

MINUTES
OF
SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN
THE MINISTERS

OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, or Church,

OF
EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,

At their Fourth Conference, begun in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on
June 23rd, 1868.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE,

TAKEN AT HALIFAX, N. S., FROM THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JUNE
TO THE THIRD DAY OF JULY, 1858.

REV. MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D. PRESIDENT.

REV. RICHARD KNIGHT, D. D. CO-DELEGATE.

REV. HUMPHREY PICKARD, D. D. . . . SECRETARY.

QUESTION I.

Who are now admitted as MINISTERS into Full Connexion
with the Conference ?

ANSWER.

Samuel Avery,
Thomas Harris,

Geo. S. Milligan, A. M.,
Thomas B. Smith.

QUESTION II.

What PREACHERS now remain on Trial ?

ANSWER.

Charles Comben,
James Dove,

John Lathern,
James Tweedy.

These have travelled Three years.

William Alcorn,
George Butcher,
John Cassidy,
Thomas Fox,
Henry Holland,

Alexander W. Nicolson,
William Perkins,
Stephen T. Teed,
John Winterbotham,
Stephen Humphrey.

These have travelled Two years.

William C. Brown,	William Perkin,
Douglas Chapman,	John Read,
John Howie,	Thomas W. Smith,
Robert Wasson,	Joseph Sutcliffe,
Richard Johnson,	James A. Duke.

These have travelled One year.

QUESTION III.

What PREACHERS are now received on Trial?

ANSWER.

Isaac Thurlow,	Stephen F. Huestis,
John James Teesdale,	Alexander W. Tuttle,
William Ryan.	James B. Likely,
William S. Shenstone,	Fletcher H. W. Pickles.
Theoph. Stinson Richey,	

QUESTION IV.

What Ministers have died since the last Conference?

ANSWER.

WILLIAM BENNETT, who was born in the year 1770, and was sent out by the Missionary Committee as a Wesleyan Missionary to the Province of Nova-Scotia in the year 1800. At the time at which our late Brother arrived in Nova-Scotia, the whole of Methodism in British North America was comprised in one single line in the printed Minutes, with the names of four Ministers under the superintendence of the Rev. Wm. Black, of which number Mr. Bennett was one. It cannot be a case of frequent occurrence to have to chronicle upon our official records the demise of one who must be considered in a peculiar way a connecting link between the former and the present dispensations of our Methodistic economy,—one who came out into the work in the year when Jabez Bunting and Robert Newton closed the first year of their probation,—who was ordained by Francis Asbury, so closely identified with the earliest movements of Methodism on this continent,—who was personally acquainted and associated with Dr. Coke, and who came out as colleague and companion of the late William Black; and yet our limits prevent more than

a passing allusion to these circumstances. For twenty years, having sustained some of the most important offices in the Church, our late beloved brother laboured in these Provinces with energy, usefulness, and general acceptance. After this period of active labour, through failing health, he retired from the public work, and became a Supernumerary, residing for some years at Newport, and for several of the later years of his life in the city of Halifax. Though incapable of performing the full work of a Circuit, he was always ready to give pulpit assistance whenever it was required, and for some years officiated as Chaplain of the Provincial Penitentiary. His constitution was originally robust, and he was a laborious and zealous preacher. He was distinguished by great affection for his brethren in the Ministry, by unswerving attachment to the doctrines and discipline of our Church, and for great diligence in his pastoral and ministerial duties during the period of his effective ministry. He was a good man, and his end was eminently peaceful and happy. The closing years of his life were marked by a good deal of personal suffering and affliction, but in uncomplaining patience he possessed his soul. He seemed to delight in religious conversation and prayer. For some weeks before his death he was evidently unconscious nearly all the time. Two days before death his consciousness was restored, and the Superintendent of the Circuit had a long and interesting conversation with him upon his hope in the immediate prospect of death. His testimony was clear, his prospect bright, his hope well-grounded, his faith unwavering. After prayer with him, to which he heartily responded, he prayed fervently himself with considerable strength of voice, and then gave a dying man's blessing with great solemnity and fervour. It was a most interesting moment; the visit was apparently casual, but eminently providential, for in a very short time he relapsed into a state of unconsciousness, and never recovered from it, but on Friday morning, November 6th, he sweetly slept in Jesus, in the 88th year of his age.

The following memoir was promised under the obituary head in the Minutes of last year.

JAMES HORNE, was one of our old and venerated laborers in the Mission Field. Having labored and died in a part of

the Conference remote from its centre, the means of procuring sufficient reliable information respecting his ministerial course have been exceedingly limited, but from those within our reach the following sketch has been prepared. He was born in the year 1788, and entered the ministry in 1814, and upon the Mission Field in the year 1818. He was engaged in the work of the Ministry forty-two years—the last seven years of his life as a supernumerary. He was sixty-eight years of age at his death. Labouring as he did in the West Indies and Bermuda, particulars of his public life are not within our reach; but to the benevolence and piety of his character, his open-hearted hospitality—his liberality to the cause of Christ—his faithfulness to the trust committed to him by the Head of the Church—his special attachment to Sabbath Schools, and his love for the discipline of the Church, we have from one to whom he was greatly endeared the most pleasing testimony. For two years previous to his death his health greatly failed, and for some months he suffered considerably. He was attended on his death-bed by the Rev. Messrs. Whitehouse and Duncan, who received every satisfaction respecting the foundation of his faith and trust in the atonement of Christ. The forenoon previous to his death, Mr. Whitehouse called and found him sitting in his chair. He was not able to converse much, but began to repeat a verse of a hymn which had long been a favorite, beginning,

“There is my house and portion fair.”

His friend finished it for him; he seemed pleased, nodded assent, and looked up towards his “home” with a pleasing smile. He died the same day, 10th July 1856.

QUESTION V.

Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Preachers on trial?

ANSWER.

They were examined one by one.

QUESTION VI.

How are our Ministers and Preachers on trial stationed this year?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz. :

- MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., *President of the Conference.*
 RICHARD KNIGHT, D. D., *Co-Delegate.*
 HUMPHREY PICKARD, D. D., *Secretary.*

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1. *Halifax North*, Roland Morton; Charles Churchill, A. M., who is our Book Steward.
2. *Halifax South*, Samuel W. Sprague; H. Pope, 1st, Supernumerary.
3. *Dartmouth*, John S. Phinney; to exchange with the Halifax Ministers every third Sabbath.
4. *Musquodoboit Harbour*, Alexander W. Tuttle.
5. *St. Margaret's Bay*, Theophilus S. Richey. The Halifax Ministers to visit this Circuit quarterly.
6. *Lunenburg*, Joseph Hart; John Marshall, Supernumerary.
7. *Petite Riviere*, Charles DeWolfe, A. M.
8. *Mill Village*, Alexander B. Black.
9. *Liverpool*, John S. Addy.
10. *Port Mouton*, John L. Sponagle.
11. *Windsor*, Charles Stewart, James Likely. Bro. Likely to reside in Falmouth. William Crocombe, Supernumerary.
12. *Newport*, Arthur McNutt.
13. *Kempt*, George B. Payson.
14. *Maidland*, William Tweedy.
15. *Bermuda*, William T. Cardy, John Cassidy.

ARTHUR MCNUTT, Chairman of the District.
 ROLAND MORTON, Financial Secretary.

II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

16. *St. John South*, Edmund Botterell, William Wilson, T. M. Albrighton.
17. *St. John North*, John Snowball.
18. *St. John West*, Richard Smith.
19. *St. Andrew's*, George Johnson.
20. *St. Stephen's*, John B. Brownell.

21. *St. David's*, Jeremiah V. Jost.
22. *Mill Town*, William Smithson.
23. *Sussex Vale*, William Allen, William Alcorn.
24. *Greenwich*, James Burns.
25. *Upham*, Henry Holland.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, Chairman.

THOMAS M. ALBRIGHTON, Financial Secretary.

III.—TRURO DISTRICT.

26. *Truro*, John McMurray, William Perkin.
27. *River Philip*, Robert E. Crane.
28. *Wallace and Pugwash*, Robert A. Temple, Fletcher H. W. Pickles.

29. George S. Milligan, A.M.

30. *Guysboro' and Canso*, George O. Huestis, Joseph Sutcliffe.

31. *Middle Musquodobou*, William C. McKinnon.

32. *Sydney, C. B.*, Frederick W. Moore, Stephen T. Teed.

33. *Ship Harbour and Port Hood*, Stephen F. Huestis.

34. *Margarie*, John Howie.

JOHN McMURRAY, Chairman.

ROBERT A. TEMPLE, Financial Secretary.

IV.—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

35. *Charlottetown*, Ingham Sutcliffe.

36. *Little York and Cornwall*, Henry Pope 2nd, William Perkins; Brother Perkins to reside at Cornwall.

37. *Pownal*, Alexander M. DesBrisay. The brethren on the Little York and Pownal Circuits to exchange with Charlottetown each once in eight weeks.

38. *Bedeque*, George M. Barratt.

39. *Margate*, Richard Johnson.

40. *King's County*, William Ryan, Visiting Missionary, under the superintendance of Bro. Sutcliffe.

INGHAM SUTCLIFFE, Chairman.

HENRY POPE, JR., Financial Secretary.

V.—FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

41. *Fredericton*, John Brewster, George Butcher.
 42. *Sheffield*, Richard Knight, D.D., Co-Delegate.
 43. *Woodstock*, John Prince, Robert Wasson, T. Watson
 Smith.
 44. *Andover*, John Read.
 45. *Nashwaak*, William C. Brown.
 46. *Gagetown and Burton*, Hezekiah McKeown, David B.
 Scott; Bro. Scott to reside at Oromocto.
 47. *Miramichi*, William Smith.
 48. *Bathurst*, Wesley C. Beals.
 49. *Dalhousie*, To be supplied quarterly from Bathurst.

RICHARD KNIGHT, D.D., Chairman.

JOHN PRINCE, Financial Secretary.

VI.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

50. *Sackville*, James R. Narraway, A.M., Stephen Humphrey,
 A. B.

MOUNT ALLISON INSTITUTION.

Principal of Male Branch, Humphrey Pickard, D. D.

“ *Female do.*, John Allison, A. B.

51. *Point de Bute*, Thomas H. Davies, Douglas Chapman.
 52. *Moncton*, William Temple.
 53. *Coverdale*, Isaac Thurlow, under the superintendance of
 Bro. Temple. Charles Gaskin, Supernumerary.
 54. *Hopewell*, James Buckley.
 55. *Richibucto*, Duncan D. Currie.
 56. *Amherst*, William McCarty.
 57. *Parrsboro'*, Richard Weddall, James Tweedy.

THOMAS H. DAVIES, Chairman.

WILLIAM MCCARTY, Financial Secretary.

VII.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

58. *Annapolis*, Frederick Smallwood.
 59. *Bridgetown*, Michael Pickles.
 60. *Wilmot*, Samuel W. Avery.
 61. *Aylesford*, Thomas Angwin.
 62. *Horton*, James G. Hennigar.

- 63. *Cornwallis*, James Taylor, John Lathern.
- 64. *Digby*, George W. Tuttle.
- 65. *Yarmouth*, James England, Thomas B. Smith.
- 66. *Barrington*, Robert Duncan.
- 67. *Shelburne*, Robert Tweedy.

THOMAS ANGWIN, Chairman.
 JAMES TAYLOR, Financial Secretary.

VIII.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

- 68. *St. John's*, Henry Daniel, John Winterbotham.
- 69. *Harbour Grace*, William E. Shenstone.
- 70. *Carbonear*, Christopher Lockhart, James A. Duke.
- 71. *Brigus*, Thomas Smith.
- 72. *Port de Grave*, Thomas Fox.
- 73. *Black Head*, Elias Brettle.
- 74. *Island Cove*, John S. Peach.
- 75. *Old Perlican*, Alexander W. Nicolson.
- 76. *Hant's Harbour*, Adam Nightingale.
- 77. *Trinity Bay*, Vacant.
- 78. *Bonavista*, Thomas Harris, William S. Shenstone.
- 79. *Green Bay*, Paul Prestwood.
- 80. *Burin*, James Dove.
- 81. *Grand Bank*, Thomas Gaetz.
- 82. *Western Shore*, Charles Comben.

HENRY DANIEL, Chairman.
 JOHN S. PEACH, Financial Secretary.

QUESTION VII.

What is the NUMBER OF MEMBERS in our Societies ?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz :

HALIFAX DISTRICT.				Members.		Trial.	
Members.	Trial.	Members.	Trial.	Members.	Trial.	Members.	Trial.
Halifax, N.	212	6	Liverpool	230	11		
Halifax, S.	202		Windsor	120	25		
Dartmouth.....	55		Newport.....	226	20		
Eastern Shore.....	35		Kempt.....	202			
Margaret's Bay.....	87		Maitland.....	130			
Lunenburg.....	260		Bermuda.....	380	6		
Petite Riviere.....	150						
Mill Village.....	80	35				2369	103

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ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

	Members.	Trial
St. John, S.....	625	73
St. John, N.....	97	54
St. John, W.....	211	45
St. Andrew's.....	43	
St. Stephens.....	57	
St. David's.....	84	
Mill Town.....	88	30
Sussex Vale.....	391	4
Greenwich.....	124	22
Upham.....	88	1
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	1808	229

CH'TOWN DISTRICT.

Charlottetown,	320	16
Little York,.....	199	
Pownal,.....	110	1
Bedeque,	246	
Truro,.....	144	30
River Philip,.....	155	50
Wallace, &c.,.....	454	110
River John,.....	113	48
Guysboro, &c.,.....	296	4
Musquodoboit,.....	16	20
Sydney, C. B.....	143	114
Ship Harbour,.....	50	
Margaria,.....	46	53
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FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton,.....	241	20
Sheffield,	90	
Woodstock,.....	381	
Andover,	80	
Nashwaak,.....	145	58
Burton,.....	78	25
Miramichi,.....	85	2
Bathurst,	81	
Dalhousie, (last year) ..	58	
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SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

	Members.	Trial
Sackville,.....	197	33
Point de Bute,.....	333	63
Moncton,.....	166	5
Hopewell,.....	184	9
Richibucto,.....	78	13
Amherst,.....	191	38
Parrsboro',.....	271	25
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ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Annapolis,.....	176	34
Bridgetown,.....	181	14
Aylesford,.....	214	1
Horton,	183	48
Cornwallis,	269	20
Digby,	114	5
Yarmouth,.....	172	5
Barrington,	374	94
Shelburne,.....	160	100
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	1843	321

NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

St. John's,.....	268	5
Harbour Grace,.....	110	50
Carbonear,.....	314	21
Brigus,.....	127	30
Port de Grave,.....	80	
Black Head,.....	516	
Island Cove & Perlican,	153	256
Hants Harbour,.....	189	80
Bonavista,.....	309	
Green Bay,.....	255	10
Burin,.....	140	27
Grand Bank,.....	149	137
Western Shore,.....	10	10
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	2540	626

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Total Members.	Last year	This year		
Halifax District,	2250	2369	Increase	119
St. John do.	1823	1808	Decrease	15
Charlottetown do.	2212	2292	Increase	80
Fredericton do.	1040	1239	"	199
Sackville do.	1353	1420	"	67
Annapolis do.	1623	1843	"	220
Newfoundland, do.	2429	2540	"	111
	12730	13511	Increase	796
Decrease,.....				15
Net Increase,.....				781
On trial for Membership,.....				2030

QUESTION VIII.

What has been collected upon the several Circuits for the Missionary Society, and for the Contingent Fund, the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and the Education Fund for Ministers' Children?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz. :

Circuits.	HALIFAX DISTRICT.			
	Mis. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Edcn. Fund.
Halifax, N. }	£496 17 6	£30 4 1½	£11 13 7	£7 8 0
Halifax, S. }		23 15 5	11 2 7	5 11 2
Dartmouth,	53 11 8½	3 6 11½	2 11 9	10 0
Eastern Shore,	9 0 2	9 0		
Margaret's Bay,	7 9 9	5 8	13 4	6 6
Lunenburg,	37 1 5½	2 12 4½	6 7 1½	17 8½
Petite Riviere,	33 17 1½	15 6	11 3	10 11½
Mills' Village,	18 0 2	18 6	1 13 0	6 0
Liverpool,	33 12 0½	1 2 2	1 9 1	1 2 4
Windsor,	63 6 3	1 0 0	1 5 0	15 4
Newport,	34 7 0	4 0 7	1 11 10	1 16 2½
Kempt,	10 0 0	1 0 7½	19 10½	6 0
Maitland,	19 1 6	5 0	4 6	4 3
Bermuda,	365 10 0	1 4 2	1 2 1	19 4½
Coll'n at Anniversary } Meeting, Halifax, } Ministers' subs.	13 15 1			6 0 0
	£1195 9 9½	£71 0 1	£41 5 0	£26 13 10
	SAINT JOHN DISTRICT.			
St. John, S.	175 17 11	27 11 1	32 4 10	4 12 10
St. John, N.	31 13 1	2 6 1	2 13 6	1 3 1
St. John W.	22 13 0	1 14 4	3 1 6	13 6
St. Andrews,	7 13 7	10 6	5 5	5 1
St. Stephens,	17 13 10	3 2 1	4 8 7	1 16 3

Circuits.	Mis. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Edcn. Fund.
St. Davids,	7 2 1	1 14 8	1 10 1	10 0
Mill Town,	10 12 3	2 17 6	1 13 6	11 6
Sussex Vale,	36 12 2	2 7 2	4 3 3	11 1
Greenwich,	14 9 2	3 11	1 9 10	5 0
Upham,		18 6	16 8	3 8
Ministers' subs.				5 10 0

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CHARLOTTETOWN DISTRICT.

Charlottetown,	178 8 0	6 15 7½	8 10 5	1 16 0
Little York,	23 14 10	13 6½	15 7½	10 6
Pownal,	9 18 11½	12 5	13 4	8 6
Bedeque,	68 4 7½	1 10 0	1 14 7	13 4
Truro,	36 10 6	2 15 0	2 3 6	15 0
River Philip,	25 0 10½	1 15 8	3 8 1	13 4½
Wallace, &c.,	21 12 6½	2 11 8½	2 8 2	14 2½
River John,	21 18 10½	1 1 11	1 16 2	16 3½
Guysboro', &c.,	38 7 7	3 0 0	4 1 1	14 9
Musquodoboit,	8 2 0	5 0	5 0	4 3
Sydney, C. B.,	32 18 6½	1 6 9	2 14 0	7 9
Ship Harbor,		11	10	
Margarie,	6 11 8½	1 0 0	1 0 6	7 6
Ministers' subs.				5 0 0

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FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton,	40 0 0	3 16 2	6 0 0	4 10 0
Sheffield,	23 9 1½	3 9 2½	2 5 0	12 6
Woodstock,	30 6 7½	2 1 8	3 2 4	1 1 0
Andover,		1 0 0	10 0	
Nashwaak,	4 16 3	10 0	1 0 0	
Burton,	8 13 1	10 0	7 6	5 0
Miramichi,	37 14 1½	1 6 0	2 5 0	7 0
Bathurst,	8 11 10	18 2	9 6½	11 5
Ministers' subs.				3 0 0

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SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Sackville,	77 9 2	3 6 8	6 15 8	2 0 7½
Point de Bute,	38 16 3½	3 0 0	3 10 0	1 16 1½
Moncton,	17 0 0	2 9 1½	2 12 2	1 5 10
Hopewell,	26 5 3	2 10 5½	2 19 7½	1 0 2
Richibucto,	7 10 6	1 15 1	15 1	8 3
Amherst,	29 14 2	2 8 5½	1 8 2½	9 6
Parrsboro',	39 6 7½	1 0 0	19 10½	16 7
Ministers' subs.				5 0 0

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ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Annapolis,	36 5 7	1 2 0	3 7 0	18 10
Bridgetown,	43 0 0	1 10 7	18 4	9 3
Aylesford,	47 2 4½	1 10 3	2 14 4	1 3 2½
Horton,	67 15 0	1 2 0	3 13 6	18 0
Cornwallis,	45 17 2½	1 16 0	5 3 11	15 0
Digby,	14 18 1	15 3	1 4 7½	7 8
Yarmouth,	37 13 8½	3 14 6	2 6 3½	1 7 10½
Barrington,	33 18 4½	4 14 0	7 5 8	16 1½
Shelburne,	19 14 0	3 12 4	1 10 2	14 6½
Ministers' subs.				4 0 0

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NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Mis. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Eden. Fund.
St. John's,	108 3 5	22 0 0	20 1 0	11 5 0
Harbour Grace,	51 4 7	3 5 4	4 1 6	3 2 6
Carbonear,	40 4 9	3 1 7	6 18 7	5 10 8
Brigus,	42 10 0	3 3 6	5 0 4	1 12 0
Port de Grave,	17 19 5	1 6 3	16 6	11 8
Black Head,	37 4 4	1 7 6	7 16 0	2 4 0
Island Cove & Perlican,	56 17 7	1 3 8	1 10 6	16 6
Hants' Harbour,	16 8 8	11 2	13 0	8 4
Bonavista,	67 14 0	3 6 3	3 12 0	1 0 2
Green Bay,	30 11 10	1 12 6	1 17 0	1 11 6
Burin,	32 18 9	4 16 2	3 1 0	1 2 3
Grand Bank,	118 2 7	6 9 1	3 8 3	3 8 3
Western Shore,	2 15 0	11 0		
Sound Island,	8 7 8			
Ministers' subs.				5 0 0
	<u>£631 2 7</u>	<u>£52 14 0</u>	<u>£58 15 8</u>	<u>£37 12 10</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Districts.				
Halifax,	1195 9 9½	71 0 1	41 5 0	26 13 10
St. John,	324 7 1	43 5 10	52 7 2	16 2 0
Charlottetown,	474 8 11½	23 18 7½	30 0 6½	13 1 5
Fredericton,	153 10 11½	13 11 2½	15 19 4½	10 6 11
Sackville,	236 2 0	16 9 9½	19 0 7½	12 17 1
Annapolis,	46 4 4	19 16 11	28 3 10	11 10 6
Newfoundland,	631 2 7	52 14 0	58 15 8	37 12 10
Total,	<u>£3361 5 8½</u>	<u>£240 16 5½</u>	<u>£245 12 2½</u>	<u>£128 4 7</u>

BOOK AFFAIRS.

QUESTION IX.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the affairs of the Book Room?

ANSWER.

1. That the Conference records its high appreciation of the diligent and successful management of the business of the Conference Office during the past year by the Rev. CHARLES CHURCHIL, A.M., the Book Steward, and tenders to him the expression of its cordial thanks.

2. That the Conference presents to the Editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, M. H. RICHEY, Esq., its cordial thanks for the ability and zeal displayed by him in the performance of the duties of his office during the past year.

3. The General Book Committee shall consist of the President, the Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference, Revs. Roland Morton, *Secretary*. Revs. Jas. England.

William Temple,

Henry Daniel.

Revs. William Wilson,
 Jas. G. Hennigar,
 A. McNutt,
 J. B. Brownell,

Revs. Ingham Sutcliffe.
 J. McMurray.
 E. Botterell.
 F. Smallwood.

EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

QUESTION X.

What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the Educational Fund for Ministers' Children?

ANSWER.

1. That every Minister in full connexion shall pay an annual subscription,—to be, for the present, ten shillings,—into this Fund; and that private subscriptions and donations are to be solicited from our more opulent friends, to whom the Ministers are authorized to make application.

2. That a Public Collection shall be made annually in all our chapels and Sabbath preaching-places, in the month of April, for this Fund.

3. The Rev. C. Stewart, of Windsor, and John Fraser, Esq., of St. John, N. B., are requested to act as Treasurers of this Fund. The Rev. George Johnson is appointed Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

QUESTION XI.

What does the Conference resolve respecting our Sabbath Schools?

ANSWER.

1. That, with a view to promote the increase and efficiency of these Institutions, a Committee be appointed, to consist of, at least, one Minister from each District, whose business it shall be to collect and preserve the statistical and other reports of the Sabbath Schools of our Church, and to report thereon to the Conference.

2. That the Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of

Revs. E. Botterell,	Revs. J. R. Narraway, A.M.
J. S. Addy,	Thos. Angwin,
J. Brewster,	G. O. Huestis,
G. M. Barratt,	J. S. Peach.

3. The statistics of this Institution of our Church, as reported in the Minutes of the several Districts for the past year, are as follow, viz. :

Districts.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Halifax,	29	241	1553
St. John,	23	211	1654
Charlottetown,	39	207	1780
Fredericton,	14	120	871
Sackville,	24	139	961
Annapolis,	26	166	1284
Newfoundland,	34	257	2297
Total,	189	1341	10,400

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

QUESTION XII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Children's Fund ?

ANSWER.

1. The Conference again expresses regret that in some Districts there appears to be a want of interest in reference to this Fund, which, however indisposed to attribute to any other cause than a want of acquaintance with the advantageous operation of the Fund, is much to be lamented; and again earnestly calls the attention of the Brethren to the Resolutions of the Conference of 1856 on the subject of the Fund, as absolutely necessary to be carried out in order to an early establishment of a source of finance called for by our peculiar usages, and promising, if intelligently and zealously sustained, the most advantageous results.

2. It being ascertained, on comparing the number of children with the number of members in Society in this Connexion, that *sixty-five* members will have to provide the allowance for one child, the following statement has been drawn up determining the number of children's allowances to be provided by the several Districts in the year 1858-9, and to be allotted at the Financial District Meetings to the Circuits respectively, according to rule :

Districts.	Children.	Members.
Halifax,	30	1989
St. John,	27	1808
Truro,	21	1417

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Districts.	Children.	Members.
Prince Edward Island,	13	875
Fredericton,	19	1239
Sackville,	21	1420
Annapolis,	28	1843
Newfoundland,	40	2540
Total,	199	13,131

3. The Committee for the ensuing year shall be : Rev. J. Taylor, and Chas. F. Allison, Esq., *Treasurers*, and Rev. Wm. Temple, *Secretary*.

MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

QUESTION XIII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the proposed establishment of a College at Sackville ?

ANSWER.

I. That the Conference, profoundly impressed with the importance of the establishment of a College proper, to comprise a Theological Department, in order that adequate provision may be made to afford to the youth of our congregations and others in these colonies the opportunity of obtaining the benefit and honors of a complete Collegiate course of study, conducted upon Christian principles ; and to candidates for our Ministry a suitable educational training under most favorable circumstances, rejoices to learn that the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, at its late session, granted a Charter for the establishment of such an Institution ; and recognizes it as an imperative duty to adopt measures for the accomplishment of this object at the earliest possible period.

II. That the Conference gives its cordial sanction to the proposal of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Allison Academy to endeavour to obtain College Scholarship subscriptions to the amount of £500 annually for a period of seven years, or until a permanent Endowment Fund for the College may be secured. Each such subscription of £10 annually paid, to entitle the person or persons paying the same to the right to nominate one student for instruction, during the years of payment, in the regular College classes, without charge for tuition.

III. That a Conference Fund for the promotion of the suitable educational training of candidates for the Ministry shall be immediately formed upon the following plan, viz:

1. The annual income of the Fund shall be obtained from the subscriptions of at least £1 from such of our friends as shall become annual contributors to this amount, and such bequests and donations as may be made to the Fund from time to time.

2. The annual income of the Fund to the amount of £500 shall be paid to the Governors of the Mount Allison Wesleyan College upon these conditions: (1.) That at least half the amount so contributed shall be employed in sustaining a Divinity Chair in the College, the occupant of which chair shall always be the nominee of this Conference. (2.) That any candidate for the Ministry who may be designated by the Conference from year to year, shall be allowed the privilege of receiving gratuitous instruction in any of the regular classes of either the Academy or the College.

3. The Rev. Chas. Stewart is appointed Secretary, and the Rev. J. R. Narraway, A.M., and G. R. Anderson, Esq., Treasurers, of the Fund for the ensuing year.

IV. That the President of the Conference and the Financial District Meetings are authorized and requested to sanction and further all suitable arrangements which may be made or suggested by the Executive Committee of the Academy, and the above-named Secretary and Treasurers of the Conference Fund, acting conjointly, to bring the claims of this important enterprise of our Church so before our various congregations, and the public generally in these colonies, as shall be best calculated to ensure their hearty coöperation.

V. That the Conference recommends that as soon as it shall be ascertained that the College scholarship subscriptions, and the annual subscriptions to the above-named Conference Fund, amount together to not less than £500, the "Board of Governors" take such steps as may be deemed advisable to open the Institution, if at all practicable, the ensuing Summer.

MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy, Sackville?

ANSWER.

1. That the Report presented to the Conference by the Board of Trustees, containing as it does ample references to the literary, religious and financial condition of both Branches of the Academy, is most satisfactory, and that it be therefore adopted.

2. That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. PICKARD, D.D., Principal of the Male Branch of Mount Allison Academy, for his faithful, zealous and efficient discharge of the onerous and diversified duties which have devolved upon him during the past year.

3. That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. ALLISON, A.B., Principal of the Female department of Institution, for his very laborious, indefatigable and successful services during the year.

4. The Conference having listened with deep interest to the satisfactory Report of the educational progress of our Academy in Sackville during the year, and regarding it as the result, under the blessing of God, of the faithful and energetic discharge of the duties of the Teachers of both Branches, would express its high sense of the value of these services, and hereby presents its thanks to Mrs. ALLISON, A. B., and all the other Teachers, both male and female.

5. The Conference would again record its persuasion that there is no establishment in these Provinces in which a sounder or more complete literary training can be obtained for the youth of both sexes, than in the separate Branches of Mount Allison Academy; and from the additional facts that such a course of instruction cannot elsewhere be had at such reasonable charges, that the salubrity of the situation of the Institution, the excellence of its arrangements, and the increasing vigilance of its officers, have rendered it a most healthy residence, the Conference would respectfully urge upon the members of our Church and congregations the duty and privilege of seeking for their sons and daughters the numerous and great advantages of our Sackville Academy.

6. That considering the importance of the religious interests of the youth attending both Branches of the Academy, the Conference rejoices to learn that the past year has been so distinguished for the good deportment of the pupils, and for

the saving grace of which many of them have become the subjects; and it takes this opportunity of recommending to the Ministers and congregations throughout the Connexion the offering up of fervent prayer, both in private and public, for the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit upon both teachers and pupils, that the success of the future may be as the past, and much more abundant.

7. That the Conference has learned with great satisfaction and approval that the Board of Trustees has it in contemplation to procure a full length portrait of Chas. F. ALLISON, Esq., the honoured founder of the Academy, and to place it along with that of the late venerable Dr. BEECHAM, in the Institution at Sackville, as a memento of the Christian philanthropy which he has evinced in the origin, support and management of that educational establishment.

8. The following esteemed brethren and friends are requested to act as a Committee of Visitors for the ensuing year, to attend the Examination and Anniversary Exercises, and to notice generally the state of the Institution in all its departments, and to present their views both to the Trustees and to the Conference, viz. :

Revs. J. McMurray,	R. Brecken, Esq.,
C. Churchill, A.M.,	G. R. Anderson, Esq.,
J. R. Narraway, A.M.,	W. K. Dudman, Esq.,
J. G. Hennigar,	Hon. J. H. Ryan,
F. Smallwood,	A. R. McLellan, Esq., M.P.P.
R. A. Temple,	Henry Fisher, Esq.,
S. Humphrey, A.B.,	H. D. Frost, Esq.,
G. S. Milligan, A.M.,	Geo. Thomas, Esq.,
C. Stewart,	Jos. Allison, Esq.

9. The following persons are appointed Trustees for the ensuing year, viz. :

The Rev. the President of the Conference, Co-Delegate,
Secretary of the Conference, Principal of the Academy, Governor and Chaplain,

Revs. William Temple,	John H. Anderson, Esq.
Thos. H. Davies,	Mariner Wood, Esq.
M. Pickles,	Stephen Fulton, Esq.
E. Botterell,	W. H. Harrison, Esq.
Charles F. Allison, Esq.,	Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
Hon. Chas. Young, LL.D.	

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CONTINGENT FUND.

QUESTION XV.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Contingent Fund?

ANSWER.

1. That the Rules previously adopted respecting this Fund, and published in our Minutes for 1856 and 1857, are hereby re-affirmed.

2. That as the interests of our Church in the furtherance of vital Christianity are most intimately connected with the extension and operations of our Home Missionary Fund in aiding our poorer Circuits to support a Christian Ministry, this Conference cannot but regret the smallness of the sum total of the collections for the past year, and the serious diminution in the amount of the contributions from the Classes in certain Circuits; and directs that serious inquiry be made at the District Meetings to ascertain whether each Minister and Preacher gives proper attention to making the yearly collections in the classes and congregations for this Fund.

3. That the Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of,
 The President, or Co-Delegate,
 The Secretary of the Conference,
 The Treasurers and Secretary of the Children's Fund,
 The Financial Secretaries of the respective Districts,
 Revs. E. Botterell, Revs. Geo. Johnson,
 Wm. Wilson, A. McNutt,
 T. H. Davies, T. Angwin,
 J. B. Brownell, J. McMurray.

Rev. Chas. Churchill, A.M.,

With two gentlemen, members of our Church, from each District, to be chosen at the annual meeting in May.

John H. Anderson, Esq., and Rev. F. Smallwood are requested to accept the office of *Treasurers*, and the Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., is appointed *Secretary*.

MISSIONARY AFFAIRS.

QUESTION XVI.

What is the judgment of the Conference respecting our Missionary Society?

ANSWER.

That the following persons shall constitute the Committee for the ensuing year :

The President of Conference,	
Secretary of the Conference,	
Revs. Roland Morton, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Martin G. Black, Esq.
Arthur McNutt,	Hon. J. H. Ryan,
E. Botterell,	Hon. Judge Wilmot,
J. McMurray,	R. Salter, Esq.
T. H. Davis,	N. Moses, Esq.
Wm. Wilson,	Geo. H. Starr, Esq.
Henry Daniel,	Ralph Brecken, Esq.
Jas. G. Hennigar,	J. H. Anderson, Esq.
F. Smallwood,	C. F. Allison, Esq.
	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

QUESTION XVII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund?

ANSWER.

1. The Conference observes with thankfulness an increase in the contributions to this Fund of £20 17s. 1½d. The total amount, however, falls considerably below the sum that would accrue if an average of six pence per member were realized. As this is the lowest average that the successful operation of this Fund will admit of, the Conference would again call the kind attention of our Societies and people to the urgent and righteous claims of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund on their considerate liberality.

2. That the following addition to the Standing Rules for the administration of this Fund be adopted by the Conference, viz. :—Any Minister of this Connexion who may be transferred to another Conference shall cease to be a member of this Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and the whole amount of his subscriptions shall be repaid to him, with compound interest thereon.

3. That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to H. HAYWARD, Esq., in the Sussex Vale

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Circuit, for the payment of the first instalment of £50, bequeathed by his late lamented father to this Fund.

4. The Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of, The President, Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference,
 G. T. Ray, Esq., } *Treas.* Rev. C. Churchill, A.M.
 Revs. H. Pickard, D.D., } G. H. Starr, Esq.
 E. Botterell, *Secretary*, N. Mosher, Esq.
 F. Smallwood, T. Humphrey, Esq.
 R. Brecken, Esq., Charlottetown.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

I. THANKS TO THE LATE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

This Conference have received with great interest and unmingled satisfaction the Report of our beloved Brethren, the Secretary of the Conference, the Rev. Dr. PICKARD, and of our Book Steward, the Rev. C. CHURCHILL, A.M., the Deputation to the Parent Conference in Britain at its last session. This Conference presents its most cordial thanks to these Brethren beloved, for the faithful fulfilment of the important Mission to which they were deputed, and would offer grateful acknowledgements to God for the preservation of their health while absent from their families and for their safe return home. We trust the work and character of this Conference will be advanced by such communications with the venerable Parent Body, and that our Brethren Pickard and Churchill will be long upheld to labor happily and usefully in the great and growing work which by the Head of the Church has been committed to our trust.

II. THANKS TO HON. J. J. ROGERSON.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. J. J. Rogerson, of St. John's, Newfoundland, for a free passage of the Rev. Jas. A. Duke to Newfoundland, and for his expressed readiness to give a free passage to any other Wesleyan Minister who may at any other time be appointed to Newfoundland, when his vessels are coming out.

III. PROTESTANT ALLIANCE.

In reply to a memorial from the Protestant Alliance, the following Resolution was adopted :

The Conference, being fully persuaded that the prevalence of Popery is not only destructive of pure religion and morality, but is always followed by disastrous consequences to the interests of religion and civil liberty, deems it the sacred duty of every Christian to withstand the open and disguised efforts of the usurping court of Rome. It therefore solemnly expects its Ministers and faithful people to use their utmost endeavors to diffuse the principles of the Protestant Reformation, and to counteract the pernicious tenets and practices of the Romish apostasy.

IV. TEMPERANCE MEMORIAL.

In reply to a memorial from a Committee of Clergymen connected with the Temperance cause in Nova Scotia,

Resolved, (1.) That the Conference acknowledges with much pleasure the reception of a memorial from a Committee of Clergymen appointed to address the Ecclesiastical Bodies of this Province on the subject of Temperance, and that the principles propounded in said memorial meet with the approval of the Conference.

(2.) That the Conference hereby expresses its hope and belief, that our membership generally pay a practical regard to that rule of our Church which enjoins the duty of abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and earnestly commends to all our people the employment of every proper means for the diffusion of the principles of Total Abstinence, and the promotion of the Temperance Reform.

V. THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT, CO-DELEGATE, ETC.

Resolved, (1.) That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. M. RICHEY, D.D., for the faithful and very efficient manner in which he has discharged his arduous duties as President. During the past year he has visited, and most acceptably laboured in preaching the Gospel in various and widely-separated portions of our work, including the Islands of Bermuda and Newfoundland.

(2.) That the very respectful thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. R. KNIGHT, D.D., for his devoted attention to the duties of his office during the year past. This Conference expresses its gratitude to God for the recovery of Dr. Knight from his late severe though brief indisposition.

(3.) That the very cordial thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Rev. H. PICKARD, D.D., for his laborious, efficient, and highly appreciated services as the Secretary of the Conference.

(4.) That the respectful thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. R. MORTON, the Journal Secretary, and to the Assistant-Secretaries for their very useful services.

VI. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROPERTY.

Resolved, (1.) That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented to S. L. SHANNON, Esq., for his kindness in drawing up a model deed.

(2.) That the thanks of this Conference be presented to J. J. BLACKBURN, Esq., of Shubenacadie, for his gift to the Connexion of several acres of land,—as well as for the reërection of a neat church thereon, chiefly at his own expense.

(3.) That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Messrs. PERRY, of New Canaan, on the Sussex Vale Circuit, N. B., for having built a church and presented it free of debt to our Connexion.

(4.) That the Conference rejoices to learn that suitable acts of incorporation have been passed by the Legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland, and requests the Committee to endeavour to obtain the passage by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island of a similar act.

(5.) That the Conference tenders its cordial thanks to the Committee for the past year for the faithful and satisfactory manner in which the duty assigned has been performed.

(6.) That the following Brethren constitute the Committee for the ensuing year :

The President, Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of the several Districts,

Revs. Chas. Churchill, A.M.;	Revs. J. England,
S. W. Sprague,	I. Sutcliffe,
H. Pope, Jr.,	J. Brewster.

VII. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

It having been intimated to the Conference that our beloved President, the Rev. M. RICHEY, D.D., intends to be in England during the sittings of the Parent Conference, it was unanimously

Resolved, That he be respectfully and affectionately requested to be the Representative to that venerable body.

VIII. ADDITION TO TITLE OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Resolved, (1.) That the designation of HOME MISSIONS be added to the title of our Contingent Fund, and that when this collection is taken up the Mission to Labrador be brought before the notice of our people, and that special subscriptions be asked for the purpose of establishing and sustaining such Mission.

(2.) That the Conference respectfully ask the aid of the Parent Missionary Committee for the purpose of sending one or more Missionaries to Labrador.

STANDING ORDERS.

I. DISTRICT MINUTES.

The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure *three* complete copies of the Minutes of the several Annual and other Meetings of the District Committees, financial and ordinary, duly signed by the Chairmen and Secretaries. One of these copies shall be inserted in the District Records; the second shall be reserved for the use of the Conference; and the third shall be delivered to the Sub-Secretary for preservation in the archives of the Connexion. Furthermore, it is required that the last-mentioned copies shall be handed in on the forenoon of the day preceding our first preparatory Committee-meeting may be appointed to be held, that the Secretaries may prepare classified lists of all matters which are to come before the Conference, and thereby expedite business.

II. QUARTERLY SCHEDULES.

Resolved, That the practice of our Connexion in England, respecting Quarterly Schedules of the state of every Class and Society upon the several Circuits, be adopted by this Conie-

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rence, and that the Schedules, duly filled up, shall be annually produced in the District Meetings, to be examined and considered.

QUESTION XVIII.

When and where shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

On the fourth Wednesday in June, A. D., 1859, at Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,

MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., President.

HUMPHREY PICKARD, A. M., Secretary.

TIME FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE
CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

Contingent Fund, Public Collection August.
Supernumerary Ministers' and Minister's
Widow's Fund, (1.) Collection in the Classes. September.
(2.) Public Collection December.
Contingent Fund, Yearly Collection in Classes. March.
Educational Fund for Minister's Children,
Public Collection April.
The Conference Collection May.

ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1859.

The Committees preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in Charlottetown as follows, (subject, however, to any changes of the particular order, days or hours, here specified, which the *President*, giving due notice to the parties concerned, may make,) viz :

1. STATIONING COMMITTEE.—Thursday, June 16th, at 9 A. M.
2. CONTINGENT FUND.—Friday, June 17th, at 9 A. M.
3. SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.—Saturday, June 18th, at 9 A. M.
4. BOOK COMMITTEE.—Monday, June 20th, at 9 A. M.

5. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROPERTY. — Monday, June 20, at half-past 7 P. M.

6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN ACADEMY. — Tuesday, June 21st, at 9 A. M.

7. AUXILLIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY COMMITTEE. — Tuesday, June 21st, at half-past 7, P. M.

N. B.—1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Charlottetown, on Wednesday, June 15th, for the purpose of preparing for their several Committees the accounts of their several departments.

2. The Assistant Secretaries are directed to attend at the same time, for the purpose of compiling, from the District Minutes, various lists, &c., which will facilitate the business of the Committees and of the subsequent Conference.

3. SPECIAL NOTICE TO CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.—They are particularly required to bring, in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds, on Wednesday, June 15th, the necessary copies of the District Minutes, the Circuit accounts of each Circuit in their respective Districts, and the Minutes of the Financial District Meetings.

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THE PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF
EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

BELoved BRETHREN :

The return of our annual Conference imposes on us the pleasing duty of renewing our intercourse with you. The deep solicitude of the collective Pastorate of the Church finds appropriate expression in this our yearly appeal to our beloved people.

We have now closed the third year of our existence as a Conference, the review of which affords most satisfactory evidence of the efficacy of our instrumentalities, and the sanction of our Divine Head. Seldom have we been called upon to witness and record such glorious displays of Divine power in connexion with the preaching of the Word of Life, and in the administration of the ordinance of God's house. To thousands has the former been "the power of God unto salvation," while the latter has been to them as the very "gate of heaven." The general outpouring of the Spirit on this continent, visiting almost every portion of the Church of Christ, causing the Gospel to "grow mightily and prevail," shaking the very gates of hell; we gratefully record and joyfully accept as the sure pledge of the latter-day glory, "when all flesh shall see his salvation." We rejoice to state to you that the increase in our Societies within the bounds of our Conference this year is 781, with 2,036 on trial. For this success you will join us in thanksgiving to God, to whom alone the praise of turning from darkness to light is due.

We cannot, however, beloved Brethren, conceal our anxiety lest in the joy and exultation occasioned by this full tide of prosperity, you should cease to watch and pray, and thus lose

the advantages which this gracious visitation was designed to bestow. It is a recognized principle of the Divine government that when much is given much will be required, and while our Lord is not an "austere master reaping where he did not sow and taking up that which he did not lay down," yet will he exact "the uttermost farthing" when talents and privileges have been given. Joy is the fruit of the Spirit, and as such is much to be desired, but it is not the means of Christian faithfulness, nor the standard of Christian duty. No amount of religious excitement can enable its subject to dispense with the public ordinances of God's house, nor can the power of religion be maintained in the soul if external causes abstract the mind from watching, prayer, and intercourse, with God. Permit us, then, to remind you of the great value of our established means of grace. Their efficiency and appropriateness in meeting all the wants of the faithful Christian, and their peculiar adaptation to promote the work of God, and to build up the Church of God purchased by his blood, is not now the subject of speculation. Both logical and divine demonstration has been given to the truth that the origin of these means was higher than human.

Endeavor to be present at all our Prayer and Class-meetings, and Love-feasts; and do not consider them by any means unimportant. Amid the cares and anxieties of your worldly duties it is essential to your comfort and progress to renew your strength by frequent social intercourse with your Brethren, "bringing forth out of the treasury of a rich experience things new and old, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts unto the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

The Sabbath School affords peculiar privileges for the religious instruction of your children: be careful to enjoin upon them a regular attendance, and strive to enforce at home the lessons received at the School. Countenance the efforts of the Teachers by your sympathy and aid. Be active in entering every open door in new and destitute localities for the establishment of new Schools.

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Your own enjoyment, as well as the welfare of your children, is essentially connected with correct family government. The authority of the parent derives its sanctity from the arrangements of Divine wisdom ; nor can the parent surrender that authority without proving unfaithful to the trust committed to him. Let your family government be mild, but firm, and while your decisions are based on righteous principles, and enforced with Christian feeling, your children will rise up and call you blessed. Every child committed to your care is an immortal being to be trained for an eternity of joy or sorrow. Early consecrate your children to God in the ordinance of baptism ; let the dedication be real, and accompanied with fervent prayer that God may accept your offering, and seek through the avenues of feeling and opening thought to implant in their hearts the principles of our holy religion.

While our aged Brethren in the Ministry are being removed by the hand of death, the Head of the Church fails not to supply the true succession. A more than usual number of candidates have given proof of a Divine call, by the exhibition of Christian graces and special qualifications for their high vocation. We commend these Brethren to your sympathy and prayers. Be cautious not to undervalue gifts approved by God and accepted by the Church. Be their helpers in this great work, remove difficulties from their path, and cheer them amid their discouragements and toil.

We deeply sympathize with those of you dear Brethren, who, from the pressure of the times and the suspension of an active commerce, are involved in various deep afflictions. We offer up our prayers to God for you in this dark season of distress, that you may not be tempted above that you are able to bear. Cast all your care upon God, for He careth for you ; and fail not to remember and comfort one another with these words, "That in heaven ye have a better and an enduring substance." These afflictive events He will sanctify to your good. Be upright and patient before Him. "He knoweth the way that you take, and when He hath tried you you shall come forth as gold."

Zeal for God cannot be more appropriately manifested than in conscientious and systematic contributions to the funds of the Church. Reason, faith, and apostolic example, all combine to show the high importance, yea the necessity of

enlarged benevolent support to every department of the work of God. Methodism, true to its distinctive appellation, fails not to furnish appropriate channels for your benevolence. The wants of your aged Ministers, the fruit of whose labors many of you are, demand your kind consideration. Their past service, inseparable from the missionary life in these Provinces in years gone by appeals to your gratitude, when your present responsibilities impel you to respond to these calls of duty.

Many of our Circuits have given most pleasing evidence of their appreciation of the inspired maxim that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let every Circuit come up to the full measure of duty in this respect, and resolve solemnly to discharge in a beneficial and cheerful manner, through the appointed medium and at the proper time, their acknowledged obligation.

The widows and children of our deceased Ministers are left to the Church the legacy of our dying Brethren. Receive them with kindly feelings, sad is the heart of her who moves amid the living mementoes of her now glorified partner's toil. While every family altar and every Sabbath convocation in the Tabernacle of God remind her of his exhausting toil and declining energies, let her not feel that the sacrifice was all unheeded by those for whose benefit it was made.

The flourishing state of our Conference Book Room is the subject of grateful acknowledgment, and while the institution of this agency affords a desirable medium through which our people may obtain a sound religious literature, it also imposes an obligation upon our people to procure at this establishment suitable books for their children. We would affectionately urge our people to aid in the spread of our books, and to supply their families with these means of religious instruction. Send not your influence to support the sources of an irreligious literature which must inevitably undermine the happiness of the social system and deprave the hearts of your children.

We would also remind you of the importance of sustaining and endeavouring to increase the circulation of the Provincial Wesleyan. This organ of our Church is admirably adapted to promote the interests of religion. Conducted with acknowledged ability and containing well selected articles from the

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highest sources of religious literature, and also furnishing a very appropriate medium through which our people may be kept acquainted with the state of our work throughout our Conference, and the work of God throughout the world, we would earnestly recommend it to your patronage and support.

We would invite your attention to the great and momentous duty of the Church of spreading the knowledge of the truth throughout the earth. We live only to bless; if the world is ever saved it must be through the instrumentality of Christians. "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." Prolong not the despair of the heathen by unwillingness to co-operate with the only means through which they may be saved. Every heathen parent training up a child for eternal banishment from God, every pagan child which opens its eyes amid the abominable idolatries of the heathen would appeal to the heart of the Christian. "How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent, as it is written: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of God, that publisheth salvation." Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth more labourers into the harvest, and freely contribute of your substance to hasten the consummation of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Be zealous in the promotion of his glory; prove to the infidel and to the heathen that the gospel is believed and valued by you. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not which will prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

We commend to the earnest consideration of all our beloved people the exceeding desirableness of promoting, by every legitimate means, the cause of Temperance.—There is not, in our estimation, any vice more injurious to social happiness, or more widely interfering with the moral and religious interests of society than that of intemperance. Our revered Founder, with that far-seeing sagacity for which he was so remarkable, and in the exercise of wisdom from above in framing regulations for the government of his societies, and in laying the foundations of that noble and spiritual edifice

which shall bear his name to the latest period of our world's history, and in which it is our high honour to minister, so established the principles of the Methodistic Confederation as that even the advancing enlightenment of public opinion, and the free and zealous advocacy of total abstinence by Christian philanthropists of the present age cannot bring to view the necessity of more stringent or direct disciplinary requirement than Mr. Wesley's own rule includes. We remind our membership that, as the followers of that great and good man, we are prohibited not only from "drunkenness" and from "buying or selling spirituous liquors," but also from "drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity." We press upon your attention the conscientious observance of this important rule; and we suggest the advisableness and propriety of fostering and sustaining, by your influence and example, the Temperance Reform, now happily accomplishing a great amount of good upon the New Testament principle as laid down by apostolic precept, of self-denial for the good of others.

Let us be urged to present activity by the consideration that our opportunities for usefulness are rapidly passing away. "The seed time is closing the harvest is at hand." "Whatsoever our hands find to do, let us do it with our might, for there is no work nor device nor knowledge nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." With many of you the sun has passed the meridian, the earthly shadows are lengthening, the cold dews of evening will soon fall around you, "You will rest from your labours and your works will follow you." Around you the ignorant are to be instructed, the erring to be reclaimed, the weak to be confirmed, the naked to be clothed, the hungry to be fed, the sick and imprisoned to be visited, and the slaves of vice to be disenthralled, and your Saviour is waiting to say, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did unto me."

Finally, Brethren, we exhort you to aspire to the highest standard of personal piety. The great End of the Christian life can only be realized by the entire consecration of power, of soul and body, to God and to his service. In every age God has witnesses true and faithful of his power to save from all sin; rest not till you are thoroughly saved, "Until the blood of Christ His Son has cleansed you from all sin."

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from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever." Amen.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference,

HUMPHREY PICKARD, D.D., *Secretary.*

Halifax, N. S., July 2nd, 1858.

THE ANSWER

OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF
THE WESLEYAN CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH
AMERICA. (1857).

BELOVED BRETHREN :

ON the opening-day of our Conference we received your Address from the hands of your honored Representatives ; and most heartily do we reciprocate the feelings of Brotherly kindness by which it is pervaded. As we listened to its sentiments of affectionate regard, we remembered St. Paul's thanksgiving for the church at Colosse : " We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which ye have to all the saints." Though absent from you in the flesh, we felt as if present with you in the spirit, " joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

In addition to the various circumstances which never fail to invest our annual assembly with peculiar interest, our Conference has this year been favoured with the presence of beloved Brethren from all our Affiliated Conferences, and from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. Among these messengers of the churches, it has afforded us very high gratification to recog-

nise the Rev. Charles Churchill, M.A., and the Rev. Humphrey Pickard, M.A., accredited to us from your last Conference. Well and ably have they represented your interests; and in coming years we shall hail with delight these or other Brethren whom you may send as the bearers of your fraternal regards. Such intercourse, carried on in the affectionate spirit, and with the eminent ability manifested by your Representatives, cannot fail to unite us more closely in the endearments of Christian brotherhood, and make us feel that we are one in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. This enlarged communion with Brethren from various parts of the world has brought before us the operation and growth of Methodism with a fullness and breadth hitherto unexampled. Our hearts have been glad, and our glory has rejoiced, as we have heard of the Lord's wondrous works in the extension of His churches in different parts of the earth.

Aware of the difficulties and perils which attend new organizations, we were thankful to learn that you were making steady and sure progress in the settlement of your Connexional Institutions, and the arrangement of your various Funds. Deliberate and wise caution in these important matters, at the commencement of your career as a distinct church, will save you from much perplexity and embarrassment in future years. It also rejoiced our hearts to find you so thoroughly alive to the solemn responsibilities of your position, and to observe the cheerfulness with which you are girding yourselves for every coming struggle with the powers of evil. By the promotion of a sound secular and religious education, by the diffusion of a healthy literature, and, above all, by the simple, earnest, and faithful preaching of Christ's own Gospel, you will do much towards arresting the advance of evil, and spreading scriptural holiness through the land in which you labour. In all these departments of Christian service, we are persuaded that the errors by which we are surrounded, and the character of the times passing over us, demand that both you and ourselves, and, indeed, all the various evangelical churches throughout the world, should be more than ever "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Your impressive allusions to those of your numbers who, during the year, have died in the Lord, deeply affected our

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hearts. We can sympathise with your sorrows at the loss of men so honored and beloved ; for we ourselves have been called to mourn kindred bereavements. Fathers, who had borne the burden and heat of the day, have passed to their reward after a long and successful ministry ; and Brethren, who were in the prime of life and ripeness of ministerial gifts, and from whom we hoped for service for many years to come, have been taken to a comparatively early rest. But we sorrow not for them as others who have no hope. It is our blessed assurance concerning each, that, whether his sun descended amidst the deepening shadows of a good old age, or went down while it was yet day, it has passed from the lower hemisphere of the church on earth, to shine with added brightness in the church in heaven. They have left a rich heritage of blessing to us, their companions and successors in the holy ministry. Their lives had an influence, their death a power ; and their precious memory, deeply enshrined in our hearts, has an inspiration which constrains us to follow their steps, that we also " may finish our course with joy, and the ministry which we have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God."

Our fears in regard to the perpetuation of a true Gospel ministry, which the death of God's servants might suggest, are completely dissipated by the assurance that the Great Head of the church will raise up suitable successors to take their place. He who " ascended up on high," who " led captivity captive, and received gifts for men,"³⁷ will not fail to give Pastors and Teachers " for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edification of the body of Christ ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Elijah ascended to heaven in his chariot of fire ; but Elisha receives his mantle, and enters upon his work. Aaron climbs the mount to die ; but Eleazar stands ready to be clothed with his robe, and to sustain the office which, by reason of death, his father is compelled to relinquish. In this respect the Lord has been gracious to you, and to us also, during the past year. More than sixty young men, well-approved, have been accepted for the Ministry by the present Conference. We have prayed the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers

into His harvest, and our prayers have been answered. We trust that you will continue to be successful in impressing upon the youth of your churches the indispensable necessity and transcendent claims of the Christian ministry. Your ranks will then be recruited by men who, amidst all the prospects of wealth which a rising country may offer, count the ministry their highest joy, and the service of God in the Gospel of His Son their noblest reward.

We are thankful to learn that in various places, during the year, you have been favored with showers of blessing and gifts of increase. Our churches at home have not lacked similar tokens of the Divine presence. The Lord has graciously turned our captivity into joy; peace dwells in our borders, prosperity gladdens our palaces; the work of the Lord again appears unto His servants, and His glory unto their children. Our blessing has not been the mighty rushing flood of Divine influence in any one place; but the Lord has been "as the dew unto Israel," gently and noiselessly falling upon the heritage of our tribes; and, under the refreshing and fertilizing power, almost every part of our Connexion revives as the corn, blooms as the lily, and casts forth its roots as Lebanon. More than six thousand souls are the fruits of our increase in Great Britain during the past year. This cheering fact we take as an earnest of enlarged blessing. Our people are looking and praying for more. May the Author and Giver of all good fulfil their largest inspirations, and send down upon us, and upon Methodism throughout the world, such a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it!

And now, beloved Brethren, we commend you and your important work to the care and blessing of our common Lord: "praying always for you that your hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of

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the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

In compliance with your request, we have appointed the Rev. MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D., to preside over your Conference, and the Rev. RICHARD KNIGHT, D.D., Co-Delegate.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

FRANCIS A. WEST, *President,*
JOHN HANNAH, D.D., *Secretary.*

Liverpool, Eng., August 12th, 1857.

ADDRESS

OF THE

CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,

TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

REVEREND FATHERS AND MUCH-BELOVED BRETHREN :

ASSEMBLED in our annual Conference for the transaction of the important business, temporal and spiritual, devolving upon us, it was with sentiments and feelings of fraternal love for you, and devout gratitude to God, for the intimate relation that subsists between you and us, that we heard your affectionate Address from the last Conference. Amid the toils and anxieties inseparable from the transaction of our business our minds were greatly cheered by the remembrance brought vividly to our view by your interesting Address,—that though we are young as a Conference and comparatively feeble among our sister affiliated Institutions, we are not moving alone, without the parental eye, affectionate regards, wise counsels, and helping hand, of our parent Conference and Connexion.

It rejoiced our hearts exceedingly to receive the very luminous and highly interesting statements of our esteemed Brethren, the Rev. Dr. PICKARD, and the Rev. CHARLES CHURCHILL, A.M., relative to their cordial and brotherly reception by you,—the opportunities afforded them of marking your kindly feelings on our behalf,—the tokens they saw of your love to the sacred cause of Christ and of Methodism,—as well as for the tidings they brought to us of your increased prosperity in the great work of saving souls in which you are mutually engaged.

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We rejoiced to learn that the Lord had graciously turned your captivity into joy,—that peace dwells in your borders, and prosperity gladdens your palaces; and that your religious progress, if not marked by sudden and mighty changes, has been characterized by those gentle, gradual, yet powerful, operations of Divine grace, which, like summer dews and fertilizing showers, give certain and wide-spread tokens of prosperity. We heartily join with you in your prayers, and that of your people, “that the Author and Giver of all good may fulfill the largest aspirations, and send down upon us, and upon our beloved Methodism throughout the world, such a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

We believe that we are now reaping the fruit of such petitions, and that the prayers of Ministers and people must have had powerful influence at the Throne of Grace, and have been characterized by the fervency of true faith, when we survey the effects of the extensive revivals within the bounds of our own Conference during the past year.

We are pleased to hear that our first Deputation to you has been so agreeable to the members of the parent Conference, and to the Deputation, and for your kind and fraternal assurances of your willingness, nay of your delight, to receive those Brethren who may in the future be appointed to bear to you officially our affectionate regards, or to express connexional anxieties, difficulties, and encouragements, convinced that we shall have your advice, sympathy, or approval, as these may be required. Assured by the oneness of Wesleyan Methodism throughout the world that you, the original from which the branches have proceeded, will cherish as far as within your power your own offspring, we will labor on with the grand and impelling idea—that though small in ourselves and comparatively feeble, we, in being *one* with you, will be strong in your wisdom and the experience of our fathers at home, strong too in the memory and example of great names, the heroes of Methodism, and the signal success that has attended your efforts in planting the Gospel in wide-spread and distant regions of our fallen earth.

We are happy to find from your Address that our plans for the settlement of our connexional institutions, and the arrangement of our various funds, meet your approbation,

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and we are solicitous that your advice of deliberate and wise caution in these important matters be sacredly regarded, as tending to save us from perplexity and embarrassment in future years. We cordially agree with you in your expressed opinion—"That by the promotion of a sound secular and religious education,—by the diffusion of a healthy literature, and above all, by the simple, earnest and faithful preaching of Christ's own Gospel, we will do much towards arresting the advance of evil, and of spreading scriptural holiness, through the lands in which we labor."

These departments of usefulness we believe are gaining among us a steady and cheering improvement; providence is giving marked aid to our plans for supplying Methodist and scriptural preaching throughout the bounds of our Conference by raising up talented and pious young men as candidates for our Ministry. Ten have been received as such this Conference, and three Brethren, who have fulfilled honorably and usefully their term of probation, have been solemnly dedicated to their great work by ordination during our Session; and one in Newfoundland was also received into full connexion. The preaching of our Ministers during the last year has been signally owned of God in the salvation of many souls. We have an increase of 781 members with 2,030 on trial.

The important auxiliaries to the spread and establishment of pure and undefiled religion to which you allude—our Book Concern and Educational institutions at Sackville, New Brunswick—have received a due share of our attention, and the successful operation of these sources of good has greatly rejoiced our hearts and encouraged us to do all in our power as a Conference, to uphold institutions honorable to us as a body, and so widely promotive of the welfare of these new and rising Provinces. We are now arranging plans which we hope will prove successful when put into operation, to render our educational establishment at Mount Allison, N. B. still more useful, by establishing there in connexion with our Academy, a College proper, in which we design to make provision for the theological training of students and candidates for our ministry; thus, even in our infancy as a Conference, would we imitate the wise example of the parent body, in seeking to give instrumentally, under the guidance of Providence and grace, expounders of the doctrines of Methodism to

our people, well trained to unfold the truth in the best possible manner.

Our Book Concern, under the able management of the Rev. CHARLES CHURCHILL, A. M., is rapidly tending to diffuse more largely than at any former period, the knowledge of our excellent works; and, though the depressed state of commerce is a fact too well known and widely felt, yet we rejoice to know that the Concern is in good working order, and will be to our people the source of riches more valuable than silver and gold — the riches of intellect and Scriptural knowledge.

We have again to revert to failure in our ministerial ranks, by death. The Rev. WILLIAM BENNETT, a venerated father in the ministry, so long associated with Methodism in these Provinces, as a wise, active, devout and successful laborer in the Lord's vineyard, has, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, been called to his reward. He died in peace, and has left a name and memory fragrant with the virtues of the Christian veteran; who had long evinced the trueness of his faith, the ardour of his devotion, and the constancy of his zeal for the cause of his Divine Lord and Master.

Our beloved brother POPE, now a supernumerary, has recently been bereaved of his estimable partner, well known, and highly esteemed and beloved by our people on all the Circuits in which she resided.

You also, we find, have had cause very recently, to survey the doings of death. A great man and a prince in our Israel, has fallen, but fallen honorably and nobly on a battle field, where none but the good and holy are conquerors. His last words — "I have great peace; I have fought a good fight," — will remain in our memory, yea, in the memory of the Methodist Church throughout the world, united with admiration of his great talents, his Christian virtues, his inflexible attachment to Methodism, his unwavering purpose to conserve its interests, his wise and constant care to spread its doctrines and blessings in new and missionary lands, and to render it increasingly worthy to be the offspring of its wise and good founders, as a mighty instrument to diffuse Christian truth and holiness throughout the length and breadth of the earth to the end of time. He has gone from us, but we have reason to believe that he looks down from his glorious place of reward with increased knowledge of the benefits of the system to

which his life was devoted, and with an inconceivably higher estimate of its glorious effects than even he could attain upon earth.

We trust that our youthful Connexion will never forget the name of **JABEZ BUNTING**, but will, with the parent body, ever revert to it as to the name of one wise and safe in legislation—firm in attachment to Methodist doctrines and usages, and faithful to death in his love for the Methodist Church—yet so charitable and lovely in spirit, and so long associated with Christians of other denominations in doing good, that his death must so regarded as a serious loss to the Church evangelical and universal, to be mourned by all that can appreciate the virtues of the talented, the good and the happy.

May Methodism ever have its **CLARKES, WATSONS, NEWTONS** and **BUNTINGS**, and Methodist Ministers ever be found to imitate their virtues, though few in comparison may be permitted to attain to their eminence.

We have deputed our beloved President, the Rev. **MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D.**, to act as our Representative to your venerable body, at your approaching session.

Trusting that the **GOD OF ALL GRACE** will be with you, and so guide your deliberations that the Divine glory may be promoted in the salvation and spiritual welfare of mankind, in an increased and remarkable manner, we remain, dear fathers and brethren, yours in the bonds of the Gospel.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

HUMPHREY PICKARD, D. D., Secretary.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 2nd, 1858.

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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE
MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL
IN CONNEXION WITH

THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST
CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

*** The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister commenced his ministry; and those at the end of the lines denote his first, second, &c., annual appointment to his present Circuit.

	Yrs.		Yrs.
1836 Addy, John S., <i>Liverpool, N. S.</i>	2	1810 Croscombe, Wm., <i>Super., Windsor, N. S.</i>	
1851 Albrighton, Thos. M., <i>St. John South, N. B.</i>	3	1853 Currie, Duncan D., <i>Richibucto, N. B.</i>	2
1856 Alcorn, Wm., <i>Sussex Vale, N. B.</i>	1	1830 Daniel, Hen., <i>St. Johns, Nfld.</i>	2
1840 Allen, Wm., <i>Sussex Vale, N. B.</i>	3	1824 Davies, Thos. H., <i>Point de Bute, N. B.</i>	3
1843 Allison, John, A. B., PRINCIPAL FEMALE BRANCH, <i>Mount Allison Institution.</i>	2	1852 Desbrisay, Alex. McL., <i>Pownal, P. E. I.</i>	2
1831 Angwin, Thos. <i>Aylesford, N. S.</i>	3	1837 Dewolf, C., A. M., <i>Petite Riviere, N. S.</i>	1
1854 Avery, Samuel, <i>Wilmot, N. S.</i>	1	1855 Dove, Jas., <i>Burin, N. F.</i>	2
1837 Barratt, Geo. M., <i>Bedeque, P. E. I.</i>	3	1853 Duncan, Robt., <i>Barrington, N. S.</i>	1
1835 Beals, W. C., <i>Bathurst, N. B.</i>	3	1857 Duke, Jas. A., <i>Carbonear, Nfld.</i>	1
1828 Bent, Jos. F., <i>Sup'ny, Bridetown.</i>	2	1837 England, Jas., <i>Yarmouth, N. S.</i>	1
1851 Black, Alex. B., <i>Mill Village, N. S.</i>	2	1856 Fox, Thos., <i>Point de Grave, Nfld.</i>	1
1834 Botterell, Edmund, <i>St. John N. B.</i>	3	1851 Gaetz, Thos., <i>Grand Bank, Nfld.</i>	2
1848 Brettell, Elias, <i>Black Head, Nfld.</i>	2	1853 Gaskin, Chas., <i>Sup., Coverdale, N. B.</i>	
1855 Brewster, Jno., <i>Fredericton N. B.</i>	3	1854 Harris, Thos., <i>Bonavista, Nfld.</i>	2
1857 Brown, W. C., <i>Nashwaak, N. B.</i>	1	1853 Hart, Jos., <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	1
1826 Brownell, John B., <i>St. Stephens, N. B.</i>	3	1826 Hennigar, J. G., <i>Horton, N. S.</i>	3
1836 Buckley, Jas., <i>Hopewell, N. B.</i>	1	1857 Holland, Henry, <i>Upham, N. B.</i>	1
1853 Burns, Jas., <i>Greenwich, N. B.</i>	2	1857 Howie, John, <i>Margarie, N. S.</i>	1
1856 Butcher, Geo., <i>Fredericton, N. B.</i>	2	1846 Huestis, Geo. O., <i>Guysboro, N. S.</i>	2
1834 Cardy, Wm. T., <i>Bermuda.</i>	3	1856 Humphrey, Stephen, A. B., <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	1
1856 Cassidy, John, <i>Bermuda.</i>	2	1858 Huestis, Stephen F., <i>Ship Harbor, N. S.</i>	1
1857 Chapman Douglas, <i>Point de Bute, N. B.</i>	1	1830 Johnson, George, <i>St. Andrew's, N. B.</i>	3
1837 Churchill, Chas. A. M., <i>BOOK STEWARD, Halifax, N. S.</i>	3	1857 Johnson, Rd., <i>Margate, P. E. I.</i>	1
1855 Comben, Chas., <i>Western Shore, Nfld.</i>	2		
1846 Crane, Robert E., <i>River Philip, N. S.</i>	3		

LIST OF MINISTERS, &c.

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1837 Jost, J. V., <i>St. David's, N. B.</i>	3	1858 Richey, Theop. S. <i>Margaret's Bay, N. S.</i>	1
1816 Knight, R., D. D., Co-Delegate, <i>Sheffield, N. B.</i>	2	1858 Ryan, Wm. <i>King's County P.E.I.</i>	1
1855 Lathern, John, <i>Cornwallis, N.S.</i>	2	1858 Scott, David B., <i>Burton N. B.</i>	1
1858 Likely, Jas. B., <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	1	1828 Shenstone, W. E., <i>Harbor Grace, Nfld.</i>	1
1843 Lockhart, C., <i>Corbonear, Nfld.</i>	1	1858 Shenstone, Wm. S., <i>Bonavista, Nfld.</i>	1
1845 McCarty, W. <i>Amherst, N. S.</i>	3	1837 Smallwood, F., <i>Annapolis, N. S.</i>	3
1853 McKeown, H., <i>Burton, N. B.</i>	3	1827 Smith, Wm., <i>Miramichi, N. B.</i>	3
1853 McKinnon, W. C., <i>Middle Musquodoboit, N. S.</i>	1	1835 Smith, Thos., <i>Brigus, Nfld.</i>	1
1834 McMurray, J., <i>Truro N. S.</i>	3	1842 Smith, Richard, <i>St. John, N. B. West.</i>	2
1828 McNutt, A., <i>Newport, N. S.</i>	3	1857 Smith, T. W., <i>Woodstock, N. B.</i>	1
1818 Marshall, J. Sup'ry., <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	2	1854 Smith, T. B., <i>Yarmouth, N. S.</i>	2
1854 Milligan, G. S., A.M., <i>River John, N. S.</i>	2	1825 Smithson, W., <i>Milltown, N. B.</i>	3
1817 Miller, G., Sup., <i>Bridgetown, N.S.</i>	2	1819 Snowball, John, <i>St. John, N. B. North.</i>	3
1851 Moore, F. W., <i>Sydney, U. B.</i>	1	1852 Sponagle, J. L., <i>Port Mouton, N. S.</i>	1
1841 Morton R., <i>Halifax, N. S. North.</i>	1	1838 Sprague, S. W., <i>Halifax, N. S. South.</i>	1
1841 Narttway, J. R., A.M., <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	2	1852 Steward, C., <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	1
1856 Nicholson, A. W., <i>Old Perlican, Nfld.</i>	2	1813 Strong, J. B., Sup'ry., <i>P.E. Island.</i>	2
1822 Nightingale, A., <i>Hant's Harbor, Nfld.</i>	1	1831 Sutcliffe, I., <i>Charlottetown, P.E.I.</i>	2
1853 Payson, G. B., <i>Kempt, N. S.</i>	1	1857 Sutcliffe, Jos., <i>Guysboro', N. S.</i>	1
1840 Peach, J. S., <i>Island Cove, Nfld.</i>	2	1846 Taylor, Jas., <i>Cornwallis, N. S.</i>	3
1856 Perkins, W., <i>Little York, P. E. I.</i>	1	1856 Teed, S. T., <i>Sydney, C. B.</i>	1
1851 Phinney, Jno. S. <i>Dartmouth N.S.</i>	1	1820 Temple, Wm., <i>Moncton, N. B.</i>	2
1837 Pickard, Humphrey, D.D. (Secretary of the Conference), <i>Principal Mount Allison Institution.</i>	16	1849 Temple, R. Alder, <i>Wallace.</i>	3
1827 Pickles, Michl. <i>Bridgetown, N.S.</i>	1	1858 Teesdale, J. W., <i>Guysboro', N.S.</i>	1
1858 Pickles, Fletcher H. W. <i>Wallace, etc., N. S.</i>	1	1850 Tuttle, G. W., <i>Digby, N. S.</i>	3
1814 Pope, Henry, Super. <i>Halifax.</i>	2	1858 Tuttle, Alex., <i>Musquodoboit Harbor, N. S.</i>	1
1844 Pope, Henry, junr., <i>Little York, P.E.I.</i>	2	1858 Thurlow, Isaac, <i>Coverdale, N.B.</i>	1
1852 Prestwood, Paul, <i>Green Bay, Newfoundland.</i>	3	1851 Tweedy, Wm., <i>Maitland, N.S.</i>	3
1846 Prince, John, <i>Woodstock, N. B.</i>	3	1853 Tweedy, R., <i>Shelburne, N. S.</i>	1
1857 Read, John, <i>Andover, N. B.</i>	2	1855 Tweedy, Jas., <i>Parrsboro', N. S.</i>	1
1821 Richey, M., D. D., PRESIDENT, <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	2	1857 Wasson, Robt., <i>Woodstock, N.B.</i>	2
		1839 Weddall, R., <i>Furrsboro', N. S.</i>	1
		1820 Wilson, Wm., <i>St. John, N. B. South.</i>	1
		1856 Winterbotham, John, <i>St. John's, Nfld.</i>	1