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*Question 1. What Preachers are received into full Connexion?*

*Answer.* William Rodwell, Charles John Dobson, and Charles Lazenby.

2. *What Preachers remain on trial, and how long have they travelled?*

(a) These have travelled three years.—William H. Law, and Albert Sims.

(b) These have travelled two years.—Thomas Coupland, John B. Avison, and Robert L. Ockley.

(c) These have travelled one year.—George Ball, Jabez J. Noble, John Dobson, Paul Flint, and Henry Harper.

3. *What Preachers are now received on trial?*

Abraham Tongue, William B. Booth, and George Baker.

4. *What Preacher is placed on the Reserve List?*

H. D. Tyler.

5. *What Preachers are engaged this year in the regular work of the Ministry, as Hired Local Preachers?*

Edward Crompton, C. C. Garnett, and Richard Pyke.

6. *What Preachers have ceased to travel this year?*

W. C. Allen, J. H. Ockley, and R. G. Rosecamp.

7. *What Preachers have returned to England?*

J. F. Porter, and G. Clarke.

8. *What Ministers have Died during the year?*

1. REV. JAMES CHEETHAM was born at Middleton, near Manchester, England, on the 28th July, 1811. His parents were adherents of the Episcopal Church, but his maternal grandmother was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and even in childhood her godly life made a deep impression on his mind; he often longed to be like her. Notwithstanding these good desires, he continued to seek happiness amidst worldly pleasures till, in his twenty-second year, a Primitive Methodist minister visited his home, and invited him to attend the week-night service. He did so, and that night became convinced of his lost condition as a sinner. He earnestly sought salvation, and received pardon through faith in Christ, while attending class meeting on the 29th of March, 1833. His heart being full of the love of God, he began at once to lead others to Christ. His parents, and nine brothers and sisters, were converted, also many of his neighbors were led to the Saviour through his exhortations and prayers.

After laboring in a local capacity for five years, he entered the itinerant ministry, in 1838. Manchester was his first station. Afterwards he was appointed to Newmills, Bradwell, Silsden, Douglas, Staleybridge, Bolton, Warrington, Rochdale and Prestonbrook. While in the last-named circuit, after much deliberation and prayer, he withdrew from the itinerancy, the reasons which induced him to do so being fully justifiable to his own mind. Whether he was or was not right in this, must be left to the Great Judge, who will do right.

In October, 1856, he emigrated to Canada, settled in the then Peel and Wellsley Station, where he labored efficiently as a local preacher and class leader. Not being satisfied with this comparatively limited sphere of usefulness, he again offered himself for the regular work of the ministry, and was accepted by the Conference of 1858, and stationed to Brantford and Paris. He afterwards labored in Hamilton, Portland, McGillivray and Woodstock stations.

On Sabbath, January 1870, as usual, he preached three times. Complained of great weariness that night, next morning was very ill, and was not able to do his ministerial work for some time. In June he finally broke down, and at the following Conference of 1871 was superannuated. In 1874 he got an idea that a warmer climate would suit his health better, and removed to Jacksonville.

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Florida, where he preached as health permitted, until the Fall of 1876, when it became evident his work was done, and he calmly waited the coming of the Master to take him home. An abscess, which had several times formed and broken outwardly, formed and broke inwardly, and his earthly journey was soon ended. Resting on the atonement, finding peace in Christ, and comfort from the presence of God in the Valley, on November 24th, 1876, he entered the Master's joy, and is forever blessed.

REV. ISAAC RYDER was born in the year 1804, in the county of Norfolk, England. Of the early part of his life little is known. While on duty as a soldier in India, he became a subject of saving grace. When his term in the army was finished he emigrated to Canada, settled in the City of Kingston, and united with the Wesleyan Church, but afterwards united with the Primitive Methodists, and entered the Christian Ministry in the year 1852, and for fourteen years labored earnestly, and with a measure of success. In the year 1865 he located near the Village of Linwood, in the Township of Wellesley, where he preached faithfully the Gospel of Christ. Two weeks before he died he preached in Hawksville Church, with his usual ability. He was unwell only ten days; his complaint was heart disease. While ill he was visited by Rev. J. Walker, to whom he expressed confidence in the Saviour he had pointed others to.

On the morning that he passed away to the Eden shore he partook of a hearty breakfast, after which he was seized with a smothering sensatin. His wife saw that he was ill, and asked him if she might call their next neighbor, when he remarked, "He could do me no good." These were his last words; in about twenty minutes he passed away to be forever with the Lord.

9. *How are the Preachers stationed for next year?*

**TORONTO DISTRICT.**

- Rev. R. Boyle, General Secretary and Book Steward
- Rev. T. Guttery, Editor of *Christian Journal*
- TORONTO FIRST—Thomas Griffith, J. Davidson, Sup.
- " SECOND—Thomas Guttery
- " THIRD—Robert Cade, W. Lomas, Sup.
- " FOURTH—James Edgar, M. D., John B. Avison
- MARKHAM—John W. Robinson
- WHITCHURCH—Matthew H. Matthews
- PICKERING—Robert McKee
- BOWMANVILLE—William S. Hughan
- SCARBORO—William Thornley, Albert Sims
- REACH—Rounding Pattison, Paul Flint, T. Foster, Sup.
- SANDFORD—George J. Reeve

**BRAMPTON DISTRICT.**

- BRAMPTON—Walter Reid, Edward Crompton
- ETOBICOKE—James Ferguson, Henry Harper
- MALTON—Thomas Sims
- ALMON EAST—Joseph Markham, Abraham Tongue

ALBION WEST—John Demis  
 LASKAY—Charles S. Willis, William Rodwell, one to be obtained  
 ORANGEVILLE—Jonathan Milner, J. Simpson, Sup.  
 ROSEMONT—John Garner  
 AMARANTH—Richard Paul

#### HAMILTON DISTRICT.

HAMILTON—William Herridge  
 GRAND RIVER—Charles O. Johnson  
 WALPOLE—Charles J. Dobson  
 PLATTSVILLE—Charles Lazenby, one to be obtained  
 BRANTFORD—Henry Parish, J. Towler, Sup.  
 FALKLAND—Robert L. Ockley  
 WALSINGHAM—C. C. Garnett, one to be obtained  
 WOODSTOCK—Luke Hall  
 ST. CATHARINES—Nathaniel Wellwood

#### GUELPH DISTRICT

GUELPH—Henry Harris, T. Adams, Sup.  
 PEEL—Joseph E. Lidstone  
 HAWKSVILLE—James Walker  
 MINTO—Richard Hassard  
 BRANT—Charles Matteuly  
 KINCARDINE—John W. Gilpin, one to be obtained  
 WINGHAM—James Smith, G. Baker  
 ST. HELENS—Thomas Bryant  
 ARTHUR—Amos Knapp, T. Dudley, Sup.  
 GREY—William H. Law

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

LONDON—John Goodman, John Dobson, J. Natrass, <sup>Sup.</sup> T. Natrass,  
 Sup.  
 BOSANQUET—John S. Corcoran  
 FOREST—Thomas G. Scott  
 MCGILLIVRAY—Dunning Idle  
 WEST BRANCH—C. Roffe  
 STRATFORD—George Wood  
 MITCHELL—James E. Moore  
 PLYMPTON—Robert Thompson, W. Cook, Sup.  
 CHATHAM—Abraham Heyworth, William R. Booth  
 DOVER—Richard Augur  
 CARADOC—William Huggins  
 WOODHAM—William Newton  
 NEWBURY—J. R. Swift, Sup.  
 BETHWELL—One to be obtained

#### KINGSTON DISTRICT.

KINGSTON—Thomas W. Jolliffe  
 PORTLAND—Thomas Amy, George Ball, J. Lacey, Sup.  
 COLLINSBY—Joshua Dyke  
 HINCHINBROOKE—J. J. Noble  
 MONTREAL—Eli Middleton

**BARRIE DISTRICT.**

BARRIE—William Bee, T. Crompton, Sup.  
 ORO—Richard Pyke  
 BRADFORD—Thomas Boyd  
 OSFREY—Edward Whitworth, R. Stephenson, Sup.  
 COLLINGWOOD—George H. Thompson  
 ARTEMESIA—George Watson, H. D. Tyler  
 BRACEBRIDGE—George F. Lee  
 ORILLIA—James Thompson  
 THREE MILE LAKE—Thomas Coupland  
 STRISTED—One to be obtained.

On leave of absence—W. Nixon.

WILLIAM BEE, *President.*

CHARLES S. WILLIS, *Secretary.*

\* \* Preachers removing will leave their stations on the 19th of June, and arrive on their new station on or before the 30th of June.

10. *What Officers are appointed by the Conference?*

REV. W. BEE, President	REV. R. BOYLE, General Book Steward and General Secretary
“ C. S. WILLIS, Secretary	“ H. HARRIS, Vice-do.
“ W. HERRIDGE, Vice-President	R. I. WALKER, Esq., Treasurer.
“ T. GUTTERY, Editor	

11. *What is the Numerical State of the Church?*

	<i>Present No.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
Ministers .....	91	2	....
Local Preachers .....	284	....	7
Class Leaders .....	318	13	....
Connexional Churches .....	216	....	....
Other Preaching Places .....	86	....	18
Parsonages .....	36	....	2
Sabbath Schools .....	140	....	5
Teachers .....	1211	....	4
Scholars .....	8725	125	....
Members .....	8008	384	....
Died .....	100	10	....
Value Church Property .....	\$349,225 09	\$22,200 00	....
Debt. ....	57,054 00	....	\$1,367 09
Ordinary Income .....	30,117 80	....	11 70
Superannuated Fund .....	210 67	....	6 86
Church Grant and Loan Fund .....	97 97	....	56
Examination Fund .....	51 57	....	18

12. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*

On Friday, May 24th, 1878; in the City of London, to commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

13. *What other Meetings shall be held before the Conference ?*

Ministerial Association—Wednesday, May 22nd, at 9 a.m. Primitive Methodist Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, at 3 p.m., and the Preparatory Committee, at 7 p.m., the same day.

The Finance and Stationing Committees shall meet on Thursday, May 23, at 9 a.m.

District General Committee Delegates shall send all District Meeting Notices, properly arranged for publication in the *Christian Journal*, in sufficient time to have not less than two insertions.

14. *What Connexional Officers shall attend the next Conference ?*

The President, by virtue of office; C. S. Willis, as General Committee Delegate; T. Guttery, as Editor; R. Boyle, as General Secretary and Book Steward; R. I. Walker, as Connexional Treasurer; J. Goodman, as Friendly Society Representative; and, R. Walker, as Life Member.

15. *When and where shall the next District Meetings be held, and who shall be the General Committee Delegates ?*

<i>District.</i>	<i>Where Held.</i>	<i>G. C. D.</i>
TORONTO .....	Manchester, Reach Circuit .....	W. S. Hughan
BRAMPTON .....	Bolton, Albion Circuit .....	W. Reid
HAMILTON .....	Hullsville, Walpole Circuit .....	L. Hall
GUELPH .....	Hope, Minto Circuit .....	J. E. Lidstone
LONDON .....	Ebenezer, McGillivray Circuit .....	D. Idle
KINGSTON .....	Sydenham, Portland Circuit .....	E. Middleton
BARRIE .....	Barrie, Barrie Circuit .....	E. Whitworth

Each Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 1878, to commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

16. *Who compose the Committees ?*

I. GENERAL COMMITTEE.

All Ministers who have travelled ten years and are yet in the active work, and Superannuated Ministers who have travelled regularly twenty years, with the following laymen:—

R. Walker	S. Nielin
R. I. Walker	J. Green
C. D. McGinn	W. D. Fitzpatrick
T. Wilson	W. Dennis
J. Bugg	R. P. Hopper
D. McLean	G. Bowling
J. Higginbotham	John Kent
W. Marshall	J. Brown
B. Crompton	J. Lawson
J. Hoar	T. Whale
H. Arthur	S. R. Briggs
W. Trebilcock	L. W. Purdy
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## 2. THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Shall be composed of the same persons as the General Committee; R. Boyle shall be the Secretary, and both Committees shall meet at the same time and place.

The Quarterly Meeting of these Committees shall be held in Toronto, on Thursday, the 9th of August, and Thursday, the 8th of November, 1877; Thursday, the 7th of February, and Thursday, the 2nd of May, 1878. Each meeting to commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

## 3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 3

The President and Secretary of Conference, J. Davison, J. Garner, T. Guttery, J. Edgar, R. Walker, R. I. Walker, J. Bugg, D. McLean, and R. Boyle, who shall be the Secretary.

## 4. THE BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference, J. Davison, T. Guttery, H. Harris, R. Walker, R. I. Walker, D. McLean, W. Herridge, and R. Boyle, who shall be the Secretary.

## 5. GRANT AND LOAN FUND.

Same as the Executive.

## 6. DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

TORONTO,	R. Boyle, J. Edgar, J. Bugg, and S. R. Briggs
BRAMPTON,	W. Reid, J. Milner, W. Marshall, and W. Elliott
HAMILTON,	W. Herridge, J. Johnston, and H. Arthur
GUELPH,	R. Hassard, T. Whale, J. E. Lidstone, and S. Auger
LONDON,	J. Goodman, J. Natrass, and W. Trebilcock
KINGSTON,	T. Amy, J. Dyke, R. Carmousky, and T. W. Jolliffe
BARRIE,	T. Crompton, W. Bee, J. Moore, W. Thompson, and E. Crompton

The first-named brother in each case to be the Secretary.

## 7. CENTRAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Revs. R. Cade, J. Markham, J. Milner, W. S. Hughan, C. S. Willis, and W. Reid, Secretary.

## 8. DISTRICT BOARDS.

TORONTO,	M. H. Matthews, R. Cade, W. S. Hughan, R. Pattison
BRAMPTON,	J. Ferguson, J. Garner, J. Markham, C. S. Willis
HAMILTON,	H. Parrish, L. Hall, W. Herridge
GUELPH,	H. Harris, J. Smith, R. Hassard, J. W. Gilpin
LONDON,	J. Goodman, A. Heyworth, G. Wood
KINGSTON,	T. W. Jolliffe, T. Amy, J. Dyke
BARRIE,	W. Bee, T. Crompton, J. Thompson

The first-named person in each case to be Secretary, and two first in London District.

## 9. CONNEXIONAL AUDITORS.

Rev. J. Milner, and R. Walker, Esq.

## 10. DELEGATES TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE

To be appointed by the General Committee.

17. *What New Rules are now made?*

## 1. DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE.

(a) The number of Delegates to represent each District shall be as follows:—

TORONTO DISTRICT.....	6	Ministers.....	12	Laymen
BRAMPTON ".....	5	".....	10	"
HAMILTON ".....	3	".....	6	"
GUELPH ".....	4	".....	8	"
LONDON ".....	4	".....	8	"
KINGSTON ".....	2	".....	4	"
BARRIE ".....	3	".....	6	"
Total.....	27	".....	54	"

(b) That a Minister shall not be eligible for Conference until he has been ordained three years.

(c) That a Minister shall not be eligible for General Committee Delegate, or member of the Stationing Committee until he has been ordained six years, with the understanding that if there be not a sufficient number of men of the above standing in any District, the next senior brother in that District shall be elected.

(d) That a Layman shall not be eligible to become a Member of Conference until he has been a member of the P. M. Church seven consecutive years.

(e) That no person shall be eligible to any of the aforementioned positions, except he be free from charge and complaint.

(f) That in view of the increased number of Delegates, and consequent increase of claims on the Conference Fund, no Delegate shall be entitled to any claim for expenses in travelling to Conference for the first twenty-five miles of the double journey.

## 2. GENERAL MISSIONARY AGENT.

(a) That a General Missionary Agent be appointed for three or four months in each year, his salary and expenses not to exceed two hundred and thirty dollars.

(b) The General Missionary Agent shall be under the direction of the General Missionary Committee, and report quarterly to that Committee.

(c) That the Missionary Committee be empowered to pay the salary and expenses of the General Missionary Agent at such times as they think best.

(d) That Brother Thomas Crompton be the General Missionary Agent.

## 3. SALARIES.

(a) The Salary of ordained unmarried ministers shall be for the first two years, \$300 per year; after that time, \$350 per year.

(b) That the salaries of widowers be the same as those of married ministers.

(c) That in future, every Probationary Preacher taken out by the Conference at the regular time, shall receive a full quarters' salary for each quarter of the year, and on his retirement from the ministry he shall be regarded as being paid up to the time of change, and is expected to supply the work up to that time.

(d) That all ministers who have been taken into the work by the Canadian Conference, prior to this present year of 1877, be considered as entitled to half a quarter's salary when at the end of any year they retire from the work.

## 4. INVITATION SYSTEM.

That invitations from stations to ministers be sent from the May Quarterly Meetings of the respective stations, instead of their being sent from the February Quarterly Meetings, as heretofore; and invitations shall in no case be sent to probationers.

## 5. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

That Sabbath School Teachers and Superintendents be eligible to act as Chairmen of Sabbath School Teachers' Meetings.

## 5. CLASS MEETINGS.

That we memorialize all our members upon the importance of a faithful and constant adherence to the class meeting, regarding the class meeting as we do, as being one of the most vital means of grace for the ingathering, upbuilding, and strengthening of our church in Canada.

## 7. MINISTERIAL DEFICIENCY.

That Question 16 in the "Historical Account of the Station" be changed to read as follows:—

"Have you paid your Minister the Conference Salary in full? if not, why? and state the amount of your deficiency."

(b) Each preacher shall, on or before the 30th of June, report to the General Secretary what amount of salary he received between the last Quarterly Meeting of his station before Conference and the last Monday but one in June.

## 8. EXPLANATION OF RULE.

It is the opinion of the Conference that the Vice-delegate shall not take the place of his Principal Delegate, unless the Principal be permanently absent, except by vote of Conference.

18. *What Changes are made in relation to Stations?*

DIVISION OF STATIONS.

1. That Markham Circuit be divided into two stations, viz.: Markham and Whitechurch.
2. That Wingham Circuit be divided into two stations, viz.: Wingham and Grey.

NEW NAMES OF STATIONS.

That Dungannon Station be known hereafter as St. Helens.

19. *What Changes are now made in relation to Church Property?*

1. That Peter W. Day (yeoman), and William Bee (minister), be hereby appointed Trustees of the Lacey Homestead Property, in the place of John Baker, deceased, and William Rowe, removed.
2. That the Trustees of the Roblin Parsonage have permission to sell the parsonage, and that the President and Secretary be, and are hereby desired to sign the deed, and stamp it with the Conference Seal.
3. That we recommend the Conference to allow Markham Circuit to sell the site of Ebenezer Church, as they have purchased a better place.
4. That we recommend the Conference to allow the Queen Street Church to sell 20 feet of their parsonage property.
5. That we recommend the Conference to allow the Pickering Circuit to sell the Glen-Major Church, on the condition they put up a church at Balsam.
6. That the Brampton Circuit have permission to sell Hope Church, and the deed be signed by the President and Secretary, and stamped with the Conference Seal.
7. That the application of the Woodstock Station to re-convey the land on the 15th line of East Zorra, known as Providence, be granted.
8. That the Trustees of Brant Station have permission to sell Providence Church, and the deed be signed by the President and Secretary, and stamped with the Conference Seal.

20. *What Camp Meetings shall be held this year?*

1. That a Camp Meeting be held on the Bracebridge Mission, the second week in August.
2. That the Conference request the Kingston District to arrange for a Camp Meeting during this Summer, if possible.
3. That Brothers J. Lacey, L. W. Purdy, P. Purdy, P. W. Day, T. Amy, T. G. Genge, and T. W. Jolliffe, be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for holding the above Camp Meetings.

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4. That Brothers Corcoran, Idle, Nicklin and Belt, be a Committee to consult and decide on the advisability of holding a Camp Meeting, during this Summer, on the London District.

21. *What are the Fraternal Communications held with this Conference?*

1. That a letter be written to the English Conference in recognition of their kindly cablegram.
2. That the address from the Eastern Conference of the United States be received, and that Brothers Edgar and Crompton be a Committee to prepare a reply to the same.
3. That the Address prepared and read by Brother Cade be sent to the English Conference, in charge of Brother W. Herridge.

22. *What Votes of Thanks were passed by the Conference?*

1. That the thanks of Conference be given to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways, for their kind consideration in allowing Delegates to travel to Conference at reduced rates.
2. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the ex-Vice-President, and retiring Secretary.
3. That the thanks of Conference be given to the Sheet Secretaries (E. Middleton, H. Parrish), for their services.
4. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Brother Cade, for his very eloquent, impressive, and appropriate Conference Sermon, preached last evening, May 25th, and we pray that the Great Head of the Church may still abundantly bless our brother.
5. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to Rev. R. Cade for the excellent Address prepared by him for the British Conference.
6. That the thanks of this Conference be awarded to Brother K. Stephenson, for his generous promptitude in taking the work on Osprey Station during the illness of Brother Whitworth.
7. That the thanks of Conference be given to Brother G. Clarke, for his services as Reporter to the *Christian Journal*.
8. That the thanks of Conference be given to Brother T. Sims, for his services as Journal Secretary, and that his expenses be paid.
9. That the heartfelt and unanimous thanks of this Conference be extended to Revs. H. Harris, G. J. Reeve, the friends of the Circuit who have provided so liberally in the Hall, and also to the Aurora friends, for their kind hospitality to the Delegates attending the Conference, and that we assure them that the happy week we have spent in their generous homes and pleasant village, will long remain in our recollection, and it is the devout prayer of the Conference, that the Lord, who never forgets a liberal act done in His name,

may abundantly reward them, both in this life and also in the life to come. It is also resolved, that Mr. Cade convey the resolution to the friends, at the public meeting this evening.

10. That, as a Conference, we express our unqualified approval and satisfaction with the efficient manner in which Brother W. Bee, has for the past five years served the Church in the capacity of General Secretary and Book Steward; and likewise with his two years' service as Editor of the *Christian Journal*.

11. That the Conference expresses its thanks to Mr. Feury for his kind invitation to his factory.

12. That the best thanks of the Conference be given to the Central Board of Examiners, and especially to Brother W. Reid, for their efficient services during the year.

23. *What Letters of Condolence were sent by the Conference?*

1. That we hereby express our sympathy with Brothers Jonathan Milner and Boyd in the great bereavement they have sustained, in the loss by death of their dear partners in life, and also with Sisters Cheetham and Rider.

2. That we regret the absence of Brothers Guttery and E. Whitworth from Conference, on account of domestic and personal affliction, and we hereby assure those dear Brethren of our sympathy with them in their trying circumstances.

24. *At what time shall we have a Day of Thanksgiving?*

That the day appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor as a day of Public Thanksgiving be set apart by our Church for a like purpose.

25. *What Reports are Received by the Conference?*

1. REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

1st. That we have observed with pleasure and gratitude the progress which temperance principles have made during the past year throughout our country, as evinced by the passing in several of our most important counties of the by-law provided by the Dunkin Act.

2nd. That we deeply deplore the fact that some of our church officials are not total abstainers; and that we most respectfully and earnestly recommend, that for the sake of the cause of Christ, not only they, but also all our members, take a decided stand on the side of temperance.

3rd. That we recommend the agitation now in progress in our country on the subject of the complete legal prohibition of the liquor traffic to the favorable consideration of all our people, and

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recommend them to use every consistent means to secure it as early as possible, believing it is the only effectual way of delivering our country from the fearful curse of intemperance.

4th. That we earnestly recommend our people to labor earnestly and energetically for the passing and enforcing of the by-law provided by the Dunkin Act in their respective municipalities, believing that it would not only check the traffic where the by-law is passed, but also hasten the passing of a general prohibitory liquor law.

5th. That we recommend the Conference to send a petition to the House of Commons for a prohibitory liquor law.

6th. That we acknowledge the reception of a communication from the Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, and we heartily endorse the principles on which that Alliance is founded; and that we commend their work to the encouragement and co-operation of our Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. EDGAR, *Chairman.*

JOHN GARNER.

JAS. FERGUSON.

THOS. PASSMORE.

WM. MARSHALL.

JAMES BROWN.

N. WELLWOOD, *Secretary.*

## 2. REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee is gratified to find that there is an encouraging increase in the Sabbath School Scholars, but we kindly make the following recommendations:

"That special attention be paid to the conversion of the young, and their preservation to the Church."

"That our Ministers and officials be kindly requested to establish *Denominational Schools* wherever possible, and as far as practicable, persons of religious experience be appointed as teachers."

*And be it further Resolved:*—That this Committee express its thankfulness to God for the marked improvement in the observance of the Sabbath which has taken place during the past few years, yet we deeply deplore that there still exists a large amount of Sabbath desecration, in view of which we make the following recommendations:

"That our ministers, officials and members, be earnestly requested to abstain from all worldly conversation on the Sabbath."

"That our members be kindly requested to abstain themselves, and, as much as possible, discountenance in others, the habit of *social visiting* on the Lord's Day; also, that they be more regular in their attendance upon the means of grace."

"It is within the knowledge of your Committee that a large number of interments are reserved for the Lord's Day; and we request that our ministers and members discourage all Sabbath funerals as much as possible."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. DYKE, *Chairman.*  
S. NICKLIN.  
R. P. HOPPER.

W. HERRIDGE.  
W. THORNLEY.  
H. ARTHUR.

#### ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

That the following Report be confirmed.

"We have carefully examined Charles Lazenby, C. J. Dobson and William Rodwell, on the doctrines, and discipline, of the Church; the examination was satisfactory. We believe them to be young men of good endowments, and that they give promise of great usefulness in the ministry. Their journals, and the reports of the District, and Central Board of Examiners, show that their studies have been pursued with great diligence, while a considerable portion of their time has been given to pastoral and revival work, with very gratifying results. It is evident to your Committee, that by reading and study, they have laid a good foundation for the service of God, in connection with the ministry of our Church. We therefore heartily endorse the recommendations, made by their respective quarterly, and district meetings, for ordination.

"R. BOYLE, *President.*  
"W. REID, *Secretary.*"

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

##### CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the accounts of the Christian Journal, are gratified to find that there is a slight improvement in that fund, notwithstanding the financial depression that has prevailed throughout the country; but we are also of opinion that its financial condition might be greatly improved. We would therefore recommend:

1. That every minister make a prompt and determined effort to collect all outstanding subscriptions, as we find that there is \$2,092 77 due by subscribers, after making considerable allowance for bad debts.

2. That a statement of the Journal account be printed in the Minutes and sent to the August quarterly meeting of each station, with the request that they appoint one or two laymen to co-operate with the minister in charge in collecting the subscriptions, and report to the following District meeting.

3. That the Mission Agent be desired, when visiting a station, to pay attention to Christian Journal matters, such as getting in old subscriptions and in getting new subscribers.

## BOOK ROOM.

The Report of the Book Room submitted to us received our careful examination, and we are pleased to note that its financial condition is materially improved, there being a small balance in its favour, and that its affairs have been carefully managed during the year.

It is also gratifying to your Committee to find the Relief Fund has a large balance in its favour, there being few claims on account of sickness, which is an occasion for thankfulness to Almighty God.

We regret to find that there is a decrease of Missionary Money, owing, we believe, to the depression of trade and the failure of the wheat crop.

R. CADE, *Chairman*.  
W. REID, *Secretary*.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE TO THE ENGLISH  
CONFERENCE.*Greeting:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We address you with faithful memories of many past obligations to you for practical sympathy with us in the Master's work on these distant shores. Our Conference of this year has been one of much spiritual power and brotherly co-operation. While we have had difficulties common to all true progress in sacred things, and which have required the most careful and earnest attention; we have had no single expression of bitterness to disturb the current of Christian brotherhood that flows on among us.

The past year has been signalized by many revivals of considerable power in our Churches, so that, notwithstanding the serious drain upon our statistics by removals, occasioned in a large measure by the drifting state of the community in these times of commercial depression, we are still able to report an increase of 384.

The failure of the harvest last year in this country, and the general depression of trade, have had their natural effect upon the various funds of the Church, and many of the Brethren are suffering heavy deficiencies in their salaries, yet the prevailing spirit among us is to have faith in God, and struggle on.

The Montreal Mission is likely for some time to demand all the help we can afford it. But, with 4,000 English speaking people at the chief of Canadian ports, with a rapidly increasing population, the very metropolis of Popery on this continent, and only one Methodist community in the city to stand up by the side of the

other Protestant Churches in the cause of truth, we believe there is an abundant opening for our people, and have recommended that immediate steps be taken to assist them in the erection of a Church, without which our missionary has all winds and tides against him in the struggle for success.

We were much benefitted by the visit of our beloved Father in Israel, Rev. George Lamb, to this country, last year. His kindly spirit, courteous bearing, and prudent advice, did much to cement the relationship between us and the Old Land, and diffuse the true Christian Brotherhood among us here. We trust that his life may long be spared to the Connexion.

We learned from Dr. S. Antliffe, who was our excellent representative last year, that the privilege was allowed us of sending an additional delegate to the British Conference, we have therefore sent, as our second representative, Rev. W. Herridge, Vice-President of the Canadian Conference, a brother who has travelled among us in this land twenty years; who has occupied our best stations, and is in high esteem among his brethren. We heartily commend him to your reception as a brother worthy of your esteem, and he will doubtless be able to give you any information you may desire respecting our work in Canada.

Our Brother, Rev. Walter Reid, is also on a visit to England, and should he visit your Conference, we can say that any kindness done to him we shall regard as done to ourselves.

We commend to your respectful consideration our Brother, Rev. George Clarke, who returns to the work in the Home Land. He leaves us on his own special request, and with the Conference's best wishes for his future welfare and success.

And now, dear Fathers and Brethren, praying that every promise of our covenant-keeping God may be abundantly fulfilled in you; that upon all your deliberations there may come a rich baptism from on high, that the mantles of the dear departed ones, whose names we all venerate, may still rest upon you; that you may increase more and more in all that relates to substantial good, and when our works and wanderings are over, may we greet each other on that heavenly shore where there is no more sea and no more separation. Until then we remain,

Fraternally yours, in behalf of the Conference,

WILLIAM BEE, *President.*  
CHARLES S. WILLIS, *Secretary.*

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### Grants to Mission Stations, 1877-78.

Stations.	Amount p. Quarter	Amount per Year.	Stations.	Amount p. Quarter	Amount per Year.
Arthur .....	M. M. L.	\$20 00	Minto .....	\$100 00	\$25 00
Artemesia .....	\$140 00	35 00	Mitchell .....	125 00	31 25
Barrie .....	100 00	25 00	Montreal .....	600 00	150 00
Bosanquet .....	150 00	37 50	Newbury .....	G. M. C.	
Bracebridge .....	200 00	50 00	Orangeville .....	185 00	46 25
Bradford .....	100 00	25 00	Oro .....	190 00	25 00
Brantford .....	200 00	65 00	Orillia .....	270 00	67 50
Brant .....	120 00	30 00	Oseprey .....	85 00	21 25
Carleton Place .....	120 00	30 00	Plattsville .....	50 00	12 50
Chatham .....	Mission Money.	30 00	Plympton .....	110 00	27 50
Collingsby .....	60 00	15 00	Portland .....	130 00	32 50
Collingwood .....	138 00	34 50	Rosemont .....	75 00	18 75
Dover .....	170 00	42 50	St. Catharines .....	250 00	62 50
Falkland .....	M. M. L.	10 00	St. Helens .....	200 00	50 00
Forest .....	180 00	45 00	Stratford .....	250 00	62 50
Geolph .....	150 00	37 50	Three Mile Lake .....	30 00	7 50
Grey .....	M. M. L.	20 00	Walpole .....	40 00	10 00
Hawkesville .....	30 00	7 50	Walsingham .....	Mission Money.	
Hinchinbrooke .....	30 00	7 50	Wingham .....	350 00	87 50
Kincardine .....	80 00	20 00	Woodham .....	130 00	32 50
Kingston .....	130 00	32 50	Woodstock .....	330 00	82 50
London .....	100 00	25 00			

NOTE.—M. M. L.—Missionary Money, less amount stated.  
Wingham and Woodstock grants are made only for one year.

### Childrens' Fund Apportionment, 1877-78.

Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter	Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter
Albion East .....	\$60 00	\$15 00	McGillivray West .....	\$16 00	4 00
Albion West .....	40 00	10 00	Markham .....	40 00	10 00
Amaraata .....	40 00	10 00	Minto .....	32 00	8 00
Arthur .....	24 00	6 00	Mitchell .....	24 00	6 00
Artemesia .....	36 00	9 00	Montreal .....	20 00	5 00
Barrie .....	54 00	13 50	Orangeville .....	44 00	11 00
Bosanquet .....	66 00	16 50	Oro .....	20 00	5 00
Bracebridge .....	32 00	8 00	Orillia .....	30 00	7 50
Bradford .....	30 00	7 50	Oseprey .....	36 00	9 00
Brantford .....	34 00	7 50	Peel .....	58 00	14 50
Brant .....	30 00	7 50	Pickering .....	50 00	12 50
Brantford .....	150 00	32 50	Plattsville .....	44 00	11 00
Carleton Place .....	40 00	10 00	Plympton .....	32 00	8 00
Chatham .....	40 00	10 00	Portland .....	50 00	12 50
Collingsby .....	40 00	10 00	Revel .....	80 00	20 00
Collingwood .....	30 00	7 50	Rosemont .....	40 00	10 00
Dover .....	24 00	6 00	Sandford .....	50 00	12 50
Etobicoke .....	84 00	21 00	Scarboro .....	95 00	23 75
Falkland .....	20 00	5 00	St. Catharines .....	21 00	6 00
Forest .....	32 00	8 00	St. Helens .....	28 00	7 00
Geolph .....	54 00	13 50	Stratford .....	36 00	9 00
Grey .....	50 00	12 50	Three Mile Lake .....	19 00	4 75
Hawkesville .....	20 00	5 00	Toronto 1st .....	14 00	3 50
Hinchinbrooke .....	30 00	7 50	" 2nd .....	70 00	17 50
Hamilton .....	46 00	11 50	" 3rd .....	30 00	7 50
Hawkesville .....	46 00	11 50	" 4th .....	54 00	13 50
Kincardine .....	44 00	11 00	Walpole .....	40 00	10 00
Kingston .....	54 00	13 50	Walsingham .....	4 00	1 00
Laskav .....	60 00	15 00	Wingham .....	36 00	9 00
London .....	60 00	15 00	Woodham .....	36 00	9 00
Matton .....	56 00	14 00	Woodstock .....	50 00	12 50
McGillivray .....	54 00	13 50	Whitchurch .....	40 00	10 00

**Tabular View of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada,**  
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1877.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.						From Other Stations.	From Married.	Deaths.	Fallen.	Removals.	Left Church.	Ministers.
	Approved	On Trial.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.								
<b>Toronto Dist.</b>													
Toronto First ..	200	37	237	9	..	3	4	5	11	48	1	3	
"    Second ..	112	58	170	31	..	5	..	3	27	9	13	1	
"    Third ..	100	44	144	..	47	2	..	1	10	42	4	2	
"    Fourth ..	130	40	170	31	..	..	2	2	8	11	10	2	
Markham .....	300	34	334	5	..	3	..	3	18	47	3	2	
Pickering .....	132	26	158	14	..	3	..	2	2	12	4	1	
Bowmanville ..	86	114	200	81	..	..	..	2	1	17	2	2	
Scarboro' .....	202	45	247	45	..	4	..	5	19	3	..	2	
Reach .....	222	53	275	..	45	..	..	4	31	49	1	3	
Sandford .....	150	25	175	..	11	..	..	4	18	14	2	1	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>2110</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Brampton Dist</b>													
Brampton .....	239	43	282	31	..	5	..	4	6	14	3	2	
Etoicoke .....	180	20	200	..	11	6	..	1	12	21	11	2	
Malton .....	101	33	134	14	..	3	..	2	10	17	6	1	
Albion East ..	180	51	231	..	..	..	..	1	14	9	2	2	
"    West ..	109	41	150	26	..	2	..	3	5	10	..	1	
Laskay .....	279	38	317	9	..	..	..	1	16	81	4	2	
Orangeville ..	90	33	123	33	..	..	..	1	12	9	1	2	
Amaranth .....	140	10	150	5	..	3	..	3	7	11	2	1	
Rosemont .....	50	30	80	14	..	..	..	..	6	9	..	1	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Hamilton Dist</b>													
Hamilton .....	75	8	83	..	..	..	..	1	2	15	2	1	
Grand River ..	109	6	115	1	..	..	..	4	5	9	2	1	
Walpole .....	64	17	81	..	..	..	..	1	5	6	2	1	
Plattsville .....	77	43	120	7	..	..	..	..	3	6	10	1	
Brantford .....	48	18	66	..	5	..	..	1	11	8	2	2	
Falkland .....	34	5	39	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	3	1	
Walsingham ..	100	86	186	11	..	..	..	1	6	28	1	1	
Woodstock .....	44	..	44	..	13	..	..	2	5	13	10	1	
St. Catharines .	67	6	73	..	15	..	..	..	1	22	18	1	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Guelph Dist.</b>													
Guelph .....	104	2	106	..	7	..	4	1	9	11	10	2	
Peel .....	190	30	220	5	..	..	..	2	10	21	..	..	
Hawksville ..	70	25	95	14	..	1	1	2	4	2	1	..	
Minto .....	115	20	135	..	..	5	..	1	9	16	3	1	
Brant .....	75	10	85	17	..	..	..	1	10	6	2	1	
Kincardine .....	60	40	100	17	..	..	4	1	4	10	2	1	
Wingham .....	135	44	179	..	57	..	..	2	14	14	11	2	

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Tabular View of the Primitive Methodist Church (continued).

Church.	Ministers.	CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.											
			Approved.	On Trial.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	From other Stations.	From Abroad.	Deaths.	Fallen.	Removals.	Left Church.	Ministers.
<b>Guelph Dist. Cont.</b>														
		Dungannon ...	77	7	84	8	..	..	..	..	3	4	1	1
		Arthur .....	77	8	85	3	..	..	..	..	3	1	12	2
		Totals..	903	186	1089	64	64	6	9	10	66	85	42	12
<b>London Dist.</b>														
		London .....	147	49	196	15	..	1	..	3	25	28	..	4
		Bosanquet .....	55	15	70	..	4	3	..	5	15	1	..	1
		Forest .....	77	39	107	50	..	17	1	..	2	1	..	1
		McGillivray .....	99	20	119	..	4	..	..	1	6	9	2	1
		" W. Branch	42	29	62	..	2	5	..	1	11	6	..	1
		Stratford .....	47	8	55	..	..	3	..	1	4	5	..	1
		Mitchell .....	50	13	63	3	..	..	..	1	4	5	..	1
		Plympton .....	31	16	47	..	28	..	..	1	3	9	2	2
		Chatham .....	90	58	148	..	16	..	..	8	21	22	2	2
		Dover .....	53	19	72	6	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1
		Caradoc .....	75	..	81	11	..	..	..	1	8	4	..	1
		Woodham .....	36	20	56	5	..	..	..	2	10	..	..	1
		Bothwell .....	21	..	21	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
		Newbury * .....	11	..	11	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
		Totals..	834	274	1108	111	80	33	1	12	72	116	29	18
<b>Kingston Dist.</b>														
		Kingston .....	75	8	83	..	..	2	..	2	7	8	..	1
		Portland .....	110	36	146	..	26	..	..	9	10	..	2	2
		Collinsby .....	55	12	67	..	3	..	..	1	5	3	2	1
		Hinchinbrooke .....	37	27	64	..	14	2	..	4	5	1	2	1
		Montreal .....	24	9	33	..	1	3	..	1	6	8	1	2
		Totals..	301	92	393	..	38	7	..	8	32	39	7	7
<b>Barrie Dist.</b>														
		Barrie .....	114	33	147	15	..	2	..	8	11	3	..	2
		Oro .....	34	..	34	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
		Bradford .....	42	3	45	4	..	4	..	4	2	5	1	1
		Osprey .....	105	15	120	10	..	..	..	3	6	10	..	2
		Collingwood .....	56	9	65	..	5	..	..	1	3	5	..	1
		Artemesia .....	112	63	175	25	..	..	..	2	12	10	3	2
		Bracebridge .....	53	17	70	5	..	..	..	1	10	12	..	1
		Orillia .....	50	50	100	53	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	1
		Three Mile Lake .....	71	7	78	..	10	..	..	1	10	16	4	1
		Totals..	637	197	834	112	16	7	..	13	52	74	11	11
<b>Grand Totals ..</b>			6295	1713	8008	654	360	92	16	100	487	799	208	91

\* Not reported.

Tabular View of the Primitive Methodist Church (continued).

CIRCUITS	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Connexional Churches.	Other Places by Place.	Parsonages.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conference Fund.		Relief Fund.		Children's Fund.	
									\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
<b>Toronto Dist.</b>									\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Toronto First . . .	4	8	1	..	1	38	310	10 20	10	00	160	00		
"    Second . . .	6	8	2	..	1	30	140	5 60	5	00	70	00		
"    Third . . .	10	6	2	1	..	2	38	328	5 00	5	00	60	00	
"    Fourth . . .	3	7	3	..	..	3	56	420	6 50	6	50	50	00	
Markham . . . . .	9	7	8	..	1	7	51	446	15 00	15	00	110	00	
Pickering . . . . .	4	7	4	..	1	3	21	180	6 60	6	60	50	00	
Bowmanville . . . .	5	9	3	..	1	2	19	170	4 30	4	36	60	00	
Scarboro . . . . .	9	8	7	..	1	4	32	244	10 10	10	10	80	00	
Reach . . . . .	14	11	6	1	1	4	25	230	11 10	11	10	80	00	
Sandford . . . . .	4	5	5	..	1	5	33	234	7 50	7	50	50	00	
Totals . . . . .	68	75	41	2	8	32	342	2702	81 70	81	70	770	00	
<b>Brampton Dist</b>									\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Brampton . . . . .	6	8	6	..	1	3	35	353	11 95	11	95	130	00	
Etobicoke . . . . .	9	8	8	..	..	6	55	350	9 00	9	00	81	00	
Malton . . . . .	3	3	4	1	1	4	33	187	5 05	5	05	60	00	
Albion East . . . . .	3	6	6	2	1	7	58	352	9 00	9	00	60	00	
"    West . . . . .	5	5	4	2	..	2	10	40	5 45	5	45	40	00	
Laskay . . . . .	14	11	9	1	1	5	30	244	13 50	13	50	60	00	
Orangeville . . . . .	6	4	2	0	..	2	28	222	4 50	4	50	40	00	
Amaranth . . . . .	6	4	2	4	1	5	25	159	7 00	7	00	40	00	
Rosemont . . . . .	..	2	3	1	1	2	14	75	2 50	2	50	40	00	
Totals . . . . .	49	51	44	11	6	36	288	1982	67 95	67	95	510	33	
<b>Hamilton Dist.</b>									\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Hamilton . . . . .	2	4	1	..	1	1	18	135	3 75	3	75	40	00	
Grand River . . . . .	4	6	3	1	..	2	23	150	5 45	5	45	52	00	
Waldpole . . . . .	2	3	3	1	1	1	9	75	3 20	3	20	44	00	
Plattville . . . . .	2	6	4	1	..	2	25	195	3 85	3	85	44	00	
Brautford . . . . .	2	..	1	..	..	1	7	65	2 40	2	40	41	00	
Falkland . . . . .	1	2	2	1	..	1	7	55	1 70	1	70	2	00	
Walsingham . . . . .	8	7	4	3	1	2	10	85	5 00	5	00	41	00	
Woodstock . . . . .	5	2	1	..	..	1	10	60	2 20	2	20	32	00	
St. Catharines . . . .	2	3	1	..	..	1	8	60	3 35	3	35	24	00	
Totals . . . . .	28	36	22	7	3	12	117	880	30 90	30	90	344	00	
<b>Guelph Dist.</b>									\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Guelph . . . . .	6	4	2	..	1	2	15	140	5 20	5	20	54	00	
Peel . . . . .	11	7	5	1	1	5	37	280	9 50	9	50	58	00	
Hawkesville . . . . .	1	3	5	1	1	..	..	..	3 50	3	50	46	00	
Minto . . . . .	13	6	4	2	1	4	25	125	5 75	5	75	36	00	
Brant . . . . .	4	5	4	2	1	1	6	50	3 70	3	70	30	00	
Kincardine . . . . .	..	4	4	2	1	1	8	70	3 00	3	00	44	00	
Wingham . . . . .	8	9	7	2	..	3	28	209	6 75	6	75	40	00	

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Tabular View of the Primitive Methodist Church (continued).

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Evangelical Churches.	Other Places being Places.	Parsonages.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conference Fund.		Relief Fund.	Children's Fund.
									\$	c.		
<b>Guelph Dis. Cont.</b>												
Dungannon .....	3	1	3	3	2	11	81	3 85	3 85	3 85	26 00	
Arthur .....	1	6	3	2	2	18	115	3 85	3 85	3 85	24 00	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10 25 3 00</b>
<b>London Dist.</b>												
London .....	9	7	3	...	3	52	310	7 35	7 35	7 35	60 00	
Bosanquet .....	4	4	4	2 1	1	7	76	2 75	2 75	2 75	20 00	
Forest .....	5	5	4	1 ..	1	7	70	3 85	3 85	3 85	26 00	
McGillivray .....	5	5	6	.. 1	3	14	110	4 95	4 95	4 95	54 00	
West Branch .....	1	3	3	1 ..	1	6	45	2 10	2 10	2 10	16 00	
Stratford .....	4	2	2	...	1	10	50	2 35	2 35	2 35	36 00	
Mitchell .....	2	3	3	...	1	6	40	2 50	2 50	2 50	24 00	
Plympton .....	3	2	3	3 1	2	10	50	1 55	1 55	1 55	32 00	
Chatham .....	4	7	4	3 ..	3	36	265	4 50	4 50	4 50	16 00	
Dover .....	7	3	2	1 1	1	6	47	2 65	2 65	2 65	20 00	
Caradoc .....	1	3	1	4 1	1	8	80	3 75	3 75	3 75	36 00	
Woodham .....	..	5	4	1 1	1	3	15	1 80	1 80	1 80	36 00	
Bothwell .....	8	1	1	3 ..	1	3	20	1 05	1 05	1 05	....	
Newbury .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1178</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15 406 00</b>
<b>Kingston Dist.</b>												
Kingston .....	1	2	1	.. 1	1	17	91	3 75	3 75	3 75	54 00	
Portland .....	5	8	5	3 1	3	29	194	5 50	5 50	5 50	50 00	
Collinsby .....	1	3	2	2 1	1	7	38	2 75	2 75	2 75	40 00	
Hinchinbrooke .....	1	6	2	5 ..	1	8	70	1 85	1 85	1 85	30 00	
Montreal .....	3	1	..	1 ..	1	2	34	1 20	1 20	1 20	20 00	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>42 7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>05 194 00</b>
<b>Barrie Dist.</b>												
Barrie .....	3	6	2	...	2	22	116	5 70	5 70	5 70	54 00	
Oro .....	2	4	3	1 ..	..	..	..	1 70	1 70	1 70	....	
Bradford .....	5	2	3	...	2	12	90	2 10	2 10	2 10	30 00	
Osprey .....	3	5	4	2 1	2	14	70	5 25	5 25	5 25	36 00	
Collingwood .....	4	5	2	4 1	1	4	30	2 80	2 80	2 80	30 00	
Artemesia .....	6	6	4	6 1	2	16	80	5 60	5 60	5 60	36 00	
Bracebridge .....	..	6	2	3 1	2	10	90	2 65	2 65	2 65	30 00	
Orillia .....	4	1	2	2 ..	1	7	60	2 50	2 50	2 50	24 00	
Three Mile Lake .....	1	4	2	3 ..	..	..	..	3 55	3 55	3 55	10 00	
<b>Totals..</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>85 250 00</b>
<b>Grand Totals..</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1211</b>	<b>8725</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>70 2376 00</b>

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Tabular View of the Primitive Methodist Church (continued).

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Beneficent Fund.		Church Grant and Loan Fund.		Examina- tion Fund.	Orbit Income.	Mission Fund.	Minister's Deficiency.	Value of Church Property.		Church Debt.			
	\$	c.	\$	c.					\$	c.		\$	c.	
<b>Toronto Dist.</b>	22	00	6	27	5	06	1343	11	751	25	53900	23000		
"  Second	1	15	1	05	1	10	1172	23	190	00	14000	3500		
"  Third	3	38	2	76	1	65	766	86	59	92	50	00	13500	3600
"  Fourth	5	00	1	50	1	50	1212	41	180	00	17800	2200		
Markham .....	12	11	7	33	2	20	894	15	298	09	11600	480		
Pickering .....	1	53	2	00	1	00	633	11	104	52	5000	400		
Bowmanville ..	3	00	...	1	00	...	730	48	89	61	4000	300		
Scarboro .....	15	05	2	50	1	50	829	56	300	00	16000	...		
Reach .....	6	00	3	50	1	00	818	86	258	14	6200	250		
Sandford .....	3	00	2	00	1	50	549	48	139	43	67	00	5200	200
<b>Totals.</b>	72	52	28	86	17	45	8950	25	2350	96	117	00	146900	33940
<b>Brampton Dist.</b>														
Brampton .....	10	54	6	28	1	66	1158	54	282	88	15000	400		
Etobicoke ....	4	38	3	54	1	70	839	93	206	00	60	00	5950	900
Malton .....	6	00	4	88	1	00	648	00	172	90	5500	140		
Albion East...	10	17	1	00	1	10	675	05	180	61	25	00	5000	1000
"  West...	3	50	1	50	...	50	525	33	129	01	7	00	7100	...
Laskay .....	5	00	2	26	1	24	1109	63	364	76	100	00	12500	1280
Orangeville ...	1	98	1	60	1	20	538	56	107	91	8000	600		
Amaranth .....	1	25	1	50	...	25	423	29	108	00	134	79	2500	200
Rosemont ....	3	00	...	50	...	50	228	05	126	00	51	00	3500	...
<b>Totals.</b>	45	82	23	06	9	15	6137	38	1666	07	370	79	63060	4380
<b>Hamilton Dist.</b>														
Hamilton .....	4	00	1	50	1	00	841	08	74	50	11000	3000		
Grand River ...	4	19	1	50	...	50	341	25	25	00	289	00	4600	...
Walpole .....	1	50	...	50	...	25	248	55	95	67	174	00	2000	3220
Plattsville ...	2	30	...	50	...	50	386	30	95	90	1600	3000		
Brantford .....	2	50	1	20	...	40	331	82	63	50	125	00	3000	800
Falkland .....	2	00	...	50	...	25	135	78	25	13	53	22	1600	160
Walsingham ...	1	50	1	00	...	50	321	15	81	00	4150	...		
Woodstock ....	...	55	...	50	...	45	170	67	41	21	257	00	1200	100
St. Catharines.	2	00	1	25	1	00	428	60	37	15	2500	1200		
<b>Totals.</b>	20	54	8	44	4	85	3205	80	539	06	908	22	31650	5322
<b>Guelph Dist.</b>														
Guelph .....	1	50	1	50	1	00	460	60	100	67	5500	1700		
Peel .....	5	25	1	50	...	80	523	35	153	00	90	45	5000	400
Hawksville ...	1	77	1	91	...	50	297	38	136	14	74	48	4500	...
Minto .....	1	50	1	00	...	50	334	69	114	88	42	93	1750	68
Brant .....	1	00	1	25	...	50	202	07	80	29	176	96	1000	...
Kincardine ...	...	50	...	50	...	50	355	00	73	68	50	00	3000	300
Wingham .....	1	40	1	00	1	00	458	93	153	32	4000	80		



## CONFERENCE FUND.

### DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO CONFERENCE.

#### CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Rev. J. Garner, Vice-President ..	\$1 25	Rev. T. Bryant, Representative of	
" J. Goodman, G. C. D. ....	4 25	T. P. F. Society .....	6 50
" T. Guttery, Editor (absent) ..		Mr. R. Walker, Life Member .....	
" W. Bee, Book Steward and		" R. T. Walker, Treas. (absent).	
Gen. Secretary .....	1 55		\$13 5

#### CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION.

Rev. C. J. Dobson .....	\$4 20
" C. Lazenby .....	1 50
" W. Rowell .....	85 70

#### TORONTO DISTRICT.

Rev. J. Edgar .....	\$1 20	Mr. S. R. Briggs (absent) .....	
" J. Markham .....	2 25	" W. J. Crown .....	
" R. Cade .....	4 00	" J. F. Taylor .....	
" W. Thornley .....	1 00	" J. Dobson .....	
Mr. J. Linton .....	1 20	" W. Oldham .....	
" J. Hear .....	2 80		\$13 85
" G. Pearson .....	1 40		

#### BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Rev. M. H. Matthews .....	\$1 75	Mr. R. Pinchin .....	1 70
" J. Dyke .....	3 00	" J. Brown .....	1 50
" W. Reid .....	1 85	" J. Coombs .....	3 25
" J. Ferguson .....	1 75	" T. Parsons .....	67
Mr. K. Wilson .....		" J. Stonehouse .....	
" W. Marshall .....	2 50		\$22 12
" T. H. Roffe .....	4 20		

#### HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Rev. J. Smith .....	\$4 50	Mr. J. Wallace .....	3 96
" W. Herridge .....	3 10	" J. Reel .....	5 70
" J. S. Corcoran .....	7 60	" E. Hewson .....	5 40
Mr. H. Arthur .....	3 00		
" Passmore .....	4 45		\$41 20
" G. Rutherford .....	4 15		

#### GUELPH DISTRICT.

Rev. J. Walker .....	\$4 54	Mr. W. Jewett .....	6 60
" G. S. Wilks .....	6 50	" J. Lee (absent) .....	
" J. W. Gilpin .....	8 20	" W. Ansted .....	
Mr. J. Thompson .....	3 20		
" S. Anger .....	4 00		\$38 4
" G. Cann .....	5 70		

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

Rev. W. Newton .....	\$6 10	Mr. T. Clarke .....	4 80
" A. Heyworth .....	7 80	" W. Trebilcock .....	5 20
" R. Paul .....	5 40	" W. Sharpe .....	7 20
" J. E. Moore .....	5 20	" G. Belt .....	7 40
Mr. J. Peart .....	5 55		
" S. Nicklin .....	5 80		\$60 45

Rev. W.  
" N.  
Mr. L.  
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Rev. B.  
" G.  
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## KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Rev. W. Jolliffe.....	\$6 00	Mr. W. H. Smith.....	7 60
" N. Wellwood.....	5 90	" T. J. Genge.....	9 20
Mr. L. Purdy.....	8 10		
" P. W. Day.....	7 60		
			\$44 45

## BARRIE DISTRICT.

Rev. R. Boyle.....	\$1 10	Mr. A. Dinsmore (absent).....	
" G. F. Lee.....	3 25	" G. Cook.....	
Mr. T. Bickerton.....	2 60		
" G. S. Youle.....	2 25		
Total.....	\$240 26		\$9 20

## RECAPITULATION.

June 30th, 1876, to June 3th, 1877.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance last year.....	\$ 93	By Cash Conf. Delegates Expenses.....	\$251 26
" Cash from Stations.....	314 85	" Postage.....	2 35
		" Printing.....	3 00
		" District Book.....	1 50
		" Telegram.....	25
		" Binding Reports.....	1 00
		" Ordination Bibles.....	7 65
		Balance.....	48 77
	\$315 78		\$315 78

## Relief Fund Balance.

June 30th, 1876, to June 30th, 1877.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance last year.....	\$308 79	By Postage.....	\$ 1 30
Cash from Stations.....	314 85	" Plympton claim.....	16 00
		(Sickness of Rev. T. Boyd).	
		" Wingham claim.....	8 00
		(Sickness Rev. C. S. Willis).	
		" Barrie claim.....	16 00
		(Rev. R. Boyle).	
		" Bradford claim.....	26 00
		(Rev. C. Lazenby).	
		" Osprey claim.....	40 00
		(Rev. E. Whitworth).	
		Balance in hand.....	516 34
	\$623 64		\$623 64

## Childrens' Fund Balance.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year.....	\$ 375 08	By Cash to Stations.....	\$3096 25
Cash from Stations.....	2800 00	Postage.....	2 75
		Balance in hand.....	85 08
	\$3184 08		\$3184 08
Balance down.....	\$85 08		
Cash yet due—Toronto Bd Circuit.....	60 00		
" " —McGillivray.....	17 50		
	\$162 58		

Superannuated Ministers, Widows' and Orphans' Fund

MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. Allen, W. C.	\$2 50	Rev. Moore, J. E.	\$2 50
" Augur, R.	2 50	" McKee, R.	2 50
" Amy, T.	2 50	" Newton, W.	2 50
" A'Vison, T. B.	2 50	" Nixon, W.	2 50
" Ball, G.	2 50	" Noble, J. J.	2 50
" Bee, W.	2 50	" Ockley, R.	2 50
" Boyd, T.	2 50	" Paul, R.	2 50
" Boyle, R.	2 50	" Parrish, R.	2 50
" Bryant, T.	2 50	" Reeve, G. J.	2 50
" Cade, R.	2 50	" Reid, W.	2 50
" Clarke, G.	2 50	" Robinson, J. W.	2 50
" Cooperan, J. L.	2 50	" Rosecamp, R. G.	2 50
" Coupland, T.	2 50	" Rodwell, W.	2 50
" Dennis, J.	2 50	" Scott, T. G.	2 50
" Dyke, J.	2 50	" Smith, J.	2 50
" Dobson, C. J.	2 50	" Sims, T.	2 50
" Dobson, J.	2 50	" Sims, A.	2 50
" Edgar, J.	2 50	" Thornley, W.	2 50
" Ferguson, J.	2 50	" Thompson, G. H.	2 50
" Garner, J.	2 50	" Thompson, J.	2 50
" Gilpin, J. W.	2 50	" Walker, J.	2 50
" Goodman, J.	2 50	" Watson, G.	2 50
" Griffith, T.	2 50	" Wellwood, N.	2 50
" Guttery, T.	2 50	" Willis, C. S.	2 50
" Hassard, R.	2 50	" Whitworth, E.	2 50
" Hall, L.	2 50	" Wood, C.	2 50
" Harris, H.	2 50	" Harper, H.	1 25
" Herridge, W.	2 50	" Adams, T.	1 25
" Heyworth, A.	2 50	" Cook, W.	1 25
" Hughton, W. S.	2 50	" Crompton, T.	1 25
" Huggins, W.	2 50	" Davison, J.	1 25
" Idle, D.	2 50	" Dudley, T.	2 50
" Jolliffe, T. W.	2 50	" Lacey, J.	2 50
" Johnston, C. O.	2 50	" Lomas, W.	1 25
" Lee, G. F.	2 50	" Natrass, J.	1 25
" Lazenby, C.	2 50	" Pattrass, T.	1 25
" Lidstone, J. E.	2 50	" Swift, J. R.	1 25
" Law, W. H.	2 50	" Towler, J.	1 25
" Markham, J.	2 50	" Foster, T.	3 00
" Matthews, M. H.	2 50	Mr. Brett	2 50
" Milner, J.	2 50		
" Middleton, E.	2 50		
" Mattenly, C.	2 50		
			\$223 00

RECAPITULATION.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	\$236 97	By Annuities for year	\$161 50
" Subscriptions	223 50	" Loss by Exchange	5 25
" Collections	205 99	" Postage	3 35
" Cash from England	814 40		
" Balance due Treasurer	146 23		
	\$1626 59		\$1626 59

Grant and Loan Fund.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	849 76	By Bruce Mines Church, Interest	836 00
" Collections from Stations	101 74	" Grant to Wyoming Church	25 00
" Hamilton West Church, Loan Returned	154 00	" " Bracebridge "	25 00
" Hamilton West Church, from Sale of	44 00	" " Collinsby Parsonage.	25.00
" Paris Church, Sale of	300 00	" Loan to Amaranth	150 00
		" Expenses Sale Paris Church	4 25
		" Postage	2 30
		" Balance in hand	331 95
	8649 50		8649 50

GRANT AND LOAN FUND STOCK ACCOUNT.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Cash Balance in hand	8381 95	By Galt Church, Interest	821 04
" Loan Plympton Parsonage	100 00	" Hamilton West Church	44 00
" " Caradoc "	100 00	" Balance Paris Church Sale	235 75
" " Amaranth "	150 00	" " in favor of Fund	431 16
" " Bruce Mines Church	60 00		
	8791 95		8791 95

Examination Fund.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	854 00	By Cash to Secretary Cen. Board	830 13
" Cash from Stations	54 78	" Cash Rev. A. Heyworth	1 00
		" Postage	1 00
		" Balance in hand	76 74
	8108 87		8108 87

Book Room Account for 1877.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Stock 1876	82490 68	By Stock 1877	82892 90
" Invoices	3025 89	Less per cent. deducted	42 90
" Book Debts 1876	1554 32		
" Working Expenses	745 92	By Sales	82850 00
Balance	304 90	" Book Debts	3497 85
		Interest on Book Debts	1669 49
		By Furniture	65 37
	88147 71		65 00
			8147 71

Cr.  
\$161 00  
5 34  
3 35

\$102 30

Names, Ages and Addresses of P. M. Ministers  
in Canada.—1877-78.

Name.	Age.	Years Tra- velled.	Time on Stat'n.	Where Stationed.	Post Offices.
Adams, T. ....	68	36	Sp. '65	Galt. ....	Galt.
Augur, R. ....	39	14	3	Dover. ....	Oungah.
Augs, T. ....	37	12	3	Portland. ....	Loughboro.
Avison, J. B. ....	23	3	1	Toronto 4th. ....	Toronto.
Ball, G. ....	..	..	1	McGillivray West. ....	Parkhill.
Boyle, R. ....	52	32	1	Book Steward, &c. ....	Box 399, Toronto.
Bee, W. ....	49	21	1	Barrie. ....	Barrie.
Boyd, T. ....	27	7	1	Bradford. ....	Bradford.
Bryant, T. ....	45	22	2	St. Helens. ....	St. Helens.
Booth, W. B. ....	..	..	1	Chatham. ....	Chatham.
Baker, G. ....	..	..	1	Wingham. ....	Wingham.
Cade, R. ....	48	6	1	Toronto 3rd. ....	Toronto.
Corcoran, J. S. ....	31	7	1	Bosansque. ....	Wilder.
Coupland, T. B. ....	28	2	1	Three Mile Lake. ....	Windsmere.
Crompton, E. ....	..	..	1	Brampton. ....	Edmonton.
Crompton, T. ....	60	37	Sp. '72	Barrie. ....	Barrie.
Cook, W. ....	41	17	Sp. '74	Plympton. ....	Howell-Livingston Co Mich., U.S.
Davison, J. ....	78	44	Sp. '66	Toronto. ....	407 Church-St., Toronto
Dudley, T. ....	56	24	Sp. '75	Arthur. ....	Mount Forest.
Dennis, J. ....	23	6	2	Albion West. ....	Tullamore.
Dyke, J. ....	27	7	1	Collinsby. ....	Collinsby.
Dobson, C. J. ....	25	4	1	Walpole. ....	Selkirk.
Dobson, J. ....	..	..	1	London. ....	London.
Edgar, J. ....	52	31	2	Toronto 3rd. ....	Toronto.
Ferguson, J. ....	29	7	2	Etobicoke. ....	Humber.
Flint, P. ....	..	..	1	Reach. ....	Reach.
Foster, T. ....	66	17	Sp. '65	Reach. ....	Epsom.
Garner, J. ....	54	28	2	Rosemont. ....	Rosemont.
Gilpin, J. W. ....	39	12	2	Kincardine. ....	Kincardine.
Goodman, J. ....	44	17	2	London. ....	London.
Griffith, T. ....	33	13	2	Toronto 1st. ....	199 Bond Street.
Guttery, T. ....	39	29	2	Toronto 2nd. ....	Yorkville, Drawer 57
Garnett, C. C. ....	..	..	1	Walsingham. ....	Walsingham Centre.
Hassard, R. ....	39	16	2	Toronto. ....	Newbridge.
Hall, L. ....	35	14	1	Woodstock. ....	Woodstock.
Harris, H. ....	45	19	1	Guelph. ....	Guelph.
Herridge, W. ....	54	19	4	Hamilton. ....	Hamilton.
Heyworth, A. ....	38	17	3	Chatham. ....	Chatham.
Hughan, W. S. ....	43	18	1	Bowmanville. ....	Bowmanville.
Huggins, W. ....	39	11	3	Caradoc. ....	Strathroy.
Idle, D. ....	32	10	3	Woodham. ....	Woodham.
Jolliffe, T. W. ....	35	10	2	Kingston. ....	Kingston.
Johnston, C. O. ....	24	5	1	Grand River. ....	York.
Knapp, A. ....	52	13	2	Arthur. ....	Arthur.
Lacey, J. ....	77	26	Sp. '65	Portland. ....	Loughboro.

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Tyler, H. D.Walker, J.  
Watson, G.  
Whitworth,  
Willis, C. S.  
Wood, G.  
Wellwood, J.

## Names, Ages and Addresses of P. M. Ministers in Canada.—Continued.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Years Tra- velled.</i>	<i>Time on ta'n</i>	<i>Where Stationed.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Lee, G. F. ....	41	17	2	Bracebridge .....	Bracebridge.
Lomas W. ....	49	23	Sp. 73	Toronto 2nd .....	Yorkville.
Lazenby, C. ....	32		1	Plattsville .....	Plattsville.
Lidstone, J. E. ....	34	10	2	Peel .....	Stirton.
Law, W. H. ....	25	3	1	Grey .....	
Markham, J. ....	46	3	1	Albion East .....	Albion.
Matthews, M. H. ....	36	16	1	Whitchurch .....	Victoria Square
Milner, J. ....	47	23	5	Orangeville .....	Orangeville.
Middleton, E. ....	32	10	1	Montreal .....	449 St. Dominique Street.
Mattenley, C. ....	33	7	2	Brant .....	Walkerton.
Moore, J. E. ....	26	5	2	Mitchell .....	Mitchell.
McKee, R. ....	32	7	3	Pickering .....	Claremont.
Natras, J. ....	48	19	Sp. 69	London .....	London.
Natras, T. ....	47	22	Sp. 75	London .....	London.
Newton, W. ....	57	26	1	McGillivray .....	Falkirk.
Nixon, W. ....	28	6	1		
Noble, J. J. ....	24		1	Hinchinbrooke .....	Parham.
Ockley, R. ....			1	Falkland .....	Cathcart
Paul, R. ....	49	26	1	Amaranth .....	Lauri.
Pyke, R. ....			1	Oro .....	
Pattison, R. ....	38	14	3	Reach .....	Manchester.
Parrish, H. ....	29	6	1	Brantford .....	Brantford.
Reeve, G. J. ....	26	6	1	Sandford .....	Sandford.
Reid, W. ....	35	15	2	Brampton .....	Brampton.
Robinson, J. W. ....	34	8	2	Markham .....	Stouffville.
Rodwell, W. ....	24	4	1	Lasky .....	Lasky.
Scott, T. G. ....	37	9	2	Forest .....	Forest.
Simpson, J. ....	53	10	Sp. 73	Orangeville .....	Vannatter.
Smith, J. ....	43	21	1	Wingham .....	Wingham.
Stephenson, R. ....	54	11	Sp. 64	Osprey .....	Feversham.
Sims, T. ....	27	6	2	Malton .....	Malton.
Swift, J. R. ....	44	19	Sp. 73	Newbury .....	Newbury.
Sims, A. ....	26	3	1	Scarboro .....	Wexford.
Thorley, W. ....	37	13	4	Scarboro .....	Wexford.
Thompson, G. H. ....	29	8	2	Collingwood .....	Clarksburg.
Thompson, R. ....	30	7	1	Phympton .....	Wyoning.
Thompson, J. ....	31	9	2	Orillia .....	Orillia.
Tongue, A. ....	61		1	Albion East .....	Albion.
Towler, J. ....		14	Sp. 53	Brantford .....	Brantford.
Tyler, H. D. ....			1	Artemesia .....	Markdale.
Walker, J. ....	49	14	5	Hawksville .....	Hawksville.
Watson, G. ....	53	20	2	Artemesia .....	Markdale.
Whitworth, E. ....	42	14	5	Osprey .....	Feversham.
Willis, C. S. ....	40	19	1	Lasky .....	Aurora.
Wood, G. ....	51	25	2	Stratford .....	Stratford.
Wellwood, N. ....	29	6	1	St. Catharines .....	St. Catharines.

### Missionary Meeting Deputations for 1877-8.

Stations.	Dates.	Deputations.
TORONTO—First .....	Nov'r 25, 1877	* Revs. T. Guttery, J. Edgar
"    Second .....	"    14,   "	"    W. S. Hughan, R. McKee
"    Third .....	"    14,   "	"    W. S. Hughan, R. McKee
"    Fourth .....	"    25,   "	"    R. Boyle, R. Cade
Mar sham .....	Jan'y 8, 1878	"    M. H. Matthews, T. Griffith
Whitchurch .....	"    15,   "	"    R. Pattison, T. Guttery
Pickering .....	Dec'r 25, 1877	"    M. H. Matthews, G. J. Reeve
Bowmanville .....	Jan'y 8, 1878	"    *R. Cade, M. Thornley
Scarboro .....	"    1,   "	"    R. Cade, J. Edgar
"    " .....	Dec'r 10, 1877	"    G. J. Reeve, J. Griffith
Reach .....	"    10,   "	"    W. S. Hughan, J. W. Robinson
"    " .....	"    17,   "	"    R. McKee, G. J. Reese
Sandford .....	Jan'r 1, 1878	"    J. W. Robinson, A. Sims
BRAMPTON .....	Dec'r 2, 1877	"    T. Guttery, T. Sims
"    " .....	"    9,   "	"    J. Dennis, J. Ferguson
Etobicoke .....	Oct'r 8,   "	"    J. Markham, W. Rodwell
"    " .....	"    15,   "	"    E. Crompton, R. Paul
Malton .....	Dec'r 31,   "	"    C. S. Willis, W. Reid
Albion East .....	Jan'y 7, 1878	"    C. S. Willis, T. Sims
"    " .....	"    14,   "	"    J. Milner, J. Ferguson
"    West .....	Dec'r 17, 1877	"    J. Milner, J. B. Avison
Laskay .....	Jan'y 14, 1878	"    G. J. Reeve, T. Boyd, H. Harper,
"    " .....	"    21,   "	"    E. Crompton
Orangeville .....	Dec'r 9, 1877	"    J. Markham, R. Cade
Amaranth .....	Jan'r 7, 1878	"    J. Garner, *J. Dennis
Rosemont .....	Dec'r 16, 1877	"    W. Rodwell, R. Paul
HAMILTON .....	To make their	own arrangements
Grand River .....	Oct'r 15, 1877	Revs. N. Wellwood, C. J. Dobson
Walpole .....	"    22,   "	"    H. Parrish, C. O. Johnson
Plattsville .....	"    15,   "	"    L. Hall
Brantford .....	Nov. 18 & 19, '77	"    N. Wellwood, C. O. Johnson
Falkland .....	Oct'r 22, 1877	"    C. Lazenby
Walsingham .....	Sept'r 16,   "	"    H. Parrish, R. Ockley
"    " .....	"    24,   "	"    L. Hall
Woodstock .....	Make their own	arrangements
St. Catharines .....	Dec'r 3, 1877	* Revs. C. J. Dobson
QUELPH .....	Dec'r 8, 1877	own arrangements
Peel .....	Jan'y 16,   "	Revs. H. Harris, W. H. Law
"    " .....	"    24,   "	"    J. Ferguson, C. Mattenly
Hawksville .....	Oct'r 1,   "	"    J. E. Lidstone, A. Knapp
Minto .....	Sept'r 24,   "	"    T. Bryant, J. Walker
Brant .....	Jan'y 8, 1878	"    J. W. Gilpin, A. Knapp
Kincardine .....	Dec'r 16, 1877	"    J. Smith, T. Bryant
Wingham .....	Oct'r 14,   "	"    E. Hassard, J. C. Lidstone
St. Helens .....	Dec'r 10,   "	"    J. W. Gilpin, G. Baker
Arthur .....	Jan'y 14, 1878	"    H. Harris, C. Mattenly
"    " .....	"    22,   "	"    J. Walker
"    " .....	"    2,   "	"    T. Bryant, C. Mattenly
London .....	2d week in Oct. '77	"    H. Harris
Bosanquet .....	Oct'r 15, 1877	"    W. Huggins, J. Dobson
Forest .....	2d week in Oct. '77	"    J. Goodman, H. Booth
McGillivray .....	Jan'y 21, 1878	"    G. Wood
"    West Branch .....	1st week in Jan. '78	"    D. Idle, J. S. Corcoran

Missionary Meeting Deputations for 1877-8—Continued.

Stations.	When held.	Deputations.
Stratford .....	3d week in Jan. '78	Revs. W. Newton, J. E. Moore
Mitchell .....	Sept'r 16, 1877	" *W. Newton, G. Wood
Plympton .....	Oct'r 22, "	" J. S. Corcoran, W. Hurgin
Chatham .....	Oct'r " "	" R. Augur, 2d week J. R. Swift
Dover .....	2d week in Oct. '77	" A. Hayworth
Caradoc .....	Oct'r 15, 1877	" J. Goodman, T. G. Scot
Woodham .....	3d week in Oct. '77	" G. Wood, D. Idle
<b>KINGSTON</b> .....	Oct'r 22, 1877	" J. Dyke
Portland .....	Sept'r 24, "	" J. J. Noble, J. Dyke
" .....	Oct'r 1, "	" T. W. Jolliffe
Collinsby .....	Sept'r 17, "	" T. W. Jolliffe, T. Amy
Hinchinbrooke .....	Oct'r 11, "	" T. Amy, J. Dyke
Montreal .....	To make their	own arrangements
<b>BARRIE</b> .....	Febr'y 20, 1878	Arrange for themselves
Bradford .....	2d week in Jan. '78	* Revs. W. Bee
Oro .....	Dec'r 1877	" James Thompson
Osprey .....	Dec'r 16, "	Arrange for themselves
Collingwood .....	Make their own	arrangements
Artemesia .....	Make their own	arrangements
Bracebridge .....	Dec'r 17, 1877	Revs. James Thompson, T. Coupland
Orrilla .....	Jan'y 20, 1878	" W. Bee, G. F. Lee
Three Mile Lake .....	Dec'r 19, 1877	" G. F. Lee

## Annual Address.

### THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE TO THE SOCIETIES UNDER ITS CARE.

"Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in prayer, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance."

BELOVED,—Since we last addressed you in our pastoral letter, another year has rolled its round, and produced its usual wear and tear in human and Church life. A number of our members have been removed from our militant ranks, and have gone to join the Church of the first-born who have passed to the land of peace beyond the flood.

In many of your households death has made a fearful blank. Your dear departed ones are not lost, they are only gone before, and will wait your arrival on the banks of the land of life. Two of our ministerial brethren have crossed the frontier of time, and passed to their heavenly home. Father's Ryder and Cheetham, who each in his own sphere rendered good service to the Church, and are now joining in the song of the redeemed before the throne. Beside these removed by death, many have thought it needful to change their residence; and some have located in sections of country in which we have no churches, and thus have ceased to be counted among us. But they are not all lost to Christ's Church; many have joined some other section of that Church, and still cleave to the Lord with purpose of heart. May the Father of Spirits abundantly bless them.

It is a matter for unfeigned thankfulness to the great Head of the Church that he has blessed us with marked success in the salvation of sinners, resulting in the grand net increase of *three hundred and eighty-four* precious souls. This augurs an important condition of spiritual life in our midst, which no doubt did much to create

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and foster the sublimely Christian spirit which possessed the Conference during all its sessions, producing that feeling of *brotherly love, Christian forbearance, and profound devotion*, which so largely permeated each and every meeting. Its religious services from commencement to close of Conference were of a high order, resulting in the *salvation of souls*, and its business sessions were marked by great spirituality of feeling. Difficult questions had to be dealt with, questions in which many interests seemed to conflict, and upon which brethren, all possessed by the spirit of Christ could not see eye to eye, and through the discussion of which much feeling might be created, yet we had no single expression of bitterness to disturb the current of Christian brotherhood that flows on among us."

Altogether it was decidedly the best Conference which had been held for years. For unanimity of purpose, prevelancy of the spirit of Christ, and dispatch of business, it has not been surpassed.

Great praise is due to the Rev. H. Harris and his excellent colleague, for the admirable arrangements they made for the accommodation of the delegates and visitors. The members in Aurora, and Laskay circuit in general, and also the members and friends of sister churches, vied with each other to give the Conference a right royal welcome and entertainment, for which they received the hearty thanks of the delegates.

We rejoice that though the financial returns of the stations do not show that healthy condition necessary to meet their domestic wants—doubtless owing in a great measure to the failure of crops and the general financial depression—yet there is a pleasing improvement in the temporalities of late years. God is blessing you with wealth, and it is but right that you should manifest your gratitude to Him by increasing your contributions to His cause. It is high time that those of you who are well-to-do in all our stations should feel the monetary responsibility of the Church, and relieve, so far as you can, the ministry from the corroding anxiety of short salaries, so that with a pure mind they may give themselves fully to the preaching of the word.

Allow us to ask you, dear brethren, to review your weekly and quarterly contributions to the support of the ministry. We are persuaded that some of you do all you can in this respect, but are there not others who are remiss, and far below, in their contributions, what God requires of their hands. The servant more than the master, the poor more than the rich, and the wealthy no more than when they were poor, is not seemly; it is indeed a moral wrong, and must certainly bring on leanness of soul, and forfeiture of some of Heaven's richest blessings. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me."

Several new rules have been made, which it is hoped will tend to still further promote the prosperity and consolidation of our work.

The Conference in its wisdom saw fit to appoint a general missionary agent to visit our mission stations under the direction of the General Missionary Committee, to advise and assist the brethren laboring therein; and though there was some difference of opinion as to whether the district agents had been properly worked, yet it is to be hoped wherever the agent may be sent there will be hearty co-operation with him, so that all possible good may be derived from the appointment of such an officer. He is a man of known ability, rich religious experience, and has a thorough acquaintance with our usage, discipline, and work, hence the Conference is expecting good and lasting results from his visits.

The Rev. W. Bee retires from the office of General Secretary and Book Steward, which he has so ably filled for the past five years, with the unanimous thanks of the Conference, and also the Presidency of the same for this year as a mark of its appreciation of his services.

The Rev. R. Boyle has been appointed his successor, a brother well known and beloved throughout our entire work, and who by his talents, Christian courtesy, and brotherly kindness, has won for himself the honourable and responsible position in which the Conference has placed him. We bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of all the brethren.

This year it has been thought desirable to hold one or more camp meetings. One is to be held in the Barrie District the second week in August, and another in Kingston District as soon as proper arrangements can be made. Will our entire membership remember these meetings at the throne of grace. Ask for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Ghost, that many souls may be saved and the Church built up.

It is a matter for regret that there are so many outstanding subscriptions due to the CHRISTIAN JOURNAL. Two thousand dollars owing is a serious item, and does much to prevent it becoming that power for good among us which it might be. Will the remiss subscribers see to paying their indebtedness at once. Some of you doubtless subscribe to secular and undenominational papers, and for these you must invariably pay in advance. Pursue the same course with the JOURNAL, and then soon shall we be able to bring it up to the standard of a first-class denominational paper.

We would also lay before you the claims of the Book Room upon your support. Works of almost every description for home reading, or Sabbath-school libraries, you can be supplied with as cheaply as at any other house in the trade. Some of our school authorities have the impression that works may be purchased at a cheaper rate at other establishments than our own, but this is a mistake, as they may soon learn by applying to our own Book Steward. Patronize it then, and thus encourage the heart, and strengthen the hand of our new officer.

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Fraternal communications were received from the Parent Body, and the Eastern Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church in the United States, to which suitable replies were sent.

The Conference was rejoiced to find that the temperance question is making progress amongst us. Our members and officials are joining the standard of the great temperance crusade. Let us still retain our character, as a Church pledged to eternal warfare against the gigantic evil, the drink traffic.

We ask your prayerful attention to the following resolution adopted by the Conference on our class meetings:—

"That we memorialize all our members upon the importance of a faithful and constant adherence to the class meeting, regarding the class meeting as we do, as being one of the most vital means of grace for the ingathering, upbuilding, and strengthening our Church in Canada." Be punctual in attending your class. This is the badge of your membership, and it is eminently calculated to promote your growth in the divine life. This means of grace has been called, and how pertinently so, "Christianity crystalized." This is an age of daring innovation and restless speculation. Men are writing in glowing terms about the Church of the future and religious tests. These would loose you from your methodistic moorings. Be exceedingly careful against unsettled views on this question, lest you drift into some whirlpool, or on to the rock of speculative changes, and so make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience.

Most affectionately and earnestly do we entreat you all, office-bearers, and private members, to help the ministers all in your power to advance the kingdom of Christ in your stations. Let every means calculated to help forward the work be employed,—open-air services, house to house visitation, holding prayer meetings, distributing tracts, working well the machinery of our Sabbath-schools, contributing your time, your talents, your influence, your all, for the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom in your respective localities. Let there be no jealousy, no unholy rivalry, no indifference, no relaxing of effort, indulged in among you, but let every man at his post, do his duty, feel his personal obligations, and thus contribute his quota to the general good. Seek more closet religion, more family devotion, more practical and experimental piety, aspire after holiness. The great difference between us and our forefathers is this question of consecration. O, the conformity to the world that exists among us. What following of the fashions and customs of the world. What dressing like the world, talking like the world, doing business like the world, making marriages with the world, joining in the amusements of the world, dissembling like the world. The great want of the Church is the richer baptism of the Holy Spirit, spiritual (not architectural or scholastic) power. Here we fail, minister and people; our usefulness

will be in proportion to our holy living. Our stability and prosperity depend almost entirely upon the possession of this power.

Our machinery may be perfect, our ministry educated and eloquent, our people refined and well-to-do; but what of all these without the Spirit's power. We fear there is a tendency in some quarters to subordinate the spirit to the secular, the divine to the human. This is a great mistake,—a sin; and no wonder that worldliness exists in our midst. When this is done it cannot be otherwise, until we feel that conversions depend not upon human ability, but alone upon the Holy Spirit, and growth in church life, upon profounder piety.

Let all our ministers resolve that this year upon which we have just entered shall be more abundantly prosperous than the past. To this end let there be a more full and complete giving up to the faithful and conscientious performance of the numerous and important duties, private and public, of their holy calling.

Dear Brethren, suffer the word of exhortation. Yours is a high and holy vocation, one which relates to the spiritual and eternal interests of your race. Momentous issues depend upon the honest and faithful discharge of the functions of your exalted office. Your life and word will be the savor of life or death to those among whom you may labor. Hence we ask your kindly acceptance of a few words of brotherly counsel. Cultivate carefully and continuously personal piety. Do not attend to your duties of preaching, conducting prayer meetings, visiting, holding open air services, as mere matters of routine.

Men of other callings may, perhaps, perform efficiently the duties pertaining to their profession without much sympathy of feeling with the same; but if you would be successful ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, your whole soul must be absorbed in your work. Let there be an agreeableness of manner, a modesty of dress and speech, a moderation in the gratification of your personal wants and wishes, a gentleness toward all men, a constant industry, a generous hospitality, a profound prayerfulness, an unswerving faith, a burning zeal, an insatiable thirst for the salvation of souls, and a God honoring purpose characterizing you in all your efforts to do good, and these will command the admiration and co-operation of the people among whom your lot may be cast. Endeavour to make your visiting effectual; do not let it degenerate into gossip, about business, the weather, or the crops,—remember you are not a merchant, or a dealer, but a minister of the cross of Christ. Your work is first with the souls of the families and not their worldly prospects. Let there be no light and frothy conversation, (it enervates the soul), but let it be seasoned with grace,—such as becometh the gospel of Christ. Speak a few personal, kindly, Christian words, to old and young, read the Scriptures, if possible, and offer a brief

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but earnest prayer for the blessing of the Almighty to rest upon the whole household, then shall the days return when conversions will be common during family visiting.

Do not depend entirely upon protracted meetings for additions to your ranks, it is an unsound method of keeping up your numbers. Aim at conversions in every sermon. Labour to bring souls to Christ in the ordinary means of grace. Hold prayer-meetings after preaching on Sabbath evening wherever practicable, and thus expect immediate results to your efforts. Why should you not see souls saved every time you preach? You expect them to be saved in protracted meetings, and why not at every service? The Lord is willing. In all your ministerial relations and duties, let there be a constant aim to glorify God, rather than please men. Aim at winning souls rather than popularity, at the saving of perishing men, rather than securing salary. Leave that question with the Lord; your Heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of such things, and he that feeds the fowls of heaven and clothes the lilies of the field, will feed and clothe you and yours.

Brethren we are in danger of degenerating into a puny race. Our fathers were stalwart men, of indomitable courage, and invincible perseverance, let us pray their mantle may fall on us, that we may perform gigantic deeds for God and truth.

Let the priests be clothed with salvation, (as flames of fire may they be, in the midst of formalism and impiety), and the people with righteousness. Let Zion look forth as the morning, clear as the sun, fair as the moon, then shall she become to her enemies terrible as an army with banners. Arm of the Lord, awake, awake, put on thy strength. O Zion arise and shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon thee. Brethren, there is a grand future before us in this Dominion, let us then ministers and members, teachers and local preachers, prayer-leaders, and class-leaders, one and all, arise from the dust, and girding on the armour for the work, go forth in one combined and unbroken phalanx to make war upon sin, infidelity, mammon, intemperance, popery, indifference, aye upon the whole force of hell; and thank God, clad in the heavenly armour, wielding wisely and well the sword of the Spirit, as did the proud old worthies, our Fathers, who have laid down the weapons and taken the crown; we shall then win magnificent victories, report glorious increases, realize mighty revivals, experience a blessed state of holiness, and bring great glory and honour, and place at the feet of our ever adorable Redeemer.

And now we pray, "that our Lord Jesus Christ, himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and a good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work."

WILLIAM BEE, *President.*  
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