



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSIONS**  
**OF THE**  
**BAY QUINTE**  
**AND**  
**NIAGARA CONFERENCES**  
**OF THE**  
**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**IN CANADA.**



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## MINUTES

OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, HELD AT NORTHPORT, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6th, 1850, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

### QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.

George J. Betts, D. F. Hutchinson.

### QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

ANSWER.

Henry Dockham, Joshua H. Johnson,  
L. S. Church.

### QUESTION III.

What Preachers are admitted into full Connexion?

ANSWER.—John McMullin.\*

\*Ordained this year.

### QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER.

N. H. Howard, John W. Sills,  
L. S. Church, J. H. Johnson,  
John McMullin, Charles Manson.

### QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

ANSWER.

Benson Smith, Wm. E. Nerman,  
John Sills, George Jones,  
James McNally, Michael Davy,  
Robert Earl, Wm. Brown,  
Robert Perry, David Wilson,

Hiram Williams,  
S. W. LaDu,  
T. Lewis,  
Luman Hurlburt,  
Sheldon Young,  
H. H. Johnson,  
James Gardiner,  
John Hill,  
B. W. Blanchard,  
J. Tuke,  
Ezra Orser,\*  
D. F. Hutchinson,

Daniel Brown,  
Wm. Bird,  
Henry Lane,  
Alexander Wright,  
I. N. D. West,  
Joseph Gatchell,  
J. F. Wilson,  
Wm. Graham,  
David Perry,  
J. G. Bull,\*  
J. A. Rogers,\*  
G. Shepard.†

\* Ordained this year.

† Transferred to the Niagara Conference.

#### QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendents?

ANSWER.

John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

#### QUESTION VII.

Who are the Supernumeraries?

ANSWER.

James McNally, John Hill,

#### QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER.

Joseph Gatchell, H. H. Johnson,  
I. N. D. West, Thaddeus Lewis,  
David Perry,

#### QUESTION IX.

Who have located this year?

ANSWER.

G. D. Greenleaf, Simon Terwilligar.  
Joseph H. Leonard.

#### QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XII.

Were the Preachers' characters examined?

ANSWER.

This was strictly attended to.

## QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XIV.

What numbers are in Society?

ANSWER.

Brighton Circuit,	238	Camden Circuit,	301
Hope " "	102	Waterloo " "	350
Sidney " "	351	Leeds " "	44
Belleville Station,	33	Crosby " "	208
Huntington Circuit,	167	Brockville and Eliza-	
Tyendinaga " "	220	bethtown Circuit,	414
Bay Quinte " "	342	Augusta and Spen-	
Millford " "	89	cerville Circuit	346
Hallowell " "	120	Matilda and Win-	
Ottawa Mission,	41	chester Mission,	190
Bonna Cheur " "	30	Stormont " "	65
Bytown	80	Wolf Island " "	33
Consecon Circuit,	97	Rideau Circuit,	138
Cobourg " "	50	Travelling Preachers	43

Total 4090

Total last year, 4096

Decrease this year,

6

## QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER.

**Bay Quinte District.**

JOHN F. WILSON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Hope	Circuit,	Alexander Wright.
Cobourg	Station,	S. W. LaDu.
Brighton	Circuit,	L. S. Church.
Percy	"	Wm. Graham.
Sidney	"	John Sills.
Rawdon	"	Ezra Orser.
Belleville	Station,	G. J. Betts.
Tyendinaga	Circuit,	Nathan H. Howard.
Huntington	"	John Tuke.
Consecon	"	George Jones.
Hallowell	"	Henry Lane.
Millford	"	W. E. Norman.

Joseph Gatchell,  
H. H. Johnson,  
I. N. D. West,

} Superannuated.

**Waterloo District.**

JAMES GARDINER, PRESIDING ELDER.

Bay Quinte	Circuit,	David Willson, D. Brown.
Camden	"	John G. Bull.
Waterloo	"	S. Young, D. F. Hutchinson.
Wolf Island	Mission,	To be supplied.
Leeds	Circuit,	J. A. Rogers.

David Perry, Superannuated.

Robert Perry, Left without an appointment at his own request.

John Hill, Supernumerary.

**Augusta District.**

WILLIAM BIRD, PRESIDING ELDER.

Elizabethtown	Circuit,	B. W. Blanchard, B. Smith.
Brockville	Station,	Joshua H. Johnson.
Augusta and Spencerville,		M. Davy, Henry Dockham.
Matilda and Winchester,		W. Brown, One to be sent.
Stormont	Mission,	John W. Sills.
Ottawa	"	John McMullin.

Bytown Circuit & Mission, Robert Earl.  
 Bonna Cheur " Hiram Williams.  
 Rideau Circuit, L. Hurlburt.  
 Crosby " Charles Manson.  
 James McNally, Supernumerary.

## QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

## ANSWER.

At the White Chapel, in Loberough, Waterloo Circuit, to commence the second Wednesday of August, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M.

## QUESTION XVII.

What has been collected for the Superannuated Preachers?

## ANSWER.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Hope,	£0 6 1	Leeds,	£0 1 4
Brighton,	1 2 3	Crosby,	0 4 4
Cobourg,	1 2 8	Brockville and	
Sidney,	0 8 9	Elizabethtown,	1 17 1½
Belleville,	0 6 4½	Augusta and	
Huntington,	0 5 0	Spencerville,	0 6 3
Tyendinaga,	1 5 0	Matilda and	
Bay Quinte,	0 0 0	Winchester,	0 0 0
Millford,	0 3 1½	Ottawa,	0 6 3
Hallowell,	0 7 0	Stormont,	0 1 10
Consecen,	0 5 0	Bonna Cheur,	0 0 0
Bytown,	0 5 6	Rideau,	0 9 0
Camden,	0 10 0	Wolf Island,	0 0 0
Waterloo,	1 3 10	Conference col.	1 15 8
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Total,			£12 12 4½

## QUESTION XVIII.

How was this appropriated?

## ANSWER.

Paid for Stationary,	£0 2 10½
" for Parchments,	0 17 6





## TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within  
the bounds of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference:

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

BELOVED AND DEAR BRETHREN:

It is with unfeigned gratitude to God that we record his mercy and tender love toward us during the past year, in preserving our lives, and in bringing us to meet once more in our Annual Conference. The important matters entrusted to our hands, and which so intimately concern the prosperity of our beloved Zion, have received the most careful and mature consideration of the Conference, and all has been finally adjusted, we trust, with a single eye to the glory of God, and the prosperity of His kingdom on earth. And now, as we are about to depart to our respective scenes of labor for the ensuing year, we present you with our Annual Pastoral Address. We met in the spirit of christian love, and are about to separate with increased attachment to each other, and to you, and to the great work in which we are engaged. We have renewed our covenant with God and with each other to prosecute our "work of faith and labor of love," with increased zeal and faithfulness, depending on Him who alone is "our sufficiency," and without whose blessing no effort can succeed.

The past year has not been so signally distinguished for extensive revivals as we could have desired, yet in several respects it has been a year of prosperity. On every charge we believe souls have been converted, and on some the spirit of revival has been poured out in a very gracious manner, and scores and hundreds have been brought into the liberty of the sons of God. To know that the "pleasure of the Lord is prospering in our hands," sinners converted, the Church edified, and the knowledge and praise of God spread abroad—this is the best compensation we can here receive for all our toils and privations, and this affords us sufficient encouragement to per-

severe in our high and holy work with undiminished ardour. So far from being disposed to relax our exertions, we are resolved to abound more and more in the blessed work of saving souls, being fully persuaded that our "labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

Beloved brethren, will you join with us in this renewed dedication of ourselves to God, and to the Church by the will of God? We need your co-operation. We are one in Church relation; our interests, our hopes, our aims are one. For what purpose do we live, if it be not to do the will of God, and to spread his praise? In simplicity of heart let us follow the Saviour, copy his example, walk in his steps, breathe the same spirit of benevolence and love, die like him to all below, and hasten on to the end of our race. "The time is short." O let us redeem the precious, fleeting moments; let us fill up our brief space with acts of Christian love and zeal, giving diligence "that we may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless."

You are called, dear brethren, with a holy calling. It is expected of you, as the professed followers of Christ, that you should be eminently pious, exemplifying in your daily walk and deportment, the purity, excellency, and power of the gospel, excelling in virtue, and abounding in all the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit. Your duties are various, and in every department of the work of Christ you will be expected to be found faithful. Consider the end of your calling. It is not to amass worldly riches, but to lay up treasure in heaven—not to seek for worldly honor, but to secure the honor which comes from God only—not to live in inglorious ease, but to devote your mind and body's powers to the work of God—not to secure your own salvation merely, and when that is accomplished to fold your hands and sit down as if you had nothing more to do, but to devote all the energies you possess to the work of saving others, never supposing that your work is done until called away from earth to enter upon the felicities of heaven.

There are many ways in which you can be useful.— The Tract Society claims your attention, and opens a door for the exercise of your christian charities. The Bible Society is one of the noblest institutions of the age, and one of the most efficient agencies ever employed for the evangelization of the world. Give it your most hearty support: put this lamp of truth in the hands of earth's benighted travellers; aid in supplying a famishing world with this bread of eternal life. A dollar thus devoted may be the means of saving a soul, a family, a neighborhood, from death; and shall we, for the sake of any worldly consideration, deny ourselves the unspeakable privilege of contributing to the accomplishment of a work so truly Christian?

The Missionary Society is another of those means of spreading the knowledge of God, in which you in common with others, are called to engage. No arguments are needed to convince you that this is the work of God, —the nature, the object, the success of this glorious enterprise, are sufficient evidence of this. You are already identified with this noble cause. Your liberality has enabled us to carry the tidings of salvation into many a destitute neighborhood, and supply many a famishing soul with the word of life. Brethren, help; God has a great work for us to do; large and extensive fields of usefulness lie around us; therefore let the love of Christ, let the love of souls constrain you. You have done much, but can you not do more? the destitute are crying to you for help, your missionaries are in the field, your treasury is not only empty, but in debt; what is to be done? We look to you for help, we commend this cause to your liberality and Christian sympathies; and we do this with the confident expectation that it will receive from you that prompt and efficient attention which its importance demands.

The Sunday School opens to you another door of usefulness which you cannot neglect without betraying, to some extent at least, the sacred trust committed to your

hands. Reflect with deep and serious attention upon your solemn responsibilities. The rising generation are dependent on you for their religious training; you have the call, the opportunity, and the means of exercising over them a conservative, moral influence, and imparting religious instruction to them; how then will you answer it to your consciences and your God, should any of them perish through your neglect? Let the love of Christ constrain you to seek, through this very efficient means, to save your own children, and your neighbor's children from ignorance and vice, to impart truth to their opening minds, and early to impress them with the fear of God and the importance of divine things.

We would also call your attention to our Printing Establishment. This concern is deeply embarrassed, and has to struggle with very formidable difficulties. Several causes have contributed to produce this effect. First, it was purchased on credit; this created a heavy debt which has been increasing ever since by interest. Second, the business has been conducted, principally, upon the credit system, thereby increasing the expense to a very considerable extent. In the third place, up to Feb. last, hundreds of papers were sent out weekly to subscribers from whom no returns have been received, being a constant and heavy drain upon the concern. From these causes the expenses have always exceeded the nett proceeds, thereby increasing the debt incurred in the commencement. These being the circumstances it became a serious question with the General Conference, whether to continue or to close up the business; but after the most careful and thorough investigation which could be made, the deliberate judgment of the conference was, that it could and ought to be sustained. The whole subject has been brought under our consideration, and we cordially acquiesce in the judgment of the General Conference. But in order to accomplish this object it will require the combined exertions of both preachers and people. Your preachers have set the example by paying down, or giving their note, for the sum

of twenty-five dollars each ; and having done this, we can with greater confidence appeal to you to step forward in aid of the establishment at this important crisis. The utmost exertions the preachers can make will be inadequate to relieve the present embarrassment, and place it in a remunerative condition ; we are constrained, therefore, to look to you for assistance. We are fully satisfied of the practicability of sustaining this Institution, and of rendering it a most powerful agency in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness in the world.

We cannot but regard its continuance as being of vital importance to our interests as a Church ; we are also fully satisfied there is no lack of ability, and, that when you come to reflect seriously upon the whole case, there will be no want of disposition, to contribute the necessary means. Let every one who feels any wise interested in the credit, honor, respectability, and usefulness, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, (all of which are involved in its failure) put to himself the question, "What will you give rather than that the Establishment should fail?" and then act accordingly, and we shall have no fears as to its future being and destiny.

There is another subject of very serious importance to which we desire briefly to refer—that of providing a more adequate support for your Ministers and their families. You will find, by referring to the Minutes, a Table shewing the *Claims, receipts, and deficiencies*, for the past year. We are aware that many of you deeply sympathize with your Ministers on this subject, and have given to the extent of your means, and in some cases even beyond your means ; but with respect to many others, perhaps the majority, the case is far otherwise—there is a great, not to say criminal, neglect. But we have long been of opinion that this is owing, not so much to the want of a disposition to contribute what is requisite, as to the absence of a deep and feeling sense of duty in the case, and the non-adoption of suitable means for interesting and engaging all in this department of CHRISTIAN DUTY. Brethren, make the case

your own. Could you consent to take your families from their comfortable homes, and hold yourselves in readiness to go, you know not where, giving up all means of subsistence save the voluntary contributions of the people to whom you may be sent, and labor on, year after year, subsisting, as best you can on the small pittance which your preachers are now receiving, with the certain prospects before you of being thrown, at no distant period, poor and penniless, broken down in constitution, or enfeebled by age, upon the cold charities of the world, to pass the evening of your life in *obscurity*, and *poverty*, and *affliction*? This is the condition, and these are the prospects of your preachers. Some of them have been necessitated to retire from the work this year, and others, probably will have to do the same another year, unless there be an improvement in the state of our finances. We love the cause, we love the work, we love the brethren, but we cannot perform impossibilities, we cannot live by simple faith alone. We ask not wealth; nor is it our wish to "lay up treasures upon earth; sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof;" but we ask to be placed above temporal embarrassments, to be left free from corroding care, and painful perplexities of mind respecting worldly matters; so that we may be able to devote ourselves wholly to the work of God. Think not that our hearts are in any sense alienated from you, or from our work; our affection for you is unabated, though we thus speak; and we rejoice to be able to say with the Apostle that "Ye are in our hearts to die and live with you."

And now dear brethren permit us to urge upon you the importance of personal holiness. The end of your calling is to "perfect holiness in the fear of God." This is the glorious liberty into which you are constantly exhorted to press. Exceeding great and precious promises are given unto you, to inflame your desires, and encourage your hopes, while seeking this great and crowning blessing. "Be ye holy," is the solemn injunction of Heaven. Nothing less than this can prepare you to fill with efficiency

your sphere of duty in this life, and nothing less can fit you to enter the glorious realms of bliss.

But would you attain unto the "fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ?" would you know the "depth and height, the breadth and length of the love of Christ?" would you "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," and be transformed into his holy image? then there must be an entire consecration of all you have and are to God. You must feel that you are not your own, that your talents, time, estate, all belong to God, and that you are but Stewards entrusted with these inestimable gifts to be employed during your short probation here for the glory of Him from whom you have received your every blessing, and before whose awful bar you must shortly appear to give an account of your stewardship. You must obey the divine injunction of "Come out from the world and be separate." "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Let your walk be circumspect, and your whole deportment such as shall reprove the follies of the world, and show to all that you are born from above, that your "conversation is in heaven," that you are indeed dead to all below, and ripening for your heavenly home.

Above all you must be punctual in attendance upon all the stated means of grace, having your minds deeply impressed with their importance, and using them with the view, and with fervent prayers to God, that they may subserve their high and holy purpose of perfecting in you all the fruits and graces of the matured Christian. Contribute to secure time for self-examination, and closet devotions; let nothing divert you from the full exercise and enjoyment of this never-to-be-sufficiently-prized privilege and duty. Attend strictly to family religion, especially reading the scriptures and prayer. Always meet in class not only that you may secure to yourselves all the spiritual benefits to be derived from this invaluable means, but that your example may stimulate others, to do likewise. Prize the preached word, and never allow your seat in the



holy sanctuary to be vacant. Attend to the duty of fasting or abstinence, and also that of the Lord's Supper. Regard these means as the appointment of a Being of infinite wisdom and goodness, who is intimately acquainted with all your wants and always kindly solicitous of your present and eternal welfare. If God did not know that you stood in need of them, he would neither provide them for you, nor enjoin them upon you. For your benefit they have been appointed, to your condition they are especially adopted, and they are admirably calculated to promote your spirituality, to build you up in faith and holiness, and to perfect you in the knowledge and grace of Christ. To the diligent use of these means you must look for the permanency of your religious character, for growth in grace, for victory over the world and sin, and for everlasting life beyond the grave. Upon these means we are to depend for the general prosperity of Zion, the spread of the gospel, the conversion of sinners, and the salvation of the world. We exhort you to prize them highly, and to continue in the diligent, faithful use of them, until we all come, in the "unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." "And now brethren we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified." We are about to separate, and re-commence our labors among you in our several Circuits. We deeply deplore the small success of our ministry in the past year, and while we would faithfully examine our own hearts, lest any decay in the fervour of our own piety, or deficiency of zealous service in the cause of God, should have obstructed the divine blessing, we earnestly entreat you to engage in similar searching of heart, and a serious, careful review of every past neglect and failure. Let us "stir up the gift that is within us," and labor to be "blameless and harmless, the Sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation," that "we may shine as lights in the world."

Let us endeavour to exert a holier and a more efficacious influence upon our families, our brethren in Christ, and upon all around us. Let us "renew our strength by waiting upon God," and redouble our efforts to make manifest in every place the savor of the knowledge of Christ, and by patient effort, labor to extend that work in which we are engaged, and have hitherto by the Divine blessing, been so successful. But never may we forget, that as all our success depends upon God, we can only obtain it by being constant in prayer, and deeply experienced in personal holiness. Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Our earnest prayer is that when our work is done we may be found of him in peace, "without spot and blemish."

PHILANDER SMITH.  
JOHN REYNOLDS.

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## Appendix.

### Names and Standing of the Local Preachers within the Bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference.

*Hope Circuit.*—David Lent, James Lent, H. Sherwin, David Nickerson, Elder.

*Brighton.*—Joshua Webster, Elder; George S. Tuttle, J. L. Sweet, Deacon.

*Cobourg.*—Darius Crouter.

*Millford.*—Wm. Ranous, Deacon; Wm. Williams.

*Sidney.*—A. Wood, Deacon; Ira Hays, John [Ranous.

*Huntington.*—W. Sills, P. Wright, J. Bird, J. Border.

*Tyendinaga.*—Wm. Bennet, Peter Holmes.

*Bay Quinte.*—George Sills, Elder; Augustus Shorts, Elder; D. Shorts, Deacon; M. German, Deacon; Daniel Unger, Deacon; Eli Woodcock, Ephraim Ash, Elder; G. D. Greenleaf, Elder.

*Camden.*—C. Thompson, Deacon; P. G. Selden, B. Lewis, J. D. Bell, Z. Mills.

*Hallowell.*—Simon Terwilligar.

*Waterloo.*—B. Atkinson, L. David, Jacob Darling.

*Leeds.*—J. Mallory.

*Brockville and Elizabethtown.*—Jabez Bullis, Elder; Peter Bullis.

*Augusta and Spencerville.*—J. C. Bass, I. Erret, Deacon; J. Johnston.

*Mxtilda.*—Elijah Tuttle.

*Winchester.*—B. Meeker, Deacon; —. Tuttle.

*Crosby.*—Wm. Brown, 2nd, Elder; Reuben Stevens.

*Rideau.*—J. Andrews, Elder; E. Landon, Deacon.

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## Course of Study.

### FIRST YEAR.

*Divinity.*—Bible; Wesley's Sermons; Second Part of Watson's Institutes; Discipline.

*English Grammar.*—Kirkham.

*Geography.*

### SECOND YEAR.

*Divinity.*—Bible with notes, Clark's or Benson's; First Part of Watson's Institutes.

*Church History.*—Ruter's; Mosheim's.

*Church Government.*—Bang's Original Church of Christ; Discipline, with Hedding's Notes.

### THIRD YEAR.

*Divinity.*—Bible; Wesley's Notes; Horne's Introductions; Third Part of Watson's Institutes; Discipline.

*Natural Philosophy.*—Comstock.

*Logic.*—Hedge or Jamieson.

*Mental Philosophy.*—Upham; Watts.

## FOURTH YEAR.

*Divinity.*—Bible, Watson's Apology, Fletcher's Checks.

*Rhetoric.*—Newman or Jamieson.

*Moral Philosophy.*—Dick or Paley:

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**Examining Committee.\***

Preachers on trial and the Deacons are expected to meet the Committee of examination at the White Chapel in Loberough, Waterloo Circuit, on Tuesday, the day next preceeding the meeting of the Annual Conference.

\* In consequence of not receiving the names of the examining committee, we are unable to publish them.



## MINUTES

OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE NIAGARA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, HELD AT PALERMO, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21st, 1850, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

### QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

#### ANSWER.

Wm. D. Brown,	John N. Elliot,
Nathaniel Roy,	John Wood,
Elisha Draper,	John Ormrod,
Daniel M. Shaw,	George Crossfield,
John Foster.	

### QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

#### ANSWER.

George Abbs,	S. M. Eastman,
Romulus B. Cook,	E. Lounsbury,
Wm. F. Lowe.	

### QUESTION III.

What Preachers are admitted into full Connexion?

#### ANSWER.

G. Bennett,	J. W. Jacobs,
T. Dawes,	J. McLean.

### QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

#### ANSWER.

G. Bennet,*	J. W. Jacobs,*
T. Dawes,*	J. McLean,*
Sylvester L. Kerr,	W. D. Brown,*
E. Harris,	A. Hall.

\* Ordained this year.

## QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

## ANSWER.

James Richardson,  
John Bailey,  
J. H. Huston,  
Caleb Sweazy,  
Thomas Webster,  
David Griffin,  
Henry Gilmore,  
Thomas Robson,  
S. Morrison,  
Schuyler Stewart,  
E. L. Koy!e,  
John Gibson,  
W. D. Hughson,  
N. A. Fraser,  
John Hayward,  
B. Lawrence,  
Geo. P. Harris,  
J. Mitchell,  
Gideon Shepard,

D. Culp,  
Jesse Owen,  
Charles Pettis,  
Daniel Pickett,  
J. W. Byam,  
S. Dunnett,  
George Turner,  
Lewis P. Smith,  
Barnabas Brown,  
William Cope,  
A. R. Roy,  
E. Bristol,  
C. W. Fraser,  
G. Lawrence,  
Wm. Woodward,  
I. B. Richardson,  
John Tufford,  
B. Markle,  
A. Jones,  
William Sutton.

## QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendents?

## ANSWER.

John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

## QUESTION VII.

Who have located this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Supernumeraries?

## ANSWER.

Caleb Sweazy,  
Elijah Harris,

C. W. Fraser,  
I. B. Richardson.

## QUESTION IX.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER.

Charles Pettis, George Turner,  
Daniel Pickett, Barney Markle,  
John H. Huston, David Culp,  
Jesse Owen.

## QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANSWER.—Job Moxom, while under censure and suspension for previous misconduct.

## QUESTION XII.

Were the Preachers' characters examined?

ANSWER.

This was strictly attended to.

## QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XIV.

What numbers are in Society?

ANSWER.

Darlington Circuit,	201	London Circuit and	
Whitby	"	Station,	450
Newmarket	"	Malahide Circuit,	223
Markham	"	Southwold	"
Yonge Street	"	Thames	"
Toronto	"	Howard	"
Nelson	"	Garafaxa Mission,	62
Hamilton and Barton,	300	Oakwood	"
Canboro	"	Long Point	"
Niagara	"	Sandwich	"



Norwich	"	222	Amaranth and St. Vin-		
Gainsborough	"	104	cent	"	116
Oxford	"	60	Sauble	"	108
Blenheim	"	155	Huron	"	120
Dumfries	"	215	Travelling Preachers,		60
			Rainham	"	118
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Total,					4563
Total last year,					4451
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Increase this year,					112

## QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER.

**Toronto District.**

SAMUEL MORRISON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Darlington	Circuit,	John Foster.
Whitby	"	J. Hayward, One to be sent.
Newmarket	"	W. D. Hughson.
Markham	"	A. Jones, D. M. Shaw.
Yonge Street	"	W. D. Drown, One to be sent.
Toronto	"	J. W. Byam, E. Draper.
Nelson	"	A. R. Roy, G. Abbs.
Garafaxa	Mission,	B. Lawrence.
Amaranth and St. Vincent,		W. Woodward, G. Crossfield.
Oakwood Ct. &	"	W. Sutton.
George Lawrence, Left without an appointment.		
A. Hall, Left without an appointment at his own request.		
James Richardson is Agent for the Upper Canada Bible Society.		

David Culp,	}	Superannuated.
Daniel Pickett,		
C. W. Fraser,		Supernumerary.

**Niagara District.**

S. DUNNETT, PRESIDING ELDER.

Hamilton	Station,	T. Webster.
Gideon Shepard, Editor of the C. C. Advocate.		
John Bailey, Book Steward.		
Barton	Circuit,	E. Bristol, G. Bennett.
Canboro	Circuit,	R. B. Cook.
Niagara	"	N. A. Fraser, J. N. Elliot.
Norwich	"	B. Brown.
Oakland	"	J. Tufford.
Gainsborough	"	W. F. Lowe.
Oxford	"	E. Lounsbury.
Blenheim	"	T. Robson.
Dumfries	"	L. P. Smith, J. Wood.
Rainham	"	J. Gibson.
Long Point Ct. and Mission,		E. L. Koyle.

Caleb Sweazy,  
Barney Markle,  
George Turner,  
Jesse Owen,

Supernumerary.

Superannuated.

**London District.**

WILLIAM COPE, PRESIDING ELDER.

London	Circuit,	S. L. Kerr.
"	Station,	J. McLean.
Malahide	Circuit,	G. P. Harris.
Dorchester	"	S. Stewart.
Southwold	"	J. W. Jacobs.
Thames	"	Thomas Dawes.
Howard Ct. and Miss.		D. Griffin, N. Roy.
Sauble	Mission,	John Ormrod.
Maitland	"	James Mitchell.
Huron Ct. and	"	S. M. Eastman.
St. Clair	"	H. Gilmore.

Charles Pettis, J. H. Huston, Superannuated

## QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

At St. Davids, Niagara District, to commence on the third Wednesday in August, 1851, at ten o'clock, A. M.

## QUESTION XVII.

What is the amount of the fifth Collection?

ANSWER.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Darlington,	£0 7 6	Oxford,	0 12 6
Whitby,	1 5 7½	Blenheim,	0 5 0
Newmarket,	0 0 0	Dumfries,	8 0 9
Markham,	1 5 0	Rainham,	0 15 0
Yonge Street,	0 15 7½	London,	4 2 11
Toronto,	1 14 3	Malahide,	0 6 0
Nelson,	2 7 3½	Howard,	0 9 4
Hamilton and Barton,	2 10 0	Southwold,	0 0 0
Canboro,	0 14 10	Thames,	0 8 9
Gainsborough,	0 12 6	Sandwich,	0 3 9
Niagara,	1 10 0	Sauble,	0 2 2
Norwich,	0 10 5	Garafaxa,	0 2 8
		Conference Col.	4 13 8
<b>Total,</b>			<hr/> £28 15 1½

## QUESTION XVIII.

How was this appropriated?

ANSWER.

Paid for Parchments and Certificates,	£0 17 6
" David Culp,	6 3 11
" J. H. Huston,	6 3 11
" George Turner,	6 3 11
" Daniel Pickett,	6 3 11
" Widow Alley,	3 1 11½
<b>Total,</b>	<hr/> £28 15 1½

## Stewards Report.

Claims, Receipts, and Deficiencies of Effective Preachers,  
Within the Bounds of the Niagara Conference.

CHARGES	PREACHERS.	Claim			Received			Defic'y		
		£	s	D	£	s	D	£	s	D
Toronto District	S. Morrison	72	10	0	64	7	4½	8	2	7½
Darlington Circuit	A. Hall	50	0	0	22	14	11½	27	5	0½
Whitby	J. Hayward	68	0	0	52	10	1	15	9	11
Do	E. Draper	25	0	0	14	16	1	10	3	11
Newmarket	J. Wood	60	0	0	28	13	0	31	7	0
Markham	A. Jones	70	0	0	55	0	0	15	0	0
Do	2nd. Preacher	25	0	0	12	15	6½	12	4	5½
Yonge Street	W. D. Hughson	77	6	3	74	7	3	2	19	0
Do	2nd Preacher	25	0	0	21	6	1½	3	13	10½
Toronto	J. W. Byam	71	10	5	51	17	3½	19	13	1½
Do	W. D. Brown	74	0	5	55	2	7	18	17	10
Nelson	A. R. Roy	68	15	5	40	11	11	28	3	6
Do	E. L. Koyle	70	0	0	39	0	7½	30	19	4½
Amaranth and St.	Wm. Woodward	No			Returns					
Vincent Mission	G. Crosfield	No			Returns					
Garafraxa	B. Lawrence	No			Returns					
Oakwood Ct. and Mission	Wm. Sutton	No			Returns					
Niagara District	S. Dunnett	No			Returns					
Hamilton Station and	E. Bristol	82	10	0	82	10	0			
Barton Circuit	G. Abbs	25	0	0	25	0	0			
Canboro Circuit	W. F. Lowe	75	0	0	75	0	0			
Niagara	N. A. Frasier	75	0	0	32	8	11½	42	11	0½
Do	G. Bennet	25	0	0	14	2	11½	10	17	0½
Norwich	J. Tufford	70	0	0	49	1	3½	20	18	8½
Do	J. Owen	70	0	0	32	10	1½	37	9	10½
Gainsborough	J. Gibson	75	0	0	75	0	0			
Oxford	I. B. Richardson	70	0	0	57	10	0	12	10	0
Blenheim	T. Robson	59	15	0	57	15	0	12	0	0
Dumfries	L. P. Smith	67	10	0	40	11	8	26	18	4
Do	2nd. Preacher	56	10	0	17	19	6	38	10	6
Rainham	E. Lounsbury	71	2	2	66	2	2	5	0	0
Long Point Ct. and	No				Returns					
Mission	R. B. Cook	Returns			Returns					
London District	Wm. Cope	No			Returns					
Do Circuit	G. P. Harris	75	0	0	75	0	0			
Do Station	J. W. Jacobs	25	0	0	25	0	0			
Malahide	S. Stewart	64	8	6	38	4	6	26	4	0
Southwold	S. M. Eastman	No			Returns					
Thames	S. L. Kerr	59	7	7½	36	10	3½	22	17	4
Howard	J. McLean	25	0	0	25	0	0			
Sandwich Mission	T. Dawes	No			Returns					
Sauble	J. Mitchell	50	0	0	13	0	0	37	0	0
Huron and Goderich	D. Griffin	No			Returns					
Do	Wm. E. Cope	Returns			Returns					

## Examining Committee.

E. L. Koyle, G. Shepard, T. Webster,  
S. Dunnett, I. B. Richardson.

Preachers on trial and the Deacons are expected to meet the Committee of Examination in the Chapel at St. Davids, at 8 o' clock, A. M., on the Tuesday immediately preceding the opening of Conference.

Course of study, the same as will be found in the minutes of the Bay Quinte Conference.

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## TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference:

BELOVED AND DEAR BRETHREN:

By the especial Providence and direction of our God, we "your servants for Jesus' sake," in conference assembled, are permitted to present you, once more, with this our annual Pastoral Address; and to record with gratitude the fact, that God has graciously preserved the lives of all his servants in this conference, from the ravages of death during the past year.

And we rejoice to know that the great Head of the church has vouchsafed to bless the labors of his servants in the awakening and conversion of hundreds of precious souls, who have the past year been brought "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."— This encourages us to sing,

"O! let us still proceed

In Jesus' work below,

And following our triumphant Head,

To farther conquests go."

While the way is opening before us for greater usefulness, God is sending forth more laborers into his harvest.

In referring to our Missionary Report for the past year, you will perceive that much comparatively has been done by the people in aid of the missionaries, to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the new settlements; and we rejoice

to inform you that the march of our missionary operations is still onward—which causes the “wilderness and solitary places to be glad, and the desert to bud and blossom as the rose.” We are straightened, however, by want of means. Our finances are too low. There are several interesting fields opening among the recently formed settlements, which we would immediately occupy had we at command the funds necessary for the support of the missionaries.

Men and brethren, help—help is needed here, or precious souls must perish! “No man liveth unto himself,” or should so live, but unto the Lord; even unto him who died and rose again. Hence personal effort is required of every member of the church, to advance the interests of the Redeemer’s Kingdom. Then, as Methodists, we should use every method and means, to “work out our salvation,” and encourage others by precept and example to do likewise.

We would remind you, dear brethren, that the institutions of our church are sustained wholly on what is called the voluntary principle. We “fear God and honor the Queen,” as the Lord’s freemen irrespective of stipends or allowances from the public revenue; and we have confidence to believe, brethren, that your good sense and piety will induce you to adopt the sentiment in full, that “they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” “The laborer is worthy of his hire.” When you had but little you gave but little, and God accepted the offering. We, therefore, trust that those who now have abundance will give more abundantly, that the riches of your liberality may redound to the glory and praise of God.—Were all to give according to their ability, there would be no lack of means for either the missionary work or the support of those servants of God who have devoted themselves wholly to the work of the ministry, or those old and worn out men who having born the burden and heat of

the day, are now left to spend the remnant of their days in retirement, and, as in several instances, in penury and want; or the helpless widows and children of such as have fallen in the field.

As philanthropists, as citizens of the moral world, we live for another age; and with a "generous concern for those who may come after us," let every one encourage, to the utmost of his ability, those moral institutions which lessen human misery, and prepare the rising generation to receive the blessings of the gospel. The Sabbath School, the Bible Society, and the temperance cause, stand foremost among those to which we allude, and demand our cordial and unremitting support.

We are much gratified in beholding your work and labor of love, during the past year, in erecting so many chapels for the worship of God. These afford not only convenience for divine worship, but means operating to promote the stability and permanence of religion in the neighborhoods where they are erected. In connection with those we would urge on your consideration the building of suitable houses as parsonages. This would be found not only convenient, but economical and saving in the end.

This session of our conference has been distinguished by unanimity of sentiment, cordiality of feeling, and despatch of business; and we go forth to our respective fields of labor, for the coming year, with invigorated hopes, and renewed determinations to prosecute our work and cultivate Immanuel's Land, till the Master shall say, in regard to each of us, it is enough, "Come up higher."

Finally, brethren—farewell—ye are in our hearts to live and die with us. May the good will of Him who dwelt in the bush, ever be your portion, in life, in death, and through all eternity.

Signed, by order and in behalf of the Conference,

PHILANDER SMITH,

SAMUEL MORRISON, *Secretary.*

## Appendix.

**Names and Standing of the Local Preachers within the Bounds of the Niagara Conference.**

*Barton Circuit.*—John Vandusen, Deacon; Eli Bartram.

*Niagara Circuit.*—D. Collard, Deacon; Thos. Rainey, M. Haun, Wm. Dell, F. Haney, Jesse Brodick.

*Norwich Circuit.*—H. Tuttle, D. Drake, Wm. Grey.

*Gainsboro' Circuit.*—L. Haney, Elder; J. Pattison, Elder; J. Upper, Deacon; G. Lane, Deacon; J. Cutter.

*Canboro Circuit.*—A. Bradshaw, Wm. Stringer, A. Rogers.

*Oxford Circuit.*—A. Burse.

*Blenheim Circuit.*—G. F. Hill, Deacon; C. Reid.

*Dumfries Circuit.*—M. Hendershot, Wm. Bautenhimer, Daniel Howell.

*Rainham Circuit.*—Henry Jones, J. W. Pattison, John Decue.

*Long Point Circuit.*—Wm. Campbell, Deacon; E. Mudge, Deacon; John Connell.

*Darlington Circuit.*—J. Bradshaw, Deacon; Wm. Hill, Deacon; M. Cryderman, Israel Mallory.

*Whitby Circuit.*—G. Wells, Deacon; G. Fisher, Deacon; J. Campbell, Elder; F. Lattimore, Deacon; J. Orser, J. Fraser, Wm. H. Hillaker, LeRoy Thurston.

*Newmarket Circuit.*—G. Hines.

*Oakwood Circuit.*—A. Wood, H. Davis.

*Toronto Circuit.*—A. Anderson, Elder; J. Berry.

*Nelson Circuit.*—M. Kennedy, Deacon; L. Hagar, Deacon; A. Parnell, S. Griffin, M. L. Dymiek, G. S. Tuttle.

*Garafaxa Mission.*—F. Headley, Elder.

*Amaranth and St. Vincent Mission.*—James Cook.

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