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OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Canadian Wesleyan Alethodist

NEW CONNEXION CHURCH,

HELD AT

TORONTO,

COMMENCING JUNE 1ST, AND ENDING JUNE STH,

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No. of years on pres. cir.	Commenced travelling.	Ministers and their addresses.
1	1050	Johnston R., St. Thomas, St. Thomas P. O.
î	1849	Kershaw J. B., Ancaster, waterdown F. C.
		Kimball H. M., local elder, Dunham. Langford G. Caledon, Erin P. O., C. W.
1	1802	McClure W., London, London P. O., Box 55, C. W.
3	1931	Martin W local elder, Nassagaweya.
		Marchal I local elder, Elizabethtown Circuit.
	1850	McAllister J. York, Yorkville P. U., C. W.
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1	1850	Ostos I Rlanshard St. Mary's P. U., C. W.
	1041	Downers F super Lunham, Cowansville F. C., C. E.
1	1847	Preston W., London North, Elginfield P. O.
	1830	Reid J., Caledon, local elder.
	1830	Robinson W., Manvers, Manvers P. O., C. W.
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According to appointment of the Annual Conference held in Bethel Chapel, Welland Canal, June 1st, 1852, the Conference met in Temperance Street Church, Toronto, 1st June, 1853.

QUESTION I.

Who compose the present Conference?

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London,	W. McClure, Mark Burgess.
Waterford,	James Bell, Oliver Blake.
St. Thomas,	N. C. Gowan, John Lawlor.
Norwich,	B. Haigh, P. T. Johnson.
Malahide	Elias Williams, Geo. Anker.
Howard,	H. Wilkinson.
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Ancaster,	W. Barnett, Gilbert C. Fields.
Barton,	J. C. Watts, Abraham Neff.
Welland Canal	T. Rump, A. T. Colver,
Nassagaweya,	D. Bettes, Jacob Chapman.
Cayuga,	W. Preston, Robert Decew.
Arthur, Owen Sound	T. O. Adkins, Wm. Cushing.
Sydenham, O. S	J. Baskerville, H. Cardwell.
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Whitchurch, T. T. Howard, T. Cosf	ord.
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CAVAN DISTRICT.	14thera d
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Newcastle, J. Wilkinson, W. Giller	snie.
Prince Edward, J. Oates, Peter Rose.	alma.
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JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.	
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The following brethren, being Elders, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but, with the exception of R. Garry, were not present :-

R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, R. Garry,

J. Gear, I. Haney, H. M. Kimball, T. Marshall, W. Martin, J. Sheldon, and A. Smith.

Question II. Have the characters of the Ministers been examined?

Answer. They have, according to rule.

Question III. What preachers have been received into full connexion?

Answer. J. C. Watts and J. B. Kershaw.

Question IV. Who have been ordained Elders?

Answer. J. Shaw, J. Baskerville, D. Savage, and G. Langford.*

Question V. Who remain on trial?

Answer. B. P. Brown, (who has travelled four years)

J. Oates, T. O. Adkins, J. Baskerville, A. Wright, J. Shaw, W. Barnett, John Bell, D. Bettes, D. Savage, J. McAllister,

O. Whiteombe, (who have travelled three years,) J. Doel, J. Crawford, G. Langford, and J. Gaddes, who have travelled one year.

Question VI. Who are received on trial?

Answer. C. Duff, W. Webb, R. Johnston, J. Scott.

Question VII. Who have desisted?

Answer. J. G. Breakenridge and T. Brown.

Question VIII. Who has died during the year?

Answer. James Williams,-

Brother James Williams, was a native of the State of New York, Saratoga County; became a subject of the converting Grace of God when about 20 years of age; (under the ministry of Father Dunham, supposed to be the second Methodist Minister that was sent to Canada, from the United

^{*} Ordained for special purposes "

States,) was a licensed Preacher when Elder Henry Ryan organized the C. W. body in Canada in 1829, and is believed to be the first name enrolled on the list of preachers at the time of the organization. Intending to travel, but being then far advanced in years, he only travelled two years, when he was obliged to retire, and gradually declined in health, both of body and mind until February 1853, when being within a few weeks of his eighty-fourth year, "HE DIED," without a shadow of doubt, the death of the righteous. Remarkable all his days for that tenderness of heart, which bows before the Lord; child like simple, yet God-like sincere; most modest and unassuming, he seemed scarcely to know what arrogancy or ostentation meant, such was his demeanor till Feeling, however, as he did, for the sufferings of his death. friend, Elder Ryan, and well acquainted with the causes that produced them, he conceived it to be his duty to risk his reputation in the attempt at least, to plant the standard of moral reform in Canada. In unison with a sect (at that time) every where spoken against, the very act of which, feeble as it was, reflects upon his resting ashes immortal honours! Though it were but sling and stone in the hands of a stripling, the Goliah of religious intolerance, through such men and means honoured and blest of God, has received at least a check in his day. And although the mantle may have fallen upon other and abler shoulders, brother Williams is not without his reward for all his sufferings here; the eye of the Shepherd that never sleeps, saw his tears, for he like his master could weep. And the same Jesus who promised to be with the apostles, kept and loved him to the end. For a length of time previous to his death, he appeared to have entered into second childhood, but unlike many who appear to imbibe the crabbed temperament in that stage of life, his was quite the reverse, embracing the innocence with the docility of the lamb; making however, from the enfeebled state of his mind and body, both a heavy care upon his companion, also aged, having to be watched, led, and fed like a child; but true to her promise, she loved and cherished him till death, thus securing to herself the respect of the world, as she will doubtless meet with her reward in heaven. Thus ended the days of him whose feeble hands assisted in placing the foundation stones upon which the New Connexion have been

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Toronto,	T. Goldsmith.
Yorkville,	J. McAllister, under superin
	tendence of Toronto preacher
Whitchurch	J. Caswell.
Trafalgar,	T. M. Jefferies, one to be sent
	J. Bell, Supernumerary,
Caledon,	G. Langford.
Brock,	
	T. Goldsmith, Chairman.
	CAVAN DISTRICT.
Cavan,	W. Gundy.
	W. Robinson, W. Webb.
	J. Wilkinson; B. P. Brown,
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Prince Edward,	J. Histon, C. Duff.
	J. Wilkinson, Chairman.
	OHNSTOWN DISTRICT.
	W. Barnett.
	J. Simpson.
Oxford,	David D. Rolston.
Crosby	T. Reid, A. Wright.
Drummond,	
	J. C. Warren.
Marlhro	J. Gaddis.
	J. Hales, Chairman.
	BASTERN DISTRICT.
0-4-1	One to be sent.
Stukley,	T. Ogden.
Bolton,	F. Hunt.

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CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

J. H. Robinson, General Superintendent.

W. McClure, Assistant

T. LOTTRIDGE, Treasurer of the Connexion.

R. H. Brett, Financial Secretary. T. T. Howard, Mission Secretary.

The Conference sanctions the following appointments and arrangements of the stationing committee :-

1. That the Whitchurch circuit pay its preacher at least £45 as salary for this year.

2. That the appointment to London is made with the understanding, that the preachers stationed on the circuit occupy the town pulpit alternately.

3. That Montreal be not included in our stations this year, but that the Rev. Wm. McClure proceed thither to ascertain what are the probabilities of organizing a church in that city; and should he, in conjunction with the Annual Committee, consider the prospects of a sufficiently encouraging nature, he shall form a society, the supply of which with ministerial labour, shall be intrusted to the Annual Committee for the year; and the place of Mr. McClure at London, while engaged at Montreal, shall be supplied by the General Superintendent, or another acceptable supply.

4. The chairman of the Johnstown District, in conjunction with Br. Simpson, will make immediate arrangements for the ordination for special purposes of Br. W. Barnett.

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- 1. That the Rev. T. T. Howard preside over the deliberations of this Conference.
- 2. That the Rey. Wm. McClure be the Secretary of
- 3. That the Rev. Henry Wilkinson be the Recording Secretary.
 - 4. That the Rev. J. C. Watts be the Conference Reporter.
- 5. A communication having been received from the Rev. T. Brown, containing the resignation of his office of itinerant Minister among us, the Conference regrets that he has felt himself called upon to abandon the itinerant work; but as his decision is fixed, the Conference accepts his resignation, expressing its hope that he may still be useful to the Connexion as a local preacher in the locality where he may reside.
- 6. That for the future all probationers, who may have been ordained for special purposes, shall, notwithstanding such ordination, be required at the end of their probation to be examined and received into full connexion according to discipline.
- 7. That a Mission be opened in the neighbourhood of Goderich, to be called the Goderich Mission, and that the

stationing committee be directed to station a Minister there at the present Conference.

- 8. That the resignation of J. G. Breakenridge having been presented to the Conference, resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Breakenridge be accepted, and that his ministerial and fraternal relations to us cease and determine.
- 9. That the Conference has heard with no small degree of interest and pleasure the excellent Report of the Eastern District, and the Conference directs its Secretary to write to the chairman of that District, assuring our brethren there of our unabated interest in their prosperity as a part of our Connexion, and affectionate sympathy with them in their trials and discouragements.
- 10. That in consequence of the increasing infirmities of Br. Rump, the Conference complies with his request to locate for the present year.
- 11. That Br. W. Bothwell's health still forbidding him to take the duties of a circuit, he be allowed to continue in his present local relations.
- 12. That in consequence of the delicate state of Brother John Bell's health, he be permitted to locate for the present year.
- 13. That the Conference deeply sympathises with Br. C. Childs, amid the heavy afflictions which have severed him from our itinerant work during the past year; and earnestly prays that at an early day providence may be pleased so far to restore his health, as to enable him to resume his place among us.
- 44. That the Owen Sound Circuits, namely, Arthur, Durham, and Sydenham, be formed into a district, to be called the Owen Sound District, and that the Stationing Committee be instructed accordingly.

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15. That as great neglect and irregularity have existed in furnishing to Conference the answers to those questions of our discipline, Rule 12th, Section 6th, resolved, That in future all circuits failing to comply with said rule of discipline shall have no claim for any deficiency in the salaries of their preachers; and the Gen. Super. is requested to have the said questions printed, and supply each minister in charge with a copy, to lay before the April Quarterly Conference of

That the discipline as now revised and amended be adopted as the law of the Connexion, and that it be remitted to the same committee as last year, namely, brothers McClure, Howard, Brett, James Bell, Aikman, and J. H. Robinson, to have it printed and published.

That the Rev. T. T. Howard be requested to draw up and publish a memoir of the late Rev. James Jackson.

That the Gen. Superintendent be requested to issue quarterly tickets for the use of those circuits that may require

20. That Beal's School House appointment be in future a part of the Malahide circuit,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference, that it is the duty of superintendents of circuits to render to the Quarterly Conference of their several circuits a full account of any and all moneys that may be by them received and expended, or to be expended, for any connexional purposes whatsoever, and to make no contract for the expenditure of moneys without the concurrence and consent of their several Quarterly Conferences.

That the Trustees of our various chapels be requested to render a full statement of the affairs of their several trusts to the May Quarterly Meeting of each year.

23. The Rev. Luther Lee, the President of the Syracuse

Conference of the Wesleyan Methodists of the United States, having been deputed by that Conference to pay a fraternal visit to this Conference, and having been presented to the President, by whom he was most cordially welcomed; it was moved by the Rev. W. McClure, and carried—the Conference signifying assent by rising from their seats:—

That this Conference hails with fraternal pleasure the presence of the Rev. Luther Lee among us, the President of the Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion in the United States, and as the representative of that respectable community, so consonant with our own in its principles of government, and that we invite Br. Lee to take a seat in our Conference.

This introduction of Br. Lee was followed by an appropriate address from himself, and after remaining with us for several days, and occupying the Conference pulpit at one of the services, the Conference at its last sitting, previous to his departure, further resolved:—

That this Conference is desirous of expressing the pleasure and profit we have received by the visit of the Rev. Luther Lee, to our assembly; we hail with deep satisfaction the existence and widely extending influence of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion in the United States, so closely allied to us in doctrine, the government of the churches, and the objects for which they labour; and we do most cordially reciprocate the friendship of our Brethren across the lines, and it will yield us unfeigned pleasure to return their evidence of fraternity so cordially expressed by Br. Lee.

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- That the thanks of the Conference be presented to our respected Treasurer, for the faithful discharge of the duties devolving on him, and that he be re-elected to that
- 23. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to R. H. Brett, Esq., for his efficient services as Financial Secretary, and that he be re-elected to that office.
- That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. T. Howard for his efficient services as Mission Secretary, and that he be re-elected to that office.
- 30. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Secretary and Recording Secretary for their valuable services
- That the following brethren compose the Missionary Committee for the present year, namely: Revs. J. H. Robinson, McClure, Howard, Gowan, Goldsmith, and Hales, with Messrs. Burgess, Blake, Aikman, Brett, and J. Doel, Senior; and that the Rev. J. H. Robinson be chairman.
- 32. That the Chapel Committee for the present year be composed of the following brethren, namely: J. H. Robinson, N. C. Gowan, Aikman, Blake, and Brett.
- That the Annual Committee be composed of the President, J. H. Robinson, with Messrs. Aikman, Blake, and
- 34. That the Christian Sentinel be confided to the manage. ment of Br. Howard, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Robinson,

during the present year, and that our Superintendents of Circuits now engage to exert themselves in its support and circulation.

- 35. That the Rev. T. Goldsmith write the address to the Connexion for the year 1854.
- 36. That the Rev. J. C. Watts write the address to the English Connexion for the year 1854.
- 36. That our next annual Conference be held in our Chapel in the City of Hamilton, on the first Wednesday in June, 1854, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning.

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Through the mercy of a kind providence, we are once more permitted to assemble at our Annual Conference.

As Members of Conference, Ministers, and lay representatives, according to our usual custom, we address you, and we would do it with meekness and love, desiring to imitate the example of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in his salutations to his disciples, we say, "Peace be unto you."

The religious services of our Conference have been generally well attended; and we trust the word preached will prove a blessing to many, and the fruit may be seen after many days. We receive these holy influences with pleasure and delight, and hope the same will extend, not only through the provinces of Canada, but through all the world; then

shall the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ.

But in order to accomplish this glorious object, we would call for the co-operation of the Members and friends of our societies, whose zealous endeavours and fervent prayers, united with the holy and devoted energies of our ministers, shall shake the powers of hell, and liberate many a captive from the galling voke of Satan. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God, who always causeth us triumph; and hath said that "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and I alone will be exalted, in that day." Therefore brethren enlist heart and hand in the cause of God; and if the world should offer to you its temptations, in order to draw off your attention from His work, resist it, replying, as Nehemiah did when requested to desist from the re-building of the walls of Jerusalem, "I am doing a great work, I cannot come down." Resist the temptation of Satan with the same prompt and decisive answer! "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We are sorry to record the decease of our aged friend and brother Elder James Williams, residing at the time of his death upon the Newcastle Mission. Regarding the history, life, and death of whom, we refer you to the Obituary, appended in these minutes. It is also painful to state, that some of our most worthy itinerant brethren have, through afflictions of various kinds, been obliged to desist travelling for the present, but humbly trust these afflictions may prove but temporary; and that all these brethren thus afflicted may soon be able, under God, to resume their labours. But we rejoice to state, that notwithstanding the inauspicious circumstances under which many of our minis

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ters labour, and Circuits are placed in this province, there appears upon a critical investigation of the state of the Connexion, a pleasing increase of between three and four hundred the past year; yet the harvest is truly great and the labourers

Let us pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth more labourers into His vineyard, while there is so much land to possess, and while there are so many urgent calls and claims made upon us, as a body, from various portions of the province of Canada. Persons becoming acquainted with our principles, and wishing to embrace them, it is of vital importance that we, as a body of ministers and members, make this matter a subject of special prayer to Almighty God, that He would send the much required aid. It is painful also, to learn that many of our devoted Missionaries have fallen short of the allowance made for them by the discipline of the church. We would therefore strongly impress upon the minds of our brethren and friends generally, the absolute necessity of supporting their ministers to the extent of their ability. It cannot be expected that ministers can labour, either with pleasure to themselves or profit to others, unless they are properly provided for in their temporal circumstances, and supported in their authority as ministers of Jesus Christ. Dearly beloved, permit us also to impress upon your minds the necessity of providing suitable places of residence for their families. It is scarcely possible to conceive the inconvenience experienced by some ministers' families in this respect. Although some of our circuits have nobly acted in this matter, yet many circuits remain unfurnished, consequently we deem it expedient to urge upon you the discharge of such imperative duty at once, that the coming year may record many instances of noble souled benevolence in this respect.

It is proper for us also to observe the signs of the times; We live in an age of advance, morally and scientifically. As far as we are concerned in this matter, our principles, as a denomination are before the public; and judging from past experience and present prospects, we have only to remark, that if true to our principles, to God, and one another, we have little to fear. Mutual rights are principles destined to conquer the world; and before whose mighty sway, weilded by skilful hands, civil or religious, monopoly must crumble to the dust. "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, but unto God the things that are God's.

We would also recommend to your notice the sustaining of the several funds of the Connexion, provisional for the old age of ministers, and other necessities of the Church. Truly the labourer is worthy of his hire, but when unfitted for labour, leave him not in despair.

We cannot conclude our remarks without reminding you of the obligations you are under to the rising generation. Death will inevitably remove your ministers one by one from the high position in which God has placed them. Hence from what source shall we anticipate a supply, or who are prepared to take up the "mantle as it drops." Perhaps those we dandle upon our knees, instilling into their minds the love of the truth, that they may increase in wisdom as they increase in stature.

Sabbath Schools are consequently recommended as one great means of accomplishing this desirable end.

We would now conclude with an expression of our warmest thanks for all your past favours, and praying for an increased interest in your sympathies, your liberalities, and

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> Signed, T. T. HOWARD, President.

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OF THE

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RESPECTED AND DEAR BRETHREN,

At the close of another Conference year, we find ourselves convened under circumstances of a most pleasing character, and in the possession of blessings which demand our fervent praise, and the consecration of our lives to the service of our compassionate and gracious Benefactor. We are (almost without an exception) in the enjoyment of good health—we have the confidence and affection of the people we represent,—and despite difficulties and trials are called upon to rejoice over a considerable amount of success.

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We have lifted up the cross, and the halo of glory which encircles it, has caught the eye, and fixed the gaze, and melted the heart of many a wanderer; and now there are seen rallying around it, a host of purified and happy spirits determined never to let it go till it shall conduct them to the gates of glory, and become their passport to the throne of God, and the felicity of heaven.

Conscious of its attractions we are determined still to lift it up—to elevate it so high that the dim-sighted and distant may behold its glory, appropriate its blessings, and experience its life reviving power.

Brethren, pray for us, that our successs may be commensurate with our hopes, and the pleasure of the Lord prosper in our hands.

A numerical increase of 317 members and a very considerable augmentation of our funds during the year, indicate the presence of Jesus with us, and prove that the hearts of our people are in the work.

Most happy should we be could we report a greater increase, it would be more in accordance with our aspirations and hopes, still we rejoice, thank God, and take courage. We are convinced that our progressive increase will be gratifying to you. It cannot be otherwise. We have long participated in your bounty, been favored with you sympathies, and sustained by your prayers. And most earnestly and ferwently we pray that you may receive a babtism of the Spirit such as shall create amongst you a sound and general revival

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We still admire and love you. Your difficulties, and trials, and triumphs are ours. We rejoice when you rejoice, and weep with you when you weep. You will be pleased to hear that our work is becoming more uniform, and consolidated. That discipline is more strictly enforced, and we trust that our admirable polity will be still more fully developed, so that our enemies may be constrained to acknowledge it just, wise, and Scriptural.

Our Conference has been a most harmonious and happy one. Though subjects of varied and vital importance have presented themselves, they have been taken up with that calmness and dignity, and discussed in that spirit of wisdom and love which should ever characterize the deliberations of such assemblies.

The religious services have been seasons of unusual power and profit. Our Conferential sittings have had an additional interest imparted to them by the presence of the Rev. Luther Lee, President of the Syracuse Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Conexion of America. His coming among us was hailed with delight, and the sentiments of fraternal affection expressed by him were most heartily reciprocated by us. He is an able and devoted advocate of our principles, and is doing good service in his native land to the cause of Christian liberty—and struggling with indomitable energy for the emancipation of the downtrodden and tortured slave.

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And now dear Fathers and Brethren, we pray the Great Head of the Church to grant you abundant grace, to make you instrumental in the conversion of thousands of souls -and permit us to meet you at last in heaven.

Signed,

T. T. HOWARD, President. WM McCLURE, Secretary.

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