# MINUTES

OF THE.

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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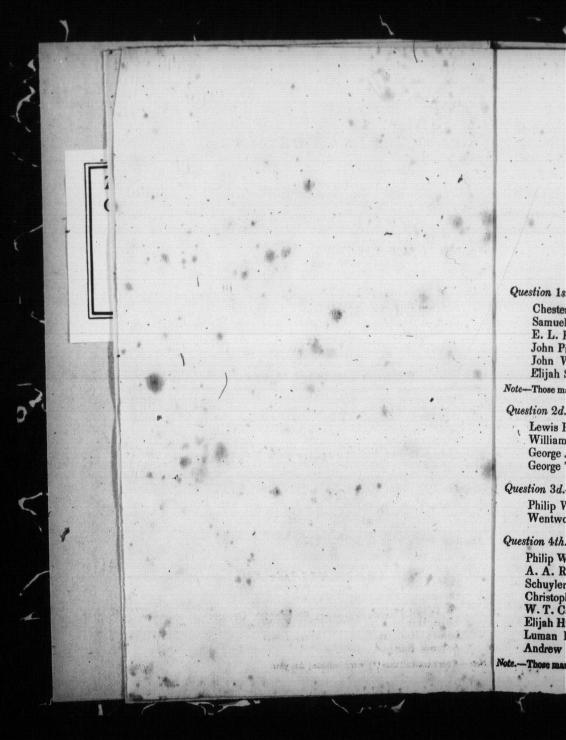
Commencing Wednesday 6th September,

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# MINUTES, &c.

Question 1st.—What Preachers are admitted on trial?

Chester Frasier, Samuel Morrison, E. L. Koyle, John Pickering, John Wilson, Elijah Sutton,

Thomas Robson, \*
Schuyler Stewart \*
John Hill,
John Andrus,
William Brown,
William Woodward.

Note-Those marked thus (\*) are ordained Deacons.

Question 2d.—What Preachers remain on trial?

Lewis P. Smith, William Cope, George Jones, George Taylor. James Gardiner,
Jacob Pattison,
John Gibson,

Philip Waldron, James Degeer,
Wentworth D. Hughson, Abraham A. Roy.

Question 4th.—Who are the Deacons?

Philip Waldron, \*
A. A. Roy, \*
Schuyler Stewart, \*
Christopher Thompson,
W. T. Cartwright,
Elijah Harris,
Luman Hurlbert,
Andrew Bursee.

W. D. Hughson,
Thomas Robson,
James Nixon,
Robert Lyman,
T. G. Simons,
Alexander Wright,
George Jones.

Note. - Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

Question 5th .- Who are the Elders.

James Richardson, Philander Smith, J. H. Huston, James McNalley, Benson Smith, Joseph H. Leonard, William Bird, E. S. Firman, Emerson Bristol, Barney Markle, \* Caleb Swazey, James Mitchell, Henry H. Johnson, J. W. Byam, Francis Bird, John Sills, Robert Earl, William McKeeby, Nathan Parks,

David Culp, John Bailey, Thaddeus Lewis, Jesse Owen, Michael Davy, William E. Norman, Thomas Webster, James Degeer, \* Henry Lane, jr. \* Appleton Jones, \* Barnabas Brown, George Turner, Henry Gilmore, Charles Pettis, L. D. Salsbury, I. N. D. West, Richard Beal, Gideon Shepard, David Griffin,

Note .- Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

Question 6th.—Who is the General Superintendent? JOHN REYNOLDS.

Question 7th .- Who have located this year? David Perry.

Question 8th.—Who are the Supernumeraries?

Caleb Swazey, Robert Earl,

James McNally, Jesse Owen.

Question 9th.—Who are the Superanuated Preachers?

David Culp, John H. Huston,

Charles Pettis, Titus G. Simons.

Question 10th.—Who have been expelled this year? Answer-None.

Question 11th.—Who have withdrawn this year? Answer-None.

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Thames Howard Southwal Question 12th .- Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

Answer-This was strictly attended to.

Question 13th.—Who have died this year?

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Question 14th.—What are the numbers in Society?

Gwilliamsbury,	190	Long Island,	51
Canborough,	346	Leeds.	128
Barton,	257	Brockville,	118
Nelson,	670	Elizabethtown,	563
Niagara,	134	Augusta,	255
Toronto,	265	Rideau,	174
Young Street,	210	Matilda,	152
Whitby,	699	Boneshire,	110
Hope,	183	Thames,	176
Brighton,	300	Howard,	167
Sidney,	250	Oxford,	169
Thurlow,	215	London,	381
Belleville,	292	Malahide,	363
Hallowell,	370	Blenheim,	380
Bay of Quinty,	474	Dumfries,	362
Waterloo,	406	11	
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Members in Society	this	3	y	ea	r,								 .88	310	
Preachers	, .			• •		•	•	•		•	•			70	

Question 15th.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

#### London District.

BENSON SMITH, PRESIDING ELDER.

Thames Circuit, Barney Markle, Elijah Sutton. Howard do William Woodward. Southwald William Cope. do

Malahide C'ruit,
London Station,
London Circuit,
Oxford do
Deerham Forge do
Norwich do
Blenheim do
Dumfries do

James Nixon.

Wentworth D. Hughson.
Chester Frasier, Ephraim L. Koyl.
George Turner, one to be supplied.
Elijah Harris.
Leonard D. Salsbury, David Griffin.

Nathan Parks.
William McKeeby, one to be supplied

## Niagara District.

HENRY GILMORE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Barnabas Brown, Lewis P. Smith. Niagara Circuit, Andrew Bursee, one to be supplied. Canborough do Barton do Jacob Pattison. John Gibson, Samuel Morrison. Nelson do Toronto do Emerson Bristol, Abraham A. Roy. Francis Bird, Thomas Robson. Young St. do Gwilliamsbury do James Degeer.

Whitby do George Jones, John W. Byam.

James Richardson is Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

## Bay of Quinty District.

JOHN BAILEY PRESIDING ELDER.

Circuit, William Bird. Hope Brighton do Richard Beal, one to be supplied. William T. Cartwright. Sidney do Thurlow I. N. D. West. do Belleville do Thomas Webster, John Pickering, Michael Davy, Christopher Thompson Niagara Napanee · do Bay of Quinty do Luman Hurlbert, Philip Waldron. Hallowell do Appleton Jones, John Hill. Millford do Henry H. Johnson. Joseph H. Leonard, is our Book Agent.

### Augusta District.

GIDEON SHEPARD, PRESIDING ELDER.

Waterloo Circuit, Henry Lane, Jr. William Brown. Jr. Long Island do To be supplied.

Leeds do Thaddeus Lewis.

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Elizabethtown Circuit, Philander Smith, John F. Wilson. Brockville do Schuyler Stewart.

Augusta do John Sills.

Matilda do Alexander Wright, John Andrews.

Rideau do William E. Norman, one to be supplied.

Napean & Hull Circuit James Gardiner.

Boneshire Mission, To be supplied.
Ottawa Mission, George Taylor.

Edwin S. Firman, and James Mitchell, left without appointments at their own request.

Robert Lyman, left without an appointment.

Question 16th.—Where and when shall our next Confernces be held?

Niagara Conference at Southwald; to commence on the scond Wednesday in June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Bay of Quinty Conference, at Farmersville; to commence in the first Wednesday in September next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following persons are appointed a Committee of Privilege.

Niagara Nelson	do	Jacob Fulmer, Jesse Yockam.
Young st.		Jacob Fisher, Thomas Pickett.
Cwilliamsh	do .	John Cummer, J. P. Ezra Cubine.
Gwilliamsb		Wm. Doan, George Chipperfield.
Toronto,	do	Jacob Cook, J. P., John Todd.
Whitby,	do	Jehoida Boyce, Wm. Tourgee.
Brighton	do	Charles D. Warden Bild J. D.
Sidney,		Charles P. Worden, Bildad Franklin.
T-11	do	J. N. Lockwood J. P., Caleb Gilbert J.P.
Hallowell	do	John Bawden, Hiram Williams.
Millford	do	John Dingman James Vandages
Thurlow		John Dingman, James Vandusen.
D-11	do	Timothy Clark, James O'Hara, J. P.
Belleville	do	Henry W. Yager, P. G. Selden.

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Bay Quinty Circuit, Thomas A	ddison, Jason Parks.								
Richmond do James Spe	encer, John Gilbert.								
Waterloo do Joseph Foster, Zecharia David.									
	e, J. P., Samuel Merrim	an.							
Augusta do Freeman	Woodcock, Joseph Bass.								
Matilda do Elijah Tut	tle, Michael Woolery.								
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To the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.

#### DEAR BRETHREN:

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

The time has come for us to present you with our Annual Pastoral Address. In doing so we would most sincerely congratulate you, as well as ourselves, upon the kind interposition of Divine Providence, by which the lives of all your Ministers have been preserved during the year which is now past and gone. In retrospecting the merciful dealings of our Heavenly Father towards us during the vic:situdes of the past year, we feel that the most devout thanksgiving and praise are due to his most excellent and worthy name.

Although in consequence of the unusual pressure of the times, your servants in the Gospel have been called upon to make some sacrifices, and to endure some privations, yet, such have been the increased exertions and liberality of many of our brethren and friends to provide for us and our families, that in the midst of all we have been enabled to say, in the language of the disciples to the question of our Lord; "When I sent you without purse or scrip lacked ye any thing? And they said nothing, Lord."

The plan recommended by the last Conference for raising supplies, has produced a very sensible improvement in our finances on those circuits where it has been acted upon, and we trust, dear brethren, that you will cheerfully co-operate with your Ministers in whatever tends to promote their temporal as well as spiritual prosperity.

The present Session of Conference has been distinguished

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for the peace, harmony and brotherly feeling, which have uniformly prevailed throughout the whole of its deliberations.— Indeed, it is a subject of the highest gratification to know, that as a body of Christian Ministers, the present cordiality, unanimity and Christian love abound, to the exclusion of every improper or unholy feeling.

Our religious meetings have been seasons of great refreshing coming down from the presence of the Lord. The preaching of the word has been with power. Many have felt the force of Divine truth, and have yielded their hearts to God, who will doubtless rejoice and praise God in Eternity for the privilege which they have enjoyed during the present Session of our Annual Conference. The exercises on the Sabbath, especially, were spiritual and quickening, and of the most deeply interesting nature, and will not soon be forgotten by many who were present on the occasion.

We have also, dear brethren, to congratulate you on the general harmony and peace which prevail throughout all our borders,—we know of no dissatisfaction or uneasiness in any of our ranks—the upright walk, and Christian conversation of our Societies, and the zeal and liberality which our brethren continue to manifest in supporting the institutions of the Gospel, and in promoting the great objects of the Christian religion, among our fellow men. To this devotedness of spirit, to this unanimity of feeling and effort, must be ascribed, in a great measure, the great and increasing prosperity, which we as a people continue to experience from the hand of God. Suffer us, therefore, affectionately to exhort you to "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," and strive to promote the spirit of vital godliness in all those circles in which the providence of God has called you to move.

The past has been a year of great spiritual prosperity. Taking every thing into consideration, perhaps in no former year have we been favoured with more encouraging indications of the Divine approbation, than in the year which has just closed. Our field of labour is widening from year to year. Last year we formed six additional Circuits, and this year we have added seven more, but while the Lord is thus extending our limits and opening to us the great effectual door to disseminate the blessed truths of the Gospel, we rejoice that we are also

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supplied with the men to carry the joyful tidings of salvation ve uniinto these interesting fields of labour. Twelve additional Preachers have been received on trial at this Conference; three, who had located, have been readmitted, and two Supernumeraries made effective; making our present number Seventy. Notwithstanding this great increase of Preachers, still there are a number of deficiencies, to be supplied by the Presiding Elders. Truly, the harvest is great, but the labourers are few; let us, refreshtherefore, pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth

more labourers into his harvest.

The increase in our Membership during the past year has amounted to One Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-five; making our total number Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty. Our increase falls a little short of the previous year, nevertheless, we believe that our real prosperity has exceeded that of the former year. The improvement in ministerial qualifications of the Members of Conference, the addition of talent and ability brought into the Conference by the new recruits, the increasing piety stability and intelligence of our societies in general-all indicate a state and degree of prosperity which calls for devout thanksgiving, and unfeigned love and gratitude to the Great Author of all our mercies.

But while we retrospect the past with feelings of unfeigned gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the unprecedented success with which he has been pleased to Crown our unworthy, yet sincere efforts to promote the interests of true religion; and while we reflect upon our present state of prosperity with heart-felt pleasure and satisfaction, we can look forward to the future with anticipations of the most encouraging and delightful nature. Never were our prospects more flattering; and we believe your Ministers were never more determined to devote themselves unreservedly to the duties of their high and holy Calling, than they are at the present time. Pray for us, that, as our responsibilities increase we may experience a proportionate increase of grace and wisdom, and that our work of faith and labour of love may be still more abundantly owned and blessed of God to the furtherance of the great interests of the Christian Religion, and the Salvation of immortal Souls.

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seminre also benefit of our Church and for the general good; and we confidently believe that you will still keep this noble object in view, and continue to extend to it all the aid in your power, until you have the satisfaction of seeing it in successful operation.

Our General Conference has seen proper to divide the Annual Conference into two separate Conferences, to be known by the names of the Niagara and Bay of Quinty Conferences. This measure we believe will conduce to the general prosperity and furtherance of the work of God. It will serve to lessen the expense of travelling to and from Conference, be a saving of time, and enable the Preachers to return sooner to their respective fields of labour.

And now, dear Brethren, we exhort you to strive to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saliour Jesus Christ; contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, and press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Endeavour to maintain a close walk with God, and to have your conversation in the world such as becometh the Gospel. We will now close by exhorting you, in the language of the Apostle, to "be perfect, to be of good comfort, to be of one mind,—live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, Amen.

JOHN REYNOLDS, President.

GIDEON SHEPARD, Secretary.

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#### APPENDIX.

Names and Standing of the Local Preachers, in connexion with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.

Camboro' Circuit.—Leonard Haney, Elder; Gilbert Lane, Deacon; Jeremiah Cutler, Amos Bradshaw, Deacon; Wesley Griffin, Nathaniel Roy.

Barton Circuit.-John C. Grout, John Vandusen.

Nelson do. Morris Kennedy, Deacon; Lawrence Hagar, Deacon; Abraham Purnell.

Niagara Circuit.—Daniel Collard, Deacon Elect.; Charles Reed, Deacon; Jonah Keast, Matthias Hughson, and Joseph Groves.

Young Street Circuit .- James Cook.

Whitby Circuit.—James Bradshaw, Deacon; Geo. Fisher, Deacon; Jared L. Sweet, Deacon; William Hill, Deacon; John Campbell, Moses F. Carr, Gardiner Wills, Wm. H. Hilliker, Francis Lattimore, Benjamin F. Vessy.

Hope Circuit .- John Black.

Brighton Circuit.-Joshua Webster, Elder.

Sidney Circuit.—Shelden Young.

Thurlow Circuit.—Wm. Sills, Ira Hays, John Bird, Peter Wright.

Belleville Circuit.—George D. Greenleaf, Joseph Tapson, Alfred Wood, Deacon; P. G. Selden, William Bennet.

Hallowell Circuit.—William Reynows, Deacon; William Williams.

Bay of Quinty Circuit.—Augustus Shorts, Elder; Samuel D. Shorts, Deacon; John Ham, Elder; George Sills, Elder; Zebediah Mills, Daniel Unger, Dea. Elect. Benjamin Lewis.

Waterloo Circuit.—Barricliff Atkinson, Zechariah David.

Leeds Circuit .- James Brooker, Israel Mallory.

Elizabethtown Circuit.—Jabez Bullis, Deacon; Joseph Mallory, Peter Bullis, Morris Caswell.

Augusta Circuit.-Joseph Bass, John Bull.

Rideau Circuit.—Elisha Landon, Deacon; Abraham Wiltse, George E. Hutton.

Matilda Circuit.—Benjamin Meeker, Elijah Tuttle, Samuel Albrant.

Boneshire Circuit .- Peter F. Leroy.

Thames Circuit.—Alfred Scarlet, James Shaw, Edward Rikeman.

Howard Circuit.—Ira Bently, Isaac Richardson.

Oxford Circuit.—Thomas B. Brown, Michael Gray, Wm. Gray, Obed. Tapelv.

London Circuit.—John E. Waldron, Andrew Banghart, Daniel Winchell, Ralph Morden, John Pain, Wm. Brown.

Malahide Circuit.—John Elliot, Deacon, Ransom Dexter, Henry Will.

Blenheim Circuit.—Elijah Mudge, Deacon; John Bouchere, Caleb Taylor El. Wm. Stroup, George F. Hill.

Dumfries Circuit.—Daniel Drake, Morris Hendershot, Hezekiah Tuttle.

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#### PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, Held in White's Chapel, Sidney, Commencing September 12th, 1843.

Conference met at 4 o'clock P. M.

Opened by reading the Scripture, Singing and Prayer.

Bishop Reynolds in the Chair.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Reynolds,
David Culp,
Philander Smith,
John Baily,
Thaddeus Lewis,
Benson Smith,
Barnabas Brown,
James Mitchell,
Henry H. Johnson,
Henry Gilmore,
John W. Byam,
Francis Bird,
Leonard D. Salsbury,
Nathan Parks,

Michael Davy,
Joseph H. Leonard,
William Bird,
John Sills,
I. N. D. West,
Robert Earl,
Richard Beal,
Thomas Webster,
Gideon Shepard,
Emerson Bristol,
Henry Lane, Jr.
Barney Markle,
Appleton Jones,
William McKeeby,

Ordered, That Gideon Shepard be Secretary.

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the Address of the Bishop and report thereon.

Philander Smith, David Culp, Joseph H. Leonard, appointed.
Conference adjourned at 5 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 13th.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M. Opened by reading the Scripture, Singing and Prayer.

Bishop Reynolds in the Chair.

The Committee on the Bishop's Address report Report amended and adopted. W Ordered, That a delegation to consist of three Memb this General Conference be appointed to attend the G Lé Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the States, to meet in New York in May next.-That one r E delegate be appointed, and that an Address from this C Mall ence be presented to the General. Conference at New Yo A Philander Smith, David Culp and John Baily appointed. Gideon Shepard, reserve Delegate. R Thomas Webster, Joseph H. Leonard, Bishop Rey se, ( Robert Earl, and James Mitchel appointed to draft the A to the General Conference and to instruct the Delegates. A Alb Ordered, That the Stationing Committee ascertai probable amount of expense-money which will be require the Delegates to the General Conference and apportion the to the respective Circuits. Moved, That the Annual Conference be divided into Rik Annual Conferences-Carried. 1 Adjourned at 12 o'clock noon. Conference met at 11 o'clock, P. M. Opened by Praye Bishop Reynolds in the Chair. Gra Moved,-That the line of Division between the A Conferences be between the Hope and Whitby Circu Da Carried. Moved,-That the Book Room be located in the ville Oshewa.—Carried. H Moved,-That the Eastern be called the Bay of Quint the Western the Niagara Conference.-Carried. ch Ordered, That a new Edition of the Discipline, be p to the number of one thousand copies. Ordered, That Joseph H. Leonard, be Book Agent, s ek to the Annual Conference in which he may reside. Ordered, That the Annual Conference be requested to lish the acts of the General Conference in an appendix minutes. Ordered, That the next General Conference be held in ton, to commence on the 2d Wednesday in June 184 o'clock A. M.

Conference closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

GIDEON SHEPARD, Secretary.

JOHN REYNOLDS, Presid

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