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OF THE

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OF THE

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OF THE PEOPLE DENOMINATED

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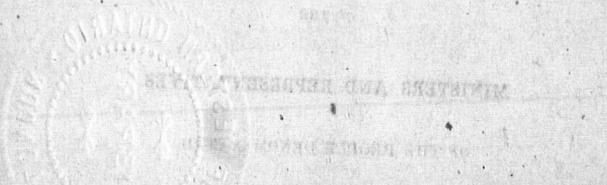
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TRUSTEES OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Meeting on Thursday, June 1st and 2nd of Wednesday

June 1st 1850

Resolved by Order of the Trustees, and that they have a book  
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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

*Seventeenth Annual Conference*

*Of the Ministers and Representatives of the People denominated Bible Christians, held in the Bible Christian Church, Exeter, Ont., begun on Thursday, June 1st, and ended, on Wednesday, June 7th, 1871.*

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference?

ANSWER.—William Samuel Pascoe, President of the Conference, 1870.

Edward Roberts, Secretary	do	do
William Hooper, Superintendent of Cobourg District.		
William Robert Roach, do.	Exeter	do.
William Jolliffe, do.	London & Cleveland	do.
Henry Ebbott, do.	Wisconsin	do.
George Webber, do.	Prince Edward Island	do.

*Representatives sent by their Respective District Meetings.*

John Farnsworth, sent by Cobourg District Meeting.		
Thomas Courtice, " Bowmanville	do.	
Thomas Ford, " Exeter	do.	
Josiah Venning, " London and Cleveland	do.	

*Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.*

Paul Robins,	sent by Exeter District Meeting.
John Hicks Eynon,	" Bowmanville do
Thomas Greene,	" Exeter do
John Edwards,	" " do
Robert Hurley,	" Cobourg do
Cephas Barker,	" Bowmanville do
John W. Butcher,	" Cobourg do
Jacob Gale,	" Bowmanville do
Jesse Whitlock,	" " do
Henry Kenner,	" Exeter do
David Cantlon,	" Bowmanville do
George Bodle,	" Exeter do
Garrance Tink Colwell,	" Wisconsin do
Andrew Gordon,	" Cobourg do
Archibald Clarke,	" Exeter do
John Kinsey,	" Cobourg do
George Dunkley,	" Exeter do
William Wade,	" London & Cleveland do
Walter Ayres,	" Bowmanville do
John Harris,	" London & Cleveland do
James J. Rice,	" Bowmanville do
Charles J. Pearse,	" Cobourg do
Lewis W. Wickett,	" Bowmanville do
William Hodnett,	" " do
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DAVID CANTLON was elected President ; W. R. ROACH, Secretary. WILLIAM WADE was elected Journal Secretary ; and W. C. BEER, Duplicate Secretary.

RESOLUTION 1.—That the unanimous thanks of this Conference be given to the Brethren, W. S. Pascoe, and E. Roberts, as President and Secretary of the Conference, for their valuable services, during the past year.

Q. 2.—Who remain on the list of APPROVED PREACHERS?

A.—

Francis Metherall, (superan.)	Cephas Barker,
Paul Robins,	William Hooper,
John Langdon, (superan.)	Henry Ebbott,
John Hicks Eynon, (do.)	Joseph Hoidge, (superan.)
Abraham Morris, (do.)	George Haycraft, (do.)
John Brown Tapp, (do.)	John Watson Butcher,
Thomas Greene, (do.)	Jacob Gale, (superan.)
John Edwards, (do.)	Jesse Whitlock,
Robert Hurley,	William Woodman,
John Chapple,	William Roberts Roach,
John Willams, (supernum.)	William Samuel Pascoe,

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Henry Kenner,  
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Thomas Raynard Hull,  
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Andrew Gordon,  
Isaac Ashley, (supernum.)  
George Webber,  
Edward Roberts,  
William Jolliffe,  
Archibald Clarke,  
Henry A. Newcombe,  
John Kinsey,

George Dunkley,  
Samuel Jolliffe,  
William Wade,  
William P. Hunt, (supernum.)  
Walter Ayres,  
John Harris,  
James Joseph Rice,  
Charles James Pearce,  
Lewis William Wickett,  
Richard Thomas Courtice,  
William Hodnett,  
William Kinley,  
William C. Beer,

\*Anslem Schuster,

\* Bro. Schuster is received into Full Connexion under special circumstances.

Q. 3—Who are admitted into FULL CONNEXION ?

A.—

James Collins, 1st, Robert Baker,  
Stephen Henry Rice,

Q. 4.—Who remain on TRIAL ?

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†Alexander Richard, James Collins, 2nd,  
Roger Allin,

These have travelled *Three* years.

†Bro. Richard remains on Trial, at his own request, having been attending College, the last year.

John George Yelland, Joseph Archer,  
George Smith,

These have travelled *Two* years.

William Quance, Richard Brokenshire Rowe,  
Gershon Nott,

These have travelled *One* year.

Q. 5—Who are admitted on TRIAL ?

A.—

Mark Hardy.



Q. 6.—What are the statistics of the Connexion.

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SELF SUSTAINING CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Chapels.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	Received from other circuits.	On Trial.	Members.	Total.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg.....	2	11	4		2	18			166	166	35	242
Port Hope.....	2	12	5	1	2	28	1	20	194	214	45	270
Bowmanville.....	5	13	9		5	49	12	26	394	420	100	580
Hampton.....	3	22	9	1	3	12	5	22	363	385	117	611
Mariposa.....	2	15	12	4	3	35	2	89	347	436	85	633
Exeter.....	3	11	10	1	4	16		11	363	379	100	624
Mitchell.....	2	11	6	1	1	27			298	298	31	462
Cleveland.....	1	1	1				2	2	56	57	8	85
Orange & Chagrin Falls	2	4	3	1		2	6	2	102	104	25	150
Palmyra.....	1	8	2	3	2	10		7	79	86	35	175
Yorkville.....	1	9	5	3	3	6		17	163	180	48	261
Peterborough.....	1	5	3	3	1	4	5	3	119	122	22	190
Usborne.....	2	5	8	1	3	9	2	9	211	220	56	316
Lisbon.....	2		2	1	2	14			102	102	19	127
Total in Circuits, .....	29	127	79	20	31	231	35	207	2962	3169	726	4726
MISSIONS.												
Lakefield.....	1	4	3	3	3	12	5	16	135	151	19	136
Seymour.....	1	2	5		6	6		3	77	80	7	50
Huntingdon.....	1	3	1	5	1	1			82	82	8	80
Hungerford.....	1	3	4	6		8		1	109	110	14	100
Perrytown.....	1		4		2	8	1	5	80	85	14	90
Oshawa.....	1	2	1		2	2	3	7	75	82	20	120
Pickering.....	1	8	5	2	1	11		2	87	89	32	260
Prince Albert.....	3	8	6	3		9		4	144	148	60	269
Scott.....	2	4	4	1		2			39	39	6	50
Fenelon.....	2	6	4	2		12		2	100	100	18	65
Lindsay.....	1	2		2		9		6	88	94	10	100
Clinton.....	1	4	4			8		2	73	75	12	115
Colborne.....	1	6	4	3	1	7	1		140	140	32	150
Grey.....	1		2	1				1	24	25	8	40
Warton.....	2	2		9		2	1	8	72	80		
London.....	2	9	3	1	1	6	7	29	150	179	35	273
Ingersoll and Dereham	2	6	4	1	3			2	103	105	20	100
Little Prairie, U.S.....	1	1		3					24	24	20	140
Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	3	12	7	2	4	2		28	213	241	25	220
Vernon River, P.E.I.....	1		5		1	3			77	77	3	16
Murray Harbor, P.E.I.....	1	2	3	4	2			4	81	85	4	40
West Cape, P.E.I.....	2	5	1	5		2		15	46	61	4	30
New Bideford, P.E.I.....	1	1	2	5					62	62	6	65
Total in Missions. ....	33	90	72	58	21	100	40	133	2081	2214	377	2503
Grand Total. ....	62	217	151	78	52	331	75	340	5043	5383	1103	7229
Increase. ....	1	3	3			24	31	16				331
Decrease. ....				5	1				107	91		

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Q. 7.—What preacher has died during the year ?

A.—EDWARD PRICE, who was born in the Parish of Bream, Gloucestershire, England, March 6th, 1838. The earlier years of his life were spent in thoughtlessness and folly, notwithstanding the good example and excellent training which he received. At the age of 17, he was led to Christ, by the instrumentality of Bro. Jenkins. Of the reality of his conversion, there could exist no doubt ; it was clear, conscious, and scriptural. And from the hour of his finding Jesus, to his death, Bro. Price was steadfast in the faith, while his steady and consistent course, won for him the respect of the church and the world. He soon became very useful in the Sabbath School, and in business meetings, and in connection with the cause of Christ generally. His first attempts to preach were feeble, from his timidity and hesitation ; but his services were so well received, that it was felt by the people that, his God-commissioned work was to preach the Gospel of Christ ; and notwithstanding their reluctance to part with one they held so dear, the circuit felt that they could not withhold so good and useful a man from the undivided service of God ; and Bro. Price, under the conviction of duty, entered upon his true *life work*, the Ministry of the Gospel, at the Conference of 1861. The period of his ministry, was a brief nine years. The Circuits to which he was appointed were the Newport, (Isle of Wight,) Crondall, Hick's Mill, and Forest Hill, in England, and Port Hope, in Canada. On every station he was well received, and rendered very useful ; his labors being owned of God, to the conversion of many souls. His talents were of a superior order ; his person gentlemanly ; his manner kind and sympathizing ; his conduct unblemished, and christian ; and combining such rare excellence, he became a popular man and minister. But the constant task on his brain and health, led to a severe affliction at Port Hope. His system being comparatively exhausted, the rest which the Conference of 1870 decided to give him, came too late. He rapidly sunk after the Conference. His weakness was great ; his pain, at times, most agonizing. But he bore all with the most exemplary patience and resignation. God's grace abundantly sustained him. His last words were expressive of the fullest confidence in God, and the most blessed prospect of heavenly glory ; and on July 6th, 1871, he passed home to God ; the Conference having lost one of its best and most useful ministers, while heaven received him into the family of saints.

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed this year ?

A.—As follows :

I.—Cobourg District.

1. *Cobourg*. W. Hooper.
2. *Port Hope*. L. W. Wickett ; J. B. Tapp, Superannuated.

	Teachers	Scholars
6	35	242
4	45	270
0	100	580
5	117	611
8	85	633
9	100	624
	31	462
	8	85
	25	150
	35	175
	48	261
	22	190
	56	316
	19	127
	726	4726
	19	136
	7	50
	8	80
	14	100
	14	90
	20	120
	32	260
	60	269
	6	50
	18	65
	10	106
	12	115
	32	150
	8	40
	35	273
	20	100
	10	140
	5	220
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	4	40
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	4	60
	6	35
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3. *Welcome*. R. Hurley.
4. *Perrytown*. R. Allin.
5. *Hungerford*. A. Gordon; one to be sent.
6. *Huntingdon*. W. Kinley.
7. *Campbellford*. A. Schuster.

W. HOOPER, Superintendent of the District.  
L. W. WICKETT, Chapel Secretary.

#### II.--Bowmanville District.

8. *Bowmanville*. W. S. Pascoe; R. Baker; J. H. Eynon and J. Gale, Superannuated.
- Connexional Offices: C. Barker, Editor and Book Steward.
9. *Hampton*. E. Roberts; W. Hodnett.
10. *Oshawa*. J. J. Rice.
11. *Pickering*. J. Hoidge; J. Williams, Supernumerary.
12. *Prince Albert*. D. Cantlon; G. Nott. J. Langdon, Superannuated.
13. *Scott*. C. J. Pearse. A. Morris, Superannuated.  
D. CANTLON, Superintendent of the District.  
W. HODNETT, Chapel Secretary.

#### III.--Victoria and Peterborough District.

14. *Mariposa and Brock*. J. Whitlock, R. T. Courtice, J. Archer, One to be sent.
15. *Peterboro'*. J. W. Butcher.
16. *Lakefield*. S. H. Rice.
17. *Fenelon*. G. Smith; I. Ashley, Supernumerary.
18. *Lindsay*. W. Ayers.\*  
J. WHITLOCK, Superintendent of the District.  
R. T. COURTICE, Chapel Secretary.

#### IV.--Exeter District.

19. *Exeter*. H. Kenner, M. Hardy; J. Edwards, Superannuated.
20. *Mitchell*. A. Clarke, P. Robins.
21. *Clinton*. W. Wade; T. Greene, Superannuated.
22. *Grey*. One wanted.
23. *Colborne*. G. Dunkley.
24. *Usborne*. G. Bodle; Another.
25. *Warton*. W. Woodman, J. Collins 1st.  
H. KENNER, Superintendent of the District.  
P. ROBINS, Chapel Secretary.

#### V.--London and Cleveland District

26. *London*. W. Jolliffe, J. Collins, 2nd.
27. *Ingersoll and Dereham*. W. R. Roach, W. H. Quance.
28. *Cleveland*. W. C. Beer.

\* Bro. Ayers to change every Fourth Sabbath, with one of the Preachers on the Mariposa Circuit.

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29. *Orange and Chagrin Falls*. J. Harris, A. Richard.

30. *Colchester*. J. Kinsey.

W. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of the District.

W. R. ROACH, Chapel Secretary.

#### VI--Wisconsin District.

31. *Palmyra*. T. R. Hull.

32. *Lisbon*. G. T. Colwell ; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.

33. *Little Prairie*. S. Jolliffe.

34. *Yorkville*. H. Ebbott.

H. EBBOTT, Superintendent of the District.

G. T. COLWELL, Chapel Secretary.

#### VII--Prince Edward Island District.

35. *Charlottetown*. G. Webber ; W. P. Hunt, Supernumerary.

36. *Wheatly River*. W. Medland.

37. *Vernon River*. R. B. Rowe.

38. *West Cape*. J. Chapple ; F. Metherall, Superannuated.

39. *Summerside and Bideford*. H. A. Newcombe.

G. WEBBER, Superintendent of the District.

H. A. NEWCOMBE, Chapel Secretary.

#### SPIRITUAL STATE.

RES. 27.—“In reporting the Spiritual State of the Connexion, we are subjects of the most mingled feelings. Conversions have occurred in every District, though not on every Station. The congregations and general attendance have improved in many places, and instances of growing spirituality are not wanting ; whilst for the most part, our members and societies are living in peace and love among themselves. But with sorrow, we confess that the number of conversions among us is too small and rare ; while of those who are gathered into our churches, too few abide unto the end, arising partly from the lack of a more consistent example of some of our older members, and the manifest and culpable neglect of the social means of grace. What we obviously need, and fervently pray for is, a more feeding and faithful ministry, frequent and wisely conducted special revival services, a devout and systematic attendance on the means of grace, greater simplicity and integrity in all our dealings, stronger faith in the promises of God, greater scriptural holiness of character, and richer baptisms of the Holy Ghost and of power.

#### BOOK ROOM AND PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

RES. 36.—That the following report of the Auditors be adopted.

“We have carefully examined and gone over the various Books and accounts, report of stock taking, &c., in connection with or belonging to the above establishments, and, after correcting some trifling errors in figures, do pronounce them correct as per general summary, to be presented to the Conference by the Editor and Book Steward.

We regret to find that there is a large amount of subscription, long past due, on the OBSERVER, some of which, we fear, will never be realized, and think the Conference, in its wisdom, ought to devise some plan to prevent its continued recurrence.

We were pleased to find that the Book Steward had a very neatly kept book, in which can be seen at a glance, at any time, the state of the concern. And we recommend that a similar book be kept in connection with the

Printing Establishment. Considering the uncertainty of human life, we presume it would be a satisfaction for the Conference to know that, if the Editor and Book Steward should be suddenly called to his reward, his house will be found in order.

In conclusion, we wish to bear testimony to the kindness of Bro. Barker, and his willingness to oblige, and in every way to assist the Auditors in the discharge of their duties, and we do fervently pray the Great Head of the Church that his physical and mental ability may long be continued to him for his own comfort, and the benefit of the Church.

WM. WINDATT, }  
JAMES J. RICE, } Auditors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

RES. 37.—That the following Auditors' Report of the Connexional Funds be received and adopted.

"We the undersigned Auditors, beg to report that we have given our most careful attention to the various accounts submitted to us, and after correcting some errors, chiefly consisting of items entered in the wrong books, and making entry of several sums voted after the accounts were submitted, have much pleasure in reporting them correct and in perfect harmony with each other.

The various Funds stand as follows: On the Children's Fund, there is a deficiency of \$331.48; on the Contingent Fund a deficiency of \$450.21, and on the Missionary Society a debt of \$1414.38. The Beneficent Fund shows a balance in its favor of \$300.73. We would have been pleased to report the funds in a mere prosperous state, and hope that the time may not be far distant when a better balance sheet will be presented.

We recommend the Conference to devise some plan by which all the items in the various accounts shall be entered, before said accounts are submitted to the auditors. It is no pleasant thing for a Secretary who has a laudable desire to present his accounts in a neat and business-like form, to have to scratch and alter, until he is ashamed of his own book; besides, the altering of one book involves the altering of all the others.

We also recommend the Conference to make a law that shall be like the laws of the Medes and Persians; said law to make it the duty of all parties to close their accounts not later than the third day of its sittings. This done, all confusion will be avoided, and the Auditors know when to commence their work.

WM. WINDATT, }  
H. KENNER, } Auditors.

THANKS TO AUDITORS.

RES. 38.—That the best thanks of the Conference be given to the Auditors, for their valuable services.

STATISTICS.

RES. 39.—That the following report on Statistics be received and adopted.

"We the Committee on statistics, beg to report, That having carefully examined the returns from the several Districts, we regret that they do not present such a state of prosperity as could be desired. We find, while there has been an increase in Itinerant and Local preachers, chapels, and persons admitted on trial for membership, during the year, there are 91 fewer meeting with us in church fellowship than last year. This may be accounted for, in part, by the more rigid enforcement of discipline (occasioned by the new mode of charging the preachers' children's salary,) the large number of removals, fifty-two deaths, and the giving up of the stations on Lake Superior; but our present statistical returns are not what God's promises, the world's requirement, and faithful labor, might have led us to expect.

In the Sabbath School department, we are pleased to report an increase of 6 schools, and 331 scholars; leading us to hope that from the Sabbath Schools the church will receive a large accession to its ranks."

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## THANKS TO PORT HOPE FRIENDS.

RES. 41.—That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Port Hope Friends, for their kindness to our deceased Brother, Edward Price, and that the resolution of the Connexional Committee, that appeared in the *Observer*, be reprinted in the Minutes, viz: That this Committee hereby accord their grateful appreciation of the unremitting attention to our late brother, E. Price, and family, in his protracted illness, on the part of the community of Port Hope, and Circuit generally, and especially of Dr. Perks, to whose constant attention, doubtless, may be attributed much relief in Bro. Price's distressing illness.

## BOOK STEWARD.

RES. 44.—That the Book Steward's Report be received and adopted.

## CLASS MEETINGS.

"That this Conference views, with very grave apprehension, a growing indifference to Class Meetings, in many of our Societies, and with the view to render those meetings more interesting, and to secure a better attendance thereon, we heartily recommend the Leaders to take their Class Books to the meeting with them, and call the names as found in it. If any are absent the cause of that absence should be enquired into, and if thought proper, the Leader may name one or two persons, as a committee, to visit the absentees, (if he should not be able to do so himself.) The Leader is also affectionately requested to be very brief in his remarks, should he find it necessary to make any at all, and that, in no case, a Class Meeting be continued more than one hour, as recommended in our Digest."

## THOSE WHO ARE TAKEN FROM US BY DEATH.

RES. 47.—"That in connection with our statistical position, we notice, with deep sympathy for the bereaved ones, the removal of several dear friends to the Spirit land, and among others, so removed, we specially note the first born and beloved daughter of a Brother in the ministry, J. Hoidge, who only a short time since, was almost miraculously delivered from the iron grasp of death. We embrace this opportunity of offering our sincere condolence to Bro. and Sister Hoidge and family, in their heavy affliction, praying the Father of mercies to pour into their hearts the comfort He only can impart, under such severe trial, which He has already softened with the cheering thought, "they need not sorrow as those who have no hope;" and also with the fond anticipation, while she cannot return to them, they shall go to her and never part again."

## FINANCE.

RES. 48.—"Considering the state of the crops, and the general financial difficulties under which our friends were called to suffer in the past year, we are thankful to find the state of our funds so hopeful and encouraging. The Missionary fund, the Beneficent fund, and Quarterly receipts, being very much in excess of the last or any previous years; but we are sorry to find a debt exists on the Children's and Contingent funds, and suggest that the Conference should devise some plan to relieve those funds, and place them on a sounder basis. We recommend to our friends a continuance of their liberal contributions to the support of all our funds, consecrating of their substance to God proportionately and systematically, as faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God."

## UNION.

—"*Whereas*, After much enquiry, in reply to a special telegram, we did on Saturday last receive a copy of the basis of union agreed upon by the committees on union at their meeting in Toronto, on March 28th and 29th of the present year; having duly considered said basis,

*Resolved*,—"1. That in the opinion of this Conference an union of all the

denominations in this Dominion, holding Arminian or Methodist views of truth, would not be promotive of the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

"2. We incline to the opinion that, if upon enquiry it shall be found practicable to unite what are known as the minor bodies of the Methodist family, such union may subserve the interests of truth.

"3. That any basis of union, to be acceptable to this Conference, must secure to the laity their full share of privilege in the government of the Church.

"4. That while in view of our connection with the Bible Christian Conference in England, we cannot take any measure for amalgamation with any other body or bodies, without the consent of the English Conference; nevertheless, we hereby empower the Executive Committee during the present year to act as may to them seem right. Provided, always, that they do not commit us to a scheme repugnant to the above resolutions; nor will we be bound to accept any scheme, until we have had an opportunity of discussing it on its own merits; and further, we suggest that the necessary steps be taken to ascertain the views of the authorities in England, on this question."

GRANTS.

RES. ---That the following grants be made to the Mission Circuits, for the year ending May 10th, 1872.

- Lakefield.....all they can raise.
- Perrytown. Pay their deficiency out of the Missionary money, and apply the surplus to their church.
- Campbellford.....all they can raise, and \$35.
- Huntingdon.....ditto, and \$50; \$25 of this for furniture.
- Hungerford.....all they can raise, and 125
- Port Hope, Left with the Executive Committee.
- Oshawa.....all they can raise, and 90
- Pickering.....ditto. less 20
- Prince Albert.....ditto. and 50
- Penelon.....ditto, and \$125; \$25 of this for furniture.
- Brock, ditto, and a sum equal to the Mariposa Circ't Missionary money.
- Lindsay.....all they can raise, and 175
- Scott. Left with the Executive Committee.
- Clinton.....ditto.
- Colborne.....ditto.
- Grey. Left with the Executive Committee.
- Wiarthen, ditto.
- London.....ditto.
- Ingersoll and Dereham.....ditto. and 200
- Little Prairie.....ditto. and \$50 U. S. cur.
- Colchester. Left with the Executive Committee.
- Prince Edward Island District.....ditto. and \$450.

EDITOR'S REPORT.

Resolved, That the Editor's Report be received and adopted; that the unanimous thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered him for his valuable services, and that he be re-appointed to the offices of Editor and Book Steward for the coming year.

COMMITTEES.

Q. 7. Who are the Executive Committee?

A. The President and Secretary of the Conference, Superintendents of Districts, the Editor and Book Steward, the Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, the General Financial Secretary, J. Hoidge, W. S. Pascoe, R. Hurley, W. Windatt, T. Courtice, J. Clarke, T. Clarke, and J. Pickard.

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W. R. Roach, Secretary of the Executive Committee, and General Corresponding Secretary; C. Barker, Corresponding Secretary with England, and Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund; J. J. Rice, Missionary Secretary; E. Roberts, General Financial Secretary; J. H. Eynon, General Treasurer.

Q. 8. Who are the Stationing Committee?

A. The President and Secretary of the Conference, the Ex-President, Superintendents and Representatives of Districts, the Editor, Missionary, and Financial Secretaries.

Q. 9. Who are the Connexional Auditors?

A. W. S. Pascoe, and W. Windatt,

Q. 10. Who are the Examining Committee?

A. J. Hoidge, W. Jolliffe, and A. Clarke.

Q. 11. Where, and when shall the next District Meetings be held?

A. Cobourg District, at Welcome; Bowmanville District, at Columbus; Victoria and Peterboro' District, at Little Britain; Exeter District, at Elimville, Usborne Circuit; London and Cleveland District, at Cleveland, on the 3rd Wednesday in May. Wisconsin District, at Siloam, Palmyra Circuit, on the 1st Wednesday in May. Prince Edward Island District, at Vernon River, 2nd week in May.

Q. 12. Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

A. At Cobourg, on the first Thursday in June, 1872, at 9 o'clock, a.m. The Executive Committee to meet on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, a.m.

N.B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports ready to lay before this Committee. The Stationing Committee to meet the same day, at 4 o'clock, p.m. The Examining Committee, the preceding Wednesday, at 9 o'clock, a.m.

RES. 64.—That the cordial and hearty thanks of the Conference be, and is hereby tendered to the friends in Exeter, and its vicinity, for the kind and hearty manner in which they have entertained its members, during the present session; and that a copy of the Minutes be presented to each family as a mark of respect, and token of remembrance.

RES. 65.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Grand Trunk Railway Co., and C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director, for the special facilities afforded, in allowing us to travel over their line, too and from this place, for a single fare.

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## ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

DEARLY BELOVED,—“Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” According to our time-honored custom, we address you from this Conference, on matters of the utmost importance—matters, compared with which, all others sink into utter insignificance.

It gladdens us to know that many of you are ardently striving to “be blameless and harmless, the children of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.” Your “profiting appears unto many,” and we earnestly exhort you still to “walk by the same rule, and to mind the same thing.” Never waver in your allegiance to Christ; never slacken in your endeavors to serve His cause in the earth; never allow your feet, however weary, to pause in the Heavenly way, or your hands to hang down or be idle in the work of God. You are not your own,—you are the Lord’s, in your souls and bodies, in all you have and are.

That you may fully discharge your solemn responsibilities as members of the church of Christ, seek larger measures of his grace. Rely upon his wisdom for guidance; upon His Word for support; upon His promises for comfort; upon His presence for power; and upon his love for Heaven. To you, “Christ is precious;” but think not that you have, as yet, felt all His preciousness. By cultivating a more intimate acquaintance with Him, and gaining a more perfect knowledge of Him, your consolations shall more and more abound. You are not straitened in Him, and need not be, for “it hath pleased the Father, that in Him all fullness should dwell.”

Progress is a law of life; only the living grow. Evidence the vitality of your piety by its constant, vigorous, and visible growth. Yours must be a progressive and an aggressive life,—a life ever progressing towards the Christ-like, the divine, the eternal; a life constantly and increasingly aggressive upon the world, and in its opposition to sin and wrong. Let Christ be your exemplar, and his life your pattern, that “glory may dwell in our land.”

While we rejoice over such of you, as are ardently following after God, and pressing on “towards the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus,” it grieves us to know that too many in our Societies, halt in the way, as though weary of the Master’s yoke. Nay, more, we fear that too many are destitute of the power of religion, as is apparent in their lack of that mind which was in Christ Jesus, and their consequent love of the world. They are greedy of its gains, they pursue its pleasures, they conform to its spirit and fashions. “These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with

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you, feeding themselves without fear; clouds they are, without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, trice dead, plucked up by the roots. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration, because of advantage." Their state fills us with sorrow, their folly is our reproach, and their danger awakens our fears on their behalf. We pray for them, and for you, —for them, that God may bring them into a better mind and life, that they may be fellow workers for God, with us;—and for you, that you may hold fast your confidence, even unto the end, and God be more and more glorified in you.

Upon reviewing the past year, we are humbled before God. As a people, we are too nearly at a stand still. We have not been without times of special refreshing; souls have been converted on nearly every station, so that many of the "solitary places" have been made glad. Our material prosperity has been, we fear, more marked, and constant, and rapid, and large, than our spiritual prosperity and progress. This state of things has filled us with sorrow, and led to deep searchings of heart, and a strong desire to discover and avoid those evils, which by their obtaining amongst us, have led to so unsatisfactory a result from the labors of the year. The result of our anxious discussions, we now submit to you, in the hope that, by the Divine blessing, we may shake ourselves free of the evils that beset us.

1st. We think that the worldliness of many who are in connection with us, and the too general neglect of the social means of grace, such as the Class and Fellowship meetings, the Prayer meeting, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, have retarded our spiritual prosperity.

2nd. The too general lack of family religion has had a similar effect. Not a few, we fear, neglect to cultivate religious influence in the home circle, or show to advantage, as professed followers of Christ, in social life.

3rd. It is to be feared there is a lack of complete adaptedness to the requirements of our people, in much of our pulpit ministrations. Christianity in every day life, needs to be more fully explained and insisted on;—Christianity, as it affects the dispositions, forms the habits, controls the tempers, spiritualizes the characters, develops the principles, directs the aims, dictates the actions, and adorns the lives of a people, should be more fully and constantly insisted on. If a clear exposition of the great facts of Christianity, and a correct exhibition of its important doctrines be always needful, that a correct theology may always obtain among us, equally necessary is it, that Christian duty and privilege, should have a place equally prominent in our utterances, that our churches may be "complete in the Lord Jesus, lacking nothing."

4th. The comparative lack of real pastoral visitation, has also, we think, tended to our want of marked and great spirituality and prosperity. This is an evil, hard to be remedied on some of our larger circuits, as they cover so much ground, the members being so numerous, and the preacher's time so fully occupied, that he cannot possibly give due attention to this important duty, without an almost entire, and even criminal, absence from his family, closet and study. If the class-leaders could be persuaded to visit more frequently those members who absent themselves from the social means of grace, there would be less cause of complaint on this matter:

5th. The lack, in many cases, of a feeling of responsibility to work for God, has tended to produce the state of things we so much deplore. That it is the duty, and privilege, of all the Lord's people to labor constantly in His cause, and for his glory, to toil daily for the good of souls, and always to expect, and measurably to obtain the Divine blessing upon the work of their hands, are truths practically ignored by many who profess to be disciples of Christ.

The only effective remedy for these things, is such a re-consecration of the ministry to God, as shall enable each minister to say with all truthfulness, "I live, yet not I, it is Christ that liveth in me, and the life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God." In all their studies of the Word, and of the wants of the people, special care should be taken to "feed the flock of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood," that by "reproving every man, rebuking every man, they present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

While such a re-consecration to the work of the ministry is needful, it is equally necessary that you, beloved brethren, should rise to the higher walks of Christian life, that you may always know and feel, that "truly your fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ;" and that no one day of your lives may pass away unemployed for God. In one word, we are fully convinced, that both preachers and people, should humble themselves before God, and seek, and not rest, until all are filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us, therefore, beloved, adopt as our own, the resolve of the ancient prophet:—"For Zion's sake, will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

On behalf of the Conference,

D. CANTLON, President.

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## ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—After the lapse of another year of arduous toil, with its responsibilities, hopes, fears, and triumphs, we are met together in our Annual Conference, and avail ourselves of the opportunity of sending you our most fraternal greetings. It affords us no small pleasure to know, that while we assure you of our undiminished regard, and sincere love, that you fully reciprocate our affection, and though separated by the rolling deep, we are not only one in name, but one in faith, in purpose, and in heart. Set as we are for the defence of the Gospel, and having our lot cast in a period of the Church's history, when not only the outworks are most vigorously assailed, but when the most persistent efforts are put forth to overthrow the foundation and demolish the whole superstructure of Christianity; and when men are found, not only without but even within the pale of the visible Church of God, who boldly question the inspiration of the Bible, deny the Lord that bought them, and labor to bring into discredit the great fundamental doctrines of the Gospel; it is imperatively required of us that we nobly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and by our united, prayerful, and self-sacrificing devotion to the truth, seek its permanent establishment and glorious triumph in every land. We are conscious, (and every year presses it more fully upon our consideration), that our position in this ever extending, and important colonial possession of the British Crown, is a very high and responsible one. By the late action of our Legislature, we may regard our Dominion as now extending from the shores of the broad Atlantic, to those of the broader Pacific; embracing territory larger than the whole of Europe, and presenting a field for emigration, and missionary enterprise which has few equals, and no superior. We have much to do in forming the character, moulding the principles, and controlling the actions of our people. Nor has the Church in Canada failed to exert her influence for good in this respect. So nobly has she battled for civil and religious liberty, so interested has she been in providing for the education of our land, so energetically has she prosecuted her missionary operations, and so largely have these been owned of God, that we believe no people are more generally educated, stand higher in point of morality, or have a truer regard for spiritual things, than those who reside within the bounds of our Conference. And yet, with our yearly influx of immigrants, the continual opening up of new sections of the Dominion for settlement, and the removal of many of the children of our members and others, into them, there is a continual application for missionaries, and a constant necessity for missionary operations.

The superiority of the voluntary over the compulsory mode of sustaining religious institutions, has been demonstrated in

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the Province of Ontario. It is true, occasionally we meet with individuals so wilfully blind, or profoundly stupid, as to prefer state connexion, with its attendant enslavement, to the freedom and noble independence with which Christ invested his Church, and which she only resigned, when shorn of spiritual power, she grew greedy of filthy lucre, and allowed Satan to triumph over her. But when the vast bulk of our countrymen contrast the influence exerted, and the work performed by the different churches among us, they cannot but approve of the stand taken, the principles held, and the work performed by those churches which are supported by voluntary contributions alone. These have not only kept pace with the state endowed churches in the cities and towns, but even excelled them. They have mainly cultivated the mission fields, and carried the Gospel into the backwoods of our country, entitling them to the everlasting gratitude of its inhabitants. We realize now the blessing of a free church in a free state. And if we have not mistaken the signs of the times, if we are not entirely deceived by the wonderful dispensations of God's Providence, we must, and do hope that the day of your redemption in Britain draweth nigh.

While we deeply deplore that the spirit of war has so fully manifested itself in Europe, yet, the removal of the barriers which impeded the progress of the Gospel, the subjugation of the enemies of the Bible, the lessening and almost throwing off of the papal yoke by the Catholic nations, with the earnest efforts of the Church to enter the fields of labor that are opening, lead us to hope for the speedy downfall of error, and the complete triumph of truth.

We at times fear that the Church will fail to improve the golden opportunities presented in our day; that by her attachment to the world, and want of sympathy with God in the great purposes of His love, she may prove unequal to her high trust—unprepared to emulate the deeds of the sainted dead; whereas, by the possession of her now superior advantages, she should far transcend them in the extent of her labors, and the moral grandeur of her achievements.

During no Conference of the past, has the investigation of the spiritual condition of the Church been conducted with more faithfulness, or with a more earnest desire to detect any causes that are operating, to diminish the love, divide the energies, or militate against the success of the Church. While we rejoice that many of our members are truly devoted to God, and are by their spirituality, continuous exertion, and increasing liberality, nobly aiding the church in the accomplishment of her mission, yet so great are the material advantages in this country, so many are the paths leading to worldly honor and wealth, so

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much is there to awaken ambition, or to stimulate to an almost unceasing pursuit of worldly gain, that the Church is in great danger of losing her spirituality, and turning aside from her work of faith and love. We have to lament, that too extensively, the tone of piety is below the Bible standard, the attendance on the social means of grace below the Bible rule, the possession and exemplification of the graces of the spirit below Bible privileges, and the devotion to holy toil below what the world requires, and the Bible imperatively demands. This accounts for our small success in winning souls to God, and in building up the Church. This, too, compels us at times, to report with stricken hearts, as we do this year, a decrease in membership, and largely accounts for the difficulty we experience in finding suitable men to perform the duties of the ministry among us. May God baptize the Church with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Very early in the year, our dear Brother Price, whose protracted affliction we referred to in our last address, was called to his reward. His life was exemplary and devoted, his career short but successful, his death peaceful and triumphant. We sorrow, but not without hope, for those who sleep in Jesus.

Bro. Hunt, whom few of us know personally, but with whom we deeply sympathize, is still severely afflicted, with but little probability of his recovery; death may at any moment release him from his sufferings. We pray God mercifully to sustain him.

Bro. Green's age and infirmities, compel us to request you to superannuate him. He has been laboring under special regulation during the past year, but finds himself no longer physically adequate to the work of the ministry.

We have been compelled to place on the list of supernumeraries our respected Bro. Williams, who for the past six months, has been entirely laid aside with throat disease; and we are sorry to add, that there is little probability of his ever resuming the work of the ministry.

Bro. Hoidge, whom you last year, at our request, superannuated, feels so far improved in health, as to desire a Station, and we have complied with his request, and hope he will find his strength equal to the duties he will have to perform.

During the year death has invaded a few of our homes, taking loved ones away. Among the number we may mention Annie, the eldest daughter of Bro. Hoidge, who early gave herself to God, and died in the faith of the Gospel.

We tender you our thanks for sending Bro. Medland to our aid; who is working with acceptance and usefulness, on P. I. Island. And we hope, that as we have placed Toronto, Hamilton, Brock, and Colchester, on the list of Stations, you will, in answer to our further application for assistance, send us such men

as will be suitable for the two former places; so as to enable us to take our proper stand in the larger cities, as well as in other portions of the Dominion. We have also determined to open Summerside, an important town on P. E. Island. We are pleased to add that, during the year, four of the Stations on the Island have become self-sustaining Circuits. The new Mission in Lindsay, through the blessing of God on the persevering labors of Bro. Ayres, has exceeded our expectations, and we are hopeful as to its future success.

During the year, great progress has been made in Church building. Beautiful and commodious edifices have been erected; and although our monetary condition is depressed, on account of an unusually unproductive harvest, yet the liberality of our friends so abounded, as to place nearly every one of said Churches out of debt, and even, in some cases, to leave quite a large balance in favor of the Treasurer.

We are also pleased to be able to inform you that the financial arrangements of last Conference, have worked to the satisfaction of our friends generally, as evidenced by the increased contributions to the Quarterly and Missionary Funds.

The Book Room and Printing Establishments are in a healthy and flourishing condition, and we hope, under the continued and able management of Bro. Barker, they will yet more largely contribute to our usefulness and prosperity.

The subject of Union between the whole of the Churches holding Methodist doctrine in Canada, has been discussed at length, and we have come to the conclusion that such an union is neither practicable nor desirable. But any scheme of union embracing the minor sections of the Methodist body, shall receive our most serious consideration.

During our sittings we have enjoyed pleasing intercourse with each other. We have felt, when discussing subjects on which a difference of opinion was entertained, "That it is good for brethren to dwell together in unity." The religious services were well attended, and were profitable and highly interesting, the Conference Lovefeast was honored with the Divine presence and blessing; and we repair to our respective fields of labor, resolved, in the strength of God, to live and work more fully for His glory, until the Great Head of the Church shall call us from our service below to our reward above.

D. CANTLON, President.  
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Allin Roger.....	1868	Perrytown.....	1
Archer Joseph.....	1869	Mariposa.....	1
Ashley Isaac.....	1856	Supernumerary.....	2
Ayres Walter.....	1863	Lindsay.....	3
Baker Robert.....	1863	Bowmanville.....	1
Barker Cephas.....	1838	Editor and Book Steward.....	6
Beer William C.....	1866	Cleveland, U. S.....	2
Bodle George.....	1856	Usborne.....	3
Butcher John W.....	1843	Peterboro.....	3
Cantlon David.....	1855	Prince Albert.....	4
Chapple John.....	1834	West Cape, P. E. I.....	2
Clarke Archibald.....	1860	Mitchell.....	4
Collins James 1st.....	1867	Warton.....	2
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Ebbott Henry.....	1841	Yorkville, U. S.....	2
Edwards John.....	1831	Superannuated.....	13
Eynon John H.....	1826	do.....	2
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Gordon Andrew.....	1856	Hungerford.....	4
Greene Thomas.....	1829	Superannuated.....	1
Hardy Mark.....	1871	Exeter.....	1
Harris John.....	1863	Orange & Chagrin Falls, u.a.....	3
Haycraft George.....	1841	Superannuated.....	14
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Hoidge Joseph.....	1841	Pickering.....	1
Hooper William.....	1840	Colbourn.....	2
Hull Thomas R.....	1855	Palmyra, U. S.....	2
Hunt William P.....	1862	Supernumerary.....	2
Hurley Robert.....	1834	Welcome.....	2
Jolliffe William.....	1858	London.....	3
Jolliffe Samuel.....	1862	Little Prairie, U.S.....	2
Kenner Henry.....	1855	Exeter.....	2
Kinley William.....	1865	Huntingdon.....	1
Kinsey John.....	1862	Colchester.....	1
Langdon John.....	1825	Superannuated.....	25
Metherall Francis.....	1822	do.....	13
Morris Abraham.....	1827	do.....	11
Newcombe Henry A.....	1860	Summerside & Bileford, p.e.i.....	4
Nott Gershon.....	1870	Prince Albert.....	2
Pascoe William S.....	1853	Bowmanville.....	2
Pearse Charles J.....	1864	Scott.....	1
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Rice James J.....	1863	Oshawa.....	2
Rice Stephen H.....	1867	Lakefield.....	1
Richard Alexander.....	1867	Orange & Chagrin Falls.....	1
Roach William R.....	1852	Ingersoll & Dereham.....	1
Roberts Edward.....	1858	Hampton.....	3
Robins Paul.....	1823	Mitchell.....	2
Rowe Richard B.....	1869	Murray Harbor, P.E.I.....	2
Schuster Anselm.....	1871	Campbellford.....	1
Smith George.....	1869	Fenelon.....	1
Tapp John B.....	1829	Superannuated.....	6
Wade William.....	1862	Clinton.....	1
Weber George.....	1858	Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	2
Whitlock Jesse.....	1848	Mariposa.....	4
Wickett Lewis W.....	1864	Port Hope.....	1
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*Hungerford*—Tweed.  
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*Hampton*—Hampton; 2nd Preacher, Columbus.  
*Oshawa*—Oshawa.  
*Pickering*—Duffins' Creek.  
*Prince Albert*—Prince Albert.  
*Scott*—Luskdale.  
*Mariposa & Brock*—Little Britain; 2nd Preacher, Manilla.  
*Lindsay*—Lindsay.  
*Fenelon*—Fenelon Falls.  
*Peterboro'*—Peterboro'.  
*Lakefield*—North Douro.  
*Exeter*—Exeter.  
*Mitchell*—Mitchell; 2nd Preacher, Fullarton.  
*Clinton*—Clinton.  
*Grey*—Dingle.  
*Colborne*—Carlow.  
*Elborne*—Elimville.  
*Warton*—Warton.  
*London*—London.  
*Ingersoll & Dereham*—Ingersoll; 2nd Preacher, Culloden.  
*Colchester*—Amherstburg.

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*Cleveland*—176 Orange Street, Cleveland, Ohio.  
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*Palmyra*—Palmyra, Jefferson Co. Wis.  
*Lisbon*—Sussex, Waukesha Co. Wis.  
*Yorkville*—Yorkville, Racine Co. Wis.  
*Little Prairie*—Little Prairie, Walworth Co. Wis.  
 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.  
*Charlottetown*—Charlottetown.  
*Wheatley River*—Wheatley River.  
*Vernon River*—Vernon River Bridge.  
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