	740	..	..	..	740	..	2408 94
"	A. B. Miller	290	..	..	..	290	..	..
Kelvin	W. N. Vollick	600	..	..	..	600	..	1009 21
Springford	W. H. Barraclough	508	..	..	..	508	..	..
"	H. Brand	300	..	..	..	300	..	2313 89
"	E. L. Clement .....	..	..	..	..	122	..	..
Otterville and Bookton	T. R. Clarke	625	..	..	..	625	..	2321 12
"	J. Culp	295	..	..	..	295	..	..
Oakland	W. C. Watson	750	..	..	..	750	..	2103 00
Teeterville	H. A. Cook	600	..	..	..	600	..	1307 14
Dereham	Thomas Boyd	730	..	..	..	730	..	2949 60
Courtland	E. Adams	228	\$237	..	..	465	\$235	515 23
Total .....	.....	\$7766	\$237	..	..	\$8003	\$235	\$21343 39

Hamilton ...
St. Catharines ...
Brantford ...
Woodstock ...
Simcoe ...
Milton ...
Welland ...
Norwich ...

Total ...

DIST

Hamilton ...
St. Catharines ...
Brantford ...
Woodstock ...
Simcoe ...
Milton ...
Welland ...
Norwich ...

Total ...

Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL. Amount Raised by Circuit for all Purposes.
1000	..	\$5596 42
1000	..	2541 21
1000	..	3400 85
700	..	1936 61
750	..	1864 27
696	..	1990 20
600	..	2041 90
738	..	2465 61
315
700	..	2415 35
750	..	7142 01
600	..	1336 08
..
8849	..	\$32730 51

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Paid by Circuit.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL. Amount Raised by Circuit for all Purposes.
		Salary.	Rent.	Removal.			
Hamilton	\$18433	\$125	..	..	\$22846	\$167	\$67383 39
St. Catharines	10765	..	..	..	10765	85	30217 89
Brantford	11620	500	..	..	12120	80	41456 93
Woodstock	10622	..	..	\$25	10622	234	38012 00
Simcoe	8867	699	..	..	9567	194	20849 12
Milton	8849	..	..	..	8849	..	32730 51
Welland	7546	327	..	..	7873	470	17422 32
Norwich	7766	237	..	..	8915	235	21343 39
Total	\$84468	\$1888	..	\$25	\$91557	\$1465	\$269415 55

\$800	..	\$2351 63
625	\$25	1650 83
210	5	489 49
297	42	1422 04
366	38	1545 65
195	40	1215 04
750	..	1217 73
590	..	1426 53
600	..	1001 00
600	100	506 85
475	75	992 59
260	50	2011 01
525	75	750 49
610	..	841 38
430	20	..
540	..	..
7873	\$470	\$17422 32

OFFICIAL BOARD RETURNS.

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	MINISTERS.				Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS.			Stewards.	REPRESENTATIVES.			S. S. Superintendents.	Epworth League Presidents.	Net Total.
	Effective.	Superannuated.	Supernumerary.	Probationers.			Male.	Female.	Total.		Society.	Trustee Board.	Total.			
Hamilton	20	9	..	..	44	8	146	43	189	126	125	40	165	39	12	512
St. Catharines	13	3	1	..	19	9	85	12	97	94	90	22	112	25	9	321
Brantford	15	6	1	1	28	12	105	16	121	103	94	27	121	30	8	377
Woodstock	16	6	..	1	24	12	97	19	116	111	90	31	121	32	11	370
Simcoe	12	1	..	6	20	7	118	9	127	95	77	30	107	46	8	336
Milton	11	3	..	1	17	13	76	14	90	77	75	17	92	28	6	290
Welland	10	1	..	3	13	3	81	7	88	97	65	28	93	31	7	286
Norwich	10	3	1	3	19	11	115	17	132	69	58	25	83	32	6	314
Total	107	32	3	15	184	75	823	137	960	772	674	220	894	263	67	2806

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DISTRICTS.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.										LITERATURE.						MONEYS RAISED BY SCHOOLS.				Schls. holding Reg. Meet. for Study of Lessons.	Schools kept open the whole year.	Epworth Leagues.	Membership of Epworth Leagues			
	Number of Preaching Appointments.	Number of Schools.	Members of Methodist Church.	Non-Members.	Total.	Average Attendance	In Primary Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Conversions during year.	Members of Church.	Learn'g Catechism.	No. who have taken Tot. Abs. Pledge.	Volumes in Library.	Copies of Onward.	Pleasant Hours.	Happy Days.	Sunbeam.	Berean Leaf or Quarterly.	Sunday-school Banner.	Copies of other Papers, not published in our Book Room.	For Missions.					For School Purposes.	For S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.	
Hamilton	43	40	608	48	656	525	1557	2713	1606	5876	3982	233	1612	444	1420	8196	1004	1391	576	640	2551	250	910	\$1132 34	\$4225 93	\$62 35	11	35	11	582	
St. Catharines	27	25	336	27	363	289	759	1119	723	2601	1850	128	883	47	575	3293	483	440	323	403	1593	156	175	389 07	1633 40	27 56	6	24	9	424	
Brantford....	33	30	381	25	406	320	954	1504	946	3404	2184	215	957	386	895	5097	586	624	570	612	1535	251	590	462 10	1867 51	30 91	10	25	8	159	
Woodstock...	33	35	313	54	367	298	837	1260	912	3009	2193	115	672	378	857	4511	534	748	451	573	1020	218	160	252 13	1602 11	26 18	8	25	9	384	
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II. ST. CATHARINES DISTRICT.

Rev. S. Cleaver, B.A. ..	\$12 00	Mrs. G. A. Mitchell ..	\$5 00
" Geo. Mitchell, B.A. ..	12 00	W. D. Swazie ..	5 00
" T. L. Kerruish ..	12 00	E. W. Edmonds ..	5 00
" J. H. Collins ..	12 00	<i>Thorold.</i>	
" John Wakefield ..	12 00	Jas. H. Beatty ..	40 00
" R. W. Woodsworth ..	12 00	John H. Wilson ..	10 00
" E. H. Koyle, M.A. ..	12 00	Wm. McCleary, M.P.P. ..	10 00
" J. E. Russ ..	12 00	G. H. Williams ..	5 00
" W. S. Jamieson ..	12 00	P. Bessey ..	5 00
" T. W. Jackson ..	12 00	<i>Niagara Falls South.</i>	
" T. L. Wilkinson ..	12 00	M. Morse and family ..	10 00
" R. W. Wright, B.D. ..	12 00	Mrs. R. W. Woodsworth ..	11 00
" S. J. Kelly ..	12 00	Mrs. Peter Kerr ..	5 00
<i>St. Paul Street.</i>		R. W. Fralick ..	5 00
George Burch ..	10 00	C. R. Ross ..	5 00
T. H. Taylor ..	6 00	<i>Beamsville.</i>	
S. Collinson ..	5 00	Mrs. T. W. Jackson ..	10 00
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W. J. Robertson, LL.B. ..	5 00	Mrs. J. F. Metcalfe ..	10 00
Dr. Killmer ..	5 00	E. J. Palmer ..	5 00
McCordeck and Vine ..	5 00	J. B. Bouslaugh ..	5 00
B. C. Fairfield ..	5 00	A. F. Hawke ..	5 00
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<i>Welland Avenue.</i>		David Fretz ..	5 00
W. McGibbon ..	5 00		
T. M. House and Wife ..	5 00		

III. BRANTFORD DISTRICT.

Rev. Amos E. Russ, M.A. ..	\$12 00	R. S. Schell ..	\$5 00
" James Awde, B.A. ..	12 00	T. H. Preston ..	5 00
" John W. Cooley ..	12 00	S. J. Jones ..	10 00
" C. L. Bennett, B.A. ..	12 00	E. Sweet ..	5 00
" Geo. W. Calvert ..	12 00	<i>Paris.</i>	
" T. W. Kelly, B.A. ..	12 00	H. Rebher ..	5 00
" Christopher Cookman ..	12 00	Alex. Ames ..	5 00
" Harvey M. Hall ..	12 00	<i>St. George.</i>	
" Wm. M. Teeple ..	12 00	Rev. A. A. Bowers, B.A. ..	7 00
" Abram L. Gee, Ph.D. ..	12 00	S. C. Wait ..	5 00
" Robert Duff ..	12 00	<i>Sheffield.</i>	
" James G. Foote ..	12 00	T. W. Kelly ..	5 71
" A. W. Crawford ..	12 00	<i>West Flamboro'.</i>	
" James Mooney ..	12 00	A. Betzner and Wife ..	6 00
" Wm. Walker ..	12 00	Mrs. Cookman ..	5 00
" A. I. Terryberry ..	12 00	<i>Lynden.</i>	
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Henry Wade ..	5 00	<i>Troy.</i>	
Mrs. Almas ..	5 00	James Gallaway ..	5 00
Mrs. Robinson ..	10 00	<i>Cainsville.</i>	
<i>Brant Avenue.</i>		Mrs. J. G. Foote ..	5 00
H. P. Jones and Wife ..	5 00	<i>Brant.</i>	
Dr. Lowry ..	10 00	Mrs. Duff ..	10 00
Rev. James Awde ..	5 00		
Anonymous ..	5 00		
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Jerseyville.

A. M. Richards	\$5 00
Mrs. A. L. Gee	5 00

Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. J. Mooney	\$6 00
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IV. WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A. ..	\$12 00
" R. J. Elliott	12 00
" D. W. Snider	12 00
" Robert Burns, Ph.B. ..	12 00
" Charles Deacon	12 00
" George Carpenter	12 00
" David Hunt	12 00
" Byron Laing	12 00
" Thomas Voaden, B.A. ..	12 00
" James H. McCartney ..	12 00
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" George Millar	12 00
" John E. S. Baillie	12 00
" Andrew Hamilton, B.A. ..	12 00

Woodstock (Central).

Dr. F. C. Bartlette	6 00
Joseph Rippon	5 00
Rev. Wm. Ames	5 00
James Scarff	5 00
Mrs. (Dr.) Field	5 00

Ingersoll (King Street).

W. Briden, B.A.	\$6 00
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M. S. Schell	5 00
Rev. David Hunt	40 00

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V. SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Rev. J. Austin Jackson ..	\$12 00
" Thomas J. Atkins ..	12 00
" John Saunders, M.A. ..	12 00
" Joshua R. Patterson ..	12 00
" Charles R. Morrow ..	12 00
" Samuel A. Laidman ..	12 00
" John H. Robinson ..	12 00
" Samuel W. Fallis ..	12 00
" D. Ward Kelly	12 00
" Joseph Archer	12 00
" Thomas B. Trimble ..	12 00
" O. G. Collamore	12 00
" James M. Wright	24 00
" David Chalmers	12 00
" Edward Sheppard	12 00
" Thomas S. Howard ..	12 00
" James Laird	12 00
" C. A. Cavers	12 00

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James Ellis	\$5 00
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Capt. M. Alderson	5 00
Rev. C. R. Morrow	21 00
" S. A. Laidman	7 00

Rockford.

Rev. D. W. Kelly	24 00
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Thomas Waterson	5 00
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Mrs. D. Chalmers	5 00
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Mrs. John Freeman	5 00
Rev. J. Laird	18 00
" C. A. Cavers	9 00

Walsingham Centre.

Rev. E. Sheppard	5 38
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VI. MILTON DISTRICT.

Rev. John Pickering	\$12 00	Rev. R. J. Forman	\$12 00
" J. S. Williamson	12 00	" G. Fergusson	12 00
" D. L. Brethour, Ph.D. ..	12 00	" Thos. H. Orme, M.A. ..	12 00

Rev. S. W. Holden	\$12 00	<i>Freeman.</i>	
" R. W. Scanlon, Ph.B. ..	12 00	J. W. Freeman	\$5 00
" Sanford E. Marshall ..	12 00	Thos. Atkinson	5 00
" Edward J. Clarke	12 00	<i>Waterdown.</i>	
" Thos. Athoe	12 00	John S. Job	5 00
" B. L. Cohoe	12 00	<i>Millgrove.</i>	
" John H. McArthur, S.T.L.	12 00	Lizzie A. Orme	5 00
" Frederick W. Hollinrake ..	12 00	A Friend	5 00
<i>Milton.</i>		<i>Lowville.</i>	
Rev. John Pickering	5 00	Burge Gunby	5 00
<i>Burlington.</i>		W. W. Prudham	5 00
Joshua Long	5 00	<i>Mountsberg.</i>	
Mrs. Baxter	5 00	B. L. Cohoe	10 00
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VII. WELLAND DISTRICT.

Rev. Vernon H. Emory	\$12 00	Rev. E. V. Smith	\$12 00
" David H. Taylor	12 00	" Charles Stringfellow ..	12 00
" W. J. Sipprell	12 00	" Henry G. Livingstone ..	12 00
" Walter E. Pescott, B.A. ..	12 00	" Albert Truax	12 00
" James H. Hazelwood	12 00	<i>Welland.</i>	
" John T. Davis	12 00	Wm. Buchner	5 00
" James Webb	12 00	<i>Fenwick.</i>	
" Edward Whitworth	12 00	Mrs. E. Whitworth	10 00
" R. L. Ockley	12 00		

VIII. NORWICH DISTRICT.

Rev. Wm. Kettlewell	\$12 00	Rev. D. Savage	\$5 00
" Richard Hobbs	12 00	Thos. Wood	5 00
" Wray R. Smith	12 00	John McIntyre	5 00
" A. B. Miller	12 00	Josiah Livingstone	5 00
" W. N. Vollick	12 00	<i>Burford and Fairfield.</i>	
" W. H. Barraclough	12 00	In Memory of Rev. E. Hurlburt	10 00
" Henry Brand	12 00	Mrs. W. R. Smith	8 00
" Thos. R. Clarke	12 00	<i>Kelvin.</i>	
" Josephus Culp	12 00	Rev. W. N. Vollick	25 00
" Wm. C. Watson, M.A. ..	12 00	<i>Oakland.</i>	
" Henry A. Cook	12 00	Rev. W. C. Watson	5 00
" Thomas Boyd	12 00	John R. Taylor	5 00
" Ezra Adams	12 00	Mrs. W. C. Watson	15 00
<i>Norwich.</i>		<i>Courtland.</i>	
Rev. John Wood	5 00	Rev. E. Adams	13 00
" W. C. Jolley	5 00		
Mrs. H. Henderson	5 00		
Mrs. Kettlewell	5 00		
<i>Tilsonburg.</i>			
E. D. Tillson	5 00		

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

In submitting its report to the Conference, your Committee would call the attention of Chairmen of Districts to the necessity of such care being taken in the District Meetings regarding the statistical returns as will secure the presenting of correct schedules to the Conference. This might be attained by the Conference regulation regarding auditors being strictly observed.

We present the following summary of statistics:—

MEMBERSHIP.

Received on trial during the year, 2,690. Present membership: On trial, 1,264; full membership, 26,726; total, 27,990; increase, 674. Baptisms, 1,567; marriages, 811; burials, 1,218.

OFFICIARY.

Ministers: Effective, 107; superannuated, 32; supernumerary, 3; probationers, 15; total, 157. Local preachers, 184; exhorters, 75; class-leaders, 960; stewards, 772; representatives, 894; Sunday School superintendents, 263; Epworth League presidents, 67; net total, 2,806.

FINANCIAL.

Connexional Collections.

		<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
Missionary	\$26,302 48	\$470 21	....
Superannuation	7,214 18	133 97	....
Educational	2,749 87	207 93	....
Contingent	662 61	6 11	....
General Conference	709 55	....	\$33 61
Union Church Relief	595 45	7 35	....
Sunday School Aid	258 08	1 94	....
Sustentation	573 15	....	6 62
Woman's Missionary	4,185 18	501 74	....
	<u>\$43,250 55</u>	<u>\$1,329 25</u>	<u>\$40 23</u>

Net Increase, \$1,289.02.

Circuit Purposes.

Circuit purposes..... \$142,198 18.

Ministerial Support.

Ministers and probationers \$91,557 Increase, \$9,827 00
Amount of deficiencies 1,465

Sunday School Purposes.

Sunday School purposes..... \$14,896 74 Increase, \$89 65

ROBERT BURNS, PH.B., *Chairman.*

CHARLES DEACON, *Secretary.*

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee is pleased to note the continued prosperity of our Sabbath Schools within the Conference.

There are 269 schools, being one of a decrease, but we are pleased that there is a Methodist Sabbath School at all the appointments within the Conference except twenty places, and in most of these there is a union school, so that the Conference may be said to be fully organized. We have an attendance of 25,889 scholars, an increase of fifty-seven. The number of

conversions—for which the School really exists—is very encouraging, being 1,306, an increase of eighty-eight over last year. 6,985 are members of the Church, an increase of 591.

We fear the number reported as having taken the "total abstinence pledge" is misleading, from the fact that many limit the question to those who have taken the pledge during the year, whereas the object of the question is to ascertain how many of our Sabbath School children are now pledged abstainers, no matter how long since the pledge was signed. We certainly think that more than twenty-six per cent. are total abstainers.

We would recommend that the children in our Sabbath Schools be taught the evils arising from the use of liquor and tobacco, and we rejoice to know that the Legislature of our province has recognized this evil in making it a crime to sell tobacco to minors.

To have our children well grounded in the truth requires more than eight per cent. as now shown to be studying the catechism, and we recommend that the catechism be introduced into all schools, and about ten or fifteen minutes be devoted to its study each Sabbath.

We are pleased to see the large number of our own Sabbath School periodicals taken. Though there is a large falling off in the circulation of *Pleasant Hours* and *Happy Days*, it is compensated by the increased circulation of *Onward*.

We are surprised to find some of our best circuits, notably in Brantford District, neglecting to take our own Sabbath School periodicals. We believe it would be wise to publish the *Sunday School Banner* at fifty cents per annum, to be on a par with similar publications issued by other Churches, and to keep out American publications which in some places supplant our own. We do not think that a better quality or quantity for the money can be secured anywhere else, and we sincerely hope our Sabbath Schools will avail themselves of the advantages to be found in our own Book Room.

A *Scholars' Quarterly*, for adult classes, would be of great advantage to the senior scholars, and we recommend this to the favorable consideration of the Sunday School Board.

We also recommend that T. W. Jackson be Secretary-Treasurer for the present year.

GEO. CLARK, PH.D., *Chairman*.

T. W. JACKSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance on hand as reported last year.....	\$103 67
Interest on same	3 60
Balance of Billeting Fund for 1891	100 50
Hamilton District collections.....	180 78
St. Catharines " "	81 45
Brantford " "	84 14
Woodstock " "	82 54
Simcoe " "	57 59
Milton " "	75 74
Welland " "	48 41
Norwich " "	51 68
Collection on Friday night	14 10
Collection on Sabbath	49 73
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Expenditures.

Book Room account	\$74 78
Secretary of Conference expenses	17 90
President's expenses	49 00
Station sheets	10 00
Sexton's services	10 00
Expenses of delegate to Washington	50 00
Treasurer's expenses	2 85
Expenses of Chairmen and Conference Special Committee	27 00
Funeral and Medical expenses	435 76
Pulpit Supply	175 00
Balance on hand	81 64
	<hr/> \$933 93

The Treasurer's report was audited by the Rev. Thos. Athoe and M. S. Schell, Esq., and found correct.

We recommend the following :

1. That the collection for this fund be taken up in the month of September.
2. That the object of the fund be clearly stated before taking the collection, especially the following points : (a) That necessary Conference expenses and special claims of affliction alone can be considered legitimate ; (b) That the salary of a minister regulates his claim on this fund, no minister having any claim whose salary amounts to \$800 or over, and others only in cases of very special affliction ; (c) That cases of ordinary expenses for physician's bills cannot be entertained ; (d) That when a circuit requiring ministerial supply during the year is considered by the committee abundantly able to pay for the same, the committee may reduce the claim, or rule it out altogether ; (e) That the maximum amount allowed for funeral expenses shall be, for the minister or his wife, \$40 ; for children from twelve to eighteen years of age, \$30 ; and for children under twelve years of age, \$20.
3. That the Secretary of the Conference for the current year order the necessary supplies for his successor in office.
4. That the Rev. J. H. Collins be re-elected the Treasurer.

JOHN KAY, *Chairman.*

CHAS. R. MORROW, *Secretary.*

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report as follows :—

1. That the following be the allocation of probationers to college :—
To Victoria College.—R. Railton, Edson E. Marshall, Sanford E. Marshall, S. W. Fallis, Samuel Nicholson, and S. A. Laidman, with full aid ; also, T. J. Parr and Fred. W. Hollinrake, without aid.
To Wesleyan College, Montreal.—A. I. Terryberry, Reuben Calvert and Josephus Culp, with full aid ; and Amasa B. Miller, without aid.
2. That fees amounting to \$20 be paid on behalf of each student except Samuel A. Laidman and T. J. Parr.
3. That loans amounting to \$60 be granted to those receiving aid.
4. It is recommended that Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., be re-appointed to

represent this Conference on the Board of Alma College, and that the President and W. J. Waugh, Esq., be appointed visitors to the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton.

5. That Rev. J. Saunders, M.A., and J. W. Carman, Esq., be appointed auditors of the Treasurer's books.

6. It is recommended that the Board of Examiners be composed of the following, viz.:—Revs. D. G. Sutherland, LL.D., President; John Wakefield, John Kay, Thos. Colling, B.A., R. W. Woodsworth, J. S. Ross, M.A., Alex. Burns, LL.D., D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Thos. Athoe, G. A. Mitchell, B.A., A. E. Russ, M.A., Sol. Cleaver, B.A., W. C. Watson, M.A., J. S. Williamson, G. W. Calvert and William Kettlewell.

7. It is also recommended that the subjoined audited statement of the Treasurer be adopted.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Statement of Treasurer of the Niagara Conference, for the ending June 15th, 1892.

To Debit of Treasurer—

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$698 02
Net receipts from Districts.....	2,650 63
Total net receipts	\$3,348 65

To Credit of Treasurer—

Three-fourths current income paid to General Treasurer.	\$1,987 97
Examination expenses	52 35
Loans to students	700 00
Travelling expenses to R. Calvert.....	20 00
Fees granted to students.....	140 00
Balance of examination expenses last year.....	1 85
Treasurer's expenses.....	3 50
To balance	442 98
Total	\$3,348 65

We, the undersigned auditors, have examined the above accounts and vouchers connected with the same, and found them correct, the balance on hand at the present date being \$442.98.

J. W. CARMAN, }
JOHN SAUNDERS, } *Auditors.*

Total number of notes securing loans, 38; value of same, \$2,975.00.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Treasurer.*

D. G. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*
WM. KETTLEWELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners begs leave to report that the examination of the candidates and probationers of the Niagara Conference was held in the Methodist Church, Dundas, on April 19th and 20th.

The President of the Conference opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Eleven presented themselves for examination in the preliminary course, eleven in the first year, five in the second year, and three in the third year's course.

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certificates issued by this Board, it was resolved to report to the Conference as follows :—

(1) That the new form of certificate provides a column whereby marks given by our own College authorities may now be recorded in the certificate.

(2) In the case of provincial teachers', matriculation, and undergraduate certificates, it is the opinion of this Board that the subjects which these certificates cover be marked simply as passed, unless the candidate furnishes official proof of the marks he has obtained.

On the evening of Wednesday the 20th, a public meeting was held in the church, the President of the Conference in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Revs. R. W. Woodsworth and D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., after which the Secretary presented to the successful candidates their certificates and records of standing.

On motion of Bro. S. W. Fallis, seconded by J. M. Wright, the candidates and probationers unanimously passed a resolution of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stoney, of Hamilton, in the loss of their son, Rev. H. E. C. Stoney, and the Secretary was requested to forward a letter of condolence, which was done.

The Board of Examiners recommend the following allocation of subjects for the ensuing year :—

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND THEIR SUBJECTS FOR 1893.

REV. D. G. SUTHERLAND, LL.B., D.D., *Chairman*.

REV. J. S. ROSS, M.A., *Secretary*.

THOMAS COLLING, B.A.—English Grammar; Composition; Fowler's Logic; Broadus, with Homiletic Exercise (Third Year).

R. W. WOODSWORTH.—Smith's Greece and Rome; Wesley's Sermons.

J. S. WILLIAMSON.—Geography; Blackburn's History of the Christian Church; Sheldon's History of Doctrine.

GEORGE W. CALVERT.—English and Canadian History; Smith's Old and New Testament History.

J. S. ROSS, M.A.—Sermon on the Mount in Greek (Matthew).

THOMAS ATHOE.—Fletcher and Steele; Steven's Methodism.

DAVID L. BRETHOUR, Ph.D.—Canadian Methodism; Riggs' Organization of the Christian Church.

GEORGE A. MITCHELL, B.A.—English Literature; Gospel of St. John in Greek, i.-x.; Hart's Rhetoric.

A. BURNS, S.T.D., LL.D.—Exegesis of Romans; Dewey's Psychology; Westcott on the Canon; English Bible (Fourth Year).

JOHN WAKEFIELD.—Methodist Catechism; Christian Perfection; Discipline, including the Model Deed.

D. G. SUTHERLAND, LL.B., D.D.—John's Gospel in Greek, for Graduates in Arts; Beet's Credentials of the Gospel, and Temple's Relation between Science and Religion.

A. E. RUSS, M.A.—English Bible (First and Third Years); Homiletic Exercise (First and Fourth Years).

WM. KETTLEWELL.—Arithmetic; Pope, Vol. I.; Fisher's History of the Church.

SOLOMON CLEAVER, B.A.—English Bible (Second Year); Janet's Theory of Morals; Harkness' First Greek Book (as far as Syntax).

JOHN KAY.—Homiletic Exercise (Second Year); Pope, Vols. II. and III.; Bowne's Theism.

W. C. WATSON, M.A.—Barrow's Introduction; Harkness' First Greek Book (Syntax to the end).

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The Annual Examination will be held in Burlington, on the third Tuesday in April, 1893, at 9 a.m.

D. G. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

J. S. ROSS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Temperance begs leave to report as follows :

1. We declare that we abate no jot of our demand for immediate Prohibition as the right of the people of this country from its Government.

2. That although we did not regard the Prohibition Commission as required, yet we note with gladness that the petitions for Prohibition have resulted in positive action and policy on the part of the Government and Parliament, so that thereby the question of Prohibition has become actually introduced into politics. With a view to securing as favorable a report as possible, we strongly recommend all persons who have information favorable to Prohibition to make all that information available to the Commission—voluntarily if necessary.

3. Having declared frequently, and believing still, that "the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin," we are driven to the inference that every act of voluntary complicity with the issue of any license is morally indefensible, so that we cannot endorse any Christian man or member of our Church incurring any avoidable responsibility for the authorization or issue of a license. With the anomaly that this will likely place the enforcement of the law in the hands of those favorable to the traffic, we have nothing to do, but cast the responsibility, therefore, entirely upon the authors and abettors of the license system.

4. We believe that in no respect is it the duty of the Temperance people to enforce any Temperance legislation whatever—beyond that ordinary support which we give to any law—even if that legislation were entirely in accord with their own request. Such enforcement belongs exclusively to the Government, which in no case ought to evade its responsibility, but especially ought not to do so when the legislation does not profess to be in harmony with the demands of Temperance people.

5. We recommend (a) that a Quarterly Temperance Meeting be held wherever possible at each appointment; (b) That a Band of Hope be organized in each Sunday School; (c) That the Temperance Fund for this Conference be sustained by one collection during the year from each Sunday School to be taken on some Sabbath when a Temperance lesson is taught; (d) We urge more zeal in the circulation of the pledge in the Sabbath School, as a comparatively small proportion of signatures are reported.

6. We recognize with gratitude the generosity of Mr. Thomas C. Watkins, in offering to gratuitously supply tracts on various phases of Temperance instruction suitable for use in the home, church and school. We recommend our people to avail themselves of this kind offer by writing (enclosing necessary stamps for postage) to W. W. Buchanan, Royal Templar Publishing House, James Street North, Hamilton.

7. We are glad to know that the validity of the provisions for local

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option by municipalities has been vindicated by the decision of the full Court of Appeal. We recommend, wherever practicable, that by the adoption of this measure our people should endeavor to wash their hands of responsibility for the continuance of the traffic in their midst.

8. The Simcoe District Meeting requests that inasmuch as a license has been granted to Orchard Beech Park at Port Dover, a resort frequently visited by our Sunday Schools and Church organizations, the Conference advise such organizations of this fact, and to withhold their patronage from said park and all other summer resorts where intoxicating liquors are sold. We recommend Conference to accede to the request.

9. In accordance with the request of the council of the Dominion Alliance, we recommend the following as delegates to the annual meeting of the Alliance to be held in Montreal in September, 1892: Rev. Dr. Brethour and Jos. Gibson, Esq.

10. In view of the fact that the teaching of Temperance in our public schools has been made compulsory, we urge our people to see that their children are not through any neglect or indifference of teachers deprived of this great privilege.

11. We hail with great satisfaction the adoption of legislation prohibiting the sale of tobacco to persons under eighteen years of age.

12. We beg to report that during the year a Temperance Convention was held as appointed by Conference on each of the following districts, viz.: Brantford, Woodstock, Simcoe, Milton and Welland. Hamilton, St. Catharines and Norwich did not hold such conventions. The collections as reported to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Fund amount to \$14.61, which, with the collection at the Conference Temperance Meeting, \$10.21, makes a total of \$24.82.

13. That Rev. J. W. Cooley be appointed treasurer of the Niagara Conference Temperance Fund.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Chairman*.

JOHN W. COOLEY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

1. Your Committee on Conference Relations organized with Revs. Wm. Kettlewell as Chairman, and John W. Cooley as Secretary.

2. Rev. A. A. Bowers, B.A., recommended by the Brantford District Meeting to be restored to active work; your Committee concur in the recommendation.

3. Rev. Eph. L. Clement. The Norwich District Meeting recommends that he be restored to the active work. Your Committee have carefully considered the case, and recommend it to the consideration of the Stationing Committee, with a view to his restoration to active work if a suitable appointment can be found; but if such cannot be found, your Committee recommend that his superannuated relation be continued.

4. Rev. Ezra Adams. The Norwich District Meeting recommend that he be granted a superannuation relation for one year. Your Committee concur in the recommendation.

WM. KETTLEWELL, *Chairman*.

JOHN W. COOLEY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF WORK.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :—

With deep gratitude to God we rejoice that through earnest labors on the various fields throughout this Conference there have been gathered into the Church 3,826, making a net increase of 674. This is very gratifying, especially when we recall the circumstances under which the work has been prosecuted, owing to unfavorable weather and the prevalence of the la grippe.

Especial evangelistic agencies have proved eminently successful on a number of charges in our Conference during the year, but while reference is made to these special means, we would not pass unnoticed, much less undervalue, the faithful and persistent labors of the regular ministry, aided by our loyal people.

We would call attention to the ordinary means of grace, and the regularly established agencies of the Church; the Sabbath School which is the seed-bed of the Church; the Epworth Leagues, and Christian Endeavors, which are not only the connecting links between the Sabbath Schools and Church-membership, but are training-schools for service in every department of the Church. The class-meeting, which is the time-honored and distinctive feature of our beloved Methodism, and which we regard as the thermometer of the Church's piety, should be more loyally supported by faithful attendance, and we think that every method, such as lively singing, short prayers, and brief pointed testimonies, tending to render these meetings seasons of grace and blessing as well as attractive to our young people, should be observed, and we further recommend that our ministers lovingly and earnestly urge upon our people the importance of this means of grace.

Nor would we forget the mid-week prayer service of the Church which has ever been a strength and help to those who attend. The cares and burdens of everyday life, together with the constant demands of social life and the pursuit of pleasure, too often lead our people to absent themselves from this profitable means of grace.

In harmony with the wish of many brethren, we would advise the holding of conventions for the promotion of the work of God, especially in the larger centres of population.

We have reason to believe that on many of our charges the financial interests of our Churches suffer through allowing the first-half of the year to pass without raising the proportionate amount of money for that period; this brings a very heavy financial pressure upon the closing months of the Conference year.

The attention of your Committee has also been called to the fact that many of our members are lost to the Church through removing without letters of removal. We also find that many letters of removal are directed to no particular Church. We also find that in many cases members moving to cities or towns are directed to the larger Churches, though they may reside in the vicinity of the smaller Churches. Your Committee would recommend that efforts be made to induce our people to attend the Churches to which they geographically belong.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. W. COSENS, *Chairman.*

H. G. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE PROPERTY. COMMITTEE.

Your Committee after carefully considering all the cases brought before them, begs leave to report as follows:—

Hamilton District.—The Centenary Church, Hamilton, Trustee Board asks permission to sell the West End Mission lots, to apply the proceeds on present debts, and if there be any surplus, said surplus to be applied on new Sabbath School room. Recommended.

Binbrook.—The Trustee Board of Trinity parsonage asks permission to sell said property and apply the proceeds of sale in the purchase or erection of another parsonage on Binbrook Circuit, and in the event of any appointment on this Circuit becoming a part of any other Circuit, that the said appointment shall have the net amount contributed by it to said parsonage refunded, less the depreciation of said property in value; and until such time as the parsonage is secured, the money from the sale of the Trinity parsonage shall be held by the Trustee Board subject to the direction of the Quarterly Board of Binbrook Circuit. Recommended.

Brantford District.—The Trustee Board of the Bethel Church, Lynden Circuit, asks permission to sell one-half acre of their church lot, and apply the proceeds of sale to the liquidation of debt on the parsonage of Lynden Circuit. Recommended.

Woodstock District.—The Trustee Board of Bright Church, Bright Circuit, asks permission to sell the old church property and apply the proceeds of sale to the erection of a new church. Recommended.

Simcoe District.—The Trustee Board of the Waterford Church asks permission to sell a portion of the parsonage property, and to apply the proceeds in purchasing land for shed purposes. Recommended.

Welland District.—The Trustee Board of the Trinity Church, Canboro' Circuit, asks permission to sell the church property, and apply proceeds towards the erection of a new parsonage for that Circuit. Recommended.

Norwich District.—The Trustee Board of the Centre Church, Dereham Circuit, asks permission to sell the old church and apply the proceeds of sale on the new church now being erected. Recommended.

J. VANWYCK, *Chairman.*

A. L. GEE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We are thankful to God that we live in a land where the Sabbath day is so generally observed. We call upon our people to uphold this sacred institution, as one of the pillars of our holy Christianity, and deprecate anything that would invade the sanctity of the Lord's day. The enjoyment of religious liberty is dear to us, and we realize that those things that encroach upon this liberty and tend to destroy it must have our open opposition. The eyes of wicked men are looking for the day, and their hearts are longing for the time, when the restraints surrounding this hallowed institution shall be removed, and the day become one of amusement instead of worship, of pleasure-seeking instead of church-going, of holiday-

making instead of glorifying God. We believe this to be one of our strongholds, against which the enemy is particularly directing his assaults and continually aiming at its overthrow. We are confident that in upholding the sanctity of this day we are standing by the highest interests of the individual, the community, the nation, and, above all, the kingdom of Christ.

When we consider what momentous issues are at stake, moral, social, national and religious, and dependent upon the right observance of the Sabbath, we feel that as a Church it is ours to stand unitedly and loyally for the upholding of this day as "Holy unto the Lord."

For the furtherance of this end your Committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That in pursuance of the requirement of the General Conference of 1890 (Journal, page 299), a time be fixed by this Conference when each minister within our boundary shall be required to preach a sermon on the subject to his congregation or congregations in which the divine origin and perpetual obligation of the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship be explained and enforced, and your Committee would respectfully suggest the month of October as a suitable time.

2. In regard to the memorial from the Woodstock District *re* Sabbath Observance, your Committee are in hearty sympathy with the resolution, and recommend that this Conference expresses its deep regret that the present session of the House of Commons has taken no satisfactory action in the matter of Sabbath observance, and has failed to express the strong feeling of the Christian people of the Dominion as expressed by petition that her connection with the Columbian Exhibition, to be held at Chicago, should be marked by a strict observance of the Lord's day, by declining to request that its gates be closed upon the Sabbath day. That we express our strong and unqualified disapproval of the action of Parliament upon so vital a question, and though our legislators may not compel the reverent observance of the day of rest, they can protect it from open, shameless and avowed desecration; that though they cannot force the stream of population into the churches, they may help to keep from places avowedly unfriendly to religion. We agree that the State is bound to remove every temptation from the masses to dishonor the day dedicated to public worship. We therefore urge and pray that the strength of legislation be arrayed against Sabbath desecration.

3. We suggest to the editors of our periodicals, including the Sabbath School papers, the desirability of frequently referring to the great importance and solemn obligation of Sabbath observance, so that our people may have the matter before them, and to wage continual warfare against the running of railway trains, street cars, steamboats and all public conveyances on the Lord's day.

4. We would earnestly request our people to discountenance Sabbath social visiting, Sabbath parades, Sabbath funerals, except in cases of extreme necessity, the hiring of conveyances for use on that day, travelling either for business or pleasure, neglect of God's house, and all other practices calculated to dissipate spiritual thoughts and feelings, and prevent the cultivation of religion.

5. Whereas strenuous efforts have been made for the better observance of the Sabbath within the bounds of the Niagara Conference, your com-

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mittee would recommend that the Conference put itself on record expressing its strong disapproval of the opening to the public of the gates of public parks and summer resorts where religious services are held, as the same is a prolific source of Sabbath desecration, and believing that the sanctity of the Lord's day will be the better preserved if within the bounds of this Conference all such places be kept strictly closed on that day, so that it may be a season of rest and worship, rather than of dissipation within the gates, and would urge upon the managers of such institutions a cordial compliance with the recommendation.

6. We recommend that this report be read in all our congregations at an early date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. KEAGEY, *Chairman.*

T. L. KERRUISH, *Secretary.*

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

*Report of the Treasurers for the Year ending July 31st, 1891,
as adopted by the Board.*

We beg herewith to submit the Annual Statement of the Superannuation Fund:—

The affairs of the Fund occupied the earnest consideration of the General Conference, which body appointed a commission, consisting of ministers and laymen, representing different shades of opinion, to take the whole question into consideration, and report to the next General Conference.

The commission has met, and appointed sub-committees to collect information from a great variety of sources, and present it in tabulated form. Important beneficial results may be expected from the thorough and impartial examination of the whole question.

The amount raised from Circuits has exceeded that of the previous year by \$1,862.04. It is, however, just to state that a small portion of this increase arises from back payments on account of former years. The Interest Account is also in advance of the former year, \$1,249.37, and the Book Room has added \$200 to the grant of the preceding year, making the yearly grant now \$6,500.

We have received in legacies this year \$6,437.25, which sum embraces the half of the legacy of the late William Gooderham. There appears to be a praiseworthy disposition on the part of our people to remember this Fund in the final distribution of their property.

We are, however, still under the necessity of expressing our regret that there are a few Circuits that have failed to pay their apportionments in full, to the great embarrassment of the ministers laboring on them, and to the great injury of the Church. The aggregate amount is not comparatively very large, but the example is bad and it is not just to those Conferences and Circuits that are loyal to the laws of the Church.

The new claims this year are exceptionally large and amount to \$9,630, while expired claims are only \$5,848, leaving a balance of \$3,782, less \$382, being the difference between the debt of the last year and the pre-

sent one, or \$3,400 to be provided for, the entire claims for the year being \$87,084. The estimated income of the Fund will be about \$85,334, so far as we can at present ascertain. The Treasurers did not, however, feel at liberty to increase the percentage on the assessable income.

DR.	PERMANENT FUND.	CR.	
<i>August 1st, 1890:</i>		<i>July 31st, 1891:</i>	
To Amount of Fund	\$176,503 76	By Mortgages	\$57,878 33
<i>July 31st, 1891:</i>		“ Stocks	8,739 75
To Legacies	6,437 25	“ Missionary Society.....	46,750 00
“ Ministerial Subscriptions,		“ Book Room	12,800 00
one-sixth	2,189 91	“ Book Room Debentures..	20,000 00
“ Donations	20 00	“ General Conference Fund	15,976 95
		“ Albert College Bond	2,500 00
		“ Commutation	2,221 12
		“ Municipal Debentures ..	10,000 00
		“ Expense of Commission..	*94 36
		“ Advances	*153 50
		“ Hope Road Bond.....	240 00
		“ Amount in Cash and Bank	7,168 90
		“ Annual Fund	628 01
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	\$185,150 92		\$185,150 92

DR.	ANNUAL FUND.	CR.	
<i>July 31st, 1891:</i>		<i>July 31st, 1890:</i>	
To Districts.....	\$51,323 69	By Balance	\$1,010 56
“ Ministerial Subscriptions, five-sixths	10,949 59	<i>July 31st, 1891:</i>	
“ Book Room Appropriation	6,500 00	By Allowances to 204 Ministers.	57,037 60
“ Missionary Grant (on Ac- count of Superannuated Missionaries)	4,200 00	“ Allowances to 146 Widows.	20,480 48
“ Interest	9,992 78	“ Allowances to 101 Children	1,877 61
“ Donations	90 60	“ Commutation	670 00
“ Balance due to Permanent Fund	628 01	“ Annuities	347 00
		“ Refunds	177 00
		“ Expense (Discount, Postage, Stationery, Rent, Travel- ling, Committees, Ac- countant, etc.)	825 63
		“ Minutes to Lay Subscribers	258 79
		“ Treasurer's Salary	600 00
		“ Treasurer's Rent, Taxes, etc.	400 00
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JAMES GRAY, Clerical Treasurer.
J. C. AIKINS, Lay Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

F. BYRNE, }
J. BARNETT, } Auditors.

August 14th, 1891.

* The Board decided that in future such items, instead of being considered loans from Permanent Fund, should pass directly into the Annual Fund.

J. GRAY, Secretary.

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RETURNS FROM NIAGARA CONFERENCE, JUNE, 1892.

DISTRICTS.	Assessed.	Paid.	Surplus.	Deficit.
Hamilton	\$1,675 00	\$1,706 70	\$31 70	....
St. Catharines	939 00	939 36	0 36	....
Brantford	1,024 00	1,024 00	....	....
Woodstock	894 00	877 12	....	\$12 88
Simcoe	709 00	709 00	....	....
Milton	782 00	782 00	....	....
Welland	543 00	543 00	....	....
Norwich	637 00	637 00	....	....
Total	\$7,203 00	\$7,218 18	\$32 06	\$12 88

Net Surplus for Conference, \$19.18.

R. W. WOODSWORTH,
Conference Treasurer.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

In the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences for last year (1891), there is a statement of receipts and expenditure from September 1st, 1890, to May 21st, 1891. It has been considered advisable to bring the annual statement to be published in the Minutes down to as near the time of the meeting of the Conferences as possible, in order to show at one view the amount raised by the Connexion for this fund within the limits of one year, up till the latest date.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure from May 21st, 1891, to May 21st, 1892:

RECEIPTS.

May, 1891. Balance on hand and in Bank \$160 58

Collections from Circuits—

Toronto Conference	\$647 10
London "	388 52
Niagara "	472 95
Guelph "	609 96
Bay of Quinte "	486 50
Montreal "	720 40
Manitoba and N.-W. Conference ..	362 30
British Columbia "	12 00
New Brunswick and P.E.I. "	245 00
Nova Scotia "	108 00
Newfoundland "	94 16

Received from Superannuation Fund for year 4,146 89
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\$6,305 77

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, salary	\$2,500 00
" " Expenses	500 00
Expense of delegates, fraternal, etc.	613 55
" General Conference Committees	385 85
" Committee of Correspondence (Ecumenical)	66 00
Advance on account of preliminary expenses of Ecumenical Council	858 00

Expense of office, etc.	\$218 30
Cost of unsold balance of Journal of General Conference, 1886, by special order	197 70
Interest	771 80
Balance on hand and in Bank	346 77
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	\$6,457 97
Less deduction from General Conference Expense Account	152 20
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	\$6,305 77

The entire indebtedness of the Fund is about \$17,000.

This statement cannot be used for comparison with Conference accounts, as the years do not coincide.

JAMES GRAY, *Treas.*

N.B.—The amount fixed by the Finance Committee of the Methodist Church as required from the Niagara Conference, in order to meet the claims against the fund for the Quadrennium was \$3,500, or \$875 per year. (See *Journal*, page 245.)

REPORT OF UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

We find by examining the Journal of the General Conference of 1890, that the Balance Sheet of the Fund up to that date, which was furnished by the Treasurer, duly audited, has been by some means omitted from the Journal.

The following synopsis will supply that omission :

Receipts and Expenditure of the Union Church Relief Fund from the time of its Organization in 1886, to the 15th August, 1890:

Collections received.....	\$17,267 17	Paid for Interest	\$8,812 78
		Paid on Principal of Appropriations	7,620 98
		Paid as Expenses	400 13
		Balance on hand.....	433 28
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	\$17,267 17		\$17,267 17
Appropriations made to Trusts, etc.....	\$45,595 98	Paid with Borrowed Money..	\$13,650 00
		Paid from Collections	7,620 98
		Remaining Unpaid	24,325 00
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	\$45,595 98		\$45,595 98

LIABILITY, 15th August, 1890.

Borrowed Money	\$13,650 00
Balance of Appropriations.....	24,325 00
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	\$37,975 00

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, from 15th August, 1890, to 15th August, 1891.

Cash on hand, 15th August, 1890.....	\$433 28	Paid Interest	\$2,441 66
Collections.....	4,036 15	Repaid Borrowed Money	500 00
		Paid on Principal of Appropriations	725 00
		Paid Expenses	96 13
		Cash on hand and in Bank....	706 64
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	\$4,469 43		\$4,469 43

BORROWED MONEY, 15th August, 1891.

Due 15th August, 1890.....	\$13,650 00
Borrowed since	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$14,650 00
Repaid	500 00
	<hr/> \$14,150 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount Unpaid, 15th August, 1890.....	\$24,325 00
Paid since	1,725 00
	<hr/> \$22,600 00

LIABILITY, 15th August, 1891.

Borrowed Money	\$14,150 00
Unpaid Appropriations	22,600 00
	<hr/> \$36,750 00

*INTERIM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.**(From 15th August, 1891, to 23rd May, 1892.)**RECEIPTS.*

Cash on hand, 15th August, 1891	\$706 64
Collections to 23rd May, 1892.	1,066 31
Borrowed	2,280 00
	<hr/> \$4,052 95

EXPENDITURE.

Interest	\$1,148 09
Principal of Appropriation ...	1,100 00
Expense	45 52
Borrowed Money repaid	1,500 00
Balance on hand and in Bank.	259 34
	<hr/> \$4,052 95

JOHN N. LAKE, *Treasurer.**Per JAMES GRAY.**REPORT OF SUSTENTATION FUND.*

Your Committee begs to report as follows:—

1. Fourteen claims were presented asking for \$1,096; of these ten were entertained, amounting to \$998. The income of the past year is \$573.93. We recommend the following grants:—

St. Catharines District	G. F. Swinnerton	\$60 00
Brantford	Robt. Duff	90 00
Woodstock	J. H. McCartney	40 00
"	T. Voaden	55 00
"	J. E. S. Baillie	136 00
Simcoe	J. M. Wright	15 00
"	D. W. Kelly	82 00
Welland	R. L. Ockley	35 00
"	E. V. Smith	15 00
Norwich	Ezra Adams	45 00
	<hr/> Total	\$573 00
Expenses		0 93
	<hr/> Total income	\$573 93

2. We recommend that the Constitution be re-printed in the Minutes of Conference.

3. We recommend the continuation of Rev. R. Hobbs as Treasurer.

4. It is recommended that each minister make more strenuous efforts to increase the contributions to this fund.

J. S. ROSS, *Chairman*.

J. H. HAZLEWOOD, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION OF SUSTENTATION FUND.

1. The object of this Fund shall be to secure salaries of not less than \$750 for ordained married ministers, \$400 for ordained unmarried ministers, and \$350 for probationers; *provided, nevertheless*, that no appropriation from this Fund shall be made to married ministers who have received more than \$550 for salary, board and fuel; or to ordained single ministers who have received \$250 for salary in addition to board; or to probationers who have received \$200 in addition to board, until these sums respectively have been provided in full.

2. The income of this Fund shall be derived from a collection taken up in all our congregations, in the month of March in each year.

3. The Committee for the distribution of the Fund shall consist of a minister and layman from each District, and shall be appointed by the Conference.

4. There shall be a Conference Treasurer appointed on the nomination of the said Sustentation Fund Committee.

5. This constitution shall be printed in the Minutes of Conference from year to year.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee met and organized by appointing Revs. Jas. H. McCartney, Chairman, and Thos. Boyd, Secretary.

The memorials referred were duly considered, and your Committee reports as follows:—

1. In reference to the memorial from the Woodstock District concerning horse keep, it was recommended that the maximum amount be fixed at \$75.00.

2. *Re* the memorial from the Provincial Prison Reform Conference in reference to Prison Reform, we recommend the approval of the ten resolutions adopted by the Prison Reform Conference, held in Toronto, November, 27th, 1891; that the same is commended to the favorable consideration of our legislators—both Dominion and Provincial—and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Sir J. S. D. Thompson, Minister of Justice, to the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Attorney-General, Province of Ontario, and to the Press for publication; and we recommend the appointment of Rev. Alexander Burns, D.D., and Wm. McCleary, M.P.P., as a committee to co-operate in securing such legislation as will bring the contemplated reforms into effect.

3. *Re* the memorial from the Sabbath School Association of Ontario, concerning the duties of citizenship, the Committee having duly considered the questions involved, wish to say that while we are prepared to cordially co-operate in any effort to improve the moral tone of society, yet, at present, we are not aware of anything further to recommend, believing as we do, that the influence now exercised by the use of the Bible in the Public Schools is accomplishing an effective and leavening work.

J. H. MCCARTNEY, *Chairman*.

THOMAS BOYD, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

Your Epworth League Committee is gratified to be enabled to report a splendid growth during the past year in this important department of Church enterprise. Whereas, last year, Niagara Conference reported only forty-five Leagues, with a membership of 1,780, to-day we find there are sixty-seven Leagues, having a membership of 2,818, thus showing that our people appreciate the helpfulness of the method and results of league work in the growth of our Church. The League enlists in the service of God multitudes of earnest young people who accomplish an incalculable amount of good in bringing their young companions into sympathy and co-operation with Church life and work. This organization presents the promise and the potency of inestimable benefit, and we express the hope that all our people will soon awaken to its usefulness and helpfulness, and that during this year, in every Circuit, if not at every appointment, there shall be organized a League of young people who shall be imbued with the sentiment of Bishop Simpson's memorable sentence, "We live to make our own Church a power in the land, while we live to love every other Church that exalts our Christ."

The young people have always had a large place in the work of the Methodist Church. Her great successes have largely resulted from the constant infusion of youthful energy into the great body of her workers. The organization of the Epworth League is a reproduction, in the nineteenth century, of the spirit and purpose of the "Holy Club" of the eighteenth century. Its four departments of Christian endeavor, religious work, literary work, and social work, are identical with the four purposes aimed at by the Oxford brotherhood of a century and a half ago, but adapted to the methods of this practical age. Our league is truly denominational—"A thoroughly Methodist movement, designed to build up Methodism, that Methodism may do more effective work in building up the cause of Christ everywhere." At the same time it provides for affiliation and co-operation with all young people's societies of every denomination that are organized to work "for Christ and the Church," and thus "form a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ." What shall result from the labor of this great army of young workers organized for the promotion of personal piety, personal culture, and personal service in the aggressive work of the Church?

We rejoice with you all that this organization has been eminently useful in developing personal service in God's cause among our young people; while their attention has been directed to several courses of study, such as Bible clubs for systematic study of God's Word, which have suggested to them many opportunities for the cultivation of mind and morals, and thus with improved opportunities to do work for God; and with our young people subscribing to and living out our pledge in the constitution, "Taking Christ as my example, and trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit, I promise that I will endeavor to learn and do my heavenly Father's will," the Methodist Church of the future will far surpass the record of the past in work done, and character produced. Valuable as is the service of young people to the Church, it is of more moment to themselves that they be cultured in methods of active Christian work. We give our hearts most to that for which we most toil and sacrifice. "Where your treasure is"—

your investment of prayer, and struggle, and self-forgetting service—"there will your heart be also." If young people, in their youth-time of enthusiasm and energetic action, can be led to do the work in all our Churches, which youth, and only youth can do, their love for Christ's kingdom shall steadily strengthen, they will grow in grace, and thus come to "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

With these considerations your Committee would earnestly recommend:—

1. That all our ministers seek to organize on each of our 113 Circuits, and, if possible, at each of our 289 preaching appointments, a branch of the Epworth League.

2. That every league be urged to affiliate with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and in every case where an Endeavor Society exists in Methodist Churches, it be urged to affiliate with the Epworth League, according to arrangements made by the authorities of both movements, under the general name of Epworth League of Christian Endeavor.

3. That in every district Epworth League Conventions be held at some suitable time during the year, and that in the plan of public anniversaries for next Conference arrangements be made to have the Epworth League represented at the Conference S. S. Anniversary.

4. That all our young people's societies be urged to send delegates, and in every possible way contribute to the success of the Second Annual Convention of the Methodist Young People's Association, to be held in Hamilton, in February, 1893.

GEORGE A. MITCHELL, B.A., *Chairman*.

T. ALBERT MOORE, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

In presenting our Report on Systematic Beneficence we are glad to know that recent discussions on this subject have been followed by beneficial results. Proportionate and systematic giving, so strongly commended to our people by the highest court of our Church, and also by the repeated deliverances of our own Annual Conference, is being more widely adopted in our Churches as the advantages of this scriptural method are more clearly seen and understood.

Churches that have given this matter a fair trial have found it eminently successful, and have no disposition to return to former plans for raising money.

But while we hail with delight the tendency in our Church to rise to a higher plane of religious consecration and giving, we must express our deep regret that so much laxity still prevails, and that so much practical unbelief in the promises of God still exists, as amply shown by the great difficulty experienced in many instances in raising sufficient money from year to year to meet the absolute requirements of the work. We further regret that while some of our congregations have adopted the method recommended by our Conference, many Churches are still resorting to unbecoming devices to raise money for the Lord's cause, your Committee being of

the opinion that any method of Church finance other than that of direct giving is unworthy of the Christian Church.

It is evident, therefore, that much yet remains to be done. The work of educating the people should be prosecuted with increased vigor, literature on this subject should be more widely circulated, and organized effort put forth to give permanency and success to this forward movement in sustaining the numerous financial interests of our Church. As there is now a good supply of literature on this subject, our people need not be ignorant concerning the question in hand. Your Committee would commend the following productions for careful perusal, viz., "Gold and the Gospel," "Mammon," "The Path of Wealth," "Prize Essays on Proportionate Giving," "Twenty-five Points on Giving," "Pay, Pray and Prosper," "Layman's Tracts" (published in Chicago), "Proportionate Giving," by Wm. Arthur, and *The Worker*, a monthly non-denominational paper devoted to systematic giving and Christian missions, published in Laconing, Maryland. Most of the above books and tracts can be obtained by application to our own Book Room. In addition to the circulation of literature, we would recommend our pastors and people to organize Systematic Beneficence Societies on their circuits.

We would urge the Official Boards, the Ladies' Aid Societies and the Young People's Societies on all our Circuits throughout the Conference to co-operate in giving practical effect to the recommendations of our General Conference on the subject of systematic beneficence. Those recommendations are as follows:

1. "That all our people be urged to give to the cause of God as He has prospered them, at the rate of at least one-tenth of their income, and that the use of all unscriptural methods of raising money for Church purposes be discountenanced as unworthy a Christian people.

2. "That in addition to the teaching of the pulpit on the duty of systematic giving, our ministers be earnestly requested to arrange for the circulation, throughout their congregations, of suitable literature on this important subject."

We repeat the direction of the Conference last year, that each pastor read this report to his congregation, and that at some time during the year a sermon or sermons be preached on the subject of Systematic Christian Beneficence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. S. LINSOTT, *Chairman*.

R. W. WOODSWORTH, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DUNDAS STREET CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

Your Committee appointed in the matter of the Dundas Street Church, Woodstock, begs to report as follows:—

1. We find that the Board decided to build a new church at a cost not to exceed from \$10,000 to \$12,000, but owing to change of purpose as to site, difference in price of lots, and some change in plans, the cost of church would reach at least \$17,000.

2. We find that the Board of Trustees, with the consent of the pastor, undertook this huge undertaking with a subscription list of \$4,840 and a verbal promise of \$500, and with a possible income from sale of old church of \$1,000, in all \$6,340, or about one-third of the estimated cost, which was quite contrary to Discipline.

3. We further find that the church and parsonage were not only completed, but furnished, and that the actual cost of all reached \$26,271; and that at the opening a further subscription was taken up amounting to \$8,027. Of the combined amounts mentioned there has been realized \$4,928, and after writing off \$4,811 as being worthless, the representative of that Church thinks that the sum of \$3,000 may be realized towards the liquidation of the debt.

4. Your Committee also find that there is a mortgage on the church of \$12,166, and a mortgage on the parsonage of \$2,000, and a floating liability of \$8,159, making in all a debt of \$22,325, with an asset of the church and parsonage property and a probable amount from subscriptions of \$3,000.

5. We also find that there is a membership of 273, and an average congregation, taking morning and evening together, of 400. The ordinary income last year, taking envelopes and collections together, was \$31 per week, which amounted to \$1,612; in addition to this there will be \$300 or \$400 from pew rents.

6. Your Committee in dealing with this question cannot but regret that the Trustees entered upon such an undertaking with so little ability to carry the scheme to successful completion, and would strongly intimate that, if Trustee Boards will unwisely enter upon and bind themselves to impossible undertakings, they cannot expect either sympathy or substantial aid from the Connexion. Your Committee can only account for the blunder in this case on the ground that those concerned were animated with the hope that the boom which then existed would continue and grow. Instead of that being realized, the boom collapsed and values have shrunk, and several of the promoters, Trustees and others, have left Woodstock; and now only three or four Trustees remain, none of whom are wealthy. Your Committee are not insensible to the fact that it is very much easier to find fault after the deed is done than during its progress.

7. Your Committee would recommend, after a careful weighing of all the facts, that the sympathy of this Conference and its hearty co-operation be enlisted on behalf of this Church on the following grounds:—

(a) That the property is needed and that it is well worth the amount against it.

(b) That the few remaining Trustees would be completely ruined financially.

(c) Inasmuch as the said Church offered to raise \$3,000 to help to pay the floating indebtedness, together with the interest on the mortgages of \$14,166 and the running expenses of the Church, we recommend that the Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., be set apart to raise the balance of the floating indebtedness now resting on the church and parsonage property, he still retaining the superintendency of the Hannah Street Church, and the Hannah Street Church continuing to pay his salary as at present. We further recommend that the Stationing Committee be requested to appoint a young man as an assistant to Mr. Kerby in the Hannah Street

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Church, and that the disciplinary salary be paid to said assistant out of the funds collected by Mr. Kerby. The Committee is unanimously of the opinion that this is the most equitable arrangement that can be made under the circumstances, and that the Hannah Street Church will not suffer thereby.

JOHN WAKEFIELD, *Chairman*.
GEORGE CLARK, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF VICTORIA COLLEGE, COBOURG.

PRESENT EQUIPMENT AND OUTLOOK.

Building free from debt, costing, with furniture, about \$220,000; Endowment secured, \$250,000. Staff—Professors in Arts, 8; Professors in Theology, 3; University Professors, 13; total staff available for the work of the new Victoria, 24. Library, about 6,000 volumes. University library, 25,000 volumes.

It is hoped that for the students of Victoria, at least one hundred and fifty weekly lectures will be available in Arts, and fifty in Theology.

Income and Expenditure.

Total income, 1891-92, \$22,921.19; current expenditure, \$23,383.71; deficit, \$462.52.

Special Additional Expenditures.

Faraday Hall, refund and costs, \$20,011.40; Interest on old debt, \$5,503.16.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

Students—In Arts, 192; in Theology, Cobourg, 79; in Theology, Albert, 32; Medicine, 40; Law, 9; total, deducting double enrolment, 292.

Graduates.

B.A., 24; B.Sc., 5; B.D., 5; M.A., 6; M.D., 42; C.M., 1; D.D., 2; LL.D., 10; total, 95.

Since the University charter was granted, 641 B.A. degrees have been conferred; 599 of these graduates are still living. About 1,100 have matriculated in Arts during that time.

COLLEGE FEDERATION FUND.

Niagara Conference, April 30th, 1892.

		<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Hamilton	District.....	\$3,482 50	\$2,631 53
St. Catharines	"	2,070 00	1,177 50
Brantford	"	3,016 00	1,897 06
Woodstock	"	476 50	269 50
Simcoe	"	1,707 50	796 50
Milton	"	2,212 52	1,291 85
Welland	"	643 00	203 00
Norwich	"	1,444 50	687 50
Total		\$15,052 52	\$9,044 44

COLLEGE FEDERATION FUND.

April 30th, 1892.

		<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Toronto	Conference.....	\$353,959 47	\$181,478 70
London	"	13,925 80	9,002 63
Niagara	"	15,052 52	9,044 44
Guelph	"	24,933 75	14,665 05
Bay of Quinte	"	14,634 51	7,755 91
Montreal	"	4,587 05	2,908 37
Manitoba and North-West	"	1,221 00	571 00
British Columbia	"	17,756 00	30 00
Outside		17,900 00	13,764 99
Total.....		\$463,970 10	\$239,221 09
Subscriptions to date.....			\$463,970 10
" in land			800 00
Verbal promises			10,000 00
			\$474,770 10
Note—Endowment subscriptions bearing interest			32,126 00
John Macdonald bequest			25,000 00
Cash received on Building Subscriptions			\$207,967 32
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" " " General "			10,843 49
			\$250,818 11
Office and General Expenses.....			\$12,432 71
Agency, Salaries and Expenses			2,216 81
Building.....			142,833 14
Interest paid to Bursar			5,089 29
Stocks.....			30,000 00
Balance			58,246 16
			\$250,818 11
Note—Paid to Contractors			\$130,675 00

ALBERT COLLEGE.

To the Niagara Annual Conference of the Methodist Church:—

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—The present College year, 1891-92, has been, under the blessing of God, one of prosperity and advancement in connection with Albert College. Two hundred and twenty students have enrolled during the year. We are again able to report an increase in attendance upon that of any preceding year. There has been a steady growth from 125 students in 1885-86 to 220 in 1891-92, so that in seven years the attendance has been nearly doubled. In that time the College building has been considerably enlarged, and yet there is an almost imperative need for largely increased accommodation.

The College still maintains the highest efficiency in its class work. The large number of successful candidates in departmental and University examinations is a source of great satisfaction to the Principal and faculty.

There are forty-three matriculants in preparation—twenty-five seniors and eighteen juniors. A large number of young men who passed junior matriculation at a high school or collegiate institute have come to Albert College for their first year's work in Arts in preference to going to a university; surely no higher compliment could be paid to the thoroughness and efficiency of the work done.

It is becoming more widely known that Albert College offers unequalled advantages for Conference preliminary students, and every year finds a large class in attendance for this work. Over twenty persons wrote at the College on this examination in April last. Special classes are formed in theology, and every attention is given to Conference students. The College also offers very superior advantages in elocution at a very moderate cost, so that students contemplating the ministry are afforded every possible help.

It is the desire of the Principal that attention should be called to the fact that Albert College can and does compete successfully with the best equipped collegiate institute in the preparation of candidates for the primary and junior leaving examinations, or for what was known as second and third-class teacher's certificates. The College sends up annually a number of candidates for these examinations, and has been successful in passing an exceptionally large percentage of them. When parents must send their children from home for this work, by all means send them to Albert College.

Many of our Methodist people pass by their own institution and send their sons for a business education to ordinary commercial colleges. The consequence is they pay more to get a vastly inferior business education than though they sent them to their own denominational schools. Albert College affords every facility for a thorough, practical business education that the best equipped commercial college does, and besides offers the very best opportunity to secure a solid English education. Many of the graduates of Albert College are filling lucrative positions as accountants.

The Departments of Music and Fine Arts are doing excellent work, and no effort will be spared to make them thoroughly efficient.

The College has always been foremost in the missionary zeal of its students.

Mr. J. F. Livingston, whom the students purpose sending as a missionary to Africa, has recently graduated as B.A. at Victoria University. He purposes spending a couple of years in the study of medicine, when the students hope to have one of their own number in the foreign field. The students have already raised over seven hundred dollars (\$700), and are busily engaged in raising funds for that purpose.

We gladly recognize the practical aid given to Albert College by both the ministry and laity of the Church, and to this a large measure of the success of the College may be attributed. We render thanksgiving to God for the great prosperity He has vouchsafed to us in our work, and we earnestly labor and pray that Albert College may not only be a high-class academy, but may be the spiritual birthplace of many souls. We earnestly covet the students for Christ. We still ask for your hearty co-operation.

W. P. DYER, *Principal*.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Rev. Dr. Briggs.

Moved by Rev. Isaac Tovell, seconded by Rev. Dr. Burns, and

Resolved,—That this Conference has heard with the greatest pleasure the report of the continued progress of the Book Room under the management of Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D. It is gratifying to learn of the increased circulation of the literature issued by the Book Room, a literature we believe that carries with it a wholesome influence into every home wherever received. We hail with satisfaction the continued assurance of the financial strength of the Book Room, and cannot but express our appreciation of the benefit derived annually in the way of additions to the Superannuation Fund. It would be doing violence to our feelings did we not record our regards for the able, genial and energetic Book Steward, and we trust his life may long be spared to serve the Church, both on the Sabbath day as one of our most acceptable co-workers, and through the week days as one of the most successful business men in this country.

Moved by Rev. Amos E. Russ, M.A., seconded by Thos. C. Watkins, and

Resolved,—That Dr. Briggs be kindly requested to publish the Annual Statement of our Book Room in the *Christian Guardian*.

Ordination Sermon by Rev. Dr. Briggs.

Moved by Rev. John Wakefield, seconded by Rev. T. S. Linscott and

Resolved,—That the hearty and unanimous thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Briggs, for the admirable ordination sermon preached in this church yesterday; and that he be earnestly requested to print the same in pamphlet form if possible, and if not, that he allow it to be published in the *Christian Guardian*.

Rev. James Gray.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Williamson, seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., and

Resolved,—That we have listened with pleasure to the statements of Rev. James Gray, General Treasurer of the Superannuation and General Conference Funds, and acting Treasurer of the Union Church Relief Fund, and we desire to assure him that we are in hearty accord with him in his work in connection with these important funds of the Church, and hereby heartily commend them to the careful consideration and liberal support of the Church.

The Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton.

Moved by Rev. J. Van Wyck, B.A., seconded by Rev. John Kay, and

Resolved,—That we have listened with much pleasure to the report of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, as presented by the learned Principal, Rev. Dr. Burns. We are fully satisfied as to the thorough and practical character of the work accomplished by that institution, and assure Dr. Burns that we are in fullest sympathy with him and the good work done by the College over which he has the honor to preside. We cherish the hope that it may continue to receive the patronage of our people, believing as we do that it ranks among the best educational institutions in our land.

Victoria College.

Moved by Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., seconded Rev. Solomon Cleaver, B.A., and

Resolved,—That having heard the report of Victoria College as given by Rev. Dr. Badgley, this Conference desires to put on record its gratification of the splendid showing in the various faculties and departments for the year; and we further pledge ourselves to do all in our power to make Victoria College in Queen's Park, Toronto, second to none in prosecuting the work of higher education in our beloved country. We also add that the report as read by Dr. Badgley, be printed in the Minutes.

Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

Moved by Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, seconded by Rev. James S. Ross, M.A., and

Resolved,—That this Conference gives hearty welcome to the venerable Principal of the Montreal Wesleyan Theological College. We feel grateful to the kind Providence which has spared the life and health of Dr. Douglas to once more visit the Niagara Conference. We rejoice in the prosperity of the College under his care, and of the magnificent institution with which it is affiliated. We sympathize greatly with the effort being made to increase the efficiency of the Theological College, in the endowment of additional chairs, and pray that success may crown the same. We have listened with profound interest to the strictures of the Doctor on the unfortunate looseness which has characterized the life and conduct of some of our public men, and trust that his voice may long be spared to be uplifted against all public and private immorality, and we request our reporters to give the press as full a report as possible of the magnificent address to which we have just listened.

Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas.

Moved by Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, seconded by Walter McGibbon, and

Resolved,—That having heard the report of Alma Ladies' College, read by Rev. Jas. Van Wyck, B.A., showing a healthy and vigorous condition of affairs, and an ever-widening influence as an institution of higher education, we heartily assure the faculty of our continued interest in its welfare, and pray that the blessing of Him, in whose service we are all engaged, may constantly abide with them, making their institution a power for good throughout the land.

Albert College, Belleville.

Moved by Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, seconded by Rev. James S. Ross, M.A., and

Resolved,—That this Conference is pleased to learn of the continued and increased prosperity of Albert College. It recognizes the value of the work being done on behalf of the young men and young women of our Church, and especially in its relation as a preparatory institution to Victoria University, and in providing our young men a commercial education under safe moral auspices, and trusts that it may be yet further strengthened in its work for God and our Church.

Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., seconded by Rev. R. J. Elliott, and
Resolved,—That having received the report of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, we assure its faculty of our great sympathy with them in the excellent work in which they are engaged, and rejoice in the high standing it has attained, placing it among the best institutions in our country. We hope for it a brilliant and successful future.

Rev. James M. Wright.

Moved by Rev. John Wakefield, seconded by Rev. John Kay, and
Resolved,—That in the case of Bro. Jas. M. Wright an exception be made to the general law, and that he be excused from attending college on account of defective eyesight, he being in all other respects well fitted for our work.

The Woman's Missionary Society.

Moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A., and

Resolved,—That having heard the comprehensive and inspiring address of Mrs. McMechan, relative to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, we assure her of our pleasure in her visit, and that we have listened to her address with profound satisfaction. We assure her that the growth of the Woman's Missionary Society has done much to inspire zeal in the General Society, and we pledge ourselves to lend the district organizer our best help and encouragement in her visits to our respective fields, and pray that the time may soon come when there will be a Woman's Missionary Auxiliary on every Circuit.

St. Lawrence Camp Ground.

Moved by Rev. I. Tovell, seconded by Rev. James H. Hazlewood, and
Resolved,—That this Conference recommend to the various pastors that the financial circumstances of the St. Lawrence Camp Ground be kindly presented to their congregations for their sympathy and aid. The matter of time and method for such appeal to be left to the individual pastors.

Moved by Rev. R. B. Rowe, and seconded by Rev. John Pickering, and
Resolved,—That all the pastors report the result of their appeal in behalf of the St. Lawrence Camp Ground debt to the Financial Secretary of each District, as Treasurer of the same, and that this resolution be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

Notice of Motion *re* Sustentation Fund.

Rev. W. H. Garnham, B.A., gave notice of the following motion :—

With a view to strengthen the bonds of Connexional Methodism, to facilitate the work of the Stationing Committee, and to promote the work of God throughout the Conference, I give notice, that at some convenient time to-morrow (June 4th), I will move that the following addition be made to section 2 of the constitution of the Sustentation Fund, as found on page 62 of the Minutes of the Conference, 1891 : " and from a graduated assessment on the salaries of all ministers receiving \$700 and upwards, on the following scale :

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Rev. W. H. Garnham, B.A., having moved the above, the President of the Conference ruled as follows:—

The President being appealed to as to the constitutionality of Rev. W. H. Garnham's resolution, ruled:

1. That the Annual Conference has no power to tax the salary of any minister, unless expressly authorized to do so by action of the General Conference.

2. That in the present case no such express authority has been given.

On Tuesday, June 7th, Rev. W. H. Garnham, B.A., gave notice that he would appeal to the Court of Appeal against the ruling of the President *re* his motion on the Sustentation Fund.

Responsible Government, Centennial.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., seconded by Rev. George A. Mitchell, B.A., and

Resolved,—That the communication from the Committee on the Centennial of the founding of Upper Canada be received, and that on Sabbath, July 17th, in accordance with the request of the Committee, special references be made to the completion of one hundred years of representative government in Upper Canada.

The Opium Traffic.

Moved by Rev. Richard Hobbs, seconded by Rev. J. S. Williamson, and

Resolved,—Whereas ever-increasing light is being thrown on the stupendous evils of the opium traffic in India and China, entailing demoralization, and antagonizing all missionary endeavor beyond all power of expression; whereas it is now made manifest that England, through her Indian Government, originated and is perpetuating this dire evil by the manufacture of opium to the ruination of millions in India and China; and whereas the Christian and philanthropic conscience of England is aroused even to the extent of legislative condemnation of the evil by accepting the resolution of Sir Joseph Pease, who, in his conflict against this wrong, has expressed a desire for the moral support and prayerful sympathy of Christendom, to aid British Christians who seek the abolition of this curse; therefore be it

Resolved,—That we, the ministers and laymen of the Niagara Conference, tender to Sir Joseph Pease, and British Christians generally, our moral support and sympathy with the movement, and our prayers for the immediate abolition of the evil by legislative enactment.

Dundas Street Church, Woodstock.

Moved by J. H. Smith, seconded by M. S. Schell, and

Resolved,—That this Conference authorizes the Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., to solicit subscriptions, *re* Dundas Street Methodist Church, Woodstock, upon the following conditions:—

1. That a sum of not less than \$6,000 be secured.

2. That subscriptions be payable in two equal instalments, the first when the full amount of \$6,000 has been secured, and the second three months thereafter.

3. That cash subscriptions be also solicited, and all sums thus obtained shall be deposited in some chartered bank, subject to the order of the President and Secretary of this Conference.

4. That the Treasurers of this Fund be instructed to disburse the money in harmony with this resolution at such times as they deem prudent.

5. That the members of this Conference pledge themselves personally to give the Rev. Mr. Kerby their most hearty sympathy and cordial support on their various stations and circuits by practically assisting him in soliciting subscriptions among the members of their congregations.

6. That the Chairman of the Woodstock District be associated with the President and Secretary of Conference in the management of this Fund.

Billeting Fund.

Moved by Rev. Jas. S. Ross, M.A., seconded by Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B.A., and

Resolved,—That the resolutions *re* the Billeting Fund, as found in the Journal of the Conference, page 366, be re-affirmed:—

1. That for next year we have a Billeting Fund.

2. That the pastor of the Conference Church be the Treasurer of the same.

3. That all members of the Conference, lay and clerical, pay the sum of \$1.

4. That this sum be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Fund through the Financial Secretary of each District, with the names of all the Conference members on the District, and their post-office addresses (marking those who have not paid the above sum), not later than the 23rd day of May.

5. That any member of Conference arranging for his own billet shall not be exempt from paying the amount, but shall send notice to the Treasurer, informing him of the home where he has made his arrangements to stay.

6. That the limit of any one claim be \$5; and, further, that any balance on hand, after paying expenses, be given over to the Contingent Fund—the balance from last year to be paid to the Contingent Fund of this year; and the balance of this year to be paid to the Contingent Fund of next year.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

Temperance.

The Conference Temperance Meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Tilsonburg, on Wednesday evening, June 1st. Rev. John Wakefield, President of Conference, occupied the chair. Rev. V. H. Emory, Joseph Gibson, Esq., and Rev. C. R. Morrow delivered addresses.

Sabbath School.

The Sabbath School Anniversary was held on Thursday evening, June 2nd. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, President of Conference, in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. H. Collins, Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., of Toronto, and Rev. Wray R. Smith.

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Reception Service.

The Reception Service was held on Friday evening, June 3rd. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, President of the Conference, occupied the chair. The Secretary of Conference announced the names of John H. McArthur, S.T.L., and Hugh S. Dougall, B.A., as candidates for reception into full connexion with the Conference. They each related their experience and call to the ministry, after which Rev. Amos E. Russ, M.A., moved and Rev. John Kay seconded the following resolution:—

That John H. McArthur, S.T.L., and Hugh S. Dougall, B.A., having completed the full term of their probation, be now received into full connexion with the Conference and ordained on Sabbath morning next.

Carried by a standing vote of the ministerial members of the Conference.

Sabbath Services.

The Conference love-feast was held on Sabbath, June 5th, at 9.30 a.m., and was conducted by Rev. Thos. Stobbs. The Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., Book Steward, preached the ordination sermon. The ordination service was conducted by the President of Conference, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, assisted by several of the senior ministers. John H. McArthur, S.T.L., and Hugh S. Dougall, B.A., were ordained ministers by the imposition of hands. The Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., preached at 7 p.m., after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

At 3 p.m. the Sabbath School was addressed by Rev. Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A., and Rev. T. W. Jackson.

Missionary.

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Monday evening, June 6th. Rev. R. W. Woodsworth occupied the chair. Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., General Secretary, Mrs. McMechan, of London, and Ernst Harris, a missionary to Africa, addressed the meeting.

Educational.

The Educational Meeting was held on Tuesday evening, June 7th, the President in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. James Awde, B.A., Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., and Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

Theological Union.

The annual lecture before the Theological Union was delivered on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m., by Rev. John W. Cooley. Subject:—"The Guidance of the Holy Spirit." The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Rev. J. W. Cooley, President; Rev. R. W. Wright, B.D., Vice-President; Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B.A., Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. D. G. Sutherland, LL.B., D.D., Lecturer; Rev. R. W. Wright, B.D., Representative to the General Union.

Thanks.

Moved by Rev. T. Albert Moore, seconded by Rev. C. R. Morrow, and *Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Tilsonburg friends for their hospitality in entertaining the Conference; Rev. R. Hobbs, for billeting the delegates; and to the choir of the Methodist Church, for their help in the Conference Anniversaries, and

that the pastors of the various churches be requested to convey our thanks to their congregations.

The Press.

Moved by Rev. R. Burns, Ph.B., seconded by Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Press for faithful and extended reports of its sessions.

E. D. Tilson, Esq.

Moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, and

Resolved,—That we thank Mr. E. D. Tilson most heartily for his generous offer in placing pleasure boats at the disposal of the members of Conference, and we express our regret to him that owing to pressure of business we were unable to accept his kind offer.

Minutes of Conference.

Moved by Rev. R. Burns, Ph.B., seconded by Rev. S. Cleaver, B.A., and

Resolved,—That the matter of publishing the Minutes be left in the hands of the Book Steward, and that the Secretary of Conference be instructed to furnish each subscriber of \$5.00 and upwards to the Superannuation Fund with a copy of the Minutes, and that the officers of the Conference and Statistical Committee be furnished with copies as usual.

Time and Place of Next Conference.

In the St. Paul's Street Methodist Church, St. Catharines, on the first Thursday in June, 1893, at 2.30 p.m.

Responsible for Work on Old Charges.

On motion it was

Resolved,—That ministers moving be responsible for the work on their old charges for two Sundays after the rising of Conference.

Visitors Introduced to the Conference.

Rev. James Gray, General Treasurer of the Superannuation and General Conference Funds, Toronto.

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., Book Steward, Toronto.

Rev. E. I. Badgley, M.A., LL.D., Victoria College, Cobourg.

Rev. Geo. Douglas, D.D., LL.D., Principal of Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

Rev. G. R. Turk, Pastor, Grace Church, Winnipeg.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., pastor Euclid Avenue Church, Toronto.

Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., General Secretary Missionary Society, Toronto.

Mrs. McMechan, Woman's Missionary Society, London.

Mr. Ernst Harris, Missionary from Africa.

Rev. Mr. McGregor, pastor of Presbyterian Church, Tilsonburg.

Rev. J. B. Saunders, M.D., Montreal Conference, Brockville.

Close of Conference.

The Secretary read the Minutes of last session, which were confirmed. Hymn 758 was sung, and Rev. John Wakefield pronounced the benediction at 12 o'clock, midnight, Tuesday, June 7th, 1892.

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OBITUARIES.

REV. EZRA ADAMS STAFFORD, D.D., LL.D.

Dr. Stafford was born in the County of Elgin, Province of Ontario, in the year 1839. He was educated in that county, and after teaching school for a time, was received on probation for the ministry of the Methodist Church, in the year 1860. His first appointments were the Warwick, Arkona and Ingersoll Circuits. In 1863 he entered Victoria College as a student; was ordained in 1864, and was stationed at Mooretown. His subsequent appointments in that region were at Newbury, Kingsville and Petrolia. In 1874 he was transferred to the Montreal Conference, where he remained nine years, for the first three years as pastor of the Dominion Square Church, Montreal, the next three at the Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, and then for a second term at his former church in Montreal. During this period he was for several years elected chairman of these two districts respectively, and in 1882 was appointed President of the Montreal Conference. In 1883 he went to Winnipeg as pastor of Grace Church, and in 1884, when the Manitoba and North-West Conference was organized, was made its first president. After a stay of two years in Winnipeg, he came to Toronto, and was stationed for three years at the Metropolitan Church, and three years at Sherbourne Street Church. While at the latter, he was in 1888, elected President of the Toronto Conference. In June, 1891, having been transferred to the Niagara Conference, he was placed in charge of Centenary Church, Hamilton, where after a short period of service in which he drew many to his ministry, he passed to his reward above. His eminent ability was fully recognized by his brethren. He was a member of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada in 1878, 1882, 1883, 1886 and 1890. In 1880, he took the degree of B.A., at Victoria University; in 1883, the degree of LL.B. was conferred upon him, and in 1886, after examination, he became an LL.D. In 1888, he represented the Canadian Church at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and gave a noble, memorable address before that august body at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Dr. Stafford was a close and diligent student all through the years of his active ministry. His mind was of a keen inquiring character, eagerly entering into all fields of knowledge open to him. Early learning to think for himself, he was kept from blindly bowing to any idol the world of philosophy or theology might set up. He would not accept any creed or dogma, simply because his text-books taught it. Having a hatred of shams and an inveterate dislike to ruts, he aimed at originality; and to this perhaps were largely owing the interest and suggestiveness of his public discourses and private conversations. His teaching was the delight of students, and yet many who were not students heard him gladly because of the freshness of his thoughts and the quaintness of his illustrations. His largeness and kindness of heart were known to many, and his views of Christian liberty were broad and generous. His sympathy overleaped denominational barriers, and he longed for the union of Christian bodies under the standard of Christian charity and liberty. "It has always been my ambition," he said, a few hours before his death, "to have the same love in my heart as brought the Saviour from such a distance to die for me. I have had a measure of that love, and consequently I feel enmity to no one. That love has made everything pure to me."

His last illness was comparatively short, and his end came unexpectedly. Though feeling somewhat feeble when he arrived in Hamilton last July, he faithfully attended to his pulpit work until within five weeks of his death.

His will-power often sustained him and compelled him to face heavy tasks when his physical system was crying out for rest. His gentleness under severe suffering was at times very touching. An examination after death showed that the trouble that laid him low, a tumor in the brain, had begun months, if not years, before it did its work.

He was fully prepared for his approaching change and in no respect did he seem to shrink from it. When the 23rd Psalm was read to him, looking up with a pleasant smile he said, "That is good, I am going to dwell in my Father's house." His mind was kept in perfect peace. He had great trust in God's fatherly love, and placed all his dependence for acceptance upon the merits of Christ. Once, when "Jesus, Lover of my soul" was sung, he said, "That is all I have to depend upon," and enlarged upon the beauty and richness of the hymn, and of the tender love of Jesus. And in dwelling upon the work of Christ he remarked again and again, "I am a very imperfect man," but one of many tokens of his deep and genuine humility. When they sang "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," he joined in the words and at the close said, "What a reality that is to me."

A few weeks before his death he remarked in conversation, "I often think that when we come to die, God will give us wondrous revelations." That experience was to be his. When on the last morning they sang, "There is a fountain filled with blood," he roused up and said, "I am not one of those who leap upon the mountain-top in religious ecstasy; but I see the mountain; I am on it; my assurance is in Christ."

At another time he asked for the Coronation Hymn, and when they came to the passage, "O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall," he placed his hands together as in worship and cried, "O the rapture, the rapture, I wish they could see the rapture I see."

There is something very touching in his last intelligent act. Taking a pencil in his weak fingers he began to write a few words to his congregation on the blank pages of a book. The letters are very trembling and are read with difficulty, one or two not being legible. As far as we can make them out, they read thus: "My beloved people, my thoughts have been ——— that I might think eminently suitable."

Thus quietly and peacefully in the very prime of life, God's faithful servant passed to his reward on December 21, 1891, beloved and mourned by many to whom his ministry had been a blessing. His funeral service in the Centenary Church at Hamilton was a solemn and memorable one, and a similar one was held at the Dominion Square Church, Montreal, whither his remains were taken for interment.

DANIEL EDWARD BROWNELL.

Rev. Daniel Edward Brownell was born in the township of Cornwall, on November 25th, 1837, and died at his brother's residence, in the city of Detroit, on October 1st, 1891, in the 54th year of his age, and the 32nd of his ministry. At the age of sixteen, under the ministry of Rev. John Howe, he was led to seek reconciliation with God, and obtained a clear and blessed realization of converting grace. In 1858 he received from Rev. Peter German, exhorter's license, and two years later, in June, 1860, he was received on probation for the ministry. At the end of four years of successful labor on the Clinton, Stratford and St. Mary's Circuits, and Clinton a second term, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry, in the Elm Street Church, Toronto, by the sainted Rev. W. L. Thornton. After ordination he was stationed on the following circuits: Osprey, Paisley, Meaford, Vienna, Tilsonburg, St. George, Burlington, Ingersoll, Norwich, Oakville, Grimsby, Welland, and back to St. George for a second term. He was chairman of the Welland District for three years. He was married to Mary M., eldest daughter of Rev. Thomas

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Cosford, on Sept. 14th, 1864, who for 27 years was to him a loving and devoted wife, and an efficient and faithful helpmate in the great work of his calling. Mrs. Brownell, with two sons and three daughters, now mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father, and two sons preceded him to the mansions in our heavenly Father's house. During the third year of his pastorate on the Welland Circuit, his health, which for some time had not been robust, began to seriously fail, and at the Conference of 1891 he was much enfeebled. He, however, entered upon his work, in his new charge, in good spirits, hoping that the pure, bracing air of St. George would build up his health, and that God would give him a rich harvest of souls. For a time his health seemed better, and in August he went to visit friends in Detroit and Cincinnati. In the latter city he spent a Sabbath and preached in one of the large churches. Feeling unwell he returned to Detroit, and while in his brother's office he was smitten down with hemorrhage of the lungs. Several attacks followed in quick succession, which soon destroyed all hope of recovery, though he had as good medical treatment as could be obtained in the city. During five weeks, in which he endured much physical suffering, he was patient and resigned. All that the tender sympathy and gentle hands of his loving wife, and several other dear relatives could do, was done for his relief and comfort. His spiritual interests were kindly and sympathetically looked after by faithful pastors of the city. When the struggle was over, surrounded by his wife, his aged mother, his sister, three of his brothers, and his revered and aged father-in-law, he peacefully and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. Our dear brother "fought a good fight," he "kept the faith," and he has gone to his reward. His remains were taken to St. George, and interred on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, in the presence of a large concourse of ministers, friends and sorrowing parishioners. Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., chairman of the district, had charge of the funeral services, and short addresses were given by Revs. Dr. D. G. Sutherland and the late Dr. E. A. Stafford. Five of his ministerial brethren and one old and intimate friend bore the body of their friend and dearly beloved brother to the tomb, and gently and lovingly laid it away until the resurrection trumpet shall call it forth a spiritual and glorified body. We "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

"Death cannot claim the immortal mind,
Let earth close o'er the sacred trust,
Yet goodness dies not in the dust."

Brother Brownell was a man of a gentle and amiable spirit, tender-hearted and full of sympathy for all suffering and sorrowing ones. He was a true man, a man of the highest honor, of deep and earnest piety, and of full and constant consecration to God and the work of his calling. He was a man who held sweet and intimate communion with God, and manifested his love to God in all his intercourse with men. He was a man of genuine humility, and with a single purpose in life.

"The lust of power, the love of gain,
The thousand lures of sin
Around him, had no power to stain
The purity within."

Our brother was a man of good ability, and of great energy; and he was inspired with a burning desire for the salvation of souls. His ministry was fruitful in conversions, and in the building up of the Church. He was a favorite among his brethren in the ministry; and on his circuits he was highly esteemed as a preacher, and much loved as a pastor. The glorious gospel, which he so much delighted to preach to others, was to himself the power of God unto salvation as he went down into "The valley of the shadow of death." His dying testimony was, that if he had to go back and live life over again,

knowing all about the hardships, privations and trials of the ministry, as he had experienced them, yet for the joy of saving souls, and for the sake of the consolations of his last hours, he would choose the work of the ministry and cheerfully endure them all. Among his last words were, "The best of all is Jesus is with me."

"How beautiful it is for man to die
Upon the walls of Zion! to be called
Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel,
To put his armor off and rest in heaven."

ERASTUS HURLBURT.

Died suddenly at Burford, after a few hours' illness, on Tuesday evening, August 25th, 1891, the Rev. Erastus Hurlburt, in the 73rd year of his age.

Heman Hurlburt, the father of the subject of this memoir, came into this country from Vermont in the year 1785. He was one of the sturdy United Empire Loyalists, the worthy sire of eleven sons, five of whom were ordained to the Methodist ministry, and two were local preachers. Erastus, the youngest of the sons, was savingly converted to God in early life. So decisive was the change that he was never known to falter in allegiance to Christ, or in loyalty and devotion to the Church of his choice and all its institutions. He was emphatically and worthily one of the old school. He regarded his beloved Methodism as approaching perfection, hence, the strictly conservative views he entertained as to its principles and polity.

Brother Hurlburt was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Belleville Conference on June 11th, 1848, and spent 47 years as one of God's ambassadors, of which 41 were in the active work. During his long ministerial life, he was stationed at Gananoque, Onslow, Gatineau, Bath, Elizabethtown, Perth, St. Andrews, Merrickville, Rawdon, Winchester, Innisfil and Meaford. At the latter place his health failed from overwork, and he was compelled temporarily to retire. After four years' rest, his health was so far restored he entered upon the Indian work, in which for 25 years he labored acceptably and successfully on the reserves at St. Clair, Christian Island, Grand River and Oneida.

Brother Hurlburt was an affectionate husband and father, and leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss. He was a man of ripe experience, sound judgment, clear perception and extensive range of reading. Modest and unobtrusive, he was easy of access to those who sought his sympathy and advice, and many a young minister received wise and fatherly counsel from his lips. As a writer he was a frequent contributor to the *Guardian*, and had just prepared, a week or two before his own decease, an article for the *Magazine*, on "The pioneer mission work" of his late brother Thomas.

He loved the Lord's House, and was never absent from the public means of grace, when his health permitted. During the last year of his life, it was evident to his friends that he had passed the summit of the hill of life and was going down apace. Memory was becoming considerably impaired, but his quotations of Scripture were always apt and correct, and the mention of Christ's name filled his heart with holy joy. At the last quarterly meeting he attended, held at Fairfield three weeks before his death, he begged the opportunity at the close of the service, as an old man, to exhort the membership to a higher and holier life, stating his intention to present a copy of "Wesley's Christian Perfection" to each one of the leaders. On the Sabbath, two days before his death, he spoke with such singular fervor that a deep impression was made upon the members of the class in which he met. At the close of the service he spoke again on the subject so near his heart, viz., consecration to a holy life. Little did he or his hearers think that he was standing so near the borders of the better land.

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The services connected with the funeral were conducted by the Revs. Collins, Cooley, Foote, Voaden and the pastor of the church. A large number of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting place, where all that is mortal of our dear departed brother awaits the resurrection of the just.

HENRY E. C. STONEY.

Henry E. C. Stoney was born in Stratford, Ont., March 19th, 1869, and departed this life in the fourth year of his ministry, and on the 23rd anniversary of his birth. He was the only son of John L. and Emma C. Stoney, of Hamilton, grandson of the late Rev. Edmund Stoney, and nephew of the late Revs. Hall Christopherson, of the Methodist Church in Canada, and Henry Christopherson, of England.

Dedicated to God by his devoted mother, and influenced by Christian teaching and example, he was from his earliest years of consciousness acquainted with the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and King. As he himself said shortly before his departure, the influence of home with God's blessing had made him a Christian from childhood. When 11 years of age he made a public profession of faith in Christ, and was enrolled as a member of the Centenary Methodist Church, Hamilton, by the late Rev. W. W. Ross. In his 16th year he began the study of law, and, in the fall of 1887, passed a successful examination in Osgoode Hall and became a member of the law society. But, being deeply impressed with the thought that God called him to another line of work, he consulted his pastor, the late Dr. Samuel J. Hunter, and laid before him the convictions of his heart. Being encouraged by his pastor, he began at once as physical strength permitted, to prepare himself for the great work of preaching the gospel. He was licensed to preach and duly recommended by the Centenary Quarterly Official Board, and in June, 1888, was received by the Conference as a candidate for the Christian ministry. After spending two years in active work, with much acceptance, on Springford and Townsend Circuits, he was allowed, to his great delight, to attend college. With increased bodily vigor, and thorough mental culture, he hoped to accomplish a grand work for God and humanity; but on the morning of the 19th of March, he ventured out on Lake Ontario for a sail, a gale drove him far out from the harbor, his boat upset and he found a watery grave.

Brother Stoney was a young man of good mind, pleasing address, firm principle and generous disposition. His very countenance indicated purity of intention and strength of soul. His life's work was done far sooner than he or any of us had thought, but,

“ ‘He liveth long who liveth well,
All other life is short and vain,’
He is not dead, but gone before,
For such as he ‘there is no death!’

“ ‘The stars go down
To rise upon a fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forever more.”

Niagara Conference Necrology

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1884.

“These all died in faith.” “They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

Year began Ministry.	Name.	Place of Birth.	Died.		Age.	No. of yrs in Ministry.
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1836	Schuyler Stewart.....	N. York State	Jerseyville..	Aug. 21, '84	80	48
1855	Edmond E. Sweet	England.....	Brantford..	Sept. 27, '84	72	29
1880	Henry M. Cosford	Canada.....	Montreal...	Oct. 11, '84	28	4
1831	John Baxter	Canada.....	Ridgeway..	Dec. 12, '84	77	53
1826	Richard Phelps.....	N. York State	Kelvin.....	Jan. 27, '85	88	59
1862	John Elliott.....	England.....	Ayr.....	Jan. 31, '85	61	23
1837	Thomas Rump	England.....	London.....	Dec. 2, '85.	86	48
1835	David Griffin	Canada.....	Straffordville	Dec. 5, '85	89	50
1844	Elias Williams	Canada.....	Brantford..	May 22, '86	64	42
1858	Thomas Brock.....	Ireland.....	Mt. Forest..	July 18, '86	49	28
1839	John Towler.....	England.....	Wingham..	Mar. 11, '87	73	48
1843	Francis G. Weaver.....	Canada.....	New Credit.	May 19, '87	66	44
1847	John S. Evans, D.D.....	Ireland.....	Hamilton..	Aug. 5, '87	67	40
1819	George Washington....	Ireland.....	Muskoka...	Aug. 14, '87	89	70
1861	Samuel J. Hunter, D.D.	Canada.....	Hamilton...	April 30, '88	45	27
1837	Henry Lanton	England.....	Hamilton...	Sept. 19, '88	80	51
1846	John A. Williams, D.D.	South Wales.	Toronto....	Dec. 17, '89	72	44
1836	Wm. Willoughby.....	Ireland.....	Brantford..	April 13, '90	80	54
1861	D. M. McKenzie.....	Canada.....	Milton.....	Oct. 30, '89	53	29
1842	Michael Baxter.....	England.....	Fenwick....	July 23, '89	87	47
1855	Wm. H. Laird	Canada.....	Hamilton..	Jan. 11, '91	55	36
1842	Wm. Morton.....	Ireland.....	Hamilton..	Mar. 23, '91	74	49
1842	Charles Lavell.....	Canada.....	Niag'a Falls	April 29, '91	69	49
1838	C. W. M. Gilbert	Canada.....	Delhi	Dec. 19, '90	78	52
1844	Erastus Hurlburt	Canada.....	Burford....	Aug. 25, '91	72	47
1860	D. E. Brownell.....	Canada.....	Detroit, U.S	Oct. 1, '91	54	31
1860	E.A. Stafford, D.D., LLD.	Canada.....	Hamilton..	Dec. 21, '91	52	31
1888	H. E. C. Stoney	Canada.....	Cobourg....	Mar. 19, '92	23	3

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OF THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE, TO THE CHURCHES UNDER ITS CARE.

(To be read in all the Congregations.)

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—In the providence of God we have been kept through another year, and assembled in our annual Conference send you cordial and affectionate greetings. “Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing, your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing brethren beloved of God, your election.” We assure you that this address is not written to you as a mere custom, but because we would convey to you our Christian greetings, and suggest such counsel as the experiences of the past and the circumstances of the present may call for. You are in our thoughts, and all the work of the Conference has your well-being in view. We remind you that this is a mixed Conference; composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen, and what we do is not the work of one order, both of both; using their maturest judgment and best thought for the good of the whole Church. Our deliberations have been of the most harmonious character, and daily, prayer has gone up to the Great Head of the Church, that He might guide us in all our conclusions.

Receive your pastors as “the sent of God,” and in a loyal, faithful manner rally around them, supporting them well, and holding up their hands in the all-important and responsible duties entrusted to them as the “overseers of the Lord’s flock.” Let your lives be fully consecrated; live in the higher, purer atmosphere of separation from the world, and of devotedness to God, through the Holy Spirit. Permit us to remind you that we are “every one members one of another,” and are mutually dependent; while each *one* is needful in his place as an individual, he is also necessary to the whole. We differ in gifts, graces and ability, but each in his own place may do the work of God, “bearing the burdens of the weak,” “coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty” or “going forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.” Out of devotion to the Master, and earnest effort in behalf of those who are “redeemed by His blood,” there will assuredly come to you great personal blessing, and that joy which follows the conversion of souls. As ministers, our chief satisfaction is found in the upbuilding of believers, and in the saving of men. We exhort that you pray that this year we may reap a great harvest of souls, and have a revival in every Church throughout our work.

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Once again we remind you of the value and importance of the social means of grace, "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another," and we urge the duty of abiding loyal to the class-meeting: of having a largely attended and interesting prayer-meeting in connection with every congregation. Keep up with regularity and faithfulness your family devotions, so that the incense of praise and prayer may unceasingly arise from the altars of our homes to the God of Israel.

We cannot speak too strongly concerning the observance of the Lord's Day. There is on all sides an effort to secularize the Sabbath, and rob it of its sanctity and influence. We cannot depart from the command to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" and be guiltless. This tree of evil may be stunted and destroyed best by a faithful recognition of the claims of the Sabbath on us as individuals, and by carefully governing our families on the old lines, keeping up the landmarks that make undoubted and clear distinction between the Sabbath and the week-day. Our land and nation will be honored of God and made happy and prosperous if we "call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and honor Him, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words."

It is very gratifying to us, and we are sure is also to you, to learn that the recent census reveals the fact, that in the last decade Methodism has made great progress in our Dominion. There is increase in all the Provinces, while in this Province of Ontario our growth has been greater than that of any other denomination; we now number 653,942 of Ontario's population, an increase of 62,439. In the whole Dominion we number 847,469, making ours the largest Protestant Church by nearly 100,000. These figures call for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, and cause us to exclaim, "Behold, what hath God wrought!"

A review of the year's work reveals the gratifying fact that prosperity has attended our labors in every department. The increase in membership is 674, after making up for 3,112 removals and 420 deaths. The various funds have been well sustained; the Missionary showing an increase of \$470, and the Educational of \$208, while all the funds are increased by \$1,289. We commend to your liberal support all these funds; especially making mention of the Sustentation, Missionary and Educational.

Our missionaries to China have, in the providence of God, enjoyed a safe and prosperous journey, and are now at their destination, where they will under the direction of Rev. Dr. V. C. Hart, address themselves to the great undertaking before them. We bespeak for them the warm sympathy and earnest prayers of the Church; and have no doubt but that this our newest mission will with God's blessing be a very prosperous one; and not only prove a blessing to the darkened Chinese among whom they have gone to labor, but also to the Church at home; which will be led to give both her substance and her sons and daughters for the hastening on of the time when "all shall know the Lord."

The plans at work in behalf of our educational institutions are looking in the direction of a vigorous prosecution of this department of the Churches' interests. The buildings for Victoria College, which were commenced last year, will be completed and ready for occupation this fall; when the Faculty will remove to Toronto, which will henceforth be the

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headquarters of our educational work. The training of the ministry is of great importance to the Church, and while the income of the society yearly indicates a growing interest in this work—over which we greatly rejoice—we continue to solicit your liberal support both to the Educational Society, and to the Endowment and Building Funds.

The good work being done in our Sabbath Schools from year to year is very pleasing. We have 25,889 scholars in the schools of this Conference, and last year 1,306 are reported as having been converted, while 816 are in catechumen classes. The handsome amount of \$14,896 was expended for the maintenance of these schools, which is a most satisfactory showing. The Sabbath School is the recruiting ground of the Church, and in this portion of our country we cannot longer look to emigration as the field from which to gather, but must rear our youth within the pale of our own Church for God, and the work committed to us. We deplore the absence of the catechism in so many Sabbath Schools and homes, and most respectfully urge that it be more universally taught. We would also impress upon all parents the duty of dedicating their infants to God in the sacrament of baptism, and then of uninterruptedly training them "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The large army of teachers and workers in our schools, who unselfishly spend time and money, for the spiritual nourishment of the youth, have our best thanks, and our continued prayers and support.

The Epworth League has grown wonderfully; we have now reported sixty-seven Leagues with a membership of 2,818. This is an important feature of our work, and an agency of much promise and power. Let all our young people be taught to "Look up, and Lift up." We strongly recommend that the Sabbath School and Epworth League be utilized as a medium for imparting instruction in temperance, and the prohibition of the liquor traffic; and also abstinence from the use of tobacco in every form.

We do not by any means despair of the ultimate success of the temperance movement in our land. We stand in the same attitude, and are emphatically in favor of the total prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicants. We reiterate the statement made last year, that "one of the greatest needs of the temperance cause to-day, is a compact and thorough organization of the friends of prohibition." We also need to prove ourselves really true to the principles we advocate, and throwing off all allegiance to political party, unfailingly stand up and out for the cause. Be consistent. Never sign a petition to license any person to sell; never vote for a known friend of the liquor party, nor in any way bring reproach on our religion by truckling to rum or the rum party. "Be firm, be vigilant." "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

We trust you will continue your hearty support to our excellent church publications, by taking into your homes the *Christian Guardian*, and *Methodist Magazine*; and into your Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and Mission Circles, *Onward*, *The Outlook*, *Pleasant Hours* and *Sunbeam*, together with literature for the school and home, published and sold at our Book Room in Toronto.

The roll call of our Conference has saddened us, for some of our honored and beloved brethren in the ministry did not answer to their names. We

paused from business, to bow in worship before the Lord of all, and also to think and converse about the servants of God who during the year were called up higher. Rev. H. E. C. Stoney, a probationer for the ministry, attending College at Cobourg, met a tragic death by drowning. He was a young man of a fine spirit, and promised well for the future. Rev. Erastus Hurlburt, one of the oldest and most honored of our number, after long and faithful service, has entered into rest. He belonged to a generation of grand and noble Methodist preachers, who have almost all passed on to their reward, but the Church and the nation affectionately revere the memory of these pioneers. Rev. Daniel E. Brownell, who for more than thirty years went in and out among us, and who did good service for the Master, has been summoned to his reward. He was a man of deep and fervent piety, and always a soul winner. Rev. Ezra A. Stafford, D.D., LL.D., in the prime of life, and the brilliancy of his career, was taken from his congregation and this ministry, "clothed in royal ascension robes." His demise is deeply regretted by us; but the Lord knoweth what is best. The life of each brother is his testimony, and we are consoled in the assurance that they died well. We deeply sympathize with the bereaved ones, and commend them affectionately to the God of all comfort and grace.

With the close of this Conference another year begins, and we together go forth into the vineyard. Look for great things; for revivals; for increased spiritual life in the Church. Seek personally, sanctification of heart and life, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep vigorous, by diligently applying yourselves to all the Christian duties that come to you. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Guard well every interest of our beloved Zion; practise more than you profess; and keep separated from the forms and follies of the world. May He who walks among the golden candlesticks, and is the source of all blessing, cause you to "abound in all goodness," and "make your light to shine more and more unto the perfect day."

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