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OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

QUESTION I.—Who compose this Conference?

ANS.—JAMES JOSEPH RICE, President of the Conference 1878.
*STEPHEN HENRY RICE, Secretary   "   "
WILLIAM LUKE, Representative of the English Conference.

John Kenner, Sup't of the Cobourg District.
William Jolliffe,	"	Bowmanville do.
William Kenner,	"	Victoria & Peterboro do.
George Webber,	"	Toronto do.
William Hooper,	"	Exeter do.
William S. Pascoe,	"	Prince Edward Island do.
William R. Roach,	"	Wisconsin do.
Henry J. Nott,	"	Cleveland do.

Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.

C. Ward,	sent by the	Cobourg District	Meeting.
*F. Reynolds,	"	do.	do.
E. E. Stevens,	"	do.	do.
J. Williams,	"	do.	do.
*J Nott	"	Cobourg	do.
A. Skitch,	"	do.	do.
F. Roach,	"	Bowmanville	do.
*T. Courtice,	"	do.	do.
T. Bowden,	"	do.	do.
C. R. Tamblyn,	"	do.	do.
W. Elford,	"	do.	do.
W. Hodgson,	"	do.	do.
W. Lander,	"	do.	do.
J. F. Cunnings,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
T. Smith,	"	do.	do.

*Not in attendance, because of illness or press of business.

Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.

W. Yelland,	sent by	Victoria & Peterboro District Meet.
*J Bickle	"	do.	do.
J. Johnson,	"	do.	do.
T. Werry,	"	do.	do.
C. Chittick,	"	do.	do.
H. C. Brent,	"	Toronto	do.
J. Pickard,	"	Exeter	do.
T. C. Pickard	"	do.	do.
H. L. Wills,	"	do.	do.
J. Stevens,	"	do.	do.
J. Parsons,	"	do.	do.
*T. Werry,	"	do.	do.
*W. Jennings,	"	London	do.
R. Kennedy,	"	do.	do.
T. Brenton,	"	do.	do.

Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings:

J. H. Eynon,	sent by	Bowmanvillle District Meeting.
R. Hurley,	"	Cobourg	do.
John Chapple,	"	London	do.
C. Barker,	"	Bowmanville	do.
J. W. Butcher,	"	Exeter	do.
J. Gale,	"	Bowmanville	do.
J. Whitlock,	"	London	do.
T. R. Hull,	"	do.	do.
G. Bodle,	"	Cobourg	do.
A. Gordon,	"	Bowmanville	do.
E. Roberts,	"	Victoria & Peterboro'	do.
A. Clarke,	"	do.	do.
*H. A. Newcombe,	"	do.	do.
J. Guard,	"	do.	do.
W. Ayers,	"	London	do.
J. Harris,	"	Victoria & Peterboro'	do.
R. T. Courtice,	"	do.	do.
W. Kinley,	"	Cobourg	do.
W. C. Beer,	"	Bowmanville	do.
A. Schuster,	"	do.	do.
R. Baker,	"	Cobourg	do.
A. Richard,	"	do.	do.
R. Allin,	"	Bowmanville	do.
J. Archer,	"	Cobourg	do.
R. B. Rowe,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
*T. Broad,	"	London	do.

*Not in attendance, because of illness or press of business.

Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.

W. H. Butt,	sent by	Cobourg District	Meeting.
J. Holmes,	"	Toronto	do.
J. Veale,	"	do.	do.
G. H. Copeland,	"	do.	do.
M. Metherell,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
R. Mallett, B.A.	"	London	do.
J. Kestle,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
R. Davidson,	"	Wisconsin	do.
J. Greenway,	"	do.	do.
*T. H. Dry,	"	do.	do.
*J. P. Rice,	"	London	do.
*W. Davis,	"	Exeter	do.
J. M. Tredrea,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
*J Elliott,	"	London	do.
W. Limbert,	"	Bowmanville	do.
W. Rollins,	"	Cobourg	do.
R. Thomas,	"	Exeter	do.

ARCHIBALD CLARKE, was elected President; and
WILLIAM SAMUEL PASCOE, Conference Secretary.

Q. 2.—Who are on the list of Approved Preachers?
A.—

Paul Robins, (superannuated.)	George Webber,
John Langdon, do.	Edward Roberts,
John Hicks Eynon, do.	William Jolliffe,
John Edwards, do.	Archibald Clarke,
Robert Hurley, do.	Henry A. Newcombe,
John Chapple, do.	John Guard,
John Williams, do.	George Dunkley,
Cephas Barker,	Walter Ayers,
William Hooper,	John Harris,
George Haycraft, (superan.)	William Medland,
John W. Butcher,	James J. Rice,
Jacob Gale, (superan.)	Lewis W. Wickett,
Jesse Whitlock,	Henry J. Nott,
William R. Roach,	Richard T. Courtice,
William S. Pascoe,	William Kinley,
William Kenner,	William C. Beer,
Thomas R. Hull,	Anselm Schuster,
George Bodle,	Robert Baker,
Andrew Gordon,	Stephen H. Rice,
John Kenner,	Alexander Richard,
Isaac Ashley, (supernum.)	Roger Allin,

* Not in attendance, because of illness or press of business.

James H. Collins,	Robert Davidson,
Joseph Archer,	John Greenway,
John G. Yelland,	Thomas H. Dry,
George Smith,	James P. Rice,
William Quance,	William Davis,
Richard B. Rowe,	Thomas Mason,
Thomas Broad,	John M. Tredrea,
John Dumbleton,	William Limbert,
William H. Butt,	Samuel J. Allin,
John Holmes,	Edwin A. Tonkin,
John Veale,	William Rollins,
George H. Copeland,	Herman Moore,
John Ball,	John Gilson,
Moses Metherell,	Richard Thomas.
Richard Mallett, B.A.	*William Myers Willison.
James Kestle,	

Q. 3.—Who is admitted into Full Connexion?
A.—Thomas J. Sabine.

Q. 4.—Who remain on Trial?
A.—†John Pooley.

He has travelled *four* years.

Daniel Williams,	Francis M. Whitlock,

These have travelled *three* years.

William Bryenton,	Silas J. Cunnings,
James A Dafoe.	

These have travelled *two* years.

James Hoskin,	John Wesley Cannom,

These have travelled *one* year.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on Trial?
A.—

A. S. Stone,	William Henry Spargo,
John Ferry,	Thomas Brown.

Q. 6.—What preacher has died this year?

ANS.—THOMAS GREENE, who was born in the parish of St. Tudy, in the County of Cornwall, England, on the 26th day of April, 1801. During his youth, he was often the subject of serious thought, yet he pursued pleasurable sin with avidity. Bell-ringing, wrestling, dancing, and drinking, were the husks with which he sought to satisfy the cravings of his soul. His conversion took place in 1826. He was persuaded to attend a religious

* Bro. Willison has been received from the Protestant Methodist Church in the United States.
† Bro. Pooley is continued on trial the fifth year.

service conducted by our late Bro. J. Adams, and during the sermon, he was in great distress of soul; in the prayer-meeting, he cried aloud for mercy, was enabled to lay hold on the blessed promise, "According to thy faith, so be it done unto thee," and his sins were forgiven. He at once joined the church, became an earnest worker, and his name soon appeared on the Circuit plan. In 1828, he was received on probation for the ministry, and labored in the Mevagissey, Falmouth, Scilly Islands, Helston, Tenterden, Chatham, Isle of Wight, and Taunton stations. In 1844, he was sent as a Missionary to this country, and until age and infirmity incapacitated him, he served the cause of God with earnestness and success. In 1859, he was elected President of the Conference, and retired from the full work of the ministry in 1871. As health and strength permitted, he continued to toil for the good of others. He made no pretension to great ability, but he was a very successful minister of the "gospel of Christ." His character has been well described as that of a good man, fearing God above many; guileless as a child; the friend of all, and the enemy of none.

It was apparent to all, last year, that our dear Brother was with us for the last time on earth, at our Conferences. His last days were in keeping with his previous life. Soon after the Conference, he went to Clinton to reside. Although weak in body, he was rarely absent from the means of grace. He longed for the "courts of the Lord's house," and was ever willing and ready to preach and take part in any religious services. In October last, he voluntarily attended some Missionary Meetings in the Clinton Mission, to assist the Pastor, the appointed Deputation being sick. He could not continue the tour, but was taken to his home on the Friday morning, very ill, and he never rallied. During the last three weeks of his life, he was expecting death,— waiting for the Master's coming. On the eve of the 16th of November, he called the family, with whom he lived, to worship, gave out the hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood," &c. He started the tune, and in the midst of singing, a suffocating sensation was felt by him, beneath which he soon sank, and his happy spirit took its flight to the upper sanctuary, to join the glorified ones in the work of endless praise. Thus the conflict ended in the 51st year of his ministry; and a Brother greatly beloved, upon whose ministry the Master has placed the seal of great success, was called up higher.

THE STATIONS.

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed?
A.—As follows:

I. Cobourg District.

1. COBOURG—W. C. Beer.
2. CAMBORNE—J. A. Dafoe.
3. WELCOME—W. Kinley; R. Hurley, Superannuated.
4. PORT HOPE—W. H. Butt.
5. HUNGERFORD—T. J. Sabine.
6. HUNTINGDON—R. Baker.
7. CAMPBELLFORD—J. G. Yelland, J. Pooley.
8. BELLEVILLE—A. Schuster.

     W. C. BEER, *Superintendent of District.*
     R. BAKER, *Church Secretary.*
     W. KINLEY, *School Secretary.*

II. Bowmanville District.

9. BOWMANVILLE—J. Kenner, W. Limbert ; C. Barker, Editor ;
P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, J. Gale, Superannuated.
10. HAMPTON—R. B. Rowe, T. Brown ; J. Gilson, Supernumerary.
11. COLUMBUS—A. Richard, J. Hoskin.
12. OSHAWA—A Clarke.
13. PRINCE ALBERT—R. Allin ; J. Langdon, Superannuated.
14. PERRYTOWN—G. Bodle.

     A. CLARKE, *Superintendent of District.*
     A. RICHARD, *Church Secretary.*
     R. ALLIN, *School Secretary.*

III. Victoria & Peterboro District.

15. LITTLE BRITAIN & MANILLA—W. Kenner, J. Kestle,
A. S. Stone.
16. PETERBORO—E. Roberts.
17. LAKEFIELD—J. Guard.
18. FENELON—J. M. Tredrea.
19. LINDSAY.—R. T. Courtice.
20. MANVERS & CARTWRIGHT—J. Whitlock, M. Metherell.
21. ASHBURNHAM—J. W. Cannom.

     W. KENNER, *Superintendent of District.*
     J. KESTLE, *Church Secretary.*
     J. M. TREDREA, *School Secretary.*

IV. Toronto District.

22. TORONTO—W. Jolliffe, Book Steward.
23. PICKERING—A. Gordon.
24. HAMILTON—J. J. Rice.
25. UXBRIDGE—J. Holmes.
26. SUTTON—D. Williams.
27. PALMERSTON—J. Veale.
28. WIARTON—G. Dunkley.

> W. JOLLIFFE, *Supt. of District.*
> J. HOLMES, *Church Sec.*
> D. WILLIAMS, *School Sec.*

V. Exeter District.

29. EXETER—G. Webber.
30. BETHESDA & HENSALL—S. J. Allin.
31. CENTRALIA—J. W. Butcher; J. Edwards, Superannuated.
32. MITCHELL—W. S. Pascoe; J. Williams, Superannuated.
33. FULLARLON—J. P. Rice.
34. USBORNE—H. A. Newcombe, W. H. Spargo.
35. CLINTON—R. Thomas. Another.
36. COLBORNE—T. Broad; I. Ashley, Supernumerary.

> G. WEBBER, *Supt. of District.*
> J. P. RICE, *Church Sec.*
> S. J. ALLIN, *School Sec.*

VI. London District.

37. LONDON CENTRE—W. Quance.
38. LONDON EAST—G. H. Copeland.
39. LONDON SOUTH—W. Rollins.
40. LAMBETH—T. Mason.
41. INGERSOLL—J. Archer.
42. DEREHAM—T. R. Hull.
43. ST. THOMAS—W. Hooper.
44. TALBOTVILLE—R. Mallett, B.A.; W. Davis, Supernumerary.

> W. HOOPER, *Supt. of District.*
> G. H. COPELAND, *Church Sec.*
> R. MALLETT, B.A., *School Sec.*

45. WINDSOR—F. M. Whitlock; W. Ayers, Supernumerary.
46. COLCHESTER—S. J. Cunnings.

VII. Prince Edward Island District.

47. CHARLOTTETOWN—J. Harris.
48. UNION—E. A. Tonkin.
49. WHEATLY RIVER—G. Smith.
50. VERNON RIVER—J. Ball.
51. MURRAY HARBOR —W. Medland.
52. STURGEON & MONTAGUE—W. Bryenton.
53. WEST CAPE—J. Ferry.
54. SUMMERSIDE—J. H. Collins.

J. HARRIS, *Supt. of District.*
J. H. COLLINS, *Church Sec.*
W. MEDLAND, *School Sec.*

VIII. Wisconsin District.

55. PALMYRA—W. R. Roach.
56. LISBON—T. H. Dry ; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.
57. YORKVILLE—R. Davidson.
58. LITTLE PRAIRIE—W. M. Willison.
59. BURLINGTON—One to be sent.

W. R. ROACH, *Supt. of District.*

T. H. DRY, *Church & School Sec.*

IX. Cleveland District.

60. CLEVELAND—H. J. Nott.
61. ORANGE—H. Moore.
62. CHAGRIN FALLS—L. W. Wickett ; J. Chapple, Superan.
63. NEWBURGH—To be supplied.

H. J. NOTT, *Supt. of District.*
L. W. WICKETT, *Church Sec.*
H. MOORE, *School Sec.*

X. North West.

64. J. Greenway.

Q. 8.—What is the Spiritual State of the Connexion ?

A.—The Spiritual State of the Denomination presents itself
in more than one aspect.   There are things of a bright and hope-
ful character, and others much less encouraging and calculated
to institute enquiry and lead to great searchings of heart.   The
chief features of the former may be found in the record of the

pious dead, who have passed away from our midst, in the full triumph of faith, and are gone to be forever with the Lord ; of many who are still seeking to adorn the doctrine of Christ their Saviour in all things, in their manifest devotedness in the use of the social and public means of grace, and their willingness to co-operate to further the interests of the church both financial and spiritual.   We cannot but recognize, moreover, the general peace reported as prevailing in our Societies.   There have been also tokens of God's blessing in owning the ministry of the word and kindred means, in the conversion of souls and the quickening and building up of believers, although not to the extent desired. Our Sabbath School work is reported also to be characterized by unusual interest.

The features over which we mourn, may be summarized thus: Our limited prosperity, which, when taken into consideration with the amount of labor employed, is not sufficient to cover the loss by removals, deaths, backslidings, etc. ; the too close likeness to the world, on the part of many who bear the name of Christ, and are even content to rest in a state of spiritual coldness ; and a backwardness on the part of many to co-operate with the ministry in those departments of labor and government that are so vital to the interests of the church.   There is also ground to fear that family devotion is to a large extent neglected ; the very few conversions reported, as the results of Sabbath School effort ; and withal, the decline of piety among many of our young people, arising from associations of a semi-religious character, tending in many instances to their injury.

A review of our Spiritual State has kindled in our hearts the noble purpose of re-consecrating ourselves to God and His service, with a view to personal holiness in our own experience, and to greater prosperity in the church at large.

Q. 9.—What is the state of our Christian Experience ?

A.—The Experience Meeting was a time of special refreshing, coming from the presence of the Lord.   The brethren who spoke, gave very clear evidence of certain and cognitive conversion, a positive change of heart, followed by a corresponding change of life.   Of guilt and condemnation removed, and an immediate experience of peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, following their faith in the efficacy of the atonement of Christ. "Christ in you the hope of glory" was spoken of as the old-fashioned religion,—the religion of the fathers,—and the same was also the religion sought after, obtained, and enjoyed by the younger brethren who spoke and bore testimony to the grace of God.

With very great feeling, the elder brethren exhorted the younger to live in close union with each other, and to consecrate themselves fully to their work; while all who related their experiences, spoke of conscious acceptance in the Beloved, strong faith in the promises of God, a glorious hope of heaven, and an earnest desire and purpose to work for God and the salvation of souls, that they may be accounted worthy, when the Master shall come to call them to account for their stewardship.

STATISTICS.

Q. 10.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

A.—As follows.

SELF SUSTAINING CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	From other Circuits.	On Trial.	Approved Members.	Total.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg	2	3	4		1	14	2	1	160	161	25	197
Welcome	2	7	5		1	24	3	19	197	216	36	213
Bowmanville	6	8	8		5	47	4	13	515	528	80	620
Hampton	2	9	6		9	22		8	284	292	47	364
Columbus	1	5	4			15			151	151	25	150
Mariposa	1	11	7		5	24	4	17	286	303	58	482
Manilla	1	4	3		1	11	2	23	118	141	41	277
Lakefield	1	6	5		1	10	3	6	143	149	33	192
Exeter	1	5	2		3	24	10	19	242	261	50	441
Bethesda & Hensall	1	5	4			21	2	20	136	156	32	225
Centralia	2	5	4		1	31	3	3	113	116	27	202
Mitchell	2	3	2		3	12	3	8	178	186	27	301
Fullarton	1	6	5	1	1	9	2	9	176	185	28	211
Usborne	2	2	7	1	2	10	2		163	163	40	290
London	1	3	1		1	11	1		84	84	18	70
Charlottetown	1	6	1		2	3			112	112	18	224
Union	1	5	4	1	1	4		22	112	134	31	215
Vernon River	1		3	1					74	74	5	65
Murray Harbor	1		2	2		3		4	83	87	14	100
Sturgeon	1		2	2	4			3	16	19	3	25
Cleveland	1	3	1			2	1		104	104	10	100
Orange	1		2	1	1	10	13		66	66	11	68
Chagrin Falls	1	3	1			5	2		60	60	11	81
Palmyra	1	3	4	2	4	12			128	128	40	291
Lisbon	2		2	1	3	9		18	164	182	30	140
Yorkville	1	8	3	2	1	2		5	126	131	40	185
Colborne	1	5	4	1	4	30	3	28	164	192	30	190
Huntingdon	1	1	4	2		10		3	113	116	11	104
Dereham	1	1	4		1	1	2	10	67	77	11	82
Oshawa	1	4	1		2	6		1	110	111	20	135
Totals	42	121	103	17	57	383	62	240	4445	4685	852	6248

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Total.	Teachers.	Scholars.
161	25	197
216	36	213
528	80	620
292	47	364
151	25	150
303	58	482
141	41	277
149	33	192
261	50	441
156	32	225
116	27	202
186	27	301
188	28	211
163	40	290
84	18	70
112	18	224
134	31	215
74	5	65
87	14	100
19	3	25
104	10	100
66	11	68
60	11	81
128	40	291
182	30	140
131	40	185
192	30	190
116	11	104
77	11	82
111	20	135
4685	852	6248

MISSIONS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	From other Circuits.	On Trial.	Approved Members.	Total.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Port Hope	1	2	1		3	7	2	15	79	94	14	112
Perrytown	1		3			3	2	1	53	54	8	60
Hungerford	1	1	4	3		1	3		68	68	7	62
Campbellford	2	3	5	1	1	20		9	112	121	23	132
Belleville	1	1	1			12			34	24	8	45
Pickering	1	5	6	1		15		8	101	109	24	160
Prince Albert	3	3	6		1	3	3	5	148	153	38	189
Toronto	1	1	1		2	8	3	1	96	97	11	136
Uxbridge	1	5	3		2	13	5	7	65	72	13	74
Peterboro & Ashburnham	2	4	4		2	10	5	25	142	167	18	170
Fenelon	1	4	5	1		13	2	24	90	114	28	160
Lindsay	1		1	1	1	12	6	10	55	65	13	107
Sutton	1		4	1		1		3	47	50	13	110
Manvers & Cartwright	2	1	6	3	2	14	5	6	199	205	43	286
Clinton	2	8	5	1	4	22		21	133	154	34	230
Wiarton	1	5	3	4	1	5		15	85	100	23	182
Palmerston	1	1	2	1		8	7	13	64	77	13	159
Lambeth	1	1	3		1	15		2	79	81	13	112
St. Thomas & Talbotville	2	1	3		2	3	2	20	106	126	18	144
Ingersoll & Putnamville	2	3	2	1	2	8		1	57	58	12	61
Colchester	1	3	1	2		11	2	8	62	70	15	83
Hamilton	1	1	1	1		10		5	45	50	12	100
Windsor	1	2	1			6			35	35	10	100
London, S. & E.	2	2	2			4	5	4	93	97	20	207
Wheatly River	1	1	3	1	2	1	3	3	33	36	5	75
Summerside	1		1			5	2		24	24	6	34
West Cape	1	3	3	3	2	2		2	115	117	12	111
Little Prairie	1	1	1	2		2	2		45	45	12	80
Burlington	1	1	3		1				35	35	8	60
Newburgh		4	1			16			43	43	8	60
Total.	38	67	85	27	29	250	59	208	3343	3551	482	3601
Total on Circuits.	42	121	103	17	57	383	62	240	4445	4685	852	6248
Grand Total.	80	188	188	44	86	633	121	448	6788	7236	1334	9849
Total in 1878.	82	194	182	49	80	629	161	771	6973	7744	1350	9949
Increase.			6			6	4					
Decrease.	2	6		5			40	323	185	508	16	100

Address to the Societies.

BELOVED IN THE LORD,—From our Annual Conference, we once again address you, over whom the Holy Ghost has made us overseers, and, with affectionate greeting, we would offer words of godly counsel.

With us, as with all, the past, the present, the future, are but the several parts of a whole, summed up in that one weightiest of words, ETERNITY. *Time* is only eternity begun. The *present* links together the *past*, with its eventful memories, and the unsolved problems of the *future;* and thus, inseparably linked, neither is to be considered apart from its relations to the rest. And *we*, too,—all of us—tho' creatures of time, hold close and weighty relationship to the eternity to which we are hastening on.

In the providence of God, we have been preserved, amid dangers that have overtaken and engulfed vast myriads of our race, in the course of the year gone by. Amid the many memories still clustering round its flight, those associated with grief, arising from bereavement, stand out in bold relief—the only mitigation being the hope, through Jesus given, that they have gone "to be with Christ, which is far better." Among the loved, thus laid to rest, are an unusually large number of valiant chieftians in our host of faithful, toil-worn laborers in our beloved Zion. The veterans, Thomas Greene, and John Kemeys, were well and favorably known in both hemispheres; while others, who have dropped from our ministerial ranks, tho' perhaps less known personally to you, nevertheless, as stewards faithful, were as highly prized where known. Thus are we led to exclaim, "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" These losses, and the severe affliction of many others who still remain to us, give point to the prayer, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." From the sad subject touched upon, we would now direct your attention to great practical questions, growing out of it.

We profess, as Christians, to serve the Lord, under the injunction, "Occupy till I come;" and we must endeavor to realize the important bearing which every Christian's life-work has upon the eternal destiny of others. Every inch of this earth's surface, and every soul upon it, are the Lord's; and so, while "the field is the world," the Master says to each of us "Go work in my vineyard." While to each section of the Church, God has allotted certain portions of the field, we must not forget an accountability for that which is

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committed to our hands. Is it not true, beloved, that very many, in every Christian communion, live as tho' God nor man had any claim upon them ? Such lives are only concerned in the selfish aim of reaching heaven themselves, caring nothing for the perishing around them. Do these not ignore the declaration that every Christian is "purged from dead works to serve the living God." Is not the language of such lives, practically, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Under this selfish delusion, they fold their arms in listless apathy, and watch, unmoved, the godless all around them perishing ; or shut their eyes, or turn away from objects which, if seen, might disturb their peace or rebuke their niggardliness, or slothfulness, or both.

To come still nearer home : will you, beloved, recall associations of your by-gone years— loved ones passed away—saved, or unsaved—gone l Then ask yourselves, as in the sight of God, what you did to save your parted relatives and friends from death and hell, and lead them to the Crucified ? Has not many a pang already wrung your hearts, in view of "what you might have done," but did not, to save those who, on your right hand and on your left, have died, as they have lived, "without God and without hope ?" In reference to all such, as well as to all with-

in your reach to-day, have you ever pondered in your hearts the import of the poet's phrenzied words ?—

" Know'st thou the value of a soul
    immortal ?
Behold this midnight glory—worlds
    on worlds !
Amazing   pomp !—Re-double this
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Ten thousand add, and twice ten
    thousand more—
Then weigh the whole. ONE SOUL
    outweighs them all,
And calls the astonishing magnifi-
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Of *unintelligent* creation poor."

We speak advisedly, in asserting, that, with many professing Christians, the domestic brute beast, that perisheth, is far more cared for than the immortal souls of loved and loving ones of their own home circles—souls loved unto death by " Jesus the crucified."

We speak not now, and thus beloved, in appeal for the unsaved of heathen lands. Ours is emphatically a " Home Mission Church." All true charity begins at home. " If any provide not for his own, and specially those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." If this sentence applies, primarily, to provision of the bread that perisheth, with how much greater force does it hold good as to the supply of the " bread of life " to such of those we love as are perishing for lack of knowledge?

The evangelist John also presents, in forcible terms, the same great principle : " Whoso hath this world's good, and

seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Yet some, while very zealously affected concerning the salvation of the remote heathens, seem to grudge every dollar given, and the smallest amount of effort, in behalf of family relatives, neighbors and fellow-subjects. Surely this is an abnormal and unhealthy development, demanding of all earnest and prompt suppression. As to the Mission field, whether home or foreign; the Saviour's is the better way, "this ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." The portion of the field lying nearest within your reach, is that which evidently has first claim upon you; and, having done your full duty by it, then let your alms, and efforts, and prayers go out liberally for the salvation of those in regions beyond. As a rule, however, those who do most for home work, are the most considerate of the claims of far off lands; and others do little or nothing for either.

In conclusion, beloved, suffer the word of earnest admonition, as from those who must presently render account concerning you: Live every day in recognition of the fact, that both the church and the world have claims upon you. We appeal to you, by the remembrance of past delinquencies, to "redeem the time," that yet may lie before you. By the memory of some, now lost, perhaps, but whom your earnest effort might have saved, strive to rescue all who yet may come within your reach. By the binding obligations arising out of benefits upon yourselves conferred, remember and act upon the injunction, "Freely ye have received, freely give." By the claims of the perishing around you, the church whose instrumentality has saved you, and the great and loving God who has in Christ Jesus called you to his fellowship and service, *work!* work! WORK!!! "Work, while it is called today; for the night cometh, when no man can work." "And lo! I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every one according as his work shall be."

A. CLARKE, *President.*
W. S. PASCOE, *Secretary.*

Address to the English Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN AND FELLOW-LABORERS IN THE WORD AND DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST,—Time having borne us on its swift wing to the close of another ecclesiastical year, time-honored and pleasing duty devolves upon us, which w

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The year has been marked
by events of more than usual
interest; some of which we re-
call with sad memory. The
death of the Princess Alice,
whom for the sake of our gracious
Queen, and for her own virtue
and moral loveliness, the
nations of Europe had learnt to
love. The disasters that befell
the *Eurydice,* the *Princess Alice,*
the *Grosser Kerfurst,* the *Pom-
erania,* and the *Byzantine,* with
the sudden and frightful des-
truction of human life. The
bank failures, by which the
fruits of providence and in-
dustry, have been diverted
from their rightful owners, and
which should have formed a
legitimate source of mitigating
the anxieties and miseries, in-
cident to a season of unusual
commercial depression. The
famine, gaunt and spectral,
which has visited China, India,
Brazil, and other parts of the
world, and stalking to the fire-
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ave fallen for the want of life's
ecessaries, without shrouds or
offins. The yellow fever,
which swept its twenty thous-
nd from the Southern States
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Russia, spreading, at the
ame time, terror throughout

the continent of Europe. The
love of greed, and misgovern-
ment, which has culminated in
an immense loss of money, and
a frightful sacrifice of human
life, in the wars of Afghanistan
and Southern Africa. The re-
peated, though (happily thus
far) baffled efforts, to assasinate
the reigning monarchs of Eu-
rope, the sadness of the mem-
ory being deepened by the fact
that graduation at a University,
cultivated taste and high ac-
quirement, have not been suffi-
cient to restrain from the risk
of position, reputation and life,
in order to give effect to a
wicked and insane desire to
take men's lives, for no other
fault or grievance than that on
their heads they wore a crown.
Assured that the Gospel we
preach, if embraced in the love
thereof, would be an effectual
cure for all the moral ills of
humanity, we regret that the
lethargy of the Church has ren-
dered its spread so limited, and
recognize the call for renewed
and more vigorous efforts to
cast the gospel leaven into the
great mass of humanity, and to
cease not our efforts till the
whole be permeated by its
power. On the other hand,
we feel grateful to God,
and encouraged to hope for the
future, when we remember that
Germany and France evidenced
a very laudable disposition to
soften asperities, and cultivate
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culated to remind either people of the bloody strife which had so recently been carried on between them. That America, after provoking delay and almost endless talk, yielded to the dictates of reason, wise counsel and brotherly feeling, in paying over the Fishery Award ; thus strengthening the hands of those who labor to inculcate the doctrine that it is wiser, cheaper, and more consistent (with a professed following of Him whose advent was heralded with the proclamation of " Peace on Earth," and whose exit was signalized by the legacy of His peace) to settle international disputes by arbitration, than refer it to the arbitrament of the sword. That the Treaty of Berlin has secured an understanding between the great powers, concerning a standing menace which threatened to set all Europe in a blaze.

In the religious world, among events that stand prominent and full of interest to us, we recall the following : Frequent conversions to Protestantism in infidel France. Sixty thousand idolators in Southern India have cast away their idols, and embraced Christianity, during 1878. In the district of Pennevilly, 18,000 natives have applied to the Bishop of Madras for instruction in the Christian religion.

Temperance sentiment and temperance legislation with us and you, after a long struggle, and many temporary defeats, and corresponding trial of faith, have succeeded, together with the manifold evils of the drink traffic, so to impress public opinion as to brighten the prospect for the curtailment and final overthrow of the iniquitous system.

The steady, slow, yet persistent efforts of the " Liberation Society," are hastening the freedom of the Church from State patronage and control, and giving to her Majesty's subjects, equal rights in matters of religion.

Denominationally, we mourn with you the demise of the brethren R.P. Tabb, J. Kemeys, T Greene, J. Ching, G. Abbott, W. Clarke, and W. Brock. So far as memory serves us, this is the largest claim death has ever made in any one year on our Ministerial Staff.

R. P. Tabb, by reason of his many years of toil, prominent position in the church, (filling the highest office in the gift of his brethren) frequent and readable communications made to the *B. C. Magazine*, superior pastoral qualifications, and success in winning numerous souls to Christ, was extensively known amongst us, but a still wider circle of friends was secured to him by his creditable production of a hymn book, with the laudable intention of improving and extending the service of cheerful song in Christian worship, long before Ira D. Sankey, and P. P.

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Bliss had become prominent in the Christian Church.

Bro. Kemeys was extensively known on this side of the flood, as a man of genuine piety, fervid zeal, unwavering denominational attachment,and the successful missionary.

The demise of Brother Greene, (though in the end somewhat sudden) was not wholly a surprise, as he had been seen to be failing for some years past; and at the last Conference, it was a foregone conclusion, in certain minds, that the countenance, irradiated as with sunbeams from the orb of Righteousness, was probably being gazed upon for the last time. On the troubled sea of life, he had been tossed by many a wave, and threatened by many a storm, but sustained by hope as an anchor, both sure and steadfast, cast within the veil, he out-rode every billow, and entering the harbor in holy triumph, left behind him a name " as ointment poured forth."

Some of us remember Bro. J. Ching, as the strict administrator of discipline, an original thinker, a powerful preacher, a man mighty in prayer, and well beloved by those who knew him best. His flight is taken, and we feel assured it is an upward flight.

Brother Abbott was personally known in Canada to but few; but as one entering the ministry in 1834, bearing the burden in the heat of the day,

followed by many years of faithful service, he was united to us by the close bonds of denominational and Christian sympathy.

Brother Clarke was one whom we, who knew him, did not expect to be long lived. Burning with a fiercer flame than most of his brethren, his mental and physical energies were the more readily consumed. Moving with greater celerity, he sooner reached the end of his journey ; swept on by the breath of a swifter breeze, he earlier reached the port. We rejoice that his life was spent in a cause so worthy, and that many whom he was instrumental in saving, will constitute the crown of his rejoicing in the day of Jesus Christ.

Brother Brock was one whom the claims of the family, the work of the church, the state of the world, and his comparative youth, seem to say, should have been good for many years service, but reason is baffled into silence, and faith saith, "Even so Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

We regret that enfeebled health has rendered it necessary for Brother Stephen Henry Rice, to take a trip to his native country, with a view of regaining the lost treasure. We sincerely hope he may not be disappointed, and commend him as a brother beloved to your fullest confidence, deepest sympathy, and earnest prayer; while to all the afflicted and bereaved of both

Conferences, we tender our heart-felt sympathy.

We were glad to find so many of our brethren, found it practicable with pleasure to you, and satisfaction to themselves, to take part in the deliberations of your last Conference, and hope the result will be seen in the refreshing and strengthening of the bonds by which we are united together.

That a good brother from your Conference has found it in his heart to visit his brethren across the flood, and that you have seen your way to appoint him a member of our annual gathering, affords us unfeigned pleasure. His presence and services among us, have been a source of unmingled pleasure and satisfaction, and we hope the impressions made upon his mind, while joining in our deliberations, attending our services, and surveying portions of our work, will be such as to intensify his interest in our Canadian enterprises, and call forth prayerful sympathy with our purposes and plans for extending our field of labor.

Our progress during the year has not been at all commensurate with our desire ; and owing to a depression in commerce, unequalled in the experience of many years past, our funds have not been supported with that liberality requisite to their comfortable working. Our Conference gathering has been marked with the usual interest, and the services crowned with the usual blessing.

Admonished by the past, that in separating from each other, we may never again all meet on this side the Jordan of death, we resolve on re-consecration to our beloved work and Church, and express the hope that we shall by-and-by, meet those whom we have " Loved long since and lost awhile," where service is rewarded with endless rest, and fighting the good fight of faith, is crowned with immortal victory.

A. CLARKE, *President*.
W. S. PASCOE, *Secretary*.

REPORTS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We find, after a full examination of the yearly accounts, that the Quarterly receipts show a decrease of $182.08, and the disbursements a decrease of $326.72. We are sorry to report a decrease of Missionary receipts amounting to about $720.00, of which decrease $500.00 are on Circuits, which yield our available income for carrying on the mission work. The Church Aid Fund

shows a decrease on the receipts of $24.01, and the Beneficent Fund of $14.47; these deficits occurred, we think, from the fact that the collections for these two funds were not taken up on some of the Stations. In the Contingent Fund there is an increase of $2.50, and in the General Fund an increase of $382.23. The Children's Fund shows a slight decrease in receipts, the result of the change made in the mode of collecting it; yet the increased balance in hand, shows that this fund is in a healthy condition. On the whole of the operations for the year, we make the following showing:—There is a deficiency of $1400.00 in the Missionary receipts, while there are balances in hand in the Beneficent, Contingent, Church Aid, and Childrens' Funds amounting in all to $863.38; thus leaving a nett deficiency on our entire financial operations for the year, of $536.62.

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REPORT ON STATISTICS.

We regret to find that, in supplying the drain upon our Societies by deaths, unfaithfulness, and removals, we have a deficiency of 185 approved members, and 323 on trial for membership, making a total of 508. But our regret is somewhat relieved in believing that 86 have gone to heaven, 633 passed beyond the boundary of our denomination, there becoming centres of influences for good, and swelling the moral power of other Christian churches, while the more rigid exercise of discipline, which we have reason to believe has been enforced, has eliminated quite a number of names from our rolls of membership, without diminishing the spiritual strength of our Church. We are gratified to find that 6 additional churches afford increased facility for usefulness. We discover a discrepancy between the returns made to the Sabbath School Secretary, and that made through the District Superintendents, the explanation being found in the fact, that certain schools are closed in the winter, which become reported at a later date. We suggest the propriety of appointing District Sabbath School Secretaries, who shall make their reports both to the District Meetings, and to the General S. S. Secretary, thus securing uniformity.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

While gratefully recognizing the fact that many of our members have intelligently adopted the principles of total abstinence, and are consistently adhering to the same, we regret to find that

some others, both in theory and practice, are adverse to those principles, thereby endangering their own spiritual and material interests, weakening the hands of those engaged in the work of moral reform, and bringing discredit on the Christian name. We would affectionately urge all our friends to give their practical support to the temperance cause, and remind the officials generally, of the importance and necessity of more strictly and persistently enforcing our discipline in relation to this question.

As there is also a want of uniformity in our practice respecting Sacramental wine, and as strife and heart burnings are caused thereby, and in some instances the spiritual interests of the communicants are endangered, we earnestly request our stewards, in concert with the Societies, to procure for use on Sacramental occasions, the unfermented article only. Your Committee would further suggest that "the duty of church members in relation to the temperance question" be kept prominently before our Societies, with a view at an early period of making total abstinence one of the conditions of membership.　　　　G. WEBBER.
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CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary, in presenting his report of the Church Accounts for the year, regrets that it is not, in all respects, as satisfactory as could be desired; but there is, nevertheless, a decided improvement in the returns over past years. A little more attention to those matters, would enable both the District and General Secretaries to do their work much more accurately. The rule is, that the returns shall be in the hands of the District Secretaries by the first of April, but this has not been the case hitherto. Owing to the rearrangement of the work at the last Conference, by the formation of the Toronto District, we cannot give a comparative statement of the Districts this year. I can, however, give you a tolerably accurate account of our doings during the year.

There have been four churches built: one on the Pickering Mission—one on the Colborne Circuit—one on the Lakefield Circuit—and one on the Talbotville work. Two Parsonages have been built: one on the Dereham Circuit—which is in every way a beautiful and commodious house; the other has been erected at Fullarton, on the Fullarton Circuit. Extensive improvements in some of our churches have been made. At Brookfield, on the Lisbon Circuit, Wisconsin, the church has been almost rebuilt. At Hensall, 15 ft. has been added to the church, and other Trust Estates have been considerably improved.

The financial statement for the year is as follows :—Total receipts, $21,726.65. $5,450.00 have been expended for the Improvement of our Church and Parsonage Property. $5,450.00 have been expended for the new erections. The increased value of property for the year is $9,855 71.   The total debt last year was $65,484.50.   The total debt this year is $61,214.17, but against this there are subscriptions promised amounting to $10,-435.53.   The debt is now $4,270.33 less than last year.   The total amount of disbursements for the year have been $21,113.74. The total value of Church and Parsonage Property belonging to this Conference is $435,219.48.

There are a few points to which I deem it advisable to call attention: 1. In relation to seat rents.   It is quite noticeable that nearly all the churches where seats are rented, are in our Town and City churches ; while from our country churches very little money is raised from this source. I may say that there is an increase in this department of receipts of $709.21 over last year.   2. Should there not be a time appointed for the re-valuation of our Church and Parsonage Property? 3. I wish that the Brethren would specify the kind of improvements which have been made on their stations, as it would be a source of interest to the Conference to know what the improvements are, which have been made.   W. QUANCE,

General Church Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To elevate and strengthen the moral sentiments of our youth,— to counteract the mischievous tendencies of the irreligious and obscene literature, so largely in circulation on this continent,—and to nullify the constant, insiduous, and in many instances, unprincipled attempts to mislead the young on the most vital interests of their being,—the Church should not only double her watchfulness while on the defensive, but display tenfold greater diligence on the aggressive side of her work for God, the truth and posterity.   There is no place where this work can be made so generally effective as in a well-conducted Sabbath School.

That Sabbath desecration, in the shape of semi-business transactions, pleasure-seeking, and the neglect of God's house, is on the increase,—that the disposition to question the claim of God's Word upon our reverence and obedience, is beginning to show itself in our churches and our homes,—and that the number of conversions in our Sunday Schools is on the decrease, year after year,—are sufficient reasons why there should be deep humiliation before God, and a more thorough consecration of the

best talent and resources of the church to the great work of saving the young.

Many of the returns—even from places where we would look for better things—are qualified by the statement, "We suffer from the want of teachers." If something could be done to create a greater enthusiasm in this department of our holy activities, it would not only be a great blessing to the church now, but be one of the most productive sources of future prosperity, for even here the promise is still good—" In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Your Secretary deeply regrets that the returns show a decline in nearly all the essential items. In presenting an epitome of the tabulated statistics, we have thought best to give a brief account of the work in each District.

In Cobourg District, there is a decrease of 6 Teachers, 82 Scholars, 51 copies in the circulation of the *Ensign*, and $35.13, in the money raised in the Schools. This decrease is partly accounted for by Perrytown having made no returns for this year. This District has one Union School, and 11 preaching places without schools.

Bowmanville District has 2 Union Schools, and 5 places where there are no schools. There is a decrease of 32 teachers, 318 scholars, 108 *Ensigns*, and of cash receipts, $313.49.

Victoria & Peterboro' District reports 1 Union School, 9 places without schools, and one school at Lindsay, closed during he year. There is a decrease in the circulation of the *Ensign*, of 101, of 25 teachers, 145 scholars, and of money raised, $288.46.

Exeter District has 8 places without schools, and a decrease of 37 teachers, and 173 scholars, and an increase of money raised by the shools, of $64.50. There is one item in the returns of this District which shows a depth of philantrophy, and an international sympathy quite exceptional in the history of our Sunday Schools, and perhaps in the history of the Sunday Schools of Canada,—Mitchell contributed $8 to help the yellow fever sufferers in the Southern States.

The decrease on the three Districts last mentioned, is largely owing to the last Conference taking from them certain Stations for the constituting of a new District. But after adding the total returns of Toronto District to them, there is still a decrease of 8 teachers, 228 less *Ensigns** taken, and a falling off of $328.78 in the cash receipts; while there is an increase on the ground covered by the four Districts of 123 scholars; but even that is not

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* There must be some error in the returns, seeing the total circulation of the *Ensign* is in excess of last year.—ED.

equal to the number taken from the London District, by the transferring of Hamilton.

London District has three places without denominational schools, but in two places there are Union Schools; and after the loss of Hamilton, there is only a decrease of 9 teachers, and 44 scholars, and $58.50 less money raised; while there is an increase of 33 copies in the circulation of the *Ensign*.

Prince Edward Island District has 11 places without schools. There is an increase of 8 teachers, 62 scholars, and of cash raised $95.17. *Ensigns* taken, 8 more than last year.

Wisconsin has three places without schools, a decrease of 8 teachers, 17 scholars, and $5.69, but an increase of 10 in the number of *Ensigns* taken.

The returns for Cleveland show a decrease of 6 teachers, 10 scholars, $12.02 less cash, and 10 decrease in the circulation of the *Ensign*.

Your Secretary will close his Report by proposing four suggestive questions: 1. Is it right to continue Union Schools in Bible Christian Churches? 2. Should not something be done to open schools in those places where there are none? 3. Would it not be well for Conference to appoint that one Sunday in three months, in all our places of worship, be devoted to the special advancement of Sunday School interests? 4. For the more efficient working of this department, would it not be well to appoint District School Secretaries? H. J. NOTT,

Gen. S. S. Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF DISTRICT IN WHICH SCHOOLS ARE LOCATED.	No. of Preaching Places in the District.	No. of Schools in the District.	Officers & Teach.: Members of B. C. Church.	Non-members.	Total.	Scholars in Classes: Infant Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	No. of Conversions of Scholars during the year	Scholars members of the Church.	Teetotalers: Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Lib. & Papers: No. of Volumes in Libraries.	Copies of *Ensign* Taken.	Copies of Other Papers Taken.	Cash Raised: For Missions. $ cts.	For School Purposes. $ cts.	Total. $ cts.
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RESOLUTIONS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES.

That the hearty thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the Brethren, J. J. Rice and S. H. Rice, for their valuable and efficient services as President and Secretary, during the past year ; and also to Bro. John Kenner, for his able service in supplying the place of the Secretary during his absence on account of illness.

EX-PRESIDENT'S CHARGE.

That we accord to Bro. J. J. Rice, our hearty thanks for his faithful and impressive charge at the Ordination Service, and we request him to give it publicity through the medium of the *Observer*.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

That the Report of the Church Secretary be received and adopted, and that we tender our hearty thanks to the Secretary for his diligence and efficiency in the discharge of his important duties.

VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

That the re-valuation of our Church and Parsonage property be hereafter made once in ten years, and that the Church Secretary furnish the amount at which the property was valued at the last estimation ; the next valuation to be made in 1880.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

That the Report of the Missionary Secretary be adopted, and that the hearty thanks of this Conference be given to Bro. Harris for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

That the School Secretary's Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes. We also tender our sincere thanks to Bro. Nott, for the efficiency with which he has discharged the important duties of his office.

EDITOR'S REPORT.

That the Editor's Report be adopted, and that the hearty thanks of the Conference be given Bro. Barker, for his valuable services during the year.

BOOK STEWARD'S REPORT.

That the Report of the Book Steward be adopted, and the hearty thanks of this Conference be given Bro. Webber, for the efficient discharge of his duties.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

That the Auditor's Report be adopted, and the brethren J. Hull, J. F. Cunnings, and E. Roberts be thanked for their valuable services as Auditors.

MANITOBA.

That a Mission be opened in Manitoba and the North-west, as we believe God calls us thither ; and that the Conference call for volunteers for that Mission.

SPECIAL FUND FOR MANITOBA.

That a special fund for the sustentation of the proposed Mission in Manitoba, be established forthwith, and that it be kept apart from the ordinary Mission Fund.

COMPOSITION OF CONFERENCE.

That as it has appeared that a difference of opinion has occurred at some of our District Meetings, as to the right of persons to be appointed members of Conference who have not been in attendance at the District Meetings, we now express it as our decision, that no brother is eligible to be appointed a member of Conference, who has not attended the District Meeting, unless affliction is the cause of his absence.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

That any Candidate for our Ministry, who shall have spent three years at College, be allowed one year on his probation; and if he take a full University course, and graduate, that he be allowed two years on his probation, with the distinct understanding, that the full course of study prescribed, be taken up after the following manner :—The first and second year's courses to be taken the first year, and the third and fourth year's courses be taken the second year.

THE ENGLISH REPRESENTATIVE.

That we hereby assure our greatly beloved Brother, W. Luke, of our high appreciation of the motives by which he was induced to encounter the perils of a voyage across the Atlantic, to visit us, in this the oldest of our Colonial Mission Fields, —of the heartfelt pleasure it has afforded us, to have him going in and out amongst our people, and sitting with us in this our Annual Conference,—and of the pleasure and profit we have realized in listening to his public addresses, trusting the seed he has sown will produce an abundant harvest, even a hundred-fold, to the praise and glory of our one Father—God.   We wish, through him, to say to our dear Bro. B. Nott, how much we regretted that circumstances should have prevented him being present with us at our Annual Conference, and hope that not far in the future, he may find it convenient to come over and see us.

We do also, through Bro. Luke, heartily greet our dear fellow-laborers of the English Conference, and assure them of our warmest affection for them, and our deepening desire for their success in leading sinners to God, and feeding the Church of Christ, which he has purchased with his own blood; and while we have no hope that we shall ever all meet on earth, we indulge the confident expectation, that when all our toils are over, we shall together sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

Humbly praying our heavenly Father to have our dear Bro. Luke in his gracious keeping on his homeward journey, and to the end of his life-work; we, with the heartiest affection, say,—farewell !

GRANTS.

That the following Grants be made to the Mission Stations :—

Perrytown,	all they can raise.		
Port Hope,	"		
Hungerford,	"	and	$ 50.
Belleville,	"	and	300.
Toronto,	"	and	200.
Pickering,	"		
Prince Albert,	"		
Uxbridge,	"	and	120.
Peterboro,	"		
Fenelon,	"		
Lindsay,	"	and	220.
Sutton,	"	and	50.
Manvers & Cartwright,	"		
Clinton,	"	and	40.
Wiarton,	"	and	170,
"	and for Bro. Woodman,		$50.
Lambeth,	"	and	50.
St. Thomas,	"	and	300,
they to meet their own interest.			
Ingersoll,	"	and	100.
London South,	"		
London East,	"	and	200.
Hamilton,	"	and	200.
Colchester,	"	and	70.
Windsor, left with the Ex. Committee.			
Talbotville,	"		
Prince Edward Island Island	"	and	350.
Campbellford,	"	and	50.
Ashburnham,	"	and	85.

MINISTERS AND SECULAR LABOR.

That no minister among us, receiving an appointment from this Conference as a Pastor, or assistant Pastor, shall enter upon any kind of secular labor, without the consent of the Conference. This must be understood to include Bible Society, Organ, Machine, and Insurance Agencies, or other secular and dividing labor.

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES FOR 1880.

That $10 be charged with each preacher for the Contingent Fund, and 25 cents per member for the Children's Fund; also 25 cents. per member towards the interest on the Connexional debt.

EXAMINING OF CANDIDATES.

That to secure uniformity in the examination of candidates for our ministry, they shall hereafter be furnished with papers prepared by the General Examining Committee, said papers to be filled by them at the time of the 4th Quarterly Meeting, under the supervision of the Superintendent of the District, and then forwarded immediately to the Exam. Committee, so that the Committee may report their standing to the District meeting.

THANKS TO LITTLE BRITAIN FRIENDS.

That we hereby unanimously tender our most hearty and sincere thanks to the friends in Little Britain and vicinity, who have so hospitably entertained, and in various ways ministered to the comfort of the members of this Conference, during the time of its entire sessions.

THANKS TO RAILWAY MANAGERS.

That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Managers of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, the Whitby and Port Perry, and Midland Railways, for their kindness in allowing the members and delegates of this Conference to travel on their roads at a reduced fare.

COMMITTEES.

That the following Committees be appointed :—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President, ex-President and Secretary, Missionary Secretary, General Treasurers, Financial Secretary, Superintendents of Districts, J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, J. Kenner, A. Gordon, A. Richard, R. B. Rowe, J. Hull, C. R. Tamblyn, J. Pickard, J. F. Cunnings, T. Bowden, T. Courtice, S. Collings, and J. Southcott.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Editor, J. Kenner, W. Jolliffe, and T. Bowden.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

The President, Secretary, ex-President, Superintendents of Districts, Editor, Missionary Secretary, Financial Secretary, with one Lay Representative from each District.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

W. C. Beer, A. Richard, and W. Quance.

Q. 11.—Who are the Conference Officials?

A.—A. Clarke, President; W. S. Pascoe, Conference and General Corresponding Secretary; C. Barker, Editor; J. Kenner, Corresponding Secretary with England; E. Roberts, Financial Secretary, and Secretary of Church Loan Fund; W. Quance, General Church Secretary; H. J. Nott, General School Secretary; W. Jolliffe, Book Steward; R. T. Courtice, Missionary Secretary; C. Barker, and R. Souch, General Treasurers.

Q. 12.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—Cobourg, at Port Hope; Bowmanville, Prince Albert; Victoria & Peterboro, Peterboro; Toronto, Toronto; Exeter, Mitchell; London, London South; Cleveland, Orange; all on the third Wednesday in May. P. E. Island, second Friday in May; and Wisconsin, the first Wednesday in May.

Q. 13.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Bowmanville, on the first Thursday in June, 1880, at 9 A.M. The Executive Committee to meet on the preceeding Tuesday, at 9 A.M.

N.B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports to lay before the Committee. Stationing Committee to meet the same day, at 4 P.M. Executive Committee the following Wednesday, at 9. A.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 1879-80.

The first Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Toronto, on the last Wednesday in September; the second, at Bowmanville, on the last Wednesday in January; the third in connection with the Conference.

ALPHABETICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE ITINERANT PREACHERS.

PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN INTO THE MINISTRY	PREACHERS' RESIDENCE.	NO. OF YEARS OF PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger	1868	Prince Albert	2
Allin, Samuel J.	1874	Hensall	2
Archer, Joseph	1869	Ingersoll	1
Ashley, Isaac...... Super.	1856	Lane's P. O., Colborne	3
Ayers, Walter...Super	1863	Windsor	1
Baker, Robert	1867	Ivanhoe	4
Ball, John	1872	Vernon River Bridge, P.E.I.	1
Barker, Cephas...Editor	1838	Bowmanville	13
Beer, William C	1866	Cobourg	1
Bodle, George	1856	Perrytown	2
Broad, Thomas....	1874	Carlow	1
Bryenton, William	1877	Sturgeon, P. E. I.	3
Butcher, John W.	1845	Centralia	1
Butt, William H.	1871	Port Hope	2
Brown, Thomas	1879	Hampton	1
Chapple, John...Superan.	1834	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.	1
Clarke, Archibald	1860	Oshawa	3
Collins, James H.	1868	Summerside, P.E.I.	1
Copeland, George H	1872	London East	1
Courtice, Richard T....	1865	Lindsay, Box 177	2
Cunnings, Silas J	1877	Gesto, Essex Co	1
Cannom, John W	1878	Ashburnham	2
Dafoe, James A	1877	Coldsprings	1
Davidson, Robert	1872	Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis., U.S.	3
Davis, William.... Super.	1873	St. Thomas	1
Dry, Thomas H	1873	Sussex, Waukesha Co., Wis., U.S.	1
Dumbleton, John	1874		
Dunkley, George	1862	Wiarton	2
Edwards, John...Superan.	1831	Devon	11
Eynon, John H...Superan	1826	Tyrone	19
Ferry, John	1879	McWilliams' Office, Lot 7, P.E.I.	1
Gale, Jacob...Superan	1843	Bowmanville	11
Gilson, John...Super	1874	Hampton	1
Gordon, Andrew	1850	Pickering	3
Greenway, John	1872		
Guard, John	1853	Lakefield	1
Harris, John	1863	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1
Haycraft.George..Superan	1841	Morton, Waukesha Co., Wis, U.S.	21
Holmes, John	1871	Uxbridge	3
Hooper, William	1840	St. Thomas	1
Hoskin, James	1877	Brooklin	1
Hull, Thomas R	1855	Mt. Elgin	2
Hurley, Robert..Superan	1834	Welcome	5
Jolliffe, William	1858	248, Simcoe Street, Toronto	1
Kenner, John	1856	Bowmanville	1
Kenner, William	1854	Little Britain	3
Kestle,James	1872	Manilla	2
Kinley, William	1865	Welcome	4
Laugdon, John..Superan	1825	Prince Albert	33

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Limbert, William	1874	Orono	3
Mallett, Richard	1872	Talbotville Royal	1
Mason, Thomas	1873	Lambeth	1
Medland, William	1863	Murray Harbor South, P. E. I.	1
Metherell, Moses	1872	Cartwright	2
Moore, Herman	1874	Barry, Cuyahoga Co.. Ohio, U. S.	2
Newcombe, Henry A	1860	Elimville	2
Nott, Henry J	1865	20, Henry St., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S	3
Pascoe, William S	185	Mitchell	1
Pooley, John	1875	Campbellford	1
Quance. William	1869	London, 290 Horton Street	2
Rice, James J	1863	Hamilton	1
Rice, James P	1873	Fullarton	2
Rice, Stephen H. Super.	1867	Hampton	1
Richard, Alexander	1867	Columbus	1
Roach, William R	1852	Palmyra, Jefferson Co.. Wis.. U.S	3
Roberts, Edward	1858	Peterboro	3
Robins, Paul ...Superan	1823	Bowmanville	6
Rollins, William	1874	London	1
Rowe, Richard B	1870	Hampton	1
Sabine, Thomas J	1875	Tweed	3
Schuster, Anselm	1871	Belleville	1
Smith, George	1869	Wheatly River, P. E. I	1
Spargo, William H	1879	Elimville	1
Thomas, Richard	1873	Clinton	2
Tonkin, Edwin A	1873	Charlottetown, P.O., P. E. I.	3
Tredrea, John M	1874	Fenelon Falls	2
Veale, John	1872	Palmerston	2
Webber, George	1858	Exeter	1
Whitlock, Jesse	1848	Janetville	1
Whitlock, Francis M	1876	Windsor	1
Wickett, Lewis W	1864	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U.S.	2
Williams, John... Superan	1836	Mitchell	7
Williams, Daniel	1876	Sutton	1
Willison, William M	1879	Little Prairie, Walworth Co., Wis.	1
Yelland, John G	1869	Campbellford	1

ADDRESSES OF CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

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