MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CANADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST

NEW CONNEXION CHURCH,

HELD AT

SOUTH CROSBY, JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT,

ON THE

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OFFICERS OF THE CONNEXION.

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According to the appointment of the last Annual Conference, held at Louth, Niagara District, the preachers and lay-representatives assembled at South Crosby, in the Johnstown District, on the 14th June, and after singing and prayer proceeded to business.

QUESTION 1. Who compose the present Conference?

Answer. Ancaster & Nelson, E. Vannorman, J. Cummings.

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J. Shilton.
J. Hales, J. Grandy.
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Lansdowne, J. Brennan, W. Robinson

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Prince Edward,
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T. Goldsmith, J. D. Noxon.

Raleigh,
Stanstead South,
Stanstead North,
St. Thomas,
Trafalgar,

W. Ramage.
P. V. West.
S. Piper.
By letter.

Waterford, J. Wilkinson, M. Lowry. Welland Canal, J. Bell, D. Gregory.

Superintendant of the Mission, C. W., John Addyman. Superintendant of the Mission, C. E., H. O. CROFTS. Treasurer of the Connexion, J. Hughson, Esq.

The following brethren being Elders, agreeably to the terms of the Union, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but were not present :- R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, R. Gneary, J. Gear, J. Hauey, H. N. Kimball, J. Marshall, W. Martin, D. Nickerson, H. Plum, J. Reed, J. Sheldon, A. Smith, J. Williams.

Question 2 .- Have the characters of the ministers been examined?

Answer .- They have with impartiality.

Question 3.—Who have been ordained Elders?

Answer .- A. Armstrong, F. E. Powers, S. Piper ; Cotton, F. Hunt, and P. V. West.

Question 4.- Who remain on trial.

Answer.-W. Ramage, E. Vannorman, J. Simpson, (these have travelled three years), F. Hunt, T. Goldsmith, P. V. West, D. Blake, (these have travelled two years,) F. Haynes, F. Weaver, J. Jolliffe, W. Cotton, J. E. Kimball, H. Wilkinson, (these have travelled one year.)

Question 5.- Who are received on trial? Answer .- Elias Williams, and William Bothwell.

Question 6.—Who has resigned?

Answer .- John Howlet on account of ill health. Question 7 .- Who has died during the year?

Answer .- Owen Campbell. Our dear brother seems to have been the subject of religious impressions from childhood; and very early in life his heart was given to God. When he was only from twelve to fourteen years of age, he was in the habit of writing sketches of sermons. For several years he laboured as a local preacher in England. In 1843 he volunteered as a missionary to Canada, but as the Missionary Society was not then in circumstances to send any missionaries, he embarked at his own expense. He reached Canada during the sittings of our Conference, and was most cordially welcomed by all the brethren. He was appointed by the Conference to the London Circuit, where he laboured with great acceptance till January 1844, when he fell a victim to a rapid consumption, which terminated his life in two weeks. He was a young man of extraordinary piety, of great prudence, and of untiring industry. His mental application was often severe. In entering upon

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^{*} Ordained for special purposes. † Brother Weaver in consequence of sickness is unable to travel at the

his missionary labours he seems to have taken the resolution of the Apostle; "I determined to know nothing among you save Christ and him crucified;" and this resolution was most strictly carried out in the whole of his deportment. It was a very difficult thing to draw him out into worldly conversation. He had to transact business for eternity. He saw precious souls exposed to eternal ruin. It was his business, his great business, and his only business, to try to save them. To this he devoted all his energies. No person in so short a time gained a greater number of friends. He was most sincerely beloved by all who knew The church has sustained a great loss in his removal. We have need to pray that the Lord may build up the waste places of Zion.

Our dear Brother during his affliction manifested great patience and resignation to the Divine will. Heaven beamed in his countenance. His prospects of a blessed immortality were unclouded, and hence he met death with a smile. 66 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright,

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RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

1. That Stukely and West Bolton be separated from the Bolton Circuit, and formed into a Mission, to be called the Stukely Mission.

2. That East Bolton and Potton be united and called the

Bolton and Potton Circuit.

- 3. That the Cobourg and Hillier Circuit be divided; the boundary of the East part of the Circuit to be confined to the District of Prince Edward, and called the Prince Edward Circuit; and that the Western part be confined to the Newcastle District, and be called the Newcastle
- 4. That the Welland Canal and Grimsby Circuits be united.
- 5. That the Lansdowne and Rideau Circuit be divided. into three, to be called the Lansdowne Circuit, Elizabethtown Circuit, and Crosby Circuit. That the Lansdowne Circuit embrace all the appointments from Gananoque to Younge's Mills; the Elizabethtown Circuit embrace all the appointments from Altimus's to North Augusta; and the Crosby Circuit embrace all the rest of the original Circuit.

6. That the St. Thomas Circuit be divided into two, the Western part embracing all the appointments West of Malahide to be called the St. Thomas Circuit; and that the remainder of the original Circuit together with the

Long Point Bay be called the Malahide Circuit.

7. That Owen's Sound be set off as a Mission. 8. That brethren Addymen, Bell, Adams, Austin and Cummings be the stationing Committee.

9 That in consequence of Brother Weavers ill health rendering him unfit to travel immediately, his case be left. in the hands of the Annual Committee.

10. That in consequence of the state of Brother Howlet's health he be allowed to locate.

11. That a monthly periodical in quarto form of eight pages be established by this Conference, to be called the Christian Messenger, under the direction of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Conference, and that the ministers of our church be appointed agents to procure subscriptions for, and to settle the affairs of the Christian Messenger in their respective Circuits. That it be pub-

lished in the city of Montreal as soon as six-hundred sub-

scribers can be obtained.

That the price be four shillings annually, payable in advance, yearly or half-yearly, postage included. That all political discussions and controversial matter be excluded from the pages of the Christian Messenger.

12. That Brethren Addyman, Hale, Swaine, and Grandy be appointed a Committe to take charge of the Peterborough Chapel case, with power to take such steps

as they may conceive best in the matter.

13. That this Conference having received information from Brother Jackson, of the prospect of a quantity of goods being sent from England by our friends, for the benefit of the Canadian Mission, appoints Brother Crofts as our agent in Montreal to receive them, in order that they may be put into the hands of a suitable person or persons to be disposed of.

14. That no person shall be admitted into our church who is living unlawfully with a second husband or wife, while

the first husband or wife is living.

15. That a Conference register be provided for the registration of baptisms, and that each preacher be required to bring to the Annual Conference a copy of all the baptisms he has performed during the year.

16. That the form of a regiser of baptisms be inserted in

the minutes of this year as a guide to the preachers.

17. That the plan presented for the regulation of the finances of each Class and Circuit be adopted and published in the minutes; and that each Class leader supply the Superintendent Preacher with a copy of No. 1.

18. That each preacher be required to furnish his successor, at the Annual Conference, with a list of the names arranged in classes of the members in the Circuit from

which he is retiring.

19. That the preachers and lay-representatives immediately on their return to their Circuits shall endeavour to establish Sabbath Schools, as far as practicable, in every neighbourhood where no Sabbath Schools exist.

20. That any preacher neglecting to make collections as directed by the discipline for the support of the Paternal Fund, shall forfeit his claim on that Fund for that year.

21. That the Revds. J. Addyman, J. Jackson, and J. Bell, with Messrs. Lottridge and Cummings, in Western Canada; and the Revds. H. O. Crofts, J. Brennan, and L. P. Adams, with Messrs. Leach and Austin, for Eastern Canada, form the Annual Committee for the ensuing year;

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the Rev. J. Addyman, Corresponding Member for Western Canada, and the Rev. H. O. Crofts Corresponding Member for Eastern Canada.

22. That this Conference, grateful to Brother Addyman for the service he has rendered to the Connexion in Canada, fervently hopes that his return to England is yet

23. That the preachers and lay-representatives on those Circuits which have not raised their full proportion of the Connexional debt be requested to make a special effort to raise the remainder during this year.

24. That this Conference regrets that Brother Jackson's appointment to England was accidentally omitted on the

list of the stations of the preachers for last year.

25. That the following persons be appointed the officers of the Auxiliary Missionary Society for the ensuing year :-Rev. J. Addyman, Chairman; Rev. T. T. Howard, Secretary; J. Hughson, Esq., Treasurer; Committee, Revds. H. O. Grofts, J. Wilkinson, J. Brennan, J. Bell, and L. P. Adams, with M. Aikman, Esq., T. Lottridge, Esq., Miles Knowlton, Esq., and Mr. M. Lowry.

26. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Brother Jackson for his valuable services in England during the

27. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to J. Hughson, Esq., for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Connexion for the past year, and that he be requested to continue his services as Treasurer during the ensuing

28. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Brother Wilkinson for his successful exertions in restoring

the St. Thomas Chapel to the Connexion.

29. That the next Annual Conference be held at North Port in the Prince Edward District, C. W., on the second

> H. O. CROFTS, President, T. T. HOWARD, Secretary.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the President, for his impartial conduct in the Chair.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Secretary for the faithful discharge of his important duties.

ADDRESS

Of the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Members of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church.

Through the mercy of a kind Providence, we are once more permitted to assemble at our Annual Conference. As the members of Conference, ministers, and lay representatives, according to our usual custom, we would address you; and we would do it with meekness and love, desiring to imitate the example of our blessed Lord and Saviour, in his salutation to his disciples, we say—"Peace be unto you."

We are happy to state, that during the whole of our Conference the utmost harmony prevailed amongst the brethren. We never recollect meeting together at any former Conference, nor at any meeting for the despatch of business, where the spiritual love and unity was more prevalent. Our religious services were seasons of great refreshing, and we trust will lay the foundation for a good worksduring the coming year on the Crosby Circuit.

All our circuits underwent a strict examination as to their state; and although the result of that examination obliged us to record a great deficiency in the number of our members, yet we are not discouraged. We think that substantial reasons may be assigned why we have suffered loss in our numbers. With us the past year has been one of unusual trial. One of our dear ministers, Owen Campbell, has been taken from us. He was a young man of great promise. His loss we regard as a great calamity. Another of our ministers has been

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laid aside during the year about ten months, and is now obliged to desist from travelling altogether .-Another very useful minister, from the same cause, has been obliged to be away from his Circuit for six months, and is still unable to travel. Four of our other ministers were laid up with fevers, and therefore unable to attend to their work for more than two months. Let this great loss of labour be taken in connection with the great revivals we had last year, and perhaps a want of greater care and discrimination among our ministers and friends in the admission of members, and you may account, at least in some measure, for the decrease of our members. But still we must acknowledge that there has been a want of faith and zeal. Our brethren feel it, and have returned to their Circuits much humbled, and determined during the coming year to labour with greater diligence than they have done for many years past. It is only just, however, to remark, that we look upon our Circuits generally as being in a very healthy and improving state. We think the way is open for great enlargement during the coming year. Let all be found at their post, Ministers, Leaders, Stewards, and private Members, for it rests with ourselves whether the coming year shall be one of great prosperity or otherwise. If we do our duty, the Holy Spirit, the great efficient agent in the work of spiritual renovation, will be poured out from on high.

We would strongly recommend our brethren in the ministry to pay particular attention to the discipline of the Church. The Church cannot thrive and strengthen unless wholesome discipline is administered. We would also recommend particular attention to pastoral visitation. Take the Apostle as your example. When addressing the elders of the Church of Ephesus, he observes :- "Ye know from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befel me, by the laying in wait of the Jews.

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Let your visits be frequent, short, spiritual, and altogether such as are adapted to leave an impression on the minds of your people that your great business is to save souls. "Preach the word in season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."

As it regards the signs of the times, we would merely observe, in the language of our Saviour, "Let not your hearts be troubled;" and we would add, "Keep your heart and mind in the love of God."

Regarding our missions, it is but due to our brethren in England that we acknowledge with gratitude the interest taken by them in our favour; and it is as little as we can do in return to feel for ourselves as they have felt for us. Let us then vigorously prosecute our missionary operations.

We expect that during the year each Circuit will be visited by a deputation appointed to hold missionary meetings, &c. We trust that our people will be fully alive to the importance of this great enterprise, and will exercise their liberality, that more abundant means may be placed at the disposal of the Missionary Society. It is only in this way that the borders of our Zion can be greatly enlarged throughout the destitute portious of this country.

You will perceive by the list of stations that we have considerably enlarged our work. Our greatest difficulty has been to find an adequate supply of suitable labourers. We have however supplied most of the Circuits, and we hope very shortly to have it in our power to fill up every vacancy. May we press upon the attention of our people the necessity of supporting the Ministry. Your ministers need supporting, both as it respects their authority as ministers and their necessities as men. We would exhort our official brethren to pay particular attention to this matter. Let the leaders and stewards do their duty,

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and try to exert a greater influence regarding the support of our ministers both amongst our members and friends. We are making considerable efforts to establish the funds of the Connexion, and especially the Beneficent fund. In this our friends in England have rendered us great assistance, and are still willing to do so, provided we make corresponding exertions; and depend upon it nothing is so likely to give strength and permanence to our Ministry as the support of this institution. Our ministers must have a prospect for declining years, and for a bereaved family, should Providence call them away.

In consequence of the growing demands of our people for information respecting the Connexion, we have come to the resolution of establishing a monthly periodical or paper, to be published in Montreal. We feel assured that you will cheerfully respond to this resolution, and strain every nerve to procure subscribers. We have long suffered much for want of an organ of communication of this kind. For further information respecting it see the prospectus.

We would exhort our people to be punctual in their attention to every Christian duty, especially to the classmeeting and prayer-meeting. Strive to keep your souls constantly alive to God. as all he inhade;

And now, brethren, in conclusion, we would commend you to God and to the word of His Grace. May you be kept by His mighty power through faith unto

H. O. CROFTS, President. T. T. HOWARD, Secretary.

ADDRESS

Of the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church to the Methodist New Connexion Conference in England.

DEAR BRETHREN, Through the manifold mercies of Almighty God, and the watchful care of a Gracious Providence, we have again been permitted to assemble in our Annual Conference. And now, in the fear of

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It gives us great pleasure to state, that we have been permitted to enjoy, in a very high degree, a spirit of love and harmony in all our deliberations during the

sittings of the Conference.

The returns from the different Circuits respecting the state of the Conference do not present so favourable an account of our success as did the returns of the previous year; yet, from a variety of circumstances, we have reason to believe that the great work of saving souls has been progressing; for, although we have suffered loss in numbers, we think we have gained in influence

and strength.

The missionary cause with us has become an object of deep, and we trust lasting interest. We feel unfeignedly grateful to our friends in England for the assistance they have rendered us in carrying out our missionary operations in this country. While we would acknowledge the kindness of our English friends, we would not be unmindful of our own duty. During the past year we have made as vigorous an effort in the mission work as our limited means and opportunities would admit; and if all the subscriptions promised had been paid in we should have thought we had done According to our means we have endeavoured to give all the extension to our work we can; but we have to suffer much from a want of a sufficient number of suitable labourers. There are many places which we have partially occupied, and many calls to new places to which we cannot attend. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." We have need to pray that the Lord would "send forth more labourers into his harvest."

It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction we have heard that the visit of our esteemed brother James Jackson to England has not only been acceptable but has been rendered a great blessing to the cause. We are anxiously looking for his return to the scene of his former labours. We pray that he may reach us in

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It is with painful emotions that we advert to the death of our esteemed brother Owen Campbell, and to the long-continued afflictions of several of our brethren in the ministry. These and other circumstances have caused our Church during the past year to pass through an ordeal of trial the most strict and painful, but which we doubt not will be attended with great good.

We are looking forward to the coming year with enlarged expectation. We trust it will be a year of

We believe our preachers have all returned to their Circuits much humbled, yet encouraged, and more than ever resolved to devote themselves to the great work of trying to save souls. May the Great Head of the Church smile upon them and succeed their labours.

With an expression of our warmest thanks for all your past favours, and praying that we may still enjoy an interest in your sympathies, your liberalities, and your prayers, we conclude this Address, praying that you may be blessed with great prospericy in every department of your labour.

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REPORT,

Of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Missionary Society, Auxiliary to the Methodist New Connexion Missionary Society in England.

READ AT THE GENERAL MISSIONARY MEETING OF THE CONNEXION,
Held at the Conference in South Crosby, June 18, 1844.

The Committee of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Auxiliary Missionary Society in presenting their first Report to the subscribers and friends of this Institution, have cause to adopt the sentiment of David, when he said "1 will sing of judgment and mercy," for during the past year the Mission in Canada has had to pass through severe trial. One of our dear Missionaries has fallen by death; two have been laid aside nearly the whole year, through severe and protracted affliction-four others were for a time unable to attend to their ministerial duties from the same cause-and two more left their stations soon after the last Conference. In consequence of these afflictions, and of the objectionable conduct of the two men who deserted their posts and ceased to labour among us, there has been a declension in our numbers, on the different stations. While with the deepest emotions of sorrow we record this painful fact your Committee are bound to declare that this declension is not to be attributed to any neglect on the part of the agents employed to preach the Gospel on the different stations, excepting the two men who deserted their posts of duty, for upon the most searching investigation the Conference was satisfied that the brethren had done what they could.

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While your Committee deplore the loss of numbers which has taken place, they rejoice in being able to state that the formation of this Auxiliary has been rendered a blessing to the mission in various ways. It has called into exercise the sympathies and energies of our people, which before lay in a great measure dormant; diffused information among them respecting the actual state of hundreds in this province who are perishing for lack of knowledge; made them better acquainted with the anxieties and exertions of our brethren in England; kindled in many hearts in this Province an intense desire to imitate the noble conduct of our friends on the other side of the Atlantic, and it has brought into the treasury of the Lord upwards of £200 pounds, so that the Parent Society will be enabled, through the means of this Auxiliary, to extend her efforts for the present and eternal benefit of the inhabitants of this great

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The Report of the Parent Society for the present year has not yet reached this country, but Your Committee are able to state that this benevolent institution is vigorously using every means at its disposal for the extension of the cause of Christ in Ireland and Canada.

In Ireland its Missionaries are zealously labouring to spread the light of the Gospel, and to bring precious souls to Christ. It has in that country 16 Missionary Stations, on which 20 Missionaries are employed in preaching the everlasting Gospel. The great agitation in Ireland in reference to politics during the past year, has been a great barrier to the spread of pure and undefiled religion. However

the Missionaries have remained at their posts, striving to do all in their power to extend the influence of our holy religion, which is destined ultimately to calm even the boistrous waves of politics, and to produce peace on earth as well as glory to God in the highest.

In Canada it does much for the extension of the cause of God; all our Circuits in the Province are more or less indebted to the Parent Society for tunds to carry out the great work in which we are engaged, that of supplying as far as possible the destitute of this Province with the living ministry of the word. It entirely supports two English Ministers in the Province as superintendents of the Mission, whose labours are devoted to the benefit of the whole Connexion in Canada, besides contributing largely to the support of the Beneficent and Paternal Funds.

The exertions of the Parent Society during the past year have been great, besides raising the amount for the current expenses of the year it has had to remove £2000 sterling of debt, which had accumulated, and which threatened to impede the progress of our Missionary work. This we believe has been accomplished, together with the removal of other Connexional debts, to the amount of £4000 sterling. These exertions on their part loudly call upon our body in Canada to be as economical as possible in the working of the Canadian Mission, and to be as active as possible in augmenting the funds of our infant auxilary, so that the Parent Society may not be overburdened, and that it may, as soon as its other engagements will allow, attend to the voices which call from Australia and New Zealand, saying, "Come over and held alread bets office do see and

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Your Committee are happy in being able to state that the Deputation to England has answered its end. The Rev. J. Jackson left this country in due time reached England where he was most cordially received by the Rev. William Cooke, Secretary of the Parent Society, Mr. Jackson has travelled through the length and breath of the Connexion in England, and has been constantly employed in preaching Missionary Sermons, and delivering Missionary Addresses. He estimates the increase of the funds of the Parent Society as averaging one third more than last year; the Secretary of the Parent Society states that Mr. J. has also been rendered a blessing to the Connexion at home in a spiritual point of view. Mr. Jackson has suggested to the Committee of the Parent Society some important measures, and enforced the propriety of their adopting others previously suggested by the Superintendants of the Mission, which we hope will be carried out, and prove a lasting benefit to the destitute inhabitants of this Province. Mr. Jackson is now on his return to this country, and we fervently pray that he may return to us in the enjoyment of health and in the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of peace.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee cannot retire from office without expressing their thanks to the Ministers, collectors, and friends who have respondeded to the call made upon them to assist in raising funds for the spread of the Gospel in this country, and would remind them for their encouragementat their labour is not in vain in the Lord. Your Committee would urge upon their successors in office, and the local committees the necessity of making the earliest arrangements possible for holding the Missionary meetings, that the collectors may have time to collect the various amounts promised, and that a correct list may be prepared for the Conference, that the names of the subscribers may be printed with the Report.

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The Committee would also declare their convition that it behoves us as a body in Canada to put forth our utmost efforts to extend the cause of our blessed Redeem-There is room enough in this Province for all Christian bodies to labour for the spread of the Gospel, and when they have laboured to the utmost of their ability, it will, we fear, be many years yet before Canada is full of the knowledge of the Lord. The spiritual wants of the country parts of this Province are but very imperfectly supplied—therefore, we, as well, as others, ought to do what we can to supply them with the ministry of reconciliation, and we must do what we can if we would esscape the awful malediction pronounced upon Meroz, "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Let us bestir ourselves having erected our banners in the name of God, let us go forward in his name, and through God we shall do valiantly. And now, O God, "let thy work appear, unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands establish thou

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| A Friend 0 2 6 | BY BOXES. |
| Mr. Bramley 0 2 6 | Misses J. & F. Irwin's 0 16 31 |
| " Hagar 0 2 6 | Miss J. Dawson's 0 6 42 |
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| " W. Webb 0 5 0 | 4 19 6 |
| Mrs. Have Campbell 0 2 6 | |
| " Mary Bennett - 0 2 6 | Ten Mile Creek. |
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| Nelson Brown 0 5 0 Small sums 0 3 11 | Fifteen Mile Creek. |
| Toward Mr. Jackson's expenses to England 1 5 0 | Coll. Bethel Chapel - 0 15 11 John M'Carthy - 1 0 0 |
| See a second | 1 0 0 |
| 1 13 11 | P. Smith 1 0 0 |
| F 10 5 | Hannah Cudney 0 5 0 |
| Waterford 6 12 5 | Jane Smith 0 5 0 |
| Toward Mr. Jackson's | Anna Smith 0 5 0 |
| expenses to England 2 0 0 | M. C. Ward 0 5 0 |
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| . 6 | Martha Gaegory 0 5 0 |
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| Goulbourn | - 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Raleigh - | . 17 | 10 | 0 |
| Stanstead North | - 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Stanstead South | 90 | 10 | |
| Owen's Sound | 95 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Jackson's ex- | | U | 0 |
| penses to Frale | 90 | | |
| penses to England | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| In Treasurer's hand | 21 | 18 | 11 |
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PLANS FOR REGULATING FINANCES ON THE CIRCUITS.

1. Shewing what each person pays.

| Names of Members & Families. | Number in Family. | Cash. | Store Pay. | Provisions. | Subscriptions. | Not in Society. | Quarterly Collections. | Paid. | Refused. | Total. |
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2. Shewing what each Class pays on the Circuit.

| Names of Classes. | Number in Classes. | Cash. | Store Pay. | Provisions. | Subscriptions. | Quarterly Collections. | Not in Society. | Paid. | Total. | Dr. to Ministers |
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3. A View of each Circuit, number of Members, and what is paid to the Ministers on each Circuit.

| Names of Circuits. | Number of Members. | Cash. | Store pay. | Provisions. | Subscriptions. | Quarterly Collections. | Paid. | Total. | Dr. to Ministers. |
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