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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference?

ANSWER.—Paul Robins, President of the Conference for 1856.
George Haycraft, Secretary do do
Thomas Green, Superintendent of the Cobourg District.
John Hicks Eynon, do Bowmanville do

Representatives sent by their District Meetings.

Thomas Clarke, authorized by the Bowmanville District Meeting.
William Robins, do Huron do

Preachers sent by their several District Meetings.

Abraham Morris, authorized by the Cobourg District Meeting.
John Brown Tapp, do do do
John Edwards, do Huron do
Robert Hurley, do do do
William Hooper, do Bowmanville do
Henry Ebbott do do do
Arthur Doble, do do do
Henry Stevens, do Cobourg do

ROBERT HURLEY was elected PRESIDENT, and PAUL ROBINS, SECRETARY.

Q. 2.—Who remain on the list of APPROVED PREACHERS?

A.—Paul Robins,	John Williams,
John Langdon, (Superannuated,)	William Hooper,
John Hicks Eynon,	Henry Ebbott,
Abraham Morris,	George Haycraft,
John Brown Tapp,	Arthur Doble,
Thomas Green,	Joseph Dix,
John Edwards,	John Pinch,
Robert Hurley,	Henry Stevens.

Q. 3.—Who is admitted into FULL CONNEXION?

A.—James Hughes.

Q. 4.—Who remain on TRIAL?

A.—Robert Miller.

He has travelled THREE years.

John Hooper,	David Cantlon,	Thomas Hull.
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These have travelled Two years.

Gerrance Colwell,	Andrew Gordon,
Isaac Ashley,	Thomas Rice.

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1. *Resolved*—That while we record our gratitude to God for His goodness in raising the lives of all the Itinerant brethren during the past year, we feel it our duty to state that a respected sister has been removed from our ranks. From the commencement of the Bible Christian cause in Canada, to the time of her death, our sister Eynon took a lively interest in the cause, and actively engaged in promoting its interests. We deeply respect her consistent piety, amiable disposition and efficient labours. Nevertheless, while we feel her loss, and sympathize with our bereaved brother, we rejoice in the confidence of her having left the Church militant to join the Church triumphant.

Q. 5.—What are the STATISTICS of the Connexion?

A		I. CIRCUITS.									
		Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Chapels.	Other Places.	Deaths.	On Trial.	Members.	Total.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg,	3	35	14	1	4	3	399	402	110	378	
Bowmanville,	2	14	8	1	2	9	356	365	60	294	
Hampton,	3	27	9	5	1	26	324	350	50	303	
Total Circuits,	8	76	31	7	7	38	1079	1117	220	980	
A. 2. MISSIONS.											
Peterboro',	1	4	2	5	1	5	125	130	13	75	
Dummer,	1	5	1	3			78	78			
Huntingdon,	1	6	1	10	3	16	98	114	11	70	
Seymour,	1	7	2	6	2	3	86	89	10	73	
Hungerford,	1	4	2	9	2	6	110	116			
Port Perry,	1	6	1	6			46	46			
Mariposa,	2	13	5	8	4	22	154	176			
Pickering and Scott,	2	7	3	12	1		100	100	6	60	
Mitchell,	2	6	1	12		37	14	201	36	205	
Exeter,	2	13	6	10	3	17	179	196	6	50	
Clinton,	2	1	3	10	2	6	117	123	6	37	
London,	1	12	2	6			76	78	28	170	
Grey,	1			11		2	25	25			
Total Missions,	18	84	29	108	18	114	1358	1472	116	740	
Total 1857,	26	160	60	115	25	152	2437	2589	336	1720	
Ditto 1856,		160	55	112	9	175	2209	2384	340	1587	
Increase,										133	
Decrease,			5	3	16		228	205			

Q. 6.—What is the State of our Christian Experience?

A.—God is good: we have confidence in Him; wish to sink into His will, and lay ourselves out for His glory. Pardon, purity, and the in-dwelling of the Holy Ghost, are blessings we enjoy or desire. May a deeper baptism of Divine unction, than we have before realized, be ours.

Q. 7.—What is the spiritual state of the Connexion in Canada?

A.—Though our progress is by no means equal to the necessities of the people, or to what the promises of God warrant us to expect, yet it is a matter of encouragement that there has been an increase of 205 persons who meet in church fellowship with us. There has also been an increase of five chapels, two Sunday-Schools and 133 Sunday Scholars. Our returns respecting Sunday-Schools, however, do not give a very correct idea respecting them;

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Pickering—A. D
Scott—Jos. Dix. (

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Exeter—J. Edward
Clinton—J. William
London—P. Robin
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Wisconsin—H. E

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...rtain cases, take the most active part in their management and support.

Q. 8.—How are the Preachers STATIONED?

A. I. COBOURG DISTRICT.

- Cobourg*—W. Hooper, J. Hooper; J. Langdon, Superannuated.
- Peterboro'*—Thomas Green. Another requested.
- Dummer*—A. Morris.
- Huntingdon*—T. Hull. (Ivanhoe P. O.)
- Seymour*—H. Stevens. (Campbellford P. O.)
- Hungerford*—G. Colwell. (Tweed P. O.)

T. GREEN, Superintendent of the District.

II. BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.

- Bowmanville*—J. Chapple. Another.
- Hinton*—J. B. Tapp, R. Miller; G. Haycraft, Supernumerary.
- Port Perry*—J. Hughes, (Prince Albert P. O.)
- Mariposa*—J. H. Eynon, J. Ashley. (Little Britain P. O.)
- Fenelon Falls*—One wanted
- Pickering*—A. Doble. (Brougham P. O.)
- Scott*—Jos. Dix. (Uxbridge P. O.)

J. H. EYNON, Superintendent of the District.

III. HURON DISTRICT.

- Mitchell*—R. Hurley, A. Gordon.
- Downie*—One wanted.
- Exeter*—J. Edwards, D. Cantlon.
- Clinton*—J. Williams, T. Rice.
- London*—P. Robins. Another requested.
- Grey*—One wanted. (Ainleyville P. O.)
- Ingersoll and Dereham*—One wanted. (Ingersoll P. O.)
- Ohio*—J. Hoidge. (Barry P. O., Orange, Cuyahoga, United States.)
- Wisconsin*—H. Ebbott. Another. (Palmyra P. O., Jefferson County, U. S.)

R. HURLEY, Superintendent of the District.

Q. 9.—What is the state of our Financial Affairs?

A.—The Missionary Receipts are not as much as they were last year, by £67; yet, our regular quarterly receipts are £155 9s. 4½d. more, and the deficiency of Stations £230 0s. 5½d. less, than at that time. The difference of deficiency, however, partly arises from an error in calculating the amount to be charged for preachers' children, so that there is a deficiency on that department of £24 13s.

PREACHERS GETTING MARRIED DURING THEIR TIME OF PROBATION.

Whereas, certain of the preachers and others, have thought that young men should not be prevented from getting married during their period of probation, for certain reasons assigned, especially because married men are received into the itinerancy,

	Teachers.	Scholars.
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	60	294
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II. *Resolved*—That in our opinion the reception of married men as travelling preachers, under certain provisions and restrictions, is not a valid reason why young men should be allowed to marry during their term of trial.

III. *Resolved*—That we cannot regard it as a mark of wisdom in young men to enter the marriage state during their probation, as it may hinder the improvement of their minds, and otherwise place them in unfavorable circumstances, especially in case of their rejection at the expiration of the term of probation.

IV. *Resolved*—But, nevertheless, as a difference of opinion prevails on this point, and lest any chosen vessel of Christ should be forced from the work of the ministry on this account; we agree that young men may marry while on trial, provided they produce satisfactory testimonials to the character of the persons they intend to marry, according to the rule in the Digest, and do so entirely on their own responsibility, and without any additional expense to the circuits on which they may be appointed to labor.

V. *Resolved*—That single men's salary be raised to £40 a year.

ADDITIONAL PREACHERS.

VI. *Resolved*—That provided two preachers come from England, we agree one of them shall go to Bowmanville, and the other to Fenelon Falls; and provided more preachers are obtained during the year, *their* appointments shall be arranged by the President, in connection with the Superintendents of the Districts.

CHARGE FOR PREACHERS' CHILDREN.

VII. *Resolved*—That during the next year £3 17s. a quarter be charged with each single preacher, and £1 7s. a quarter with each married preacher, to meet the allowance for preachers' children.

GRANTS TO MISSIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

VIII. *Resolved*—That the following allowances be made to meet the deficiencies of the several Missions hereafter named, during the next year, viz:—

Mariposa—One-half of the Missionary money they raise on the Station.

Mitchell, Peterboro', Dummer, Pickering and Exceter.—To pay their deficiency from their Missionary receipts.

London.—All the friends can raise on the Station.

Hungerford.—£15, and do. do. do.

Huntingdon.—£22, and do. do. do.

Seymour.—£15, and do. do. do.

Scott.—£5, and do. do. do.

Port Perry.—£15 for furniture, and £35 and do

Clinton.—£20 for furniture, and £20 and do

IX. *Resolved*—That the Accounts from the several Mission Stations be sent quarterly to the District Preachers, who shall forward them to the Missionary Secretary.

X. *Resolved*—That R. Hurley be the Treasurer, and P. Robins the Secretary of the Missionary Society for the next year.

XI. *Resolved*—That the Pastors send the Missionary Accounts, with the Statistics, and spiritual state of the several Missions, to the Missionary Secretary, on or before the 1st of May, in each year.

Q. 10.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—*Cobourg District*.—At Middletown, Cobourg Circuit, the last Friday in May, at 8 o'clock, A. M. The Pastors to meet the preceding day at noon.

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Bowmanville District.—At Bethesda, Darlington, the last Wednesday in May, at 8 o'clock, A. M. The Pastors to meet the preceding day at noon.

Huron District.—At Exeter, the last Tuesday in May, at 8 o'clock, A.M.

Q. 11.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Cobourg, to commence the first Thursday in June, 1858, at 1½ o'clock, P. M. The Preparatory Committee, consisting of the President and Secretary of the Conference, and the Superintendents and Representatives of Districts, to meet the preceding Tuesday, at 1½ o'clock, P. M.

XII. *Resolved*—That the Preachers on the Station where the Conference is to be held, make the Conference Appointments, and get a bill printed; and that the Superintendents of Districts send an account to the pastor of said station, immediately after it is decided at the District Meetings who shall attend the Conference.

XIII. *Resolved*—That it shall be the duty of the President of the Conference going out of office, to prepare the Conference Address to the Societies, and the duty of the Secretary of the Conference to prepare the Address to the English Conference.

ROBERT HURLEY, *President.*
PAUL ROBINS, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

For the first time, as a Canadian Conference, we venture to address to you a few words of exhortation, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your interest is ours—"We live if you stand fast." We can rejoice in your temporal prosperity; we by no means envy your increasing comforts in this world, but our chief concern is for your spiritual and eternal welfare. Time is on the wing—*Eternity* is near; what we do must be done quickly. We have a great work to do. It is not only true that every man must give an account of himself to God, but also is held responsible, to a great extent, for the salvation of his fallen brothers and sisters in Adam. God may say at length to us, as to guilty Cain, "Where is thy brother Abel?" We hope, dear friends, that you, with us, may at last be able to adopt the language of the Apostle Paul.—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," &c.

We are happy to inform you that God has been pleased to bless our efforts in the past year in the conversion of sinners from the error of their ways, and in adding to our ranks above 400 souls, though in consequence of removals, deaths, and other causes, the increase is only 205. But still the conviction forces itself upon us, that, as a section of the Church of Christ, we have not done what we might, had we been more holy and devoted to our Master's cause. God once said to his people, "Ye are gone away from my ordinances." We are not without fear that the above quotation is too applicable to many among us. In many of our Churches the Class-books tell a melancholy tale. Our weekly prayer meetings, too, are wofully slighted by many. Are not these means of grace as valuable as ever? Are they not as necessary as ever to our growth in grace? Can our spiritual life be maintained without them? If not, why then are they so neglected? It is no marvel if we have but little of the Divine influence, and, as a consequence, few conversions, if we live in the neglect of those means and duties which the Lord has made essential to our progress.

Again, we fear that some are too much engaged about the things of this life; "careful and troubled about many things;" having too much business, more than is necessary for time, or profitable for *Eternity*. Let the important interrogation of the Lord of life and glory, be pressed home to the heart, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and

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We have also had our fears that your spiritual interest is greatly marred by too great a conformity to this world in maxims of trade, dress, style of living, &c. &c. Let us, dear friends, return to our former simplicity. "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord." We would remind you of another duty which, we fear, is too much neglected, *i. e.* the prayerful study of the Scriptures. "Search the Scriptures," is a Divine injunction. May it be understood, and duly practised; then shall we be armed with the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

There are many things we would fain say unto you, but we will not with "pen and ink," but trust to be with you and speak "face to face;" but we would not close without expressing our appreciation of your increasing liberality in the cause of God through the past year, and we hope that God will bless and cause you to "increase and abound in this grace also," as in every other gospel privilege and duty; and when the ills of this life are ended may you, with us, safely land on the shores of a blissful immortality, through Him that loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

ROBERT HURLEY, *President.*

PAUL ROBINS, *Secretary.*

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

The Bible Christian Conference in Canada,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1857.

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"After that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of Preaching to save them that believe."—1 Cor. 1: 21.  
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In the year 1831, at the request of some members of the Bible Christian Church, who had emigrated thither from England, the English Conference sent their first Missionary to Canada. The entire Missionary receipts of the Parent Society for that year did not amount to £105 sterling. At this time there were nine Home Mission Stations, and a debt on the Society of above £66. Under these circumstances, the sending of two Missionaries to America,—one to Prince Edward Island, and the other to this Province, must be regarded as a bold act on the part of the officers of the Society. Two years after this, Bro. J. H. Eynon was stationed in Canada, and 30 persons only are reported as belonging to the Bible Christian Church in the Province. Truly this was a day of small things, but He who "hath chosen weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," deigned to bless the means employed, and from that time till now, the Bible Christian cause in Canada has been growing and spreading.

The affairs of this Society continued under the direction of the Conference and Missionary Committee in England, until the Conference of 1854, when arrangements were made for the Connexion in Canada to manage their own affairs, and hold a separate Conference. This alteration took place at the request of the friends in Canada; not that they had any desire to separate from the Home Connexion—for this never entered their thoughts; but from circumstances arising out of the growing interests of the Connexion in this country, which rendered it very inconvenient, not to say inconsistent with the liberal church polity of the Connexion, for so large a portion of its ministers and members to be entirely subject to foreign legislation.

This denomination in Canada, has now 2589 persons in churches, 60 Chapels, and the Divine goodness is manifest.

Respecting the contributions received:

Peterboro'.—
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This denomination, which in 1831 had only one solitary minister in Canada, has now 25 itinerant, and 160 local preachers in the Province, with 2589 persons in church fellowship, 3 self-supporting Circuits, 13 Mission Stations, 60 Chapels, and 115 other preaching places. These manifestations of the Divine goodness humble and encourage us.

Respecting the several Stations, we glean the following from communications received:

Peterboro'.—Unity has generally prevailed in the societies during the past year. Eighteen persons have been admitted; but, through a variety of causes, the number is less than were returned twelve months ago. One has died happy. A new Chapel has been commenced in Otonabee, and other openings present themselves; but some of them cannot be supplied without another preacher.

Dummer is not looking so encouraging as we could wish. The English Line Chapel has been repaired, and the materials are ready for enclosing the burying ground with a board fence.

Huntingdon.—Two new Societies have been formed, and others added to the church. Many of the members have doubled their quarterly contributions the two last quarters; we hope others will copy their example.

Hungerford.—Twelve persons have been added to the church during the year, and two have died, we trust, in the Lord. Efficient class-leaders and local preachers are much needed. May the Great Head of the Church send us a gracious revival.

Seymour.—Several young persons have been led to the Friend of Sinners, and have taken Him as the guide of their youth; and some middle aged persons have chosen the good part which cannot be taken from them, and two members have died, we hope, in peace. The Chapel opened last year has been partially seated. A quarter acre of land has been secured for the erection of another frame chapel forthwith; the timber is already on the spot, the lumber purchased and the work let. Lately we have had some gracious seasons; our class and prayer meetings are better attended; our last quarterly meeting was a very good time to several. Two new places are opened, and the people at other places are saying, "Come over and help us."

Port Perry is not looking very encouraging; neither do we think it will until we have a missionary to reside among them. This mission has been worked to great disadvantage for want of pastoral care.

Mariposa.—Measured by the Bible, we are spiritually far short of what we should be, and what we wish to be. Measured by christians generally we, perhaps, compare favorably with them. A few persons have been added, and three have died in the Lord. Two chapels are in course of erection, which, we hope, will be free of debt. Many of the members are making extra efforts to raise this to the honorable position of a self-supporting Station, expecting that, when that object is achieved, God will more abundantly bless us, and make us more successful in the salvation of sinners. Lord, hasten the time. Amen.

Pickering and Scott.—About 30 have been brought to God; but these do not make up the deficiency arising from removals and other causes. Land

is purchased, and we have commenced building a Preachers' House at Brougham, and the sum of £52 10s. is subscribed towards building a Chapel in that village. *Scott Mission* is in a good state at present. At *Ortoby's*, half-an-acre of land is given for a chapel; timber is on the ground, lumber purchased, and £73 subscribed towards it.

Mitchell wears a more cheering aspect than for some years past. Peace, quietness and assurance generally prevail throughout our borders, and, with but few exceptions, brotherly love continues. The stakes of our Zion are strengthened, her cords lengthened, and the number of converts increased. Fifty-five have been brought into the fold of Christ during the year, most of whom have received the testimony of Jesus, and can set to their seal that God is true. Our Circuit and Missionary receipts are improving, and, we doubt not, in a short time the station will be self-supporting. We are preparing to build two chapels—one a brick, and the other a frame—towards the erection of which upwards of \$1,300 have been promised. Besides this more than \$200 have been given in addition to former subscriptions towards the completion of *Mitchell* chapel. These are pleasing signs of the times.

Exeter.—The protracted Services held at *Exeter*, and two other places in *Usborne*, were owned of God in the conversion of sinners, and the restoration of backsliders. We have opened one new Chapel in the 2nd Con. of *Usborne*, where considerable good has been done, and land is given on the 6th Con., where it is intended to build another chapel the coming year. Our quarterly and missionary receipts are considerably more than last year.

Clinton.—Our advance has been slow, yet some little progress has been made. After supplying the place of 11 removals, 2 deaths, and 6 dropped, we have the small increase of 9. The Societies are living in peace. Our quarterly and missionary receipts are in advance of last year, and two chapels are in course of erection.

London.—The past has not been a very successful year in the conversion of souls, though some good has been done. We have commenced preaching at two new places, and, notwithstanding the scarcity of money, we have financially improved.

Grey.—We have 11 preaching places on the plan, where we have some prospects. Last fall protracted services were held in *Ainleyville*, when some eight souls professed converting grace. Some in other parts have also professed the same and united with us. We have two classes, one in *Grey*, the other in *Morris*, and occasionally a few meet at *Bro. Hogg's*, in *Turnberry*.