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Niagara Annual Conference.

The Niagara Annual Conference commenced its Twenty-Third Session in the Village of Troy, County of Wentworth, in the Province of Upper Canada, at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 25th day of April, A.D. 1866, being the Thirty-Eighth year of the separate existence of the M. E. Church in Canada.

BISHOP P. SMITH, D.D., and BISHOP J. RICHARDSON, D.D., were present.

BISHOP RICHARDSON presided in the opening services, and gave a brief address on the kind providence of God—the importance of the work in which this Conference is engaged—the necessity of Christian forbearance, and the desirableness of an increase of piety. He then read the 6th chap. of the 2nd Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians and the 707th Hymn.

After singing by the Conference, prayer was offered by D. Culp, T. Webster, E. Bristol and Bishop Smith.

J. N. ELLIOTT was elected Secretary. S. CARD was chosen Assistant Secretary.

STANDING OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE, WITH THEIR ADDRESSES.

BISHOPS—Rev. P. Smith, D.D., Brooklyn, C. W.; Rev. J. Richardson, D.D., Yorkville, C. W.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—M. Benson, Newark, C. W.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY BOARD—E. Lounsbury, Ingersoll, and G. Abbs, of Hamilton; also G. Abbs is VISITOR.

MEMBERS OF BOOK COMMITTEE—E. Bristol, Ancaster, and G. Shepard, Belleville, C. W.

MISSIONARY TREASURER—J. Draper, Hannon, C. W.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY—C. S. Eastman, Oil Springs, C. W.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—S. Card, Springfield.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—P. Smith, London.

CENTENARY AGENT—I. B. Richardson, of Chatham, C. W.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOMINATIONS—A. Jones, E. Bristol, E. Lounsbury, G. Lawrence.

ADVISORY—Niagara District, E. Bristol, G. Hunt.
Oxford “ B. Bristol, J. N. Elliott.
London “ H. J. Kilty, J. M. Collins.
St. Clair “ M. A. Wright, G. Lawrence.

DIVINE SERVICES—T. Webster, A. Hunsberger.

MISSIONS—E. Bristol, W. D. Hughson, E. Lounsbury, A. Jones, P. Smith, jr.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—C. S. Eastman, H. J. Kilty.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. C. Tufford, E. Draper, A. E. Griffith, E. A. Terwilligar.

TEMPERANCE—E. Bartram, H. Locke.

CHURCH PROPERTY—G. Hunt, D. Griffin, W. Yokom, M. A. Wright.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—J. M. Collins, F. Smith.

EDUCATION—M. Benson, W. S. Wright, G. Lawrence, B. Bristol, J. A. Livingston.

PRINTING—J. Gilray, J. P. Mordon, J. W. Yokom, M. Benson, E. Bristol.

WAYS AND MEANS—T. Webster, W. Graham, J. McLean, I. B. Richardson.

CONTINGENT FUND—J. R. Philips, C. Burdett, S. Terwilligar, R. Service.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND—D. Culp, J. F. Fairchilds, G. Hartley, W. G. Brown.

STEWARDS—B. B. Rogers, W. Yokom.

EXAMINATION—T. Webster, Chairman. 1st Year: E. Bartram, G. Lawrence. 2nd Year: W. D. Hughson, M. Benson. 3rd Year: A. Hunsberger, J. M. Collins. 4th Year: P. Smith, jr., J. N. Elliott.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY OF AMERICAN METHODISM—G. Abbs, T. Webster, M. Benson, J. McLean, J. M. Collins.

CENTENARY EXCURSION—T. Webster, M. Benson, G. Abbs.

ON CONFERENCE MEMORIALS—A. Jones, I. B. Richardson, E. Lounsbury.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—John F. Madden.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—John Reynolds, F. Smith, J. S. Williamson, B. Moore, D. Misner, L. Randall, J. Brown, A. Beamer.

Q. 3.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

A.—D. Barker, M. D. Terwilligar, J. W. B. Johnson, D. Williams, R. C. Parsons, M. Dimmick, J. Hubbell.

Q. 4.—*Who are the Deacons?*

A.—W. G. Brown, T. Rouston, J. F. Fairchilds, J. A. Livingston, D. Barker,* M. D. Terwilligar,* J. W. B. Johnson,* D. Williams,* R. C. Parsons,* M. Dimmick,* J. Hubbell.*

Q. 5.—*Who have been elected Elders this year?*

A.—J. W. Yokom, B. B. Rogers, M. A. Wright, H. Locke, W. Fansher, S. Short.

Q. 6.—*Who are the General Superintendents?*

A.—P. Smith, D.D., J. Richardson, D.D.

Q. 7.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—None.

Q. 8.—*Who are Supernumeraries?*

A.—C. Sweazy, R. B. Cook, D. Griffin, J. Hayward, J. Draper,

Q. 9.—*Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

A.—D. Culp, J. C. Tufford, S. Stewart, J. Hayward,

Q. 10.—*Who have been expelled from the connexion?*

A.—None.

Q. 11.—*Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year?*

A.—W. S. Wright and J. N. Elliott were granted letters of removal.

Q. 12.—*Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—*Who have died this year?*

A.—None.

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Q. 14.—*What are the numbers in Society ?*

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit.....	141	Flamboro'	138
Pelham	193	Beverly	293
Dunnville.....	98	Ancaster	110
St. Davids.....	47	Brant	270
Smithville.....	193	Eramosa.....	148
Saltfleet	256	Canboro	170
Barton and Hamilton.....	107		
		Total on District.....	2164

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit.....	298	Émbro	61
Blenheim	190	St. Marys.....	302
Oakland	231	Walsingham.....	55
Norwich	351	Nanticoke.....	60
Hartford	62	Vienna	132
Rainham.....	100		
London City.....	100	Total on District.....	1942

LONDON DISTRICT.

Southwold	78	Stanley	89
Strathroy	152	Seaforth.....	56
McGilvary	116	London	85
Malahide	190	Westminster, or London S.....	125
Dorchester	280	Bosanquet	108
Goderich.....	21	Arkona.....	140
Maitland.....	80	Yarmouth.....	45
Springfield.....	153		
		Total on District.....	1718

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence Circuit.....	153	St. Clair.....	80
Howard	150	Brooke.....	131
Harwich	155	Enniskillen	50
Sandwich	60	Oil Springs.....	25
Blythewood	120	Newbury	154
Dover	26		
Sydenham.....	143	Total on District.....	1337
Wallaceburg.....	90		

RECAPITULATION.

Niagara District.....	2164
Oxford ".....	1942
London ".....	1718
St. Clair ".....	1337
Number of travelling preachers.....	74
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Total this year.....	7235
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Increase of members this year.....	97
Decrease of preachers.....	2

Q' 15.—What is the amount of Fifth Collection ?

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit.....	\$15 00	Flamboro'.....	\$14 00
Pelham.....	4 65	Beverly.....	18 25
Dunnville.....	5 50	Ancaster.....	10 00
St. Davids.....	4 50	Brant.....	24 25
Smithville.....	3 32	Eramosa.....	11 00
Saltfleet.....	31 60	Canboro.....	10 00
Barton and Hamilton.....	18 75		
		Total on District.....	\$170 82

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit.....	\$21 13	Nanticoke.....	\$ 5 00
Norwich.....	20 00	Hartford.....	3 00
Blenheim.....	18 00	Oakland.....	11 03
St. Marys.....	21 00	Walsingham.....	5 90
Rainham.....	12 55	Vienna.....	5 00
London City.....	10 00		
Embro.....	6 20	Total on District.....	\$138 86

LONDON DISTRICT.

Dorchester Circuit.....	\$20 04	Springfield.....	\$ 9 25
Malahide.....	6 00	Maitland.....	7 25
McGilvary.....	8 80	Arkona.....	8 00
Southwold.....	7 00	Yarmouth.....	2 00
Strathroy.....	7 17	London North.....	5 00
Bosanquet.....	11 20	Stanley.....	5 00
Seaforth.....	6 00	London South.....	12 50
Goderich.....	1 70		
		Total on District.....	\$116 93

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Harwich Circuit.....	\$15 00	Brook.....	\$11 00
Florence	18 00	Blythwood.....	8 20
Newbury	10 00	Sandwich	4 20
Oil Springs.....	4 00	Enniskillen.....	3 30
St. Clair.....	3 65	Howard.....	15 00
Dover	2 10	Wallaceburg.....	10 47
Sydenham	16 45		
		Total on District..	\$121 87

RECAPITULATION.

Niagara District.....	\$170 82
Oxford	138 86
London	116 93
St. Clair	121 87
Con. Collections.....	15 83
Balance from last year.....	2 08
Grand Total.....	\$566 39

Q. 16.—How was the Fifth Collection expended ?

A.—

Paid D. Culp.....	\$75 20	Paid Widow Pickett....	\$37 60
" S. Stewart.....	75 20	" " Mitchell.....	37 60
" E. Bristol.....	75 20	" " Bailey	37 60
" R. B. Cook.....	75 20	" " McNames, ..	37 60
" J. Hayward.....	75 20	Balance in Treasury.....	17 00
" Con. Stationary....	2 22		
" Widow Huston....	37 60	Total	\$566 39

Q. 17.—Where are the preachers stationed ?

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT. E. BRISTOL, P. E.

WELLAND—W. G. Brown, A. Beamer, J. C. Burnell, agent of the Western Tract Society, by permission of Conference.

PELHAM—O. G. Collamore, C. Sweazy, Supernumerary; J. Hayward, Superannated.

DUNNVILLE—J. W. B. Johnson,

ST. DAVIDS—D. W. Misner.

SMITHVILLE—D. Williams.

SALTFLEET—J. Gilray.

BARTON AND HAMILTON—E. Draper, G. Abbs, Editor and Book Agent; J. Draper, Supernumerary.

FLAMBORO—W. Y. Okom.

BEVERLY—F. M. Smith, S. Stewart, Superannuated.
 ANCASTER—G. Hunt.
 BRANT—E. Bartram.
 ERAMOSA—R. Service.
 CANBORO—R. C. Parsons, R. B. Cook, Supernumerary.

OXFORD DISTRICT. W. GRAHAM, P. E.

OXFORD—E. Lounsbury, B. C. Moore.
 BLENHEIM—W. Benson.
 OAKLAND—B. Bristol, D. Culp, Superannuated.
 NORWICH—M. Benson, one to be sent, J. Brown, attending Bel. Col.
 EMBRO—J. Wood.
 ST. MARY'S—S. Terwilligar, E. A. Terwilligar.
 WALSINGHAM—To be supplied.
 HARTFORD—J. W. Emerick.
 RAINHAM—G. Smith.
 NANTICOKE—To be supplied.
 VIENNA—J. R. Phillips, D. Griffin, Supernumerary.
 LONDON STATION—P. Smith, Jr.

LONDON DISTRICT. J. McLEAN, J. P.

LONDON CT.—H. J. Kilty.
 WESTMINSTER—W. D. Hughson.
 STRATHROY—W. Fansher, L. Randall.
 DORCHESTER—A. Jones.
 SPRINGFIELD—S. Card.
 MALAHIDE—J. M. Collins, J. C. Tufford, Superannuated.
 YARMOUTH—S. Williamson.
 SOUTHWOLD—J. P. Morden.
 ARKONA—H. Locke.
 MCGILLIVRAY—A. E. Griffith.
 BOSANQUET—M. D. Terwilligar.
 STANLEY—G. Harly.
 SEAFORTH—J. W. Yokom.
 GODERICH—J. A. Livingston, S. L. Kerr, Supernumerary.
 MAITLAND—M. Dimmick.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT. T. WEBSTER, P. E.

FLORENCE—F. Smith, I. B. Richardson, who is Centenary Agent.
 HOWARD—M. A. Wright.
 HARWICH—B. B. Rogers, D. Barker, left without an appointment
 at his own request.
 BLYTHEWOOD—C. Burdett.
 SYDENHAM—T. Rouston.
 WALLACEBURGH—J. T. Davis, one to be sent.
 SANDWICH—S. Short.
 ST. CLAIR—G. Lawrence.
 BROOK—J. F. Fairchild.
 ENNISKILLER AND PETROLIA—J. Reynolds, J. W. Madden.
 OIL SPRINGS—C. S. Eastman.
 NEWBURY AND BOTHWELL—A. Hunsberger, one to be sent.
 TILBURY—J. Hubbell.

Q. 18—*Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

A.—At Lambeth, in the County of Middlesex, C. W., to commence at 10 o'clock A.M., on the fourth Wednesday in April, A. D. 1867.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NIAGARA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

DEAR BRETHREN.—Another year of anxiety, with its diversity of toil, has passed away, and we, through the unfailling goodness of our Heavenly Father, have assembled in our Conference, and with true Christian regard send you our annual greeting. We devoutly thank God that death has not broken our ranks; yet he has invaded some of our homes—some of our loved ones are seen on earth no more; but we live and labor in expectation of meeting them in the bright world of joy, where separation shall be known no more.

We shall soon repair to our fields of labor. We feel the greatness of the work before us. We of ourselves are weak and insufficient. We need Divine assistance. Therefore, pray God to be with us in our labor for the salvation of men. Hitherto our hearts have been greatly cheered by your noble co-operation in our glorious work. Brethren, persevere, for "ye shall reap if ye faint not."

This Session of Conference has been quite harmonious. Though different opinions were entertained upon many subjects brought before us, yet each seemed desirous of God's glory, in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. In this we think the various seditants of the Conference have been profitable, both to its members and visitors. Our aim is high and holy; let holiness of heart and life characterize the members, as well as the Ministers of the Church.

The institutions of the M. E. Church in Canada demand your highest regard and most liberal support. They are crowded with interest, not only to the present, but to succeeding generations. The instructions imparted by these institutions will tell with much effect both upon the temporal and eternal destinies of our race. Whether you feel it or not, you have an interest at stake in the institutions of the Church with which you are identified. Hence they require, not only your earnest prayers, but your liberal financial support, that they may accomplish the grand object at which they aim. Shall it be said that our institutions failed for want of support when they nearly reached the acme of our expectations? Surely no. A present unity of effort will secure the desired effect.

Brethren, we ask you again—"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Be careful to avoid all ordinary work and idle visit-

ing on the Lord's Day. We are sorry that visiting on Sabbath is so much practised by some. Denounce it in your practice; be punctual at all the means of grace, and by so doing you will secure prosperity to your own souls, and respect for the religion you profess. In faithfulness of discharge of duty are interests as lasting as eternity. Let Methodists become lax in Sabbath observance, or religious duties upon that day, and they lose their progressive power, bring death upon their souls, and dishonor upon the cause of God.

Sabbath Schools are so intimately connected with the Church of God that we do not, we dare not separate them. In our Sabbath Schools principles of truth are diffused into the minds of the youth which, if rightly improved, will qualify them to shine in the world—to act their part in the great battles of life, and ultimately to dwell in Heaven. Brethren, pray and labor for the prosperity of this institution in your respective vicinities.

And while you labor for the advancement of Zion in your own vicinities, do not forget the Christian Missionary enterprise. This has been signally owned and blessed of God in the conversion of souls. Many portions of our land are yet measurably destitute, and the inhabitants being favorable to our institutions, and our mode of Church government, are calling upon us to furnish them with a preached gospel. They are unable to support the ministry among themselves. Will you afford them aid? or must we, for want of means, withhold the gospel from them? These questions are for you to answer in the fear of God. Give us the means, dear brethren, and we will, by the help of our Master, send the gospel to our destitute friends. We also ask your attention to our superannuated preachers; some of them have labored hard and long to build up our Zion; they have endured hardships and suffered privations until their heads are crowned with hoary hairs; and now they are near the verge of life's probation—almost ready to leave us. Others, comparatively young, have fallen a prey to affliction, disabling them from longer active service in the itinerant Ministry. Shall these worthies have meted to them a mere pittance? or shall they have a competency? They have done you good service—now in their old age and affliction provide liberally for them.

The Temperance cause still deserves your consideration. It has, by the blessing of God, accomplished great good. But much remains to be done; slack not your hands in the good work; labor on, trusting in God, until the evil of intemperance is driven from our land.

The Printing Establishment much deserves your kind attention. The C. C. ADVOCATE is still maintaining with energy the cause of morality and religion. It carries its words of cheer to many families, and we think it should be in every family connected with our Church. It will do you much good, and it justly deserves your support, as the organ of the Church of your choice.

The Belleville Seminary is another important institution of our Church. It was erected by your liberality, in connection with the aid of your Ministers and those friendly to our common cause. It has struggled hard with embarrassments; but we hope that the dawn of a brighter day is at hand. This Institution will stand as a noble monument of your zeal in the cause of sound moral and religious education for the youth of our land. During the year passed it has been somewhat prosperous—more particularly the last term, which realized a respectable sum over the paying of current expenses. This should encourage and stimulate both you and us to greater exertion to free it from all embarrassments. Its influence will then be more powerful. God has blessed this institution. Souls have been converted in it, and have gone forth to live religion, and to proclaim salvation to perishing sinners. Thus it has, under God, thrown out an influence which will extend in widening circles down to the close of man's probation to bless and do good. Brethren, sustain your Educational Institution.

The subject of the Centenary of American Methodism is to all a worthy one. God has sustained our Methodism on this Continent through all the conflicts and changes of the past one hundred years. Who can enumerate the souls who have been brought to God by it? How many have lived happily in a knowledge of sins forgiven, died triumphantly, and entered safely into their home on high? Then add the mighty host which, through the influence of Methodism, now walk the way of peace. And look upon the vast institutions of our Methodism, and who can but feel grateful to God for the blessings we have as Methodists.

Dear Brethren, this year make your thank offerings to Almighty God. The Centenary services of this year will afford you the opportunity to donate to some, if not all the institutions of our Church. Do so freely. In conclusion, God has blessed us in our labors; most of our Circuits have been favored with revivals; many have been added to the Church, but in consequence of death and emigration, our increase is small. But our work is in a healthy state. We have made quite an advancement in Chapel-building; we will labor on at God's command, and offer all our works to Him. We come to you, brethren, in the name of the Lord; receive us as His servants; support us by your prayers; be co-laborers with us while we dwell among you, and may the great Head of the Church be with us all and give us a year of prosperity in every department of our work.

"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 all them which are sanctified."

PHILANDER SMITH, }
JAS. RICHARDSON, } *Bishops.*

M. BENSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CENTENARY OF
AMERICAN METHODISM.

The Committee on Centenary beg to recommend the following for adoption :

1st. That a collection be taken up at the Mass Meeting to pay contingent expenses; also, subscriptions to the Centenary Fund.

2nd. That the Conference appoint a Committee of Three to act in conjunction with a like Committee of the Ontario Conference to make arrangements with the G. W. R. Company to run excursion trains to the Niagara Falls—said arrangements to be similar to those of the Strathroy excursion.

3rd. Said Committee shall make arrangements for a Pic-nic at Niagara Falls, and procure speakers, both from Canada and the United States.

4th. The Presiding Elders shall call a Convention on their several Districts as soon as practicable, to make arrangements for the celebration of the Centenary of Methodism on their respective Districts.

5th. That the Conference appoint a day in which all the preachers shall preach on the Centenary of Methodism at all their appointments, and take up collections.

6th. That District Centenary Camp-meetings shall be held on all the Districts.

7th. That the Centenary subscriptions be payable as follows:—All sums of \$20 and under, payable by the first of October next; all sums from \$20 to \$40, one-half payable on 1st of next October, the remaining half one year from next October; all sums over \$40 to be paid in four annual instalments.

8th. That this Conference appoint a Centenary Agent.

G. ABBS,	} Committee.
T. WEBSTER,	
M. BENSON,	
J. MCLEAN,	
J. M. COLLINS,	

April 27th, 1866.

REPORT ON PRINTING.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Exhibit of the Printing Establishment, are pleased to see the financial improvement of the concern. But we regret that there are so many subscribers in arrears, and so many preachers indebted by note and book account. We recommend the following resolutions :

1st. That we require each preacher indebted to the Book Agent to settle with him immediately either by cash payment by note or

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of hand, payable within three months from date, with interest. And in case delinquents refuse to comply as above, or become delinquents by failing to pay said notes, then the Book Agent shall call them to account for non-payment of debt, as per Discipline.

2nd. That the Presiding Elders bring the *Advocate* accounts before each and every Quarterly Meeting Conference during the year.

3rd. That each preacher in charge of a Circuit, Station, or Mission, be requested to visit, within three months from this date, all delinquent subscribers within the bounds of his Circuit, and solicit payment. If the money cannot be obtained, to secure payment by note, bearing interest, and that this resolution have at least three insertions in *C. C. Advocate*.

4th. That we, as Ministers of the N. Conference, appreciating the able manner in which our paper is being edited, pledge ourselves to renewed energy in gaining a wider circulation to the *C. C. Advocate*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. GILRAY,	} Committee.
J. W. YOKOM,	
J. P. MORDEN,	
E. BRISTOL,	
M. BENSON,	

Troy, April, 1866.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the scientific, moral and religious education of man is of the very greatest importance. And as infidelity seeks to thrust its darts by the hand of Science, it is essential that the Christian not only be clad with the "armor of God," but that he meets infidelity upon the platform of the liberally developed Sciences.

Let the Sciences live in full-toned life; but let them be as planets to the great and glorious "Sun of Righteousness."

It is our duty to sanction the laudable efforts of the people of this Province for the promotion and efficiency of Common Schools, Grammar Schools, and higher educational institutions of our country. It is evident that the Belleville Seminary is now accomplishing a good work, the Faculty being worthy the confidence of the entire community, as well as the members of the M. E. Church. Also the Belleville Female College is an efficient Institution, where some of the young women of our land are receiving that culture which will tell favorably upon the future destinies of our homes. We find that while our educational institutions have done much for the rapid

advancement of students in the Sciences there has been a commendable zeal for their moral and religious advancement, so much so, that God has honored the Institutions by the conversion of many students and the prevalence of a wholesome religious influence.

Financially, the last year of the School has been somewhat prosperous, as regards the receipts of tuition fees—especially the last term, which has more than paid current expenses; though we find the General Treasurer of the Institution much pressed by indebtedness, and the Annual Exhibit to this Conference not as clear as desirable, yet showing a large decrease of assets.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st.—That it is our duty to God to support the Belleville Seminary and the Belleville Female College.

2nd.—That each preacher of this Conference be required to produce, if practicable, during the ecclesiastic year, one student at least, for the Educational Institutions.

3rd.—That, in our opinion, it is desirable to obtain University powers for the direct use of the Belleville Seminary.

4th.—That the Presiding Elders be requested to collect the present subscriptions to the Belleville Seminary within the bounds of their respective Districts, and that they may call to their assistance the preachers on said Districts.

M. BENSON,	} Committee.
W. S. WRIGHT,	
G. LAWRENCE,	
B. BRISTOL,	
J. A. LIVINGSTON,	

Troy, May 1st, 1866.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee appointed to express the sentiment of this Conference upon Sabbath observance, report as follows:

We regard the sanctification of the holy Sabbath as essential to the existence of Christianity. The question of its observance or desecration is to Christianity a question of life or death. Without a Sabbath all our institutions for the promotion and perpetuity of religion must cease; our Sabbath Schools be disbanded; our temples of devotion be deserted; the ministry be dismissed and discarded; the tide of worldly pursuits would be unbroken; the schemes of crime and wickedness meet with no interruption, and the means of grace be speedily forgotten. Abolish the Sabbath, and Christianity has lost its chief hold upon the hearts of men; the Bible and all good books would be neglected; the opportunity

of presenting the arguments for its truth, of enforcing its moral precepts, of urging its solemn appeals and sanction, would cease, and universal physical, intellectual and moral degeneracy be the fatal and inevitable result.

Therefore, Resolved, 1st. That as a body of God's ministers we do continue to extend our cordial sympathy and support to all judicious measures of Sabbath reform, and sternly resist and condemn the *anti-Sabbatarian* sentiments inculcated in the public lectures and writings of Dr. Alexander, of Glasgow, and all other attempted invasions of the sanctity of this holy day.

2nd. That we continue, by public and private precept and example, to discourage all violations of its sanctity, either by servile or remunerative labors, social visiting, excursions for pleasure, or any of the common modes of Sabbath desecration; and that to this end it be made the duty of every minister of this Conference to preach stately upon the subject, at least once a year, in every congregation.

3rd. That we heartily endorse the last clause of the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance in the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference, viz.: That this Annual Conference disapproves of Sabbath funerals—except in cases of necessity—and condemns the practice of ministers neglecting to go to their appointments upon Saturday night, thereby necessitating an unnecessary amount of travel upon the Sabbath day, or returning to their homes upon Sabbath evening, in order to be ready for some secular business on Monday morning; and especially of Presiding Elders, for the same purpose, travelling fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five miles to reach home after the morning services.

C. S. EASTMAN, } Committee.
H. J. KILTY, }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, report as follows:

The banishment of all intoxicating liquors from our midst is a subject in which every Christian and philanthropist feels a deep interest. The peace, prosperity and happiness of many families and communities depend very much upon it. We think it is not necessary for us to speak at length of its evils. It is sufficient to say it is the mother of crimes, the parent of vices, and the unmitigable source of innumerable woes. Your Committee are happy to be able to report that during the past year the cause of temperance has been very prosperous. Many temperance societies have been formed, and others which had been suspended have been resuscitated, and are now in a prosperous condition, so on the whole the prospect

for the temperance cause is not discouraging. Therefore we offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That we, as a body of Christian ministers, will do all in our power to promote the cause of temperance, and will preach or lecture to our several congregations, at least once a year, upon this subject.

ELI BARTRAM, }
HOSEA LOCKE, } *Committee.*

COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Bible, as to doctrine—questions based upon the Articles of Faith in Discipline. Watson's Institutes, first part, or Rolston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Apology; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Discipline (Baker's Notes); Stevens' History of Methodism (1st volume); English Grammar; Lovell's Geography; Gooderich's Biblical Geography; Wesley's Sermons (1st vol.); Reading before Committee; Writing from dictation, and a written Essay or Sermon to be produced.

2ND YEAR.—Bible, as to Sacraments; also a review of the first year on doctrines; Watson's Institutes (2nd part), or Rolston's Elements of Divinity; Stevens' History of Methodism, 2nd vol.; Ruter's Church History to 12th century; Hibbard on Baptism; Luckey's Lord's Supper; Peck's Central Idea of Christianity; Tytler's General History; Bang's Original Church of Christ; Parker's Natural Philosophy; English Grammar; Newman's Rhetoric; Hedge's Logic; Reading before Committee; Dictation; a written Sermon or Essay to be produced.

3RD YEAR.—Bible, History and Chronology; also a review of the 1st and 2nd years on doctrines and sacraments; Watson's Institutes, 3rd part, or Rolston's Elements of Divinity; McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity; Stevens' History of Methodism, (3rd vol.); Horne's Introduction; Tytler's General History; Upham's Mental Philosophy; Logic; Rhetoric; a written Essay or Sermon.

4TH YEAR.—Review of the whole course—Watson's Institutes, 4th part, or Rolston's Elements of Divinity; Upham's Mental Philosophy; Wayland's Moral Philosophy; Rhetoric; Logic; Additional Books of Reference; Stevens' Church Polity; D'Aubigne's Reformation; Claude's Essay on Composition; a written Essay or Sermon.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHARGES.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Bible Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses.	Papers.
							\$	
NIAGARA DISTRICT.								
Welland	3	30	70	2	3	300	5 00	
Pelham	3	15	120			230		
Dunnville	2	14	100	3		200		15
St. Davids	2	20	82	1	1	200	29 75	32
Smithville	3	37	130		4	500		
Barton	1	10	75		2	200	6 00	
Flamboro'	3	30	120		3	600	46 00	22
Beverly	4	35	220		5	1500	50 00	
Ancaster	1	12	52	4	2	67	27 25	
Brant	4	43	233	3	7	710	74 00	20
Eramosa	1	5	20					
Canboro'	3	42	165	25	3	855	77 00	
Total on Dist....	30	293	1387	38	30	5512	315 00	89
OXFORD DISTRICT.								
Oxford	2	24	225	4	7	596	20 00	30
Blenheim	2	13	146	15	7	325	25 00	
Oakland	1	12	40	7	7	50		
Norwich	7	68	420	10	3	980		
Embro	1	8	60		1	250	18 00	
St. Marys	2	17	127		2		15 00	
Vienna	5	38	363	7	3	562	51 50	36
London sta	1	14	118	13	1	146	23 20	40
Total on Dist....	21	196	1499	56	24	2909	152 70	108
LONDON DISTRICT								
London et	1	12	62		1	100		
Strathroy	1	18	85	7		250		
Dorchester	3	39	250	8	6	800	75 00	20
Springfield	1	10	106	12	1	100		
Malahide	1	8	39		1	150		24
Southwold	1	3	60					
Arkona	1	18	90	8	2	200		
McGillivray	5	25	120			100	20 00	
Stanley	2	12	100	5	2	200	10 00	12
Seaforth	1	8	60		2	200	12 00	20
Goderich	1	6	30			100	10 00	
Total	18	159	958	40	15	2260	127 00	76
ST. CLAIR DIST.								
Howard	2	10	130	4	2	100	20 00	
Harwich	1	4	17			200	5 00	
Blythwood								
Spedham	3	15	150		2	300	16 00	
Wallaceburg	1	3	30		1		2 00	
St. Clair	2	10	80		4	200	15 00	
Newbury	2	18	125	4	4	430	60 00	
TOTAL	11	60	532	8	13	1230	118 00	
RECAPITULATION.								
Niagara District...	30	293	1387	38	30	5512	315 00	89
Oxford do	14	122	1079	46	21	1929	152 70	108
London do	18	159	963	40	15	2260	127 00	76
St. Clair do	11	60	532	8	13	1230	118 00	
Total	73	638	3961	132	79	10921	712 70	273

SCHOOLS.

Papers.
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Your Committee are glad to report an increase, and would recommend that every preacher would lecture on the benefit and the necessity of Sabbath Schools in every place where it is thought by them a school can be organized. May the Lord bless the Sabbath School institution to the good of the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. TUFFORD.
E. A. TERWILLIGAR.
A. E. GRIFFITH.
E. DRAPER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee find a lack of full Reports from some circuits; but from the statistics before them present the following summary :

DISTRICTS.	No. Chapels	Value.	No. Parsonages	Value.	Total Value of Church Property.
		\$		\$	\$
Niagara	47	38,090	10	6900 00	44990 00
Oxford	32	44,100	9	6400 00	50500 00
London	26	17,150	8	4100 00	21250 00
St. Clair.....	24	15,340	8	4000 00	19340 00
					38090 00
Total.....	129	114,680	35	21400 00	
Total value in Con.....					\$136080 00

The above is most respectfully offered.

G. HUNT.
M. A. WRIGHT, } Com.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE SUPERANNUATED
PREACHERS' FUND.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit.....	\$15 00	Barton and Hamilton...	\$10 70
Pelham "	18 30	Flamboro'	14 00
Dunnville "	9 80	Beverly	23 00
St. Davids "	5 00	Ancaster	10 00
Smithville "	19 00	Brant	27 00
Saltfleet "	25 00	Eramosa.....	15 00
Canboro "	17 00		
		Total on District...	\$208 90

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit.....	\$30 00	Vienna Circuit.....	\$14 00
St. Marys "	30 00	Hartford "	6 50
Embro "	6 50	Rainham "	10 00
Blenheim "	19 00	Nanticoke "	6 00
Oakland "	23 00	Lond'n City "	10 00
Norwich "	35 00		
Walsingham "	5 50	Total on District...	\$195 50

LONDON DISTRICT.

Bosanquet Circuit.....	\$11 00	Stanley Circuit.....	\$ 9 00
McGilvary "	11 00	Maitland "	8 00
Goderich "	5 00	Malahide "	15 00
Strathroy "	16 00	Arkona "	12 00
Yarmouth "	5 00	Dorchester "	28 00
London "	25 00	Springfield "	15 00
Southwold "	10 00		
		Total on District...	\$170 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Blythewood Circuit.....	\$12 00	Enniskillen	\$10 00
Sandwich "	6 00	Oil Springs.....	2 50
Dover "	4 00	Brooke	13 00
Sydenham "	15 00	Newbury	15 40
Wallaceburg "	9 00	Howard.....	15 00
St. Clair.....	8 00	Harwich.....	15 00
Florence	15 00		
		Total on District...	\$139 90
Total in Conference.....			\$714 30

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CONTINGENT FUND.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

St. Davids.....	\$ 1 33	Beverly.....	\$5 40
Welland.....	1 50	Ancaster.....	3 00
Pelham.....	75	Brant.....	8 00
Dunnville.....	1 03	Eramosa.....	3 00
Saltfleet.....	9 05	Barton.....	4 25
Flamboro'.....	3 25	Smithville.....	1 88
Canboro.....	2 10		
		Total on District...	\$44 54

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit.....	\$4 21	Hartford.....	\$1 85
Blenheim.....	1 00	Rainham.....	2 00
Oakland.....	2 62	Nanticoke.....	1 00
Norwich.....	6 00	Vienna.....	2 00
Embro.....	2 50	London City.....	2 50
St. Marys.....	4 38		
Walsingham.....	1 25	Total on District...	\$31 31

LONDON DISTRICT.

London N.....	\$1 87	Southwold.....	\$0 50
London S.....	2 00	Arkona.....	4 20
Strathroy.....	4 50	Bosanquet.....	3 00
Dorchester.....	2 20	McGilvary.....	2 52
Springfield.....	3 00	Stanley.....	1 00
Malahide.....	0 00	Seaforth.....	0 00
Yarmouth.....	0 00	Goderich.....	0 00
Maitland.....	1 00		
		Total on District...	\$25 79

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence.....	\$2 50	Sydenham.....	\$3 00
Howard.....	2 75	Wallaceburg.....	3 78
Harwich.....	5 00	St. Clair.....	1 75
Sandwich.....	0 00	Brooke.....	2 03
Blythewood.....	4 64	Enniskillen.....	1 00
Dover.....	0 00	Oil Springs.....	6 38
Newbury.....	3 50		
		Total on District...	\$36 30

RECAPITULATION.

Niagara District.....	\$44 54
Oxford "	31 31
London "	25 79
St. Clair "	36 30
Grand Total.....	\$137 94

DISBURSEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

Parchments.....	\$ 1 00
To Bishop Richardson, for traveling expenses....	15 00
" J. Wood.....	50 00
" J. P. Mordon.....	15 00
" E. A. Terwilligar.....	25 00
" D. Griffin.....	15 00
" E. Draper.....	15 00
Total expenditure.....	\$136 00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 1 94

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STATISTICS OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

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CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Re-ceipts	De-ficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
OXFORD DISTRICT.	W. Graham	500 00	490 ..	10 ..
Oxford ct.	M. Benson	500 ..	451 95	48 05
	S. Williams	200 ..	180 78	19 22
Blenheim	J. N. Elliott	400 ..	479 74	
Oakland	B. Bristol	400 ..	400 ..	
Embro	J. Wood	300 ..	300 ..	
Norwich	E. Lounsbury	425 ..	403 60	21 40
	J. Brown	175 ..	166 40	8 60
St. Marys	S. Terwilligar	500 ..	500 ..	
	B. C. Moore	200 ..	200 ..	
Walsingham	D. Griffin			
Hartford	E. Draper	252 58	252 58	
Rainham	G. Smith	300 00	280 ..	20 ..
Nanticoke	S. Short			
Vienna	J. A. Livingstone	400 00	361 ..	39 ..
London City	J. Gilray	550 00	550 ..	
NIAGARA DISTRICT.	T. Webster			
Welland	F. M. Smith	350 00	300 ..	50 ..
	L. Randall	150 00	122 52	27 48
Pelham	J. C. Bunnell	232 50	209 ..	42 41
	J. Miller	40 00	40 ..	
Dunnville	W. G. Brown	331 00	334 ..	
St. Davids	J. W. B. Johnson	312 50	312 50	
Smithville	D. Williams	350 ..	325 19	24 81
Saltfleet	P. Smith Jr.	450 ..	450 ..	
	A. Beemer	175 ..	175 ..	
Barton and Hamilton	J. Draper	400 ..	360 ..	40 ..
Flamboro	E. Bartram	400 ..	400 ..	
Beverly	A. Hunsberger	400 ..	386 12½	13 87½
Ancaster	G. Hunt	425 ..	425 ..	
Brant	W. Benson	415 ..	415 ..	
Eramosa	R. Service	350 ..	325 ..	25 ..
Canboro	R. Parsons	300 ..	365 ..	
LONDON DISTRICT.	J. McLean			
London	W. D. Huchson	250 ..	250 ..	
	H. J. Kilty	375 ..	375 ..	
Strathroy	C. S. Eastman	375 ..	375 ..	
	W. Fansher	350 ..	350 ..	
Dorchester	A. Jones	450 ..	450 ..	
Springfield	S. Card	400 ..	400 ..	
Malahide	A. E. Griffith			
Yarmouth	J. F. Morden	84 50	80 ..	4 50
Southwold	M. R. Phillips	400 ..	400 ..	
Arksna	H. Lock	300 ..	300 ..	
Bosanquet	J. M. Collins	350 ..	303 25	46 75
McGilvary	G. Hardy	300 ..	255 ..	45 ..
Stanley	W. Yokom	300 ..	300 ..	
Seaforth	J. W. Yokom			
Goderich	B. B. Rogers	400 ..	370 ..	30 ..
Maitland	M. Dimick	275 ..	275 ..	
St. CLAIR DISTRICT.	I. B. Richardson			
Florence	J. W. Jordan	230 ..	230 ..	
Howard	F. Smith	400 ..	400 ..	
Harwich	D. Barker	233 ..	232 ..	
Sandwich	T. Rounston	237 50	180 ..	57 50
Blythwood	C. Burdett	350 ..	350 ..	
Dover	W. S. Wright			
Sydenham	M. A. Richards	390 ..	300 ..	90 ..
Wallaceburg	J. T. Davis	400 ..	340 ..	60 ..
St. Clair	J. Reynolds	325 ..	200 ..	1 25
Brooke	G. Lawrence	300 ..	300 ..	
	M. D. Terwilligar	128 ..	128 ..	
Enniskillen	J. Hubbell	325 ..	325 ..	
Oil Springs	G. S. Smith			
Newbury	J. F. Fairchild	350 ..	350 ..	

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PREACHERS,

With Post Office Address, No. of Years in the Ministry, in this Conference, and effective in the work.

NAMES OF PREACHERS.	POST OFFICE.	In Ministry.	In Niagara Conference	Effective.	On present Charge.
Abbs, G	Hamilton	17	16	17	3
Bristol, E	Ancaster	27	22	24	1
Bristol, B	Oakland	10	10	10	2
Rartram, E	Cainsville	14	14	13	1
Benson, M	Newark	11	11	11	1
Benson, W	Princeton	9	8	8	1
Burnell, J. C	York, Madina Co. Ohio.	2	2	2	
Burdett, C	Blythewood	10	10	10	2
Brown, W. G.	Crowland	3	3	3	1
Barker, D.	Morpeth	2	2	2	
Beamer, A.	Crowland	1	1	1	
Brown, J.	Belleville	1	1	1	1
Cook, R. B.	Canboro	1	1	1	
Culp, D.	Oakland	17	17	15	
Collins, J. M.	Luton	54	22	23	
Card, S.	Springfield	12	12	12	1
Collamore, O. G.	Fenwick	8	8	7	2
Draper, E.	Bartonville	14	11	14	1
Draper, J.	Mt. Albion	16	16	14	1
Davis, J. T.	Wallaceburg	11	11	11	
Dimmick, M.	Manchester	8	8	8	2
Eastman, C. S.	Oil Springs	3	3	3	2
Fansher, W.	Strathroy	7	7	7	1
Fairchilds, J. F.	Watford	3	3	3	2
Griffin, D.	Straffordville.	3	3	3	1
Graham, W.	Embro	32	17	10	
Griffith, A. E.	Sylvan	17	10	17	3
Gilray, J.	Tapletown	14	14	14	1
Hughson, W. D.	Duleware	12	12	12	1
Hunsburger, A.	Newbury	25	22	24	3
Hunt, G.	Ancaster	11	11	11	1
Hayward	Hartford	11	11	11	2
Hartley, G.	Bayfield	20	20	12	
Hubbell, J.	Tilbury	8	8	8	1
Jones, A.	Belmont	3	3	3	1
Johnston, J. W. B.	Dunnville	27	17	27	2
Kilty, H. J.	Komoka	2	2	2	1
Ke r S. L.	Meaford	11	11	11	2
Lounsbury, E.	Ingersol	19	18	16	
Lawrence, G.	St. Clair	17	17	17	1
Lock, H.	Arkona	22	22	16	1
Livingston, J. A.	Goderich	4	4	4	2
		3	3	3	1

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PREACHERS.—(CONTINUED.)

In Niagara Conference	Effective.	On present Charge.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	POST OFFICE.	In	In	In	On present Charge.
					Ministry.	Niagara Conference	Effective.	
			McLean J.	Lambeth.....	18	18	18	3
			Morden J. P.	Fingal.....	8	8	7	1
			Moore B. C.	Ingersol.....	1	1	1	1
			Madden J.	Petrolia.....				1
			Philips J. R.	Vienna.....		3		1
			Parsons R. C.	Canboro.....	2	2	2	2
			Richardson J. D. D. Bishop	Yorkville.....	41		36	
			Rogers B. B.	Morpeth.....	7	7	5	1
			Rouston T.	Sydenham.....	3	3	3	1
			Randall L.	Strathroy.....	1	1	1	1
			Reynolds J.	Watford.....	1	1	1	1
			Smith P. D. D., Bishop.	Brocklin.....	46		37	
			Stewart Dr. S.	Lynden.....	22	22		
			Sweazy C.	Font Hill.....	29	21	4	
			Smith G.	Rainham Centre	13	13	13	2
			Service R.	Rockwood.....	10	10	10	2
			Smith F. M.	Lynden.....	9	9	9	1
			Smith P. junr.	London.....	8	8	8	1
			Short S.	Nanticoke.....	4	4	4	1
			Smith F.	Florence.....	1	1	1	1
			Tufford J. C.	Aylmer.....	21	21	20	
			Terwillager S.	St. Marys.....	19	8	14	2
			Terwillager E. A.	St. Marys.....	7	7	7	1
			Terwillager M. D.	Widder.....	2	2	2	1
			Webster T.	Newbury.....	28	22	16	1
			Wood J.	Embrö.....	16	16	16	3
			Wright M. A.	Ridgetown.....	4	4	4	1
			Williamson J. S.	Sparta.....	1	1	1	1
			Williams D.	Smithville.....	2	2	2	2
			Yokom W.	Flamboro.....	8	8	8	1
			Yokom J. W.	Seaforth.....	6	6	6	2

NAMES AND STANDING

Of Local Preachers in Niagara Annual Conference.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

- Welland.—J. M. House, J. W. Gould, Deacon.
 St. Davids.—D. Collard, Elder.
 Pelham.—R. Farr, R. Dandy, J. Goodwillie.
 Dunnville.—A. Rodgers, J. L. Ricker, A. Stringer, Wm. Stringer, Deacon.

ACHERS,

Ministry, in this
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In Niagara Conference	Effective.	On present Charge.
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- Smithville*.—J. Upper, Deacon ; J. B. Cutler, Deacon ; W. Griffin, Lane, N. Patterson, A. Gee.
Saltfleet.—C. C. Burkholder.
Eramosa.—A. Warner.
Ancaster.—S. Stone.
Flamboro'.—M. S. Dimmick, Elder ; T. Pickett, Deacon ; S. Griffin.
Beverly.—W. M. Clement, J. Clement, D. W. Misener, B. Moore.
Brant.—W. Bautinheimer, Deacon ; R. Carson, J. Vanderlip.
Z. Elliott, S. Williamson, G. Bradshaw, W. H. Teeple, J. Wright.

OXFORD DISTRICT.

- Oxford Circuit*.—A. Bursee, Elder ; J. Davy, Deacon ; A. H. Cogswell, M. Gray, C. M. Odell, Deacon.
Norwich.—D. W. Kelley.
Vienna.—R. Yokom, P. Yokom, M. Hunsberger, E. Pettit, D. F. Martin, D. F. Westover.
Walsingham.—A. Robinson.
St. Marys.—T. B. Brown, Elder.
Embro.—G. C. Grout.
Oakland.—O. Olmstead, Wm. Ansoomb.
Blenheim.—D. Epps, J. Harley.
Rainham.—J. Decew, Deacon.
Nanticoke.—H. Wood, R. A. Howey.

LONDON DISTRICT.

- Malahide*.—O. H. Tyrrell, Deacon ; J. S. Clerdenning, W. L. Brown.
Dorchester.—J. H. Hughes, H. M. Wiltsey, H. Gram.
Springfield.—R. Dexter, Elder ; J. Norton.
Maitland.—W. Symmington.
London.—R. Morden, Deacon ; J. McNeal, Deacon-elect ; J. Morden, J. Wilson, W. Mair, J. Bailey, Deacon ; J. W. Pickereil, R. McGuffin.
Arkona.—J. H. Kennedy.
Yarmouth.—J. S. Fraser, Deacon ; J. Bently, Deacon.
Strathroy.—J. Jefferson, Deacon ; W. Clement.
Bosanquet.—R. Lyman, Elder ; N. Roy, Elder ; R. Virtue.
McGilvary.—G. Thompson, Deacon.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

- Howard*.—H. Ogletree, Deacon ; L. P. Loft, Deacon.
Blythwood.—J. Beacom, Deacon ; A. Scratch, Deacon.
Sandwich.—J. Greaves, Deacon-elect ; C. Lounsbury, B. F. Curtis.

St. Clair.—J. D. Dolson, Elder.
Enniskillen.—S. J. Lancaster, Deacon; J. Dupee, Deacon.
Oil Springs.—B. Lyman.
Brooke.—J. Cook.
Newbury.—E. Sutton, J. Walker, Deacon.
Florence.—J. W. Morley, Deacon; J. Bobier, P. Switzer, A. Scarlett, Deacon.
Sydenham.—J. G. Shaw, M. Pickard, A. Smith, D. D. Willis-ton.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

T. Webster, M. Benson, G. Abbs, E. Bristol, E. Lounsbury, I. B. Richardson, W. Graham, A. Jones, W. D. Hughson, J. Gilray, J. McLean, S. Stewart, J. Draper, P. Smith, jr., J. M. Collins, S. Terwilligar.

RESERVES.—A. Hunsberger, G. Hunt, E. Bartram, B. Bristol.

STANDING ORDERS OF CONFERENCE.

That the candidates meet the Committee for Examination at the seat of the next Conference, on the Tuesday next preceding its Session, at 10 o'clock A.M.

That the first Sabbath in next June be the time for preaching the Centenary Sermon, as called for in the Report on Centenary of American Methodism.

That the Minutes of this Conference be published with the Minutes of our other Annual Conferences, and that we have 500 copies of them.

That we have 650 copies of the Missionary Reports.

That each preacher take up a collection in each and all of his congregations, to defray the expenses of the Delegates to the General Conference—said collection to be forwarded to the P. E.'s of respective Districts not later than the first of July next.

Conference was closed on May 3rd, 1866, by Bishop Richardson leading in worship, Bishop Smith reading the Stations of the Preachers, and pronouncing the benediction.

M. BENSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Ontario Annual Conference.

MINUTES of the Fourth Session of the Ontario Annual Conference, held in Palermo, Halton Co., commencing at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 9th of May, 1866.

Bishop Smith presiding, opened the Conference by reading the 5th chap. 1st Epistle of Peter, and giving out the 707th hymn, commencing—"And are we yet alive," after which the following brethren offered prayer:—R. Earl, S. Morrison and G. Jones, after which the Conference joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

SECRETARY—James Curts. *Assistant Secretary*—T. Argue. *Statistical Secretary*—A. Campbell.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOMINATIONS—S. W. LaDu, S. Morrison, W. H. Shaw.

DIVINE SERVICE—S. Morrison, W. Pirritte.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS—D. Carscadden, D. Crouter, G. Wilson.

MISSIONS—G. Jones, J. Foster, S. W. LaDu, S. Morrison, W. H. Shaw.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—A. Wright, P. E. Knox, C. Taylor.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—A. L. Thurston, W. J. Massey, R. L. Tindall.

TEMPERANCE—D. Pomeroy, J. H. Watts, T. Myers.

CHURCH PROPERTY—J. M. Simpson, J. B. Fisher.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—R. Earl, J. Curts.

EDUCATION—H. Dockham, R. Sanderson, J. H. Hiltz, L. B. Caldwell, J. Hiscocks.

PRINTING—G. Shepard, G. Bennett, F. M. Finn, J. Wilson, W. A. Sills.

WAYS AND MEANS—S. W. LaDu, S. Morrison, W. H. Shaw.

CENTENARY OF AMERICAN METHODISM—W. Pirritte, O. G. Collamore, T. Argue, J. Q. Adams, A. Campbell.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE—R. Earl, Chairman. *1st Year*: G. Bennett, W. H. Shaw. *2nd Year*: R. Sanderson, J. Curts.

3rd Year: S. W. LaDu, T. P. Bradshaw. 4th Year: L. B. Caldwell, J. C. Poméroy.

SUPERANNUATED FUND—G. Jones, S. W. LaDu, S. Morrison, W. H. Shaw.

CONTINGENT FUND—C. Taylor, J. P. Sparrow, E. J. Fulford.

OBITUARIES—T. P. Bradshaw, C. V. Lake.

EXCURSION COMMITTEE—W. Pirritte, H. Dockhan, S. W. LaDu.

METHODIST UNION—S. Morrison, W. Pirritte, S. W. LaDu.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—C. Simpson, R. Large.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—W. F. Harnden, J. W. Emerick.

Q. 3.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

A.—G. S. Thomson, S. Thomson, C. Newson, M. Danby, D. Perry, A. V. Hulin, E. Will, J. Egan, E. G. Waite.

Q. 4.—*Who are the Deacons?*

A.—A. Maybee, W. J. Massey, T. C. Brown, A. Campbell, P. L. Sparrow, T. Meyers, G. S. Thomson,* S. Thomson,* C. Newson, M. Danby,* D. Perry,* A. V. Hulin,* E. Will,* J. Egan,* E. G. Waite.*

Q. 5.—*Who have been elected, and ordained Elders this year?*

A.—P. E. Knox, J. B. Fisher, J. Wilson.

Q. 6.—*Who are the General Superintendents?*

A.—P. Smith, D. D., J. Richardson, D. D.

Q. 7.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—None.

Q. 8.—*Who are the Supernumeraries?*

A.—M. D. Archer, G. Miller, L. B. Caldwell, J. B. Fisher.

Q. 9.—*Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

A.—J. W. Byam, H. H. Johnson, J. Owen, B. Lawrence, W. E. Norman.

Q. 10.—*Who have been expelled from the connexion this year?*

A.—None.

Q. 11.—*Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year?*

A.—None.

*Ordained this year.

Q. 12.—*Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*
 A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by strict examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—*Who have died this year?*
 A.—C. W. Fraser and L. P. Smith. (See obituaries.)

Q. 14.—*What are the numbers in Society?*
 A.—

RECAPITULATION OF NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

Colborne District.....	2687
Toronto "	1715
Durham "	1221
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Total number	5623
Total number of traveling preachers.....	68
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Total	5691
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Decrease	423

RECAPITULATION OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' CLAIM.

Colborne District.....	\$179 61
Toronto "	210 61
Durham "	86 41
Sabbath Collection.....	18 32
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Total	\$495 45

Q. 16.—*How was this expended?*

A.—

J. W. Byam.....	\$82 20
H. H. Johnson.....	82 20
L. P. Smith.....	82 20
B. Lawrence.....	82 20
W. E. Norman.....	82 20
Jesse Owen.....	\$41 10
Mrs. Fraser.....	41 10
Less by Conference expenses.....	2 25
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Total	\$495 45

(See statistics on next page.)

STATISTICS.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.	Missionary.		Nos.	Superannuated.		Contingent.	
	\$	cts.		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Belleville	79	18	70	15	00	3	25
Sidney	105	65	430	30	12	3	90
Cobourg	62	05	78	11	15	2	35
Stirling	48	05	345	11	00	2	00
Madoc and Tudor	86	00	330	30	00	4	05
Onemee and Minden			107				
Brighton	75	00	320	11	20	2	49
Colborne	83	06	223	5	00	4	45
Seymour	38	57	85	7	12½	2	70
Percy	72	95	218	13	00	2	50
Hope	156	00	238	17	63	8	49
Oakwood	94	81	161	21	15	4	31
Clark	39	80	82	3	72		75
TORONTO DISTRICT.			2687	179	61½		
Orono	52	50	81	5	10	1	70
Oshawa	130	83	107	22	30	4	38
Brooklin and Whithy Town ..	83	80	155	30	00	6	00
Whithy	128	00	240	20	00	7	52
Markham	160	00	150	18	00	5	72
Muskoka	21	20	36	3	67		50
Queensville	55	00	97	15	00	1	00
King	70	00	100	7	00	3	00
Yonge Street	120	64	100	30	00	4	45
Brampton	179	60	242	30	52	13	20
Georgetown	113	27½	165	10	31	4	00
Nelson	96	80	100	15	00	4	86
Toronto	54	60	94	3	71	2	00
Toronto City			48				
DURHAM DISTRICT.			1715	210	61		
Collingwood and Osprey	82	36	121	7	34		96
St. Vincent	117	15	145	10	00	2	50
Teeswater and Bluevale	75	00	100	2	50	1	75
Hanover	47	86	117	5	00	3	05
Invermay	50	55	70	1	75	1	10
Kincardine	35	65	72	2	65	1	25
Garafraza	58	94	204	11	30	3	25
Creemore	46	12½	54	5	00	1	00
Mt. Forest	51	00	135	7	00	1	36
Orangeville	100	00	100	20	00	5	00
Melancthon	46	68	36	3	06	1	27
Elma			67	10	81		
			1221	86	41		

Q. 17.—What is the amount of Contingent Collection ?

A.—

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Belleville	\$3 25	Seymour	\$2 70
Sidney	3 90	Percy	2 50
Sterling	2 00	Hope	8 49
Madoc	4 05	Oakwood	4 31
Cobourg	2 35	Clark	0 75
Brighton	2 49		
Colborne	4 45	Total	\$41 24

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono	\$1 70	Yonge Street.....	\$ 4 45
Oshawa	4 38	Brampton.....	13 20
Brooklin.....	6 00	Georgetown	4 00
Whitby	7 52	Nelson	4 84
Markham	5 72	Toronto	2 00
Queensville.....	1 00	Muskoka.....	50
King.....	3 00		
		Total	\$58 31

DURHAM DISTRICT.

Collingwood....	\$ 97	Garafraxa.....	\$3 25
St. Vincent.....	2 50	Creemore	1 00
Teeswater.....	1 75	Mt. Forest.....	1 35
Hanover	3 05	Orangeville.....	5 00
Invermay	1 10	Melancthon	1 27
Kincardine.....	1 27		
Elma	87	Total	\$23 38

Grand Total.....\$122 93

Q. 18.—How was this expended ?

A.—

Bishop Richardson's incidental expenses.....	\$15 00
Bishop Smith, for parchments.....	1 00
A. V. Hulins, loss by fire, in part.....	10 00
Secretary's Account.....	5 28

Total

Balance left in the hands of the Treasurer..\$91 65

Superannuated.	Contingent.
\$ 15 cts. 00	\$ 3 cts. 25
30 12	3 90
11 15	2 35
11 00	2 00
30 00	4 05
11 20	2 49
5 00	4 45
7 12½	2 70
13 00	2 50
17 63	8 49
11 15	4 31
3 72	75
9 61½	
5 10	1 70
2 30	4 38
0 00	6 00
0 00	7 52
3 00	5 72
5 67	1 50
0 00	1 00
0 00	3 00
0 00	4 45
52 13	20
31 4	00
00 4	86
71 2	00
61	
34	96
00	2 50
50	1 75
00	3 05
75	1 10
65	1 25
30	3 25
00	1 00
00	1 36
00	5 00
06	1 27
81	
41	

Q. 19.—Where are the preachers stationed ?

A.—

COLBORNE DISTRICT. G. JONES, P. E.

* BELLVILLE—J. Wild, G. Shepard, Treasurer of Belleville Seminary ; A. Carman, M.A., Principal of Belleville Seminary.

SIDNEY—S. W. LaDu, D. Crouter ; A. C. Maybee, C. Simpson, permitted to attend the Belleville Seminary.

STIRLING—A. Campbell, S. M. Thompson.

MADOC—G. S. Thompson.

TUDOR—To be supplied.

COBBOURG—R. Earl.

OMEMEE—J. C. Pomeroy.

MINDEN—P. L. Sparrow.

BRIGHTON—A. Wright, One to be sent ; W. E. Norman, H. H. Johnson, Superannuated.

OAKWOOD—J. M. Simpson.

PERCY—C. Newson.

HALDIMAND—R. Sanderson, W. J. Massey.

SEYMOUR—J. Egan.

S. W. LaDu, District Centenary Agent.

TORONTO DISTRICT. S. MORRISON, P. E.

ORONO—W. A. Sills, M. D. Archer, Supernumerary.

CLARK—T. Myers.

OSHAWA AND WHITBY—H. Dockham.

BROOKLIN—W. Pirritte, R. Large.

WHITBY—J. Q. Adams, T. C. Brown, J. W. Byam, Superannuated ; L. B. Caldwell, G. Miller, Supernumeraries.

MARKHAM—D. Pomeroy, one to be sent.

MUSKOKA—J. Hiscocks, G. Wilson, left without an appointment at his own request.

QUEENSVILLE—C. V. Lake.

KING.—J. Curtis.

YONGE STREET—E. G. Wait.

BRAMPTON—G. Bennet, E. Will.

GEORGETOWN—J. Ormerod.

NELSON—T. P. Bradshaw, J. Owen, Superannuated.

TORONTO—J. Wilson.

OAKVILLE—A. L. Thurstan.

L. B. Caldwell, District Centenary Agent.

HURON DISTRICT. W. H. SHAW, P. E.

COLLINGWOOD—C. Taylor.

OSPREY—A. V. Hulin.

ST. VINCENT—J. H. Hiltz, one to be sent.

TEESWATER—M. Danby.

WINGHAM—E. J. Fulford, J. B. Fisher, Supernumerary.

HANOVER—J. H. Watts.

INVERMAY—D. Carscadden.

KINCARDINE—R. L. Tindall.
 ELMA—D. Petty.
 GARAPRAXA—F. M. Finn.
 CREAMORE—J. Foster.
 MT. FOREST—P. E. Knox.
 ORANGEVILLE—T. Argue, B. Lawrence, Superannuated.
 MELANCTHON—W. F. Harnden.
 F. M. Finn, District Centenary Agent.

Q. 20—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

A.—At Brooklin, in the County of Ontario, C. W., to commence at 10 o'clock A.M., on the second Wednesday in May, A. D. 1867.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE ONTARIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE :

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—We send you, greeting, our Pastoral Address, presuming it may be agreeable to you to receive it. No doubt you desire to know all you should know respecting our position, our circumstances, and our prospects as a Church. This is your privilege to know, and our duty to communicate; and, notwithstanding the pressure and multiplicity of our Conference affairs, we now attend to your reasonable expectations. We pray, "Let brotherly love continue;" let us be of one mind and heart, to promote the extension and establishment of our holy religion—to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the land.

As a Church, it is evident we are increasing in number and influence. Our limits now extend to the remotest parts of Western Canada, and our prosperity evinces that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. We now occupy stations throughout the length and breadth of the land, and our deficiency is only apparent in cities, towns or villages; but even this deficiency admits of some respectable exceptions. We do believe, and we have cause to believe, that the Head of the Church is with us, and our work of grace and labor of love meet his approval. There was a time, you know, when our existence was scarcely perceptible; circumstances of secession left us comparatively in a ruinous condition; a small membership, a few ministers, destitute of Chapels, Parsonages and pecuniary resources. Not so now; our places of worship and accommodation are numerous and respectable, our resources greatly improved, our ministry sufficient and effective, and our membership increased from hundreds to thousands. We boast not as if we did it by our might and power; nay, the Lord has done it by our mutual instrumentality. Let us, my brethren, attribute our prosperity to Him to

whom it of right belongs, and with every effort we put forth, now or in the future, associate this prevailing prayer of inspiration—"Save now, O Lord; I beseech Thee send now prosperity." But, brethren, though the Missionary enterprise is on the advance, the means that the Society at present possess are inadequate to the payment of the indebtedness to the Missionaries, and they are now laboring under much depression in consequence of pecuniary embarrassment. Brethren, we beseech you help in your own way, and this will help them in their way—and that done by you and this done by them, will make you both co-workers together with God, to advance the heavenly enterprise, in spreading the truth and grace of our holy religion from North to South, occupying all intermediate places with its hallowed influence. Give liberally, brethren, to this institution of Divine appointment. Give, we entreat you, and continue to give until the Church of God has its foundation in every valley—spreads its banner over every sea—has its site on every hill, and its exaltation on every mountain. If we severally neglect to do our part, the glory of our Church will be partially eclipsed, and in the day of final retribution our acts will be weighed in the balance of Divine equity and be found wanting.

The Belleville Seminary and College, we view with much regret, is yet involved in indebtedness. Much has been done to relieve it, and we had hoped by this time to see it beyond all danger of sinking beneath the crushing influence of insolvency; but we are not without hope it will survive the difficulties of the present crisis and remain a standing monument in the land, of voluntary contribution and unabated zeal to promote the literary improvement of the rising generation; the interests of our country, with the usefulness and the prosperity of our Church. Other denominations are doing what they can, and shall we be less than they? Nay, let it not be said; but with another mighty effort, in connection with public patronage, remove us beyond all fear and doubt with regard to its perpetuity and usefulness. You have done much hitherto; the greater part is accomplished, and now the completion is in prospect, withhold not your benefaction from this noble Institution.

The *Christian Advocate* claims our attention, and demands, because of its usefulness, our liberal support. You know its worth; it advocates the right and only disclaims the wrong. In its political aspect there is nothing repulsive—in its religious views it is purely Methodistic; its miscellaneous selections are interesting and instructive, and in its advocacy of our doctrines and peculiar denominational sentiments, its judgment is indispensable. Then why not sustain it? Why do any remain in debt to its establishment? Why is it that any having received value, should be delinquent in making just and equitable returns? Let every man who wishes well to the M. E. Church—who desires the spread and establishment of truth—who designs "to owe no man anything"—be sure that the *Christian Advocate* has its legitimate right.

Sabbath Observance, Temperance Reform, and the institution of the Sunday School have had our merited attention, and we recommend them severally in our Minutes to your Christian regards. Brethren, let everything be done by you that can be done by us as a Church to maintain and extend such Institutions, as they have such a powerful tendency to enlighten and benefit the community, and render the Church their respective efficiency to spread Scriptural holiness through the land. They are "Blessed who sow beside all waters," using every available instrumentality for this purpose—the improvement of the moral and spiritual condition of mankind. Time and chance may frustrate our purpose with respect to other things; but in this there is certainty—we shall reap—we shall succeed. It must be so as long as it is written: "My word shall not return unto me void;" "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

The subject of the Centenary of American Methodism should now have our practical attention and observance. It is proposed to unite with our fathers and brethren in the United States to celebrate this great event in a Centenary Jubilee. Therefore, we most cordially invite all our members and friends to take such a part as may appropriately accord with the spirit and genius of our beloved Methodism in this great celebration—manifesting our connexional attachment to religion, our entire consecration to God, and by such a liberality of offering as may meet the Divine requirement to advance the interests of our Church. Brethren, bear in mind "God loveth the cheerful giver."

And now, brethren, in conclusion, we earnestly exhort and affectionately advise,—keep our rules; not for wrath, but for conscience sake. Meet for prayer as often as is practicable, attend your Class-Meetings punctually, and support your Ministers liberally; moreover, be careful to maintain good works in every respect, and let your works justify your faith. You know whatsoever you sow you shall reap. "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." Then, my brethren, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the necessities of the indigent—the homeless, cheerless sons and daughters of want. Not grudgingly, nor of necessity; "for he that giveth unto the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given he will pay him again." Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Amen.

PHILANDER SMITH, }
JAS. RICHARDSON, } *Presidents.*

J. CURTIS, *Secretary.*

Palermo, 16th May, 1866.

OBITUARIES.

DIED, at his residence in Sylvania, Ohio, on the 19th of February, 1866, Rev. L. P. SMITH, of the Ontario Conference, M. E. Church in Canada.

Brother SMITH was born November 28th, 1817, in Broom, N.Y., and entered the ministry in 1842; remained in the effective work until 1859, when, owing to his failing health, a superannuated relation was granted by the Niagara Conference, of which he was then a member. Brother SMITH ever manifested a willingness to spend and be spent in the cause of Christ, preaching as far as his health would permit, until within two weeks of his death. His life was one of devotion—his death victorious. To the bereaved wife and child we tender our heartfelt sympathy, praying that eventually they may be united in a better country.

DIED, in the Township of Whitby, on 27th July, 1865, Rev. C. W. FRASER.

Brother FRASER was a man of sterling integrity; and having entered the ministry in 1843, he faithfully discharged the duties of his office until circumstances made it necessary for him to ask a supernumerary relation, which relation he sustained until called to his reward, except two years. As a preacher, although not brilliant, he was plain, faithful and practical, aiming to instruct rather than amuse. To the only surviving member of the family circle, Sister Fraser, widow of Brother Fraser, we tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence, praying for her temporal and spiritual prosperity.

S. P. BRADSHAW,
C. V. LAKE,
S. MORRISON.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE PARENT MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—

TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—T. Argue.

SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—J. C. Pomeroy.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.—G. Jones.

SECRETARY TO REGISTER BAPTISMS.—W. A. Sills.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.—Rev. S. W. LaDu, Rev. H. Dockham, Oshawa; L. Foster, Esq., Raglan; J. L. Tucker, Esq., Orono; C. Mallory, Esq., Cobourg.

VISITOR TO BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.—T. P. Bradshaw.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

1. CONFERENCE ordered 500 Copies of Minutes.
 " " 750 Missionary Reports.
2. It was resolved, That Centenary Sermons be preached throughout the bounds of our Conference the first Sabbath in July.
3. *Resolved*, That sermons on the observance of the Christian Sabbath be preached in all our congregations some time during the year.
4. That collections be taken up in all our congregations during the month of July, to meet the expenses of Delegates to the General Conference, and placed in the hands of the Presiding Elders.

Moved by J. CURTS, seconded by T. ARGUE, and *Resolved*,

1st. Whereas, in the kind providence of God, He has graciously preserved our General Superintendents during the past Conference year, we hereby feel called upon to acknowledge the Divine goodness—hoping that their lives may long be spared to act their part and abound, amid the prosperity of Zion.

2nd. That inasmuch as it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to preserve precious in His sight our respected Bishop Richardson, during his absence from our midst in Europe, we therefore acknowledge the watchful care of God, in permitting him again to return to our own country, affording us the benefit of his counsels, and the pleasure of his official associations, and hereby tender to him a hearty welcome into our midst, assuring him of our affectionate regard for his welfare.

3rd. That we hereby tender our warmest thanks to our friends in Palermo and its vicinity for their generous hospitality in our entertainment, and assure them of our fraternal regard for their well-being in time, and will continue to pray that we may finally meet them in the General Assembly at the right hand of God.

4th. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. W. Pirritte, for providing us with such good homes during the Session of this Conference.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN METHODIST UNION.

Whereas, the subject of union of the Methodist Churches in Canada is receiving considerable attention just now, and in the abstract is meeting with considerable favor, it is therefore deemed expedient in the present juncture of affairs that the M. E. Church, through her properly constituted authorities, express herself on the question.

The union of the Church of God was strikingly maintained under the Levitical economy, when from the snowy Mount of Lebanon to

the dewy vale of Hebron, all had to appear for worship, and worship in the same way, and when non-conformity was punished by Divine authority.

The beautiful language of the psalmist is well known : " Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ; " " Till we all come in the unity of the faith," says the apostle ; and this it seems was designed to lead up to the stature of perfect men in Christ Jesus ; " That they all may be one," says the Redeemer, in his intercessory prayer, " I in them and they in me, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me."

The unity under the old economy required uniformity. Unity, however, we admit, may exist and be perpetuated without uniformity ; but that great injury has resulted to the Church of God from the want of unity, even by those holding the same faith and forms of worship, none can doubt. That divisions and schisms have been overruled so as to educe real good out of seeming ill, is cause of thankfulness to the Head of the Church.

As a people we have maintained the Christian faith and Church polity handed us by our fathers, and are still satisfied with their bequest, yet are not averse to a friendly conversation on the subject of Methodist Union.

As from the polity of our Church, we, as an Annual Conference, have no power to appoint delegates to meet with delegates from the sister Churches of the Methodist family, either to convey or receive overtures ; nevertheless, should any of the members of this Conference, on their individual responsibility, see fit to visit any convocation or assembly of ministers to converse on the subject of Methodist Union, this Conference shall hold that such has performed a kind christian act.

Whereas, the union of the Methodist bodies is a subject of very great importance, and could such a consummation be equitably brought about, incalculable good, no doubt, would result therefrom ; it is therefore the duty of the several bodies interested therein not to throw any impediments in the way of arriving at so happy a conclusion of the unpleasant controversies that have been maintained on the subject of Church division, but rather to remove as far as possible every difficulty out of the way, rendering active, peaceful and prayerful aid in a work so Christ-like.

Therefore Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize the General Conference, and hereby do memorialize it, to appoint a standing committee to represent the M. E. Church in any meeting or convention of delegates officially appointed by the sister Methodist Churches, to discuss the feasibility of a union and consolidation of the Methodist Churches in Canada.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. MORRISON,
S. W. LADU,
W. PIRITTE.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.		Re-	De-
		cts.	\$	ceipts	ficit.
		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
COLBORNE DISTRICT.....	S. W. LaDu P. E.....	500	500		
Belleville.....	J. Wild.....	475	475		
Sidney.....	W. A. Sills.....	500	500		
Sidney.....	W. J. Massey.....	318	318		
Stirling.....	G. Nowson.....	350	239 33		110 67
Stirling.....	C. Simpson.....	125	78 48		46 52
Stirling.....	A. Campbell.....	430	410		20
Madoc.....	G. S. Thomson.....	160	150		10
Cobourg.....	R. Earl.....	400	348		51 62
Omenece.....	W. F. Harnden.....	275	221 55		54 45
Minden.....	A. Mabey.....	160	120		40
Brighton.....	G. Jones.....	500	420		80
Brighton.....	S. Thomson.....	50	50		
Seymour and Norwood.....	T. Meyers.....	350	304 83		45 17
Colborne.....	J. C. Pomeroy.....		300		
Colborne.....	S. Thomson.....	50	45		5
Percy.....	A. Wright.....	400	381		19
Hope.....	R. Sanderson.....	440	440		
Hope.....	J. Egan.....	140	140		
Hope.....	J. M. Simpson.....	450	450		
Clark.....	D. Crouter.....	300	263 25		63 75
CLARK DISTRICT.....	S. Morrison.....	500	500		
Orono.....	H. Dookham.....	400	350 55		49 45
Whitby.....	J. Q. Adams.....	400	346 40		53 54
Whitby.....	E. Will.....	200	161 66		38 34
Whitby.....	T. P. Bradshaw.....	440	440		
Yonge Street.....	A. L. Thurston.....	425	307 72		117 28
Toronto.....	J. Ormerod.....	400	450		
Georgetown.....	G. Bennett.....	450	421 92		28 18
Brampton.....	T. C. Brown.....	200	187 55		4 20
Brampton.....	W. Pirrites.....				
Nelson.....	J. Wilson.....	300	300		
Markham.....	E. G. Wait.....	200	200		
Markham.....	J. Hiscocks.....	196 20	196 20		
Muskoka.....	T. Argue.....	350	350		
Orangeville.....	J. Curtis.....	450	373 97		76 13
King.....	C. V. Lake.....	350	294 78		85 92
Queensville.....	G. G. Collamore.....	450	450		
Brooklin.....	J. P. Sparrow.....	450	422		28 50
Oshawa.....	D. Pomeroy.....	550	530		20
Toronto Missions.....	W. H. Shaw, P. E.....	600	470		30
DURHAM DISTRICT.....	C. Taylor.....	400	334		66
Osprey & Collingwood.....	A. V. Hullin.....	250	150		100
Osprey & Collingwood.....	J. H. Hiltz.....	450	350		100
St. Vincent.....	M. Danby.....	200	161 47		38 53
Teeswater & Bluevale.....	J. W. Emerick.....	375	325		50
Teeswater & Bluevale.....	E. J. Fulford.....				
Hanover.....	J. H. Watts.....	400	358 60		41 40
Invermay.....	D. Carscodd.....	400	400		
Kinairdine.....	R. L. Tindale.....	375	363 16		11 84
Elms.....	B. Perry.....	410	315 03		94 97
Garafaxa.....	F. M. Finn.....	400	339 29		60 71
Creemore.....	J. Foster.....	350	325		25
Mt. Forest.....	P. E. Knox.....	400	373 20		26 80
Orangeville.....	T. Argue.....	350	350		
Melancthon.....	J. B. Fisher.....	228	228		

SUPERANNATED PREACHERS' CLAIM.

The copy of the apportionment of Superannuated Preachers' Claims was mislaid, and we were unable to obtain a duplicate from the Secretary in time for insertion in its proper place. If it should arrive before the Minutes are stitched, it will be inserted as an appendix at the close of the Bay Quinte Conference Minutes.

ALPHABETICAL LIST.

Of the Preachers of the Ontario Conference, with their Post Office address.

NAMES.	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE.
Adams J. Q.	Whitby	Myrtle
Archer M. D.	Orono	Orono
Argue T.	Orangeville	Orangeville
Byam J. W.	Superannuated	Myrtle
Bennett G.	Brampton	Brampton
Bradshaw T. P.	Nelson	Palermo
Brown T. C.	Whitby	Port Perry
Curtis J.	King	King
Carscadden D.	Invermay	
Caldwell L. B.	Supernumerary	Myrtle
Carman A. M. A.	Belleville Seminary	Belleville
Crouter D.	Sidney	Belleville
Campbell A.	Stirling	
Dockman H.	Oshawa	Oshawa
Danby M.	Teeswater	Teeswater
Earl R.	Cobourg	Cobourg
Egan J.	Seymore	Seymore
Foster J.	Creemore	Creemore
Finn F. M.	Garafraxa	Garafraxa
Fulford E. J.	Wingham	Wingham
Fisher	Supernumerary	
Hiscocks J.	Muskoka	Severn Bridge
Hilts J. H.	St. Vincent	Meaford
Hulin A. V.	Osprey	
Harnden W. F.	Melancthon	Melancthon
Johnson H. H.	Superannuated	Frankford
Jones G.	COLBORNE DISTRICT	Brighton
Knox P. E.	Mt. Forest	Mt. Forest
Lawrence B.	Superannuated	Newbury
Lake C. V.	Queensville	Queensville
LaDu	Sidney	Belleville
Large R.	Brooklin	Brooklin
Morrison S.	TORONTO DISTRICT	Glenwilliams
Mabee A. C.	Student	Belleville
Massey W. J.	Haldimand	Grafton
Meyers T.	Clark	
Miller G.	Supernumerary	Myrtle
Norman E.	Superannuated	Brighton
Newson C.	Percy	
Ormerod J.	Georgetown	Ballinfad
Owen J.	Superannuated	Gunmarsh Mich. U. S.
Pomeroy D.	Markham	Headford
Pomeroy J. C.	Omeme	
Pirritte W.	Brooklin	Brooklin
Perry D.	Elma	Listowell
Richardson J. D.D.	Bishop	Yorkville
Smith P. D. D.	Bishop	Brooklin
Shaw W. H.	DURHAM DISTRICT	Priceville
Simpson J. M.	Oakwood	Oakwood
Simpson C.	Student	Belleville

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NAMES.	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE.
Sanderson R.....	Haldimand	Baltimore.....
Sparrow J. P.....	Colborne	Castleton.....
Sparrow P. L.....	Minden.....	Minden.....
Sills W. A.....	Orono.....	Orono.....
Shepard G.....	Treasurer of B. Seminary	Belleville.....
Thurston A. L.....	Oakville.....	Oakville.....
Taylor C.....	Collingwood	Heathcoate.....
Tindall R. L.....	Kincardine.....	Kincardine.....
Thompson G. S.....	Madoc.....	Madoc.....
Thompson S. A.....	Stirling	
Wilson G.....		Muskoka Falls.....
Wilson J.....	Toronto.....	Yorkville.....
Will E.....	Brampton.....	Greenwilliams.....
Waite E. G.....	Yonge Street.....	Willowdale.....
Wild J.....	Belleville.....	Belleville.....
Wright A.....	Brighton.....	Brighton.....

COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Bible; Watson's Institutes, first and second parts; Watson's Apology; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Binney's Theological Compendium; Discipline (Baker's Notes); Church History—Stevens' History of Methodism (1st volume); English Grammar; Lovell's Geography; Reading before Committee, and a written Essay to be produced.

2ND YEAR.—Bible; review of first year; Watson's Institutes, 3rd and 4th parts; Wesley's Sermons; Hibbard on Baptism; Luckey's Lord's Supper; Discipline, Baker's Notes; Church History—Bang's Original Church of Christ; Stevens' History of Methodism, 2nd vol.; Ruter's Church History; Parker's Natural Philosophy; English Grammar; Newman's Rhetoric; Hedge's Logic; written Sermon to be produced.

3RD YEAR.—Bible; review of 1st and 2nd year; History, Chronology and Evidences of the Bible; Fletcher's Checks; McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity; Horne's Introduction; Church History—Stevens' History of Methodism, (3rd vol.); Tytler's General History; Upham's Mental Philosophy; written Essay or Sermon.

4TH YEAR.—Review of the whole course; Additional Books of Reference; Stevens' Church Polity; Hallam's Middle Ages; D'Aubigne's Reformation; Claude's Essay on Composition; Townley's Biblical Literature; a written Essay or Sermon to be produced.

NAMES AND STANDING

Of Local Preachers in Ontario Annual Conference.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Hope Circuit.—J. Lent, Deacon; J. L. Sweet, Deacon.

Colborne.—W. Higgins, C. Underhill.

Seymour.—L. Stephens.

Brighton.—J. Webster, Elder; C. P. Werden, M. McPhail, Deacons; H. McPhail, D. McPhail, J. Wright, J. B. Newcomb and E. Clark.

Percy.—E. Cryderman, J. Stone, Deacon; J. Black.

Stirling.—L. Johnson, E. Andrews, C. Simpson.

Sidney.—W. Dafeo, W. Vernilyea.

Omenee.—C. W. Dies, W. F. Harnden.

Clark.—James Carscadden, Deacon.

Tudor.—E. Werden.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono.—N. E. Scott, H. B. Palmer, S. H. Smale, H. Stephens.

Oshawa.—E. L. Steeger, J. Bradshaw, Elder.

Brooklin.—J. Campbell, Deacon-elect; A. W. Chapman.

Whitby.—G. Fisher, Elder; G. Wells, Elder; R. Harnden, Elder; J. Gorden, C. Rose, W. Ranous, Deacon.

Markham.—J. M. Forsyth, T. Jobbett, J. C. Cummer.

Queensville.—Wright Fogg, D. Peregrine.

Brampton.—A. Hutton.

Georgetown.—M. Kennedy, Elder; F. Warren.

Toronto.—J. Cronkright.

Nelson.—L. Hagar, Deacon.

Melancthon.—E. Hardy, E. Hurlburt, J. Bell, J. F. Halstead.

DURHAM DISTRICT.

St. Vincent.—R. Gilray, J. Raymond, J. D. Kergan.

Garafraca.—E. W. Whittle, Deacon; Thomas Moore.

Etma.—R. Vines, Elder-elect; J. Vines, Deacon-elect.

Ivermay.—J. Andrews, R. Carson.

Kincardine.—J. Coleman.

Bluevale.—W. Etkins, E. Adams.

Mt. Forest.—J. P. Bissell.

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Deacon.

M. McPhail,
B. Newcomb

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H. Stephens.

chapman.

R. Harnden,

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F. Halstead.

Moore.

elect.

Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

THE BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE commenced its Twenty-Third Session in the Town of Napanee, County of Lennox and Addington, on Wednesday, May 30th, 1866, at 10 o'clock A.M., Rev. Philander Smith, D.D., Sr. Bishop, presiding.

The services were opened by the Bishop reading the 3rd Chap. I. Cor. The 206th Hymn, page 120, was sung by the Choir. Revs. J. A. Rogers, J. F. Wilson, and Bishop Richardson, D. D., offered prayer.

Rev. J. Gardiner was re-elected Secretary; A. Martin, Assistant Secretary; I. B. Aylsworth, Financial Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE—B. Smith, D. Wilson, J. F. Wilson.

ADVISORY—D. Wilson, W. Bird, J. H. Andrews, W. Brown, D. W. Aylsworth, W. E. Johnston.

NOMINATION—J. Gardiner, J. F. Wilson, W. Brown.

COURSE OF STUDY—D. W. Aylsworth, S. G. Stone, A. Martin.

MISSIONS—J. H. Andrews, J. Ferguson, G. S. White, W. E. Johnston, E. Woodcock.

EDUCATION—W. Brown, I. B. Aylsworth, A. Hunt, R. Beal, J. Halliwell.

PRINTING—J. A. Rogers, J. D. Bell, W. H. Graham.

STEWARDS—A. Martin, W. G. Hudgins, A. Youker.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—E. S. Howard, A. Dawson, J. Graham.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—S. G. Stone, L. A. Betts, J. B. Smith.

TEMPERANCE—J. Hill, F. B. Stratton, E. Orser.

CHURCH PROPERTY—A. Anderson, F. Chisholm, P. Empey.

WAYS AND MEANS—J. G. Bull, G. French, E. Sherwood.

SUPERANNATED FUND—J. H. Andrews and Presiding Elders.

CONTINGENT FUND—D. Smith, J. Hulin, T. McAmmond.

CENTENARY OF AMERICAN METHODISM—J. F. Wilson, B. Smith, W. Brown, J. Gardiner, A. Hunt.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—D. W. Aylsworth, S. G. Stone, W. H. Snider.

ADMINISTRATION AND UNIFORMITY—N. H. Howard, W. Bird, T. Lewis, A. Traveller, Z. B. Hitchcock.

METHODIST UNION—J. F. Wilson, A. Hunt, S. Young.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—William Blair, Robert B. Denike, Thomas W. Picket, William Service.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—A. Shorts, John Brill, B. Lane.

Q. 3.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

A.—H. Hesselgrave, F. B. Knowlton.

Q. 4.—*Who are the Deacons?*

A.—H. Seymour, A. Anderson, J. Graham, J. Halliwell, J. Hulin, D. Brill, A. Traveller, C. Sherwood, F. B. Knowlton, H. Hesselgrave,* A. Dawson.*

Q. 5.—*Who are the Elders?*

A.—B. Smith, T. Lewis, W. Bird, D. Perry, H. Lane, M. Davy, J. McNally, I. N. D. West, J. Gardiner, J. F. Wilson, J. Hill, W. Brown, H. Williams, D. Wilson, E. Orser, J. A. Rogers, N. H. Howard, S. Young, J. H. Andrews, J. G. Bull, D. Brown, R. Beal, J. W. Sills, J. D. Bell, E. Woodcock, W. H. Graham, I. B. Aylsworth, A. Hunt, D. Smith, J. Smith, D. W. Aylsworth, W. H. Snider, J. Ferguson, L. A. Betts, P. Empey, G. French, E. S. Howard, W. G. Hudgins, F. B. Stratton, G. S. White, W. E. Johnson, A. Martin, S. G. Stone, A. Youker,* Z. B. Hitchcock,* T. McAmmond,* F. Chisholm,* J. Halliwell.*

Q. 6.—*Who are the General Superintendents?*

A.—Rev. P. Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Richardson, D. D.

Q. 7.—*Who are the Supernumeraries?*

A.—H. Lane, J. McNally, R. Beal, J. W. Sills, G. French, P. Empey.

Q. 8.—*Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?*

A.—D. Perry, D. Brown, I. N. D. West, T. Lewis, H. Seymour, B. Smith, J. Smith, E. Orser, M. Davy.

Q. 9.—*Who have been expelled from the connexion this year?*

A.—None.

*Ordained this year.

Stone, W. H.
 ward, W. Bird.
 Young.

Q. 10.—*Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year?*

A.—Amasa A. Brown, removed to United States.

Q. 11.—*Who have died this year?*

A.—None.

Q. 12.—*Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—J. B. Smith.

Q. 14.—*What are the numbers in Society?*

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Mellville	130	Tamworth	114
Hallowell.....	217	Lonsdale	164
Millford.....	139	Napance.....	340
Cannifton.....	324	Bay Quinte.....	161
Shannonville	240	Odessa	149
Hungerford	170	Camden	280
Denbigh.....	97		
Kennebec.....	230	Total on District.....	2755

Halliwell, J.
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AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Kingston	22	Edwardsburg.....	86
Wolfe Island.....	65	Matilda	215*
Gananoque.....	100	Williamsburg	90
Mallorytown	98	Winchester	292
Lynn	144	Osnabruck	86
Brockville	65	Roxboro.....	130
Farmersville	203		
Augusta.....	225	Total on District.....	1821

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preachers?
 H. Seymour,
 on this year?

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Waterloo	295	Eganville	68
Hinchinbrooke	125	Westmeath	68
Elgin.....	245*	Clarendon.....	20
Lyndhurst	150	Ottawa West.....	80
Rideau	150	Ottawa East.....	93
Marlboro	54	Riceville	53
Arnprior.....	72		
Renfrew	98	Total on District.....	1571

* NOTE—*Error in last year's returns, at Matilda and Elgin, each 100—leaving actual decrease of year 76.—SEC.*

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members last last year.....	6424
“ Travelling Preachers last year.....	66
Total	6490
Number of Members this year.....	6157
“ Travelling Preachers this year.....	67
Total	6224
Decrease this year.....	276

Q. 15.— *What is the amount of Contingent Collection?*

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Mellville	\$3 00	Tamworth, no collection.	
Hallowell	4 00	Lonsdale	\$ 5 00
Millford	4 00	Napanee	10 00
Cannifton	8 30	Bay Quinte.....	7 00
Shannonville.....	6 00	Odessa.....	2 50
Hungerford	1 37	Camden	5 00
Denbigh	1 00		
Kennebec	2 00	Total on District..	\$58 72

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Kingston, no collection.		Edwardsburg	\$2 00
Wolfe Island	\$4 00	Matilda	6 00
Gananogue	4 00	Williamsburg	1 00
Mallorytown, no collection.		Winchester	6 00
Lynn	6 00	Osnabruk	2 30
Brockville.....	2 85	Roxboro	1 25
Augusta	8 00		
Farmersville	3 59	Total on District..	\$46 99

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Waterloo Ct.....	\$4 03	Westmeath	\$1 00
Hinchinbrooke	1 00	Eganville.....	2 00
Elgin	2 10	Clarendon, no collection.	
Lyndhurst	2 00	Ottawa West.....	4 00
Rideau, no collection.		Ottawa East.....	3 50
Marlboro, “		Riceville	1 50
Arnprior.....	2 00		
Renfrew	2 00	Total on District..	25 13
Receipts in full.....			\$131 29

Q. 16.—How was this expended ?

A.—

Paid Bishop Richardson, travelling expenses for the year in this Conference.....	\$ 15 00
Paid to J. Halliwell.....	118 78

Balance due Treasurer.....	\$2 49

Q. 17.—What is the amount of the Superannuated Fund ?

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Mellville	\$ 8 06	J. Dennison.....	\$ 1 00
Hallowell Col.....	8 00	M. Garretson.....	1 00
A. Arket.....	1 00	R. Dennison.....	2 00
H. Yeomans.....	1 00	Rev. D. Unger.....	1 00
D. Moren.....	1 00	J. Wells.....	1 00
J. W. Shoults.....	1 00	W. Scott.....	1 00
R. Ketchapaw.....	1 00	J. Lake.....	1 00
P. Wood.....	1 00	J. Gibbard.....	1 00
W. Orser.....	1 00	E. Bowen.....	1 00
Millford.....	6 06	J. S. Fretts.....	1 00
Cannifton Col.....	15 40	J. C. Huffman.....	1 00
A. Palmer.....	1 00	N. Woodcock.....	1 00
M. Haight.....	1 00	Lonsdale Col.....	2 50
E. Buringer.....	1 00	E. Hughes.....	1 00
J. & W. R. Bradshaw...	1 00	J. McConnell.....	1 00
R. Sills.....	1 00	A. Friend.....	1 00
Mrs. Casey.....	1 00	Tamworth.....	1 00
S. J. Casey.....	1 00	Mississippi and Denbigh.	3 00
J. R. Sheffield.....	1 00	Kennebec.....	4 00
J. Haslitt.....	1 00	Bay Quinte Col.....	13 75
J. C. Badgley.....	1 00	E. Asselstine.....	1 25
E. J. Badgley.....	1 50	B. Asselstine.....	1 00
Shannonville Col.....	17 33	P. Alcombrack.....	1 00
Hungerford.....	5 00	F. Vanslyke.....	1 00
Napanee Col.....	2 00	Camden.....	10 00
M. Parks.....	1 00	Odessa.....	6 00
F. Dupru.....	1 00		
J. Huffman.....	1 00	Total on District...	\$143 73

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Kingston	\$ 5 06	C. Lane, \$1 00....	\$16 00
Wolfe Island.....	7 00	Edwardsburgh	6 00
Gananoque.....	6 00	Matilda.....	12 00
Mallorytown.....	2 00	Winchester	12 00
Lynn Col. \$12 00.....		Williamsburgh	4 60
C. Gardiner, 1 00.....	13 00	Osnabruck.....	6 00
Brockville.....	3 55	Roxboro.....	1 50
Farmersville	3 90		
Augusta Col. \$15 00....		Total on District...	\$93 55

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Ottawa East.....	\$10 00	Clarendon	2 00
“ West	8 00	Eganville	3 00
Riceville	2 04	Elgin	12 00
Marlboro	1 00	Lyndhurst	2 00
Rideau	8 00	Waterloo	19 00
Arnprior.....	4 00	Hinchinbrook	2 00
Renfrew	5 00		
Westneath	3 00	Total on District...	\$81 04

PREACHERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

B. Smith.....	\$2.00	W. Brown	\$2.00
J. Hill.....	2.00	E. Woodcock	2.00
T. Lewis.....	2.00	J. Smith	2.00
N. H. Howard.....	2.00	J. A. Rogers.....	2.00
A. Anderson.....	2.00	A. Shorts	2.00
J. Gardiner.....	2.00	J. F. Wilson	2.00
A. Traveller.....	2.00	W. E. Johnston....	2.00
R. Beal	2.00	E. S. Howard.....	2.00
G. French.....	2.00	E. Sherwood	2.00
W. Bird.....	2.00	A. Youker.....	2.00
J. Hulin.....	2.00	Z. B. Hitchcock	2.00
D. Wilson.....	2.00	H. Hesselgrave.....	2.00
J. Ferguson.....	2.00	D. Smith.....	2.00
D. Brill.....	2.00	J. Brill.....	2.00
D. Brown.....	2.00	T. McAmmond	2.00
F. B. Knowlton.....	2.00	L. A. Betts.....	2.00
H. Williams.....	2.00	J. Graham.....	2.00
G. S. White.....	2.00	D. W. Aylsworth	2.00
J. G. Bull.....	2.00	D. Chisholm.....	2.00
I. N. D. West.....	2.00	F. Dawson	2.00
W. H. Graham.....	2.00	Mrs. Took.....	2.00
A. Martin.....	2.00	“ Powley.....	2.00
I. B. Aylsworth	2.00	“ I. N. D. West	2.00
F. B. Stratton.....	2.00	“ J. Smith.....	2.00
S. G. Stone.....	2.00	“ T. Lewis.....	2.00
J. H. Andrews	2.00	“ D. Brown	2.00
J. W. Sills.....	2.00		
J. D. Bell.....	2.00		
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RECAPITULATION.

Napanee District.....	\$143 73
Angusta "	93 55
Ottawa "	81 04
Preacher's Subscriptions.....	108 00
Sabbath Collection at Conference, less expenses. r.	23 68
	\$450 00

Q. 18.—How was this expended ?

T. Lewis.....	\$90 00
I. N. D. West.....	90 00
D. Brown.....	90 00
J. Smith.....	90 00
Mrs. Took.....	45 00
Mrs. Powley.....	45 00
	\$450 00

APPENDIX.—Names of Preachers who have not paid this year.

—P. Empey, S. Young, M. Davy, A. Hunt, J. Halliwell, W. G. Hudgins.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

SECRETARY—J. Gardiner, Cannifton P. O.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—S. G. Stone, Ottawa City.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—E. S. Howard, Brockville.

TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—J. Gardiner, Cannifton.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PARENT MISSIONARY SOCIETY
—(elected last year) D. Wilson, J. Gardiner.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY—J. F. Wilson, J. Gardiner.

VISITOR TO BELLEVILLE SEMINARY—D. W. Aylsworth.

MEMBERS OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE—J. Gardiner, S. Morrison.

BAY QUINTE CONFERENCE.

Q. 19.—Where are the preachers stationed?

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

- MELLVILLE—A. Anderson, R. B. Denike, T. Lewis, superannuated,
W. H. Snider, left without an appointment at his own request.
HALLOWELL—N. H. Howard.
MILFORD—J. Hulin.
CANNIFTON—J. Gardiner, one to be sent; R. Beal, G. French, super-
numeraries; I. B. Aylsworth, B. Lane, allowed to prosecute their
course of study.
HUNGERFORD—J. Hill, one to be sent; P. Empey, supernumerary.
DENBIGH—F. B. Knowlton, D. Brown, superannuated.
SHANNONVILLE—Wm. Bird.
LONSDALE—F. Chisholm.
NAPANEE—D. Wilson, T. W. Picket.
TAMWORTH—A. Traveller.
KENNEBEC—G. S. White, I. N. D. West, superannuated.
CAMDEN—J. G. Bull, E. Sherwood.
BAY QUINTE—J. Ferguson.

RIDEAU DISTRICT. J. F. WILSON, P. E.

- ODESSA—E. Woodcock, B. Smith, superannuated.
WATERLOO AND KINGSTON—J. H. Andrews, F. B. Stratton, D.
Perry, superannuated.
HINCHINBROOKE—A. Dawson.
WOLFE ISLAND—W. H. Graham.
GANANOQUE—A. Martin, E. Orser, superannuated.
LYNDHURST—J. Graham.
ELGIN—Sheldon Young.
FARMERSVILLE—L. A. Betts.
RIDEAU AND MARLBORO—Z. B. Hitchcock, M. Davy, superannuated.
HUNTLEY—D. Brill.
ARNPRIOR—J. D. Bell, H. Seymour, superannuated.
RENFREW AND CLARENDON—T. McAmmond.
WESTMEATH—J. Brill.
EGANVILLE AND RADCLIFFE—H. Hesselgrave.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT. D. W. AYLSWORTH, P. E.

- MALLORYTOWN—W. G. Hudgins.
LYNN—J. Halliwell.
BROCKVILLE—E. S. Howard.
AUGUSTA—D. Smith, H. Lane, J. W. Sills, Supernumeraries.
EDWARDSBURG—A. Youker.
MATILDA—Wm. Brown, Wm. Service.
ONABRUCK AND WILLIAMSBURG—J. A. Rogers.
WINCHESTER—A. Hunt, J. Smith, superannuated.
ROXBORO—A. Short.
RICHTONVILLE—W. E. Johnson, J. McNally, supernumerary.
OTTAWA (East and West.)—S. G. Stone, W. Blair.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

*Of the Preachers of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference, with
their Post Office Address.*

P. SMITH, D. D., Brooklin, <i>Senior Bishop.</i>	
J. RICHARDSON, D. D., Yorkville, <i>Junior Bishop.</i>	
JAMES GARDINER, Cannifton, <i>Secretary.</i>	
H. WILLIAMS, <i>Presiding Elder,</i> Napanee.	
J. F. WILSON, " Easton's Corners.	
D. W. AYLSWORTH, " Lynn.	
Andrews, J. H., Loboro.	Knowlton, F. B., Vennachar, <i>via</i>
Anderson, A., Mellville.	Perth.
Aylsworth, I. B., Belleville.	Lane, H., Morris Hill, Ill., U.S.
Bell, J. D., Armprior.	Lane, B., Belleville.
Betts, L. A., Farmersville.	Lewis, P., Mellville.
Beal, R., Oil Springs.	Martin, A., Gananoque.
Bird, W., Shannonville.	McAmmond, T., Renfrew.
Brill, J., Beachburg.	McNally, J., Vancleek Hill.
Brill, D., Huntley.	Orser, E., Gananoque.
Brown, W., Iroquois.	Perry, D., Loboro.
Brown, D., Mountain Grove.	Pickett, T. W., Napanee.
Bull, J. G., Newburgh.	Rogers, J. A., Aultsville.
Blair, W., Ottawa.	Seymour, H., White Lake.
Chisholm, F., Lonsdale.	Sills, J. W., Prescott.
Dawson, A., Verona.	Smith, B., Wilton.
Davy, M., Burrirt's Rapids.	Smith, D., Prescott.
Denike, R. B., Mellville.	Smith, J., Winchester.
Empey, P., Tweed.	Snider, W. H., Cobourg.
Ferguson, J., Morven.	Stone, S. G., Ottawa.
French, G., Belleville.	Stratton, F. B., Loboro.
Graham, W. H., Wolfe Island.	Sherwood, E., Centerville.
Graham, J., Lyndhurst.	Shorts, Alex., Newington.
Hallowell, J., Lynn.	Service, W., Iroquois.
Hesselgrave, H., Eganville.	Traveller, A., Tamworth.
Hill, J., Tweed.	West, I. N. D., Verona.
Hitchcock, Z. B., Easton's Cor's.	Woodcock, E., Odessa.
Howard, N. H., Demorestville.	White, G. S., Arden.
Howard, E. S., Brockville.	Williams, H., Napanee.
Hulin, J., Millford.	Wilson, D., Napanee.
Hunt, A., Winchester.	Young, S., Elgin.
Hudgins, W. G., Mallorytown.	Youker, A., Edwardsburg.
Johnson, W. E., Riceville.	

Q. 20—*Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?*

A.—At Farmersville, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, to commence at 10 o'clock A.M., on the fifth Wednesday in May, 1867.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

DEAR BRETHREN,—Through the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to meet again in our Annual Conference, and to transact the business pertaining thereto. In retrospecting the labors and experience of the ecclesiastical year now ended, we see much cause for gratitude to Almighty God for the precious regard in which he has held our lives, and for the degree of peace and prosperity afforded us; and in this retrospect our gratitude is intensified by the reflection that these marks of special favor have been granted while we have, we fear, been too lukewarm and too destitute of exalted devotion and zeal to our work, and we feel assured that if we had been more holy in our hearts and lives—more appreciative of the great interests of Zion—our success would have been much greater, and our prosperity more apparent. It is true that our reported membership does not present that apparent prosperity desirable, yet there has been, nevertheless, a large and real advancement and growth. The cause of this paradoxical state of our Societies is principally found in the unprecedented number of removals from our membership to a foreign country during the past year; indeed, we must have exhibited a very large decrease in our statistical report if many fields of labor had not been visited with very gracious revivals. We rejoice, therefore, that while we denominationally have not the anticipated improvement in our numbers, the cause of Christ has been advanced and Heaven records, where they properly belong, the triumphs won in our moral conflict. We are encouraged, therefore, to go out again to our respective fields of labor, resolved to more diligently and prayerfully apply ourselves to our various and sacred duties. But, brethren, while we are your servants for the Gospel's sake, and are justly expected to give our whole time and strength to our sacred calling, there are many duties so intimately connected with our labors, and having the most important bearing upon them, yet devolving necessarily upon you, that we deem it proper and expedient to bring them before you and urge upon you their serious consideration and hearty performance. Let us then present—

1st. *Your duty to your Pastors.*—In our economy your pastors are liable to be changed frequently, and many of you will be receiving those this year which are, if not entirely, comparatively strangers to you. Much of their usefulness will depend upon the manner in which you receive them, as well as upon the entertainment and support afforded. They may have left endearing associations, not soon to be forgotten or easily yielded; and with hearts tender from the rending of many ties, there is at such a period a susceptibility not to be overlooked. Receive them, then, cordially; let them feel that your hearts and homes are open to them—that you have anticipated their wants, and the incipient stage of your duty is properly performed. Remember that while it is their duty to be faithful to you, your mutual relations make it imperatively your duty to be faithful to them, ministering to their necessities, not grudgingly, but liberally and as God hath prospered you. It is not a disgrace to a Minister of the Gospel that he is sometimes compelled to labor with his hands in secular employment, to sustain himself and family when needy; but it is most reproachful and guilty on the part of those upon whom he is depending—if they have the ability to sustain him—if they constitute the necessity by withholding what is his due. Christ has thrown around this subject the most emphatic sanctions, and he who disregards this department of duty essentially wounds him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it not unto me."

Intimately connected with your domestic and moral improvement and denominational attachment stands the weekly messages of our connexional periodical, the *C. C. Advocate*, and yet we are pained to learn that many of you are without its weekly visits and wholesome influence, thus depriving yourselves of one of the most excellent means of developing family religion. We trust that there will be a marked improvement in this respect, and that the names of many who have not been, or are not, subscribers may be added to the list this year.

We would also commend to your attention the Belleville Seminary. The progress of the age and the worthy example of other Churches with regard to education leave it no longer a matter of choice, but necessity, that we as a Church do our part in an enterprise so intimately identified with the evangelization, elevation and future greatness of our country. We are already reaping the fruits of our past efforts in support of that institution. In the ministry and in various departments of public life its students are occupying prominent and honorable positions. While we congratulate you upon the fact that the debt is steadily decreasing, yet the present state of affairs demands that the balance of outstanding subscriptions be paid forthwith. As a means of mutual advantage to yourselves and the institution, we recommend that in seeking an education for your sons and daughters you will place them in the halls of your

own institution, especially as the facilities offered there are all that can be desired.

We would also call your attention to the fact that this is the Centenary year of Methodism in America. The success of the past one hundred years, and the present prominent position of Methodism on this continent, call for devout gratitude to God and enlarged benevolence. Already, at the call of the Centenary trumpet, princely offerings from grateful and benevolent hearts are pouring into the treasuries of the Lord. As none have greater motives to do so, let none excel you in the spirit of Christian liberality manifested.

The state of our country—a subject that has never demanded special attention in our annual epistle before this, now suggests some important items. It is threatened, has been invaded—may be at this moment—by a ruthless band of unprincipled robbers; an act of unprovoked wickedness without a parallel in modern times. But the God of Battles, who is ever the ally of right, has promised to be a “very present help in time of trouble,” and we have confidence that he will bring us safely through this crisis. And we exhort you, strong in your faith in God and in loyalty to your Queen and country, to maintain, at any sacrifice, and with a devotion worthy of emulation, those principles of British liberty, civil and religious, bequeathed you by your sires, if need be upon the battle-field. Your Ministers have pledged themselves, their sons and services in their country’s cause. We know we shall stand united in repelling any foe who may dare disturb our peace or invade our country.

Finally, brethren, we exhort you to diligent attendance upon all the means of grace, such as prayer and class-meetings, &c.; “Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is.” Be diligent in maintaining the various institutions of the Church, her Sabbath Schools, her Missions, &c.

And now, brethren, we commend you to God and the Word of His Grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference.

PHILANDER SMITH, } Bishops.
JAS. RICHARDSON, }

J. GARDINER, Secretary.

Napreece, June 6th, 1866.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

The Bay of Quinte Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in the town of Napanee, on learning that the Fenians were engaging our forces at Ridgway,

Resolved, That we have heard with surprise and indignation that marauding and villainous persons and characters have effected an entrance as belligerents upon our peaceful shores, as Fenians, from the United States. We are pained and perplexed that the neighboring republic should allow these proceedings, and so many of its people encourage and patronize these misguided invaders; and while we betake ourselves to fervent and united prayer to Almighty God, we desire to express our love to our country and Government, and our undeviating loyalty to the Queen. We pledge our services, ourselves and our sons to protect our homes and defend our country. The Bishops and Conference then joined in prayer, led by Bishop Smith, D.D., J. F. Wilson, A. Dawson, and concluded by Bishop Richardson, D.D.

The above resolution was forwarded to the Governor General by telegraph on Saturday, and on Tuesday the following reply was received by the Conference:—

OTTAWA, June 2nd, 1866.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, relative to the invasion into Canada of the Fenians.

I am to request that you will convey to the Bishops and Conference his Excellency's thanks for this expression of their loyalty and patriotism.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DENIS GODLEY.

The Rev. James Gardiner, Napanee, C. W.

Dr. Richardson, by request of the Conference, delivered a short address to the Conference and others attending, at the hour of the funeral obsequies of the brave men killed in routing the Fenians— at the hour of the services in Toronto; concluded with fervent prayer for the bereaved and the country, led by the Bishops and S. G. Stone.

Resolved, That repeated visits to Circuits to preach or lecture, or otherwise entertain the public within their bounds, receiving collections and gifts, unless by mutual arrangements with the preachers upon such charges, is dangerous to the peace of the Church, and utterly discountenanced by this Conference.

Resolved, That we are highly pleased and profited by the visit of

the members of other conferences, and earnestly desire that this fraternal interchange may be reciprocated.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered for the generous and sumptuous entertainment given us by the people of Napanee during the session.

Ordered, that there be 1,000 copies of Minutes—sent by mail to the preachers—unless otherwise ordered.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report—

That the relations of the Sabbath School to the growth and efficiency of the Church is too obvious to require argument. Still, it is evident that the responsibility in behalf of the young is not justly estimated or properly felt in the Church at large. The soul-stirring motives which prompt to this work are not thoroughly embraced, nor the facilities which exist for its prosecution properly appreciated, nor has the Church properly weighed the terrible alternative which must be accepted if the Christian instruction of the young is neglected. The child is not far from the Kingdom of God. He is born into the all-embracing atmosphere of Divine love, and receives the Holy Ghost ere he is capable of faith. He is, by virtue of the atonement, a member of the Church, and entitled to its fostering care. But in the midst of this paradise of childhood stands the tree of "knowledge of good and evil," of the fruit of which he will partake; temptation must be encountered, and the native depravity of the heart is quickly stimulated into a growth of sinful habits. The only safeguards of this critical period of our being are affectionate Christian instruction, example and authority. The social element pervading the Sabbath School renders it an indispensable ally of parental nurture, and adapts it to the multitudes who are destitute of parental instruction. To this work we ought then, as pastors, to direct our earnest efforts. Nothing that money, labor or prayers can contribute to make the Sabbath School a living and efficient institution should be withheld. The early conversion of children should be a primary aim in our ministry; and a nucleus of juvenile Christians should be secured in every part of our work, and maintained with prayerful solicitude. No pastor is excusable in neglecting his Sabbath School, nor can he innocently relinquish to others all supervision of it. He is the pastor of the Sabbath School as well as of the Church, and owes to all its members, both adults and juveniles, the full exercise of his pastoral relations. We are deficient as a denomination in Sabbath School enterprise. The system of the Church is at present, as in the past, adapted and

qualified to prosecute this work with efficiency. Yet such is our remissness that many of our Schools are in operation only one half the year. Some are managed with no expenditure, and most with no effort to qualify the teachers for their work. Little effort is made to organize Mission Schools, and many even of our regular appointments are destitute. This is not disciplinary; it is not politic; it is not evangelical. In referring to these facts we intend no disparagement, for we are doing a great work, as the subjoined total will show; yet more is due to God and posterity, and we must hold and cultivate the vast field into which Providence has thrust us. Your Committee would recommend, for the interest of ourselves as a Church, the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Whereas it appears that many of our brethren having oversight of charges have failed to report Union Schools,

Resolved, That all the ministers having charges be required in future to give their special attention to this subject, in order that we may be able to form a more correct estimate of their success and usefulness.

The following is a statistical account of the Sabbath Schools within your jurisdiction:—

DISTRICTS	No. of Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Convect- ions.	Bible Classes.	Volumes in Lib'ry.	Expenses.	Papers.
Napanee,	30	197	1130	42	17	2199	187	20 copies.
Augusta,	17	114	760	5	6	1405	10	16 "
Ottawa,	17	133	698		11	944	93	40 "
Total,	64	444	2588	47	34	4548	290	76 copies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. STONE, }
L. A. BETTS, } *Committee.*

Committee Rooms, Napanee, June 2nd, 1866.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Observance beg leave to report as follows:—

That the Sabbath is a Divine institution. This no person professing to believe the doctrines and ordinances of the Bible will attempt to deny. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," &c., is a plain and positive command of Jehovah, which cannot be violated with impunity; and that we may not err as touching the manner of its observance, His prophetic servant, Isaiah, (lviii. 13-14) thus speaks: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath from doing thy pleasure on my Holy Day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words—then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob, thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." No secular business is here allowed, nor worldly conversation permitted, nor toleration given to the indulgence of an earthly thought; no talking about crops, or the seasons, or worldly business; no drives or visits for mere amusement, nor for other than religious or charitable objects; no planning or devising of worldly schemes, nor the indulgence of thoughts earthly, sensual, or devilish on that hallowed day. Such seems to be the design of the prohibitory part of the Divine message; while, as active beings who must have some employment, there is a course clearly marked out: Hallow, that is, devote to sacred purposes that sacred day; and do it heartily. "Delight thyself in the Lord;" take pleasure in religious employment on that day; in the private, social and public ordinances of grace—the Sabbath School, the distribution of tracts, visiting the sick, the aged and the indigent, who may not be able to attend the House of God; these, with the reading of the Scriptures, meditation and prayer, will give ample employment to all who seek to spend aright the day Jehovah calls his own.

It is with heartfelt sorrow your Committee report that, notwithstanding the plainness of the Divine command respecting the observance of the Sabbath, the fearful consequences of its violation, and the blessed results of its right observance, there are still so many living in the habitual neglect of the discharge of their proper duties to the Sabbath; nay, worse, they live in open violation of its most sacred and binding obligation. The Sabbath is profaned; man meets his fellow on that solemn day to talk over their worldly affairs, their labors, hopes, fears, success or failure, and not a word—yea, probably not a thought of the God of the Sabbath; while with energy and skill they labor and toil through the six days of the week appointed for such labor, they spend the Sabbath in indolence and sloth, or in works detrimental to the interests of their undying

souls. How comparatively few of those who attend the ordinances of the Lord conduct themselves as becometh that day; what levity and unconcealed indifference to things Divine! How little of the spirit of real earnest devotion! Your Committee would therefore respectfully entreat that every minister and preacher, itinerant and local, every exhorter and class-leader, with every member of our Church, and all else who love the Lord, use all the influence they can wield to induce their fellow-mortals to make the Sabbath what God designed it—a blessing, and not a curse to man.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. HOWARD, }
A. DAWSON, } Committee.
J. GRAHAM, }

Committee Room, Napanee, June 4th, 1866.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of education would respectfully beg leave to report—

That we consider the education of the youth of our land, next to religion, the most important subject that can occupy the attention of a Christian community. A liberal education is a valuable assistant to piety, inasmuch as it enables its possessor to take a more comprehensive view of the sublime doctrines of Christianity, and has a tendency to elevate the affections and strengthen religious habits. Education is likewise one of the grand instrumentalities by which the Church has been defended in the past, and upon which the future triumphs of the Church must depend, because the great battle against infidelity in the present day must be fought out on scientific ground. It is therefore indispensable that the ministry and laity of the Church be furnished with facilities for acquiring a liberal education. This, we are pleased to know, has been successfully undertaken by our Church in the establishment of the Belleville College, and should therefore be regarded as supplying a great want to the Church, as well as an enterprise in keeping with the spirit of the age. We earnestly recommend our people to patronize the institution, by securing, as far as practicable, the advantages of its instruction, and we can recommend to the community at large that this College affords a cheap, safe and efficient means by which the useful and ornamental branches of learning may be acquired.

We recommend also that a strenuous effort be made this centenary year to relieve the building from its financial embarrassment. It is needless to say that the hopes which were often entertained in consequence of schemes which have been hitherto projected, that the liabilities against the building should be removed, have been disappointed; but the reason is because the subscribers have failed to

meet their obligations, and have therefore prevented simultaneous action. But notwithstanding the former partial failures, yet the debt has been steadily reduced, and we entertain very strong hopes that by the united efforts of this centenary year the entire debt will be paid. Let none of our friends be discouraged, but considering the great mercies of Providence in the past, the certain and visible benefits of the institution to the Church and country, and the splendid career before it in the future, let us take courage, rally to the rescue, and the institution shall be free.

W. BROWN,

L. B. AYLSWORTH,

R. BEAL,

J. HALLOWELL,

} Committee.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing beg leave to report—

That our acknowledgments are due to Providence and the managers of the *C. C. Advocate*, for the benefits secured to our friends and families by its weekly visits, laden as it always is with the choicest matter, calculated to instruct and comfort all classes of readers. Although the financial condition of the Printing Concern is far from indicating a prosperity commensurate with the merits of so excellent an institution, we are enabled to report a greater increase of profits for this year than we did last year.

Your Committee are very much pleased to find that the advance payments of subscriptions for current year are 100 per cent. in advance of last year—indicating an increase of money, and the wisdom of last year's recommendations.

The difficulty of collecting old subscriptions, and the fearful number of subscribers averaging 2½ years in arrears—285—suggests the propriety of renewing the remonstrance against sending the paper more than a month or two to any subscriber after the term of subscription has expired.

We think it would materially improve the interests of the printing establishment if the Presiding Elders were to call attention to the *Advocate* accounts in every Quarterly Meeting Conference; and we advise that they be instructed to do so.

The system of charging the preachers for their papers, and then giving them 10 per cent. on all the money collected and forwarded by them to the office, has worked well, and we hope it may be continued.

J. A. ROGERS,

H. WILLIAMS,

J. D. BELL,

} Committee.

Committee Room, June 4th, 1866.

REPORT ON CENTENARY.

The Committee on the Centenary of Methodism in America beg leave to report as follows:—

That we consider the great work of the Centennial year is the improvement of our gifts and the cultivation of all the Christian graces, till we all come to the unity of the faith, and the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ.

The origin, growth and solidity of Methodism on this continent excites our highest admiration of the active, earnest, godly men who have planted, watered and pruned this goodly vine in all these lands. The fathers, where are they? They rest from their labors. But veneration for the men gives place to the deep gratitude of our hearts to Him who called us with a holy calling, and raised us up to sit together in heavenly places, as partakers and inheritors of their toils and triumphs. Of their measure, and multitude, and magnitude, we exclaim, what hath God wrought?

It is, therefore, a solemn duty and a delightful privilege to bring an offering and sacrifice to the Lord at the close of this Methodist century. Our prayers, and praises, and efforts should be accompanied by liberal, cheerful gifts and offerings to God in the interest of the several institutions of the Church. Let no friend or member of our Methodism fail to appear before God, and let none of them appear empty. The children and young men, the maidens, the men and women are all indebted, and they all should contribute. We shall not attempt to choose, or dictate what shall be the monument, but let it be magnificent.

1. We recommend that sermons be preached, and other religious services be held in all our work directly bearing upon the Centenary movement, until the General Conference.

2. That a Sabbath be given in September for the purpose of securing the co-operation of our Sunday Schools on each charge, and the collections the children shall be able to obtain for the Centenary funds; and some convenient entertainment be provided for them when returns are called for, by the managers in each section of our Church.

We submit the following resolutions:—

Resolved, 1st. That this great centennial celebration requires the best energies of the whole Church, in order to secure the blessings it contemplates and provides for each department.

2nd. That we commit this subject, with all its momentous interests, to the united, earnest activity of all the *Ministers and members* of the several charges, to open and prosecute their canvass by *public meetings and personal application*, as early as July, and subsequently among all our people and friends.

3rd. That we concur in the outline arranged by the "Central Committee," and also the action of the Niagara and Ontario Conferences on this subject.

4th. That the subscription books prepared be opened and circulated, payable as follows:—All sums of \$10 or less, in October, 1866. All sums of \$20 and upwards, in two yearly payments. All sums of \$40 and upwards, to be paid in four annual instalments, beginning in October, 1866.

5th. That we leave the oversight of this business in the hands of the Bishops, Presiding Elders and Preachers, trusting that all our people will enter heartily upon the *proper work* of the connexion until October next.

In behalf of the Committee.

J. GARDINER.

June 6th, 1866.

REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION AND UNIFORMITY.

Your Committee on Administration and Uniformity of Divine Worship are of the opinion that a greater uniformity should exist among our preachers with reference to the administration of discipline and the manner of conducting public worship. We therefore submit for your adoption the following resolutions:—

Resolved, 1st. That a preacher in charge being the responsible party, has a right to receive probationers into the Church without a vote of the class.

2nd. That each preacher in charge should present to the Presiding Elder at each Quarterly Conference the printed schedule, properly filled out—thus giving him at a glance the increase or decrease of membership for the quarter last past, and the reasons why.

3rd. That the preachers in charge see that the quarterly collections be taken up each quarter at every appointment.

4th. That preachers should read the rules of society once a year in every congregation, and once a quarter in every society, according to the Discipline, Part 11, 2nd chap., sec. xii, 8th answer to 2nd question.

5th. That the leaders be directed to bring the class-books to each Quarterly Conference for the inspection of the Presiding Elder and the Quarterly Board.

6th. That every preacher in charge see that love-feast tickets be renewed regularly every quarter, according to Discipline.

7th. That our preachers should observe the directions for the uniformity of public worship, given in the Discipline, Part I. chap. 2, sec. 1st; reading the Scripture and using the Lord's Prayer, as there directed; also, that they shall kneel when they pray and stand when pronouncing the benediction.

8th. That the preachers observe the directions given in the same section for banishing the vile practice of talking in the congregation before and after service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. HOWARD,
Wm. BIRD,
A. D. TRAVELLER, } Committee.
T. LEWIS,
Z. B. HITCHCOCK, }

Committee Room, Napanee, June 2nd, 1866.

REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

NOTE.—The Committee failed to restore their report after it was taken to copy, and hence we give the returns of the former year, accommodated to present boundaries.

DISTRICTS.	No. Chapels.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Total.
		\$		\$	\$
Napanee	27	37,000	12	6,500	43,500
Augusta	17	31,200	8	3,800	34,000
Ottawa	14	20,000	9	4,550	24,550
	58	88,200	29	14,850	103,500

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to report—

That intemperance is the same hydra-headed monster it has ever been. It has lost none of its fearful effects, and we deeply regret that so little progress is being made in circumscribing its influences.

Such a powerful array of public sentiment is brought to bear in favor of this evil, that thus far the great efforts put forth have been unable to witness anticipated results. They have been obliged to contend against a great mass of public officers who use it, and enact laws against them, from the smallest position conceivable to the highest pinnacle of honor that can be attained in our Legislative halls.

The Township and County Councils, many of them, use it, and most of them give a wider range in circulating the traffic than the higher authorities demand at their hands. Lawyers use it to increase their wit; Judges want an occasional glass to aid them in their decisions; Legislators hand it out by barrels to give them a position, and lastly, many who have taken Holy Orders, and claim to be ambassadors for Christ, warm themselves with this fire-water, instead of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, before dispensing the bread of life. No wonder, then, with all this array against them, the Temperance Societies have not been able to make more rapid strides.

The Sons of Temperance have been exercising a powerful influence against this common foe; and though some of their Divisions have been dismembered, they have been replenished by others. We rejoice to hear of their prosperity; feel stimulated to renewed action by their able appeal to us, and bid them God speed. We would also gratefully acknowledge their recognition of our true position, as set forth in their memorial to this body. The Good Templars have also been a weapon well used, and are still progressing.

The liquor traffic is ruinous to body, mind and soul—to society and nations; and instead of being what our politicians plead, a source of revenue to the country, the contrary is very evident, as the costs of inquests, jails, court-houses, state-prisons and officers clearly demonstrate. The bread of starving multitudes is converted into liquid poison, and quaffed by deluded mortals. Here fathers and sons are trampling over the bones of their kindred that lie bleaching on the dreadful plains of intemperance. The widow's tears, the orphan's wail, the drunkard's grave, and his indescribable doom, are sufficient reasons why we should lift our warning voices, and plead in the pulpit and on the platform in favor of total abstinence.

Your Committee are further of the opinion that tobacco is one of the kindred associations of rum. That inasmuch as one stimulus requires another, tobacco using, generally preceding moderate drinking, is one of the great causes underlying the dreadful effects we see exhibited by the drunkard; that it cannot have the approbation of heaven, since, as in the case of tippling, it is cultivating and following an appetite God never gave to man, and subjecting its votaries to the shame of obtaining it, either to purchase or beg; therefore, your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:—

Resolved, 1st. That all Christian denominations should unite their efforts with the temperance movement, to aid in elevating public sentiment, until political interference shall give us a thorough prohibitory law.

2nd. That we heartily approve of the course adopted by the Sons of Temperance organization of this Province to suppress the

liquor traffic, and pledge them our sympathies and prayers to assist them in their laudable undertaking.

3rd. That in view of the evil example of the moderate drinker, we look upon the occasional use of ardent spirits as a sin, ruinous to mankind and offensive to God, and that we deal strictly with any of our church members who may be found guilty of such a crime, as the Discipline directs.

4th. That we regard the use of tobacco as a great evil; squandering our means, injuring our health, bedimning the mental faculties, depraving the morals, and pernicious in its influences on society. That, in view of our high and holy calling, and the expected purity of our lives, we, as a body, discard its use, and call upon the youth especially to "touch not the unclean thing."

5th. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the G. W. S. of the Sons of Temperance in Canada.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HILL,
F. B. STRATTON, } Committee.
E. ORSER,

Committee Room, June 1st, 1866.

REPORT ON METHODIST UNION.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Methodist Union beg leave to report—

1. A union of the different Methodist bodies in Canada is desirable.
2. It is the opinion of your Committee that the Bay Quinte Annual Conference should recommend the General Conference at its next session to consider, in its wisdom, the propriety of appointing a Committee to confer with Committees appointed, or that may be officially appointed by other Methodist bodies.
3. Your Committee beg the privilege of stating distinctly that their favorable views on Methodist Union do not arise from any dissatisfaction with the doctrines or discipline of the M. E. Church. We are perfectly satisfied. The Ministers and laity of the M. E. Church believe that the M. E. Church enjoys the best form of Church government.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HUNT, } Committee.
S. YOUNG,

Committee Room, Napanee, June 5th, 1866.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

The following persons were duly elected Delegates to attend the next General Conference to meet in Orono, County of Durham, on Wednesday, the 22nd of August, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M.:—D. W. Aylsworth, J. F. Wilson, J. Gardiner, A. Hunt, D. Wilson, J. H. Andrews, H. Williams, J. G. Bull, J. A. Rogers, W. Brown, B. Smith, F. B. Stratton, S. G. Stone, W. H. Graham, W. Bird—15.

RESERVES.—J. D. Bell, N. H. Howard, A. Martin, I. B. Aylsworth.

TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS.

The following table of assessments for the Superannuated Fund and the Contingent Fund is ordered for the several charges for the ensuing year:—

S. Fund. Con. Fund.		S. Fund. Con. Fund.			
Melville....	\$10 00.....	\$4 00	Farmers'v'l. \$15 00.....	\$6 00	
Halliwell...	20 00.....	6 00	Rideau....	10 00.....	4 00
Milford....	6 00.....	4 00	Huntley...	3 00.....	1 00
Canifton....	25 00.....	8 00	Arnprior...	4 00.....	2 00
Shannon'l..	16 00.....	6 00	Renfrew....	6 00.....	2 00
Lonsdale...	10 00.....	5 00	Eganville...	4 00.....	2 00
Napanee...	20 00.....	8 00	Westmeath.	5 00.....	2 00
Bay Quinte	20 00.....	7 00	Mallorytw'n	6 00.....	4 00
Camden....	12 00.....	5 00	Lyn.....	15 00.....	6 00
Tanworth.	7 00.....	3 00	Brockville.	6 00.....	4 00
Kennebec..	6 00.....	2 00	Augusta....	20 00.....	8 00
Denbigh...	4 00.....	1 00	Edwardsb'g	6 00.....	4 00
Hungerford	7 00.....	3 00	Matilda....	16 00.....	7 00
Wolfe Island	10 00.....	4 00	Williams		
Gananoque..	6 00.....	4 00	burg & Os- }	12 00.....	6 00
Odessa....	12 00.....	4 00	nubruk }		
Waterloo..	25 00.....	8 00	Winchester	16 50.....	6 50
Hinchinbr'k	4 00.....	2 00	Roxboro...	4 00.....	2 00
Elgin.....	13 00.....	6 00	Riceville..	4 00.....	2 00
Lynchhurst	4 00.....	2 00	Ottawa....	16 00.....	6 00

That collections be taken up in all our congregations in November, 1866, and in March of 1867, and subscriptions and donations to the Superannuated Fund solicited, publishing the names of all subscribers of \$1 or more in the Minutes; and that the Presiding Elders, respectively, be the treasurers of this Fund.—That the preachers use their

discretion as to the time of collecting the Contingent Fund, and pay it to the Treasurer.

That each preacher and probationer, and also the claimants, shall pay to Superannuated Fund, not less than two dollars annually.

That each preacher stationed collect and pay to the Episcopacy four dollars twenty cents, payable to the P. E. Quarterly.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Bible, as to doctrines—questions based upon the Articles of Faith in Discipline. Books of Reference—Watson's Institutes. (1st and 2nd parts); Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Stevens' History of Methodism (1st and 2nd vol.); English Grammar · Geography, (Lovell's); Biblical Geography, (Kitto's); Exercise in reading before the Committee, and a written Essay to be produced.

2ND YEAR.—Watson's Institutes, (3rd and 4th parts); Wesley's Sermons; Hibbard on Baptism; Discipline; Bangs' Original Church; Stevens' History of Methodism, (3rd vol.); or Bangs' History; Parker's Natural Philosophy; English Grammar; Rhetoric, (Blair's); Logic, (Hedge's); A skeleton of a Sermon to be produced.

3RD YEAR.—A review of 1st and 2nd years, as to Bible and Church History; Fletcher's Checks; McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity; Horne's Introduction (abridged); General History; Upham's Mental Philosophy; a written Essay or Sermon.

4TH YEAR.—Review of the whole course—Stevens' Church Polity; Hallam's Middle Ages; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Townley's Biblical Literature; Claude's Essay on Composition; A written Essay or Sermon.

NAMES AND STANDING

Of Local Preachers within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

- Mellville.*—A. Wood, Deacon ; J. Lewis.
Millford.—W. Williams.
Cannifton.—W. Sills, Elder ; A. Parks, E. J. Badgley, J. Young.
Hungerford.—P. Wright, Deacon ; J. Borden.
Shannonville.—L. Cole.
Napanee.—D. Ungar, Deacon ; W. Bell.
Lonsdale.—S. D. Shorts, C. Bungle.
Bay Quinte.—D. David, Deacon.
Camden.—B. Lewis, T. Furs, B. Aylsworth.
Tamworth.—C. Thompson, Elder ; J. Sanderson.
Kennebec.—H. Parks, E. Sanderson, T. Clark.
Odessa.—J. B. Smith, Deacon ; J. Galloway.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

- Wolfe Island.*—J. Raynous.
Kingston.—B. Atkinson, Elder.
Mallorytown.—J. Avery, H. Hunt.
Augusta.—A. B. Pardee.
Winchester.—B. Meeker, J. S. Johnson, Deacons ; U. Manhard,
 E. Cross.
Matilda.—E. Tuttle, Deacon ; R. Woolrey.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

- Waterloo.*—J. Freeman, W. Caverly, J. McMullen, R. M. Pope,
 M. Holden.
Hinchinbrook.—J. Babcock, H. Parks.
Lyndhurst.—L. Hurlburt, Elder ; N. White, G. Halliday, J.
 Wing.
Elgin.—W. Brown, Elder ; E. Ash, Elder ; S. Wiltzie.
Rideau.—T. Edmonds.
Westmeath.—N. D. Peters.
Eganville.—F. Ailward.
Riceville.—J. Pickering.
Ottawa West.—J. Cross.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
<i>Napanee District.</i>	B. Smith	400 00	322 61	77 39
Melville	J. Hill	424 00	212 00	212 00
Hallowell	N. H. Howard	500 00	422 35	67 65
Milford	A. Anderson	300 00	237 14	62 86
Canifon	J. Gardiner	600 00	550 00	50 00
"	A. Traveller	300 00	250 00	50 00
Shannonville	W. Bird	400 00	400 00	
Hungerford	P. Empey	350 00	232 00	118 00
"	J. Hulin	400 00	260 00	140 00
Denbigh	D. Brill	150 00	60 00	90 00
Komebee	F. B. Knowlton	275 00	245 00	30 00
Tamworth	"	"	234 00	"
Camden	G. S. White	380 00	233 76	146 24
"	W. H. Snider	"	no return	"
Lonsdale	J. Ferguson	400 00	400 00	
Napanee	D. Willson	500 00	500 00	
"	Supplies	"	72 00	"
Bay Quinte	H. Williams	500 00	500 00	
<i>Augusta District.</i>	A. Hunt	"	no return	"
Kingston	J. Halliwell	"	343 78	"
Wolfe Island	W. H. Graham	360 00	360 00	
Gananoque	A. Martin	360 00	360 00	
Mallorytown	L. B. Aylsworth	225 00	193 00	
Lynx	F. B. Stratton	400 00	500 00	
Brookville	S. G. Stone	500 00	300 00	200 00
Augusta	J. H. Andrews	500 00	500 00	
Edwardsburg	J. D. Bell	324 00	262 25	61 75
Matilda	W. Brown	500 00	463 00	37 00
Williamsburg	W. G. Hudgins	325 00	265 00	60 00
Winchester	E. Woodcock	450 00	450 00	
Omsbruck	J. A. Rodgers	"	414 00	"
Roxboro	A. Shorts	325 00	185 00	130 00
<i>Ottawa District.</i>	J. F. Wilson	"	451 00	"
Waterloo	D. W. Aylsworth	450 00	433 71	16 29
"	F. Ohlholm	400 00	300 00	100 00
Hinchinbrook	A. Dawson	350 00	175 61	174 39
Londhurst	J. Graham	380 00	380 00	
Elgin	L. A. Betts	400 00	400 00	
Farmersville	S. Young	400 00	392 50	7 50
Rideau	"	"	no return	"
Arnprior	A. Youker	400 00	250 00	150 00
"	Z. B. Hitchcock	400 00	250 00	150 00
Renfrew	H. Hesselgrave	280 00	217 50	62 50
Eganville	P. McAmmond	300 00	230 00	70 00
Westmeath	D. Smith	350 00	310 00	40 00
Clarendon	J. Brill	340 00	240 00	100 00
Ottawa West	E. S. Howard	389 00	300 00	89 00
Ottawa East	W. E. Johnson	336 00	266 00	70 00
"	A. A. Brown	"	no return	"
Riceville	E. Sherwood	300 00	269 00	31 00
Marlboro	M. Davy	325 00	190 00	135 00

(The following is the Report omitted on page 41,—Ontario Conf.)

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' CLAIM.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Sidney	\$45 00	Hope	\$30 00
Belleville	17 50	Oakwood	30 00
Sterling	40 00	Colborne	30 00
Madoc	20 00	Perey	30 00
Cobourg	25 00	Clark	15 00
Omeme	5 00	Seymour	15 00
Minden	5 00		
Brighton	35 00		\$342 50

HURON DISTRICT.

Wingham	\$ 8 00	Creemore	\$20 00
Collingwood	15 00	Mt. Forest	20 00
St. Vincent	25 00	Orangeville	25 00
Hanover	18 00	Melancthon	10 00
Kincardine	18 00	Osprey	10 00
Elma	18 00		
Teeswater	14 00		\$235 00
Garrafraxa	20 00		

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono	\$30 00	Brampton	45 00
Oshawa and Whithy	25 00	Georgetown	30 00
Brooklin	40 00	Oakville	20 00
Whithy	40 00	Toronto	20 00
Markham	35 00	Nelson	30 00
Queensville	20 00	Muskoka	10 00
King	25 00		
Yonge-street	30 00		\$400 00