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OF THE
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OF THE
MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE PEOPLE DENOMINATED
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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Question 1.—Who compose this Conference ?

Answer.—William Hooper, President of the Conference, 1866.

William R. Roach, Secretary	“ “
Cephas Barker, Superintendent of Cobourg District.	
Jesse Whitlock,	Bowmanville “
Robert Hurley,	“ Wisconsin “

REPRESENTATIVES SENT BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Thomas Cole, sent by Cobourg District Meeting.

Thomas Courtice, Bowmanville “ “

Thomas C. Pickard, Exeter “ “

PREACHERS SENT BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Paul Robins, sent by Bowmanville District Meeting.

John Hicks Eynon,	“ “ “
Thomas Green,	Exeter “ “
John Edwards,	“ “ “
John Williams,	Bowmanville “ “
Cephas Barker,	Cobourg “ “
Henry Ebbott,	“ “ “
Joseph Hoidge,	Bowmanville “ “
Jacob Gale,	“ “ “
William Woodman,	Cobourg, “ “
David Cantlon,	“ “ “
Thomas R. Hull,	Bowmanville “ “
Garrance T. Colwell,	Exeter “ “
Andrew Gordon,	Cobourg “ “
George Webber,	Exeter “ “
Edward Roberts,	“ “ “
William Jolliffe,	Bowmanville “ “
Henry J. Colwell,	“ “ “
Henry J. Nott,	“ “ “
Archibald Clarke,	Cobourg “ “
John T. Sencabaugh,	Bowmanville “ “
John Kinsey,	Exeter “ “
George Dunkley,	Bowmanville “ “
William Wade,	Exeter “ “

JOSEPH HOIDGE was elected President, **CEPHAS BARKER** Secretary, **JOHN T. SENCABAUGH** Journal Secretary, **CEPHAS BARKER** Connexional Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved.—That the very hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the brethren **William Hooper** and **William R. Roach** for their valuable services as President and Secretary of the Conference for the past year.

Q. 2.—Who remain on the list of Approved Preachers ?

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| Francis Metherell, (Superannuated) | Henry Kenner, |
| Paul Robins, | David Cantlon, |
| John Langdon, (Superannuated) | Thomas R. Hull, |
| John Hicks Eynon, do | George Bodle, |
| Abraham Morris, do | Garrance T. Colwell, |
| John Brown Tapp, do | Andrew Gordon, |
| Thomas Greene, | Isaac Ashley, |
| John Edwards, | George Webber, |
| Robert Hurley, | Edward Roberts, |
| John Chapple, | William Jolliffe, |
| John Williams, | Henry J. Colwell, |
| Cephas Barker, | Henry J. Nott, |
| William Hooper, | Archibald Clark, |
| Henry Ebbott, | Henry Newcombe, |
| Joseph Hoidge, | John T. Sencabaugh, |
| George Haycraft, (Superannuated) | John Kinsey, |
| John Watson Butcher, | George Dunkley, |
| Jacob Gale, | Samuel Jolliffe, |
| Jesse Whitlock, | William Wade, |
| William Woodman, | Michael Pett, |
| William R. Roach, | William P. Hunt. |

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connexion ?

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| Walter Ayres, | John Harris, | Richard Hicks. |
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Q. 4.—Who remain on trial ?

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| Thomas W. Glover remains on trial at his own request, | |
| Mark Browning, | Lewis W. Wickett, |
| Charles J. Pearse, | William Heysett, |

These have travelled **THREE** years.

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| Richard T. Courtice, | William Kinley. |
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- These have travelled **TWO** years.

- William C. Beer.**
He has travelled **ONE** year.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on trial ?

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| James Collins, | Robert Baker, | Alexander Richard. |
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Q. 6--What are the statistics of the Connexion?

SELF-SUSTAINING
CIRCUITS.

	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Chapels.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	On Trial.	Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scho-lars.
Cobourg.....	1	8	4			6	4	122	126	37	385
Port Hope.....	2	13	5	1	5	4	24	140	164	51	325
Towmanville.....	4	16	9		6	21	2	392	394	88	443
Hampton.....	3	28	10	1	3	38	41	362	403	105	600
Mariposa.....	3	13	10	1	5	45	33	346	379	55	371
Exeter.....	2	12	8	4	3	20	21	359	380	108	550
Rockland.....	1	4	1	4	1	46	14	109	123	20	120
Palmyra.....	1	10	2	6	2	1		71	71	34	158
Totals in Circuits.....	17	104	49	17	25	181	139	1901	2040	498	2952

MISSIONS.

Peterboro.....	2	3	4	2	2	13	6	136	142	26	160
Dummer.....	1	3	1	2	1	4		80	80	12	65
Huntingdon.....	1	7	2	8			2	118	120	19	160
Hungerford.....	1	1	2	8	2	26		114	114		
Seymour.....	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	83	85	10	60
Perrytown.....	1	3	4	2		6	2	58	60	6	24
Oshawa.....	1		1		2	3		91	91	22	120
Pickering.....	1	4	5	2		2	5	73	78	4	30
Scott.....	2	4	4	2		3		41	41	5	30
Prince Albert.....	2	10	5	3		5		102	102	40	181
Fenelon.....	1	8	1	10	2	5	16	94	110	14	45
Mitchell.....	2	13	6	3	3	25	2	333	335	47	382
Clinton.....	1	4	3	2	1	6	4	74	78	12	46
London.....	1	7	2	1	4	4	14	92	106	21	160
Dereham.....	2	6	3	3	2		13	84	97	26	100
Grey.....	1	1	2	2		1		32	32	4	35
Usborne.....	2	6	8	4	2	8	10	200	210	27	139
Colborne.....	1	1	2	3		2		100	106		
Cleveland U. S.....	1		2			4	4	66	70	10	130
Orange & Chagrin Falls, U.S.....	2	6	3	3		2		106	106	35	185
Lisbon.....	2			2		4	1	58	59	16	60
Yorkville.....	1	11	4	5		3	1	165	166	28	120
Illinois.....	1			4		9	4	25	29		
Little Prairie.....								30	30		
Charlotte Town, P. E. I.....	2	13	7	2	2		2	170	172	17	150
Vernon River.....	1		5		1			89	89	10	135
Murray Harbour & 3 Rivers.....	1	1	3	5	1	5		100	100	8	80
Ebenezer & New Bideford.....	3	10	3	13	1		2	134	136	9	82
Grand River.....	1		1	3				8	8	1	25
Totals in Missions.....	39	123	86	97	27	142	90	2856	2946	429	2704
Grand Total.....	56	227	135	114	52	323	229	4757	4986	927	5656

Q. 7--How are the Preachers stationed?

A. As follows:

Alexander Richard.

I. COBOURG DISTRICT.

- 1.—*Cobourg*—C. Barker; J. Edwards, Supernumerary.
- 2.—*Port Hope*—H. Ebbott, J. B. Tapp, Supernumerary.
- 3.—*Peterboro*—D. Cantlon.
- 4.—*Dummer*—W. Woodman.

N. B. Brother Woodman to spend every alternate Sabbath on the Peterboro Circuit.

- 5.—*Huntingdon*.—G. Bodle.
- 6.—*Hungerford*—R. T. Courtice.
- 7.—*Seymour*—A. Clarke.
- 8.—*Perrytown*—A. Gordon.

O. Barker, Superintendent of the District.

II. BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.

- 9.—*Bowmanville*—W. Jolliffe, R. Hicks; P. Robins, Book Steward; J. H. Eynon, Superannuated.

- 10.—*Hampton*—J. Hoidge, J. Collins; Columbus, J. Whitlock.

N. B. The week evening services and general pastoral duties are to be attended to on the Hampton side of the Circuit by Brother Hoidge; and on the Columbus side of the Circuit by Brother Whitlock.

- 11.—*Oshawa*—One from England. Bro. Nott will supply this station till one arrives from England.

- 12.—*Mariposa*—T. R. Hull—*Manilla*—J. Gale.

The week evening services and general pastoral duties to be attended to on the Little Britain side of the circuit by Brother Hull, and on the Manilla side of the circuit by Brother gale.

- 13.—*Pickering*—H. J. Colwell.

- 14.—*Prince Albert*—I. Williams, H. J. Nott, Supernumerary, J. Langdon, Superannuated.

- 15.—*Scott*—G. Dunkley, A. Morris, Superannuated.

- 16.—*Fenelon*—J. Harris.

J. Hoidge, Superintendent of the District.

III. EXETER DISTRICT.

- 17.—*Exeter*—W. Hooper, W. C. Beer.

- 18.—*Mitchell*—W. R. Roach, R. Baker.

- 19.—*Clinton*—G. Webber.

- 20.—*London*—E. Roberts, another.

- 21.—*Dereham and Ingersol*—T. Greene, W. Heysett.

- 22.—*Grey*—J. Kinsey.

- 23.—*Colborne*—W. Wade.

- 24.—*Usborne*—G. T. Colwell, M. Browning.

W. Hooper, Superintendent of the District.

*IV. WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

- 25.—*Palmyra*—R. Hurley.

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- 26 - *Lisbon*—S. Jolliffe.
- 27—*Yorkville*—H. Kenner.
- 28—*Illinois*—One to be sent.
- 29—*Little Prairie*—One to be sent.

Robert Hurley, Superintendent of the District.

V. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

- Charlottetown*—J. Chapple, H. Newcombe.
- Ebenezer*—J. J. Rice, F. Metherall, Superannuated.
- Vernon River*—I. Ashley.
- Murray Harbor*—J. W. Butcher.
- Grand River and Three Rivers*—R. Richard.
- New Bideford*—W. P. Hunt.

J. Chapple, Superintendent of the District.

STATIONS UNCONNECTED WITH DISTRICTS.

- Cleveland*—J. T. Sencabaugh.
- Orange and Chagrin Falls*—L. W. Wickett, C. J. Pearse.
- Rockland*—W. Ayers.
- Hamilton*—One to be sent.
- Toronto*—One to be sent.

The secretary of the Conference stands in the same relationship to these stations, as the Superintendents of Districts stand to the Stations in their respective Districts, except there being no District Meeting.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

Q. 8.—What is the Spiritual state of the Connexion ?

A.—Having heard the reports from the several Districts, we have reason to be thankful to God for the devoted piety and zeal of a goodly number of our members; and many who have been taken from us by death have died happy in the Lord. Nevertheless we deeply regret that many among us, by the too frequent neglect of the public and private means of grace, give evidence of a low state of spiritual life. This has a very discouraging influence on those who are striving to build up Zion. Brethren! Sisters! let us arise, shake ourselves from the dust, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and by a holy and unblamable life contribute to the utmost towards raising the tone of piety, and securing more general prosperity in our Zion. May the blessing of Him who dwelt in the bush rest upon all our members!

UNION SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Res. 17.—That we disapprove of what are commonly called Union Sabbath Schools, and cannot consent to any such schools being organized in our churches. We advise our friends to establish denominational Sabbath Schools in all our places of worship. In those places where Union Schools are now existent, we advise that, as soon as possible, the necessary steps be taken to render them denominational; failing of which, under and with the advice of the most judicious friends in the locality concerned, the Pastor of the circuit shall adopt that course which shall by them be deemed expedient.

OBSERVER.

Res. 19. That we express our entire satisfaction with the *Observer*, and the able manner in which it has been conducted by the Editor. And, believing its permanent establishment to be important if not indispensable to our connexional influence in this Dominion, we decide that its publication shall be continued as our Denominational paper, under the Editorship of Brother Barker, at the cost of \$1.50 per annum; and that in consideration of the expense and labor incurred in securing subscribers, each of the Itinerant Ministers connected with the Canadian Conference shall be supplied with a copy free of charge.

Q. 9.—What is the state of our religious experience?

A.—We have been greatly refreshed in our intercourse with each other and the friends generally, experiencing the truthfulness of the saying of the sweet singer of Israel: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." In relating our Christian experience a sweet melting influence was enjoyed, coming from the presence of the Lord. All spoke clearly of their acceptance with God, and some of living in the possession of perfect love. We are thankful to Almighty God for the evidence of his favor vouchsafed towards us during the past year, and now unitedly resolve in the strength of grace to devote ourselves anew to the service of God; and, aided by the Holy Spirit, to go forward in the great work of winning souls to Christ, and thus help to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. Amen.

ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

Res. 24.—That the Annual Address to the Societies, as read by the ex-President, be received and adopted; and the several pastors are requested to read the same to all the Societies in their respective stations.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Res. 34.—The accounts of this fund having been found correct by the auditors, and read, it was Resolved,—That we are pleased to find the Funds of this Society in such a healthy state. There is a large increase of receipts, and the debt is considerably reduced; and we earnestly hope that the liberality of our friends will continue to increase, so that the debt will not only be cancelled, but the Society be enabled to send men to those inviting openings that present themselves.

OUR STATISTICS.

Res. 35.—That on reviewing our statistical returns we are pleased to record that many hopeful conversions have occurred, and that 394 persons have been admitted on trial during the year. But notwithstanding this we have to report a decrease of 69 approved members of society, which decrease has arisen chiefly through the failure of the mining interest in Lake Superior and the Western States, which has necessitated the removal of upwards of 70 members from these churches. Our Sabbath Schools are in a hopeful condition, although we return 126 scholars less than last year, that decrease being accounted for by the absence of any returns from Rockland, which last year reported a large number of scholars. We earnestly desire that the coming year may be marked by greater prosperity, and a wide-spread ingathering to the Church.

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YORKVILLE CIRCUIT.

Res. 46.—Whereas a difficulty has occurred on the Yorkville Circuit in reference to the making of the circuit plan, and also the custody of the circuit book, Resolved,—That we understand our discipline to make it the duty of the Pastor of the circuit to make out the plan in accordance with the resolution of the Preachers' meeting, and it is also in accordance with the usage of the Denomination from its earliest history; nevertheless we can see no valid reason why a committee should not be appointed to assist the Pastor, provided it can be mutually agreed to. We think the discipline makes it very clear by implication that the Pastor should have the custody of the circuit book; but should any Quarterly Meeting think otherwise we recommend that the suggestion forwarded to Yorkville by the Connexional Committee be adopted, viz: That a duplicate copy of the accounts be kept by the Circuit Stewards.

ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

Res. 43.—That the Address to the English Conference, as submitted by the ex Secretary be received and adopted by this Conference, and a copy thereof forwarded to England.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION.

Res. 51.—That in reference to the amendments to our Sabbath School constitution presented from Bro. Moore of Mitchell, we resolve,—That Bro. Roach shall take back said proposed amendments with a view to Bro. Moore's perfecting them, and then to be laid before the connexional committee, and by them presented to the next conference.

PREACHERS' SALARIES.

Res. 52.—That seeing, in the arrangements for ministers' salaries, &c., provision is made in our discipline for an allowance from the Quarterly Meetings for table expenses: in view of the fact that the cost of housekeeping is largely in excess of what it was two years since, we respectfully urge upon our friends the necessity of so arranging their finance as to admit of a suitable allowance being made to all our married ministers, that the brethren may not be farther inconvenienced by the extraordinary expenditure to which they are subjected on every station.

BOOK STEWARD'S REPORT.

Res. 56.—That we receive the Book Steward's Report, and heartily thank him for the diligence he has displayed in this department of our work; and devoutly thank God for the success with which he has been favored; and further suggest to the brethren and friends generally the propriety of doing their utmost to make it a still greater success: referring the suggestions contained in his Report to the consideration of the Connexional Committee.

THANKS TO THE CONFERENCE.

Res. 57.—That the thanks of the friends in Cobourg, tendered to this Conference for holding its sessions here in 1867, be received and recorded.

THANKS TO FRIENDS.

Res. 58.—That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the friends in

Cobourg for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained us during our sessions; and that a copy of the Minutes of our proceedings be presented to these friends.

BROTHER JOHN PINCH.

Res. 13.—That whilst sincerely desirous of bowing un murmuringly to the dispensations of Providence, we sincerely tender to Brother John Pinch our hearty sympathy in his present afflicted state; and while, at his own request, we drop his name from the list of approved preachers, doing so causes a feeling to thrill through our spirits not easily defined. Yet fully reliant on the promise of our covenant-keeping God, we beg to remind him that it is written: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee, for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour." We assure him of our continued prayers for him and his, expectant that when the trials and sufferings of this mortal life are ended we shall meet beyond the river, where the inhabitants never say "They are sick," there to mingle our songs of praise with those who shall have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

THANKS TO THE MANAGER OF THE G. T. RAILWAY.

Res. 59.—That the thanks of this Conference be respectfully tendered to the Managing Director of the G. T. Railway for the special facilities afforded its members in coming to and returning from this place.

Q. 10.—Who are the Connexional, Missionary and Book Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary of Conference, the Superintendents of Districts, P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, J. Whitlock, D. Cantlon, E. Roberts, J. Vanstone, S. Vanstone, T. Clark, W. Windatt. C. Barker, Secretary of the Connexional, Committee, and Corresponding Secretary. D. Cantlon, Secretary of the Missionary Society.

E. Roberts is the Secretary of the Contingent, Preachers', Beneficent, and Childrens' Funds. H. Ebbot, Secretary of the Jubilee Fund. J. H. Eynon is the General Treasurer.

Q. 11.—Who are the Stationing Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendents and Representatives of Districts. P. Robins, and the Secretary of the Missionary Society.

The first meeting of the Connexional Committee to be held in Bowmanville, on the last Wednesday in August, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1868.

The next Annual District Meetings to be held at Port Hope, for the Cobourg District; at Columbus, for the Bowmanville District; at Clinton, for the Exeter District; and at Lisbon for the Palmyra District.

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

A.—At Mitchell, on the first Thursday in June, 1868, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

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Committees preparatory thereto to meet as follows: The Connexional, Missionary and Book Committees on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

N. B.—The Secretaries of the several Funds must have their reports ready to lay before these Committees.

The Stationing Committee to meet the same day at 4 o'clock.

The Examining Committee—the President, W. Hooper, and G. Webber—the preceding Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

S. Vanstone, Esq., and H. Elliott, jr., Esq., are the Auditors of the Book Concern.

CHILDREN'S PROPORTION.

Res. 62.—That the charge to the circuits for Preachers' children be the same as last year.

GRANTS TO MISSIONS.

Res. 63.—That the following grants be made to the Mission Circuits, for the year ending May 10th, 1868:

Peterboro'—all their Missionary money.	
Dummer— do do	and \$25
An additional grant for furniture	25
Huntingdon—All their Missionary money and	50
Hungerford— do do	
Seymour— do do	and 40
An additional grant for furniture	40
Perrytown—All their Missionary money and	75
Oshawa—Left with the Connexional Committee.	
Pickering—All their Missionary money and	30
Scott— do do	and 120
Prince Albert do do	
Fenelon— do do	and 100
Mitchell—\$60 from their Missionary receipts.	
Clinton—Their Missionary receipts and	56
An additional grant for furniture,	44
Grey—Left open.	
Dereham & Ingersoll—Their Missionary money and	200
Usborne— do do	
London— do do	
If a young man be sent,	100
Colborne—All their Missionary money.	
Lisbon— do do	
Yorkville— do do	
Rockland—Left open.	
Prince Edward Island District, \$200, Island currency.	

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

J. HOIDGE, *President.*

C. BARKER, *Secretary.*

AN ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

Dearly beloved in the Lord, the rolling tide of time has borne us through another ecclesiastical year. All its cares, toils, pains and pleasures are past until reviewed in the *Day of Judgment*. The faithful records of Divine omniscience concerning us cannot be changed: if the leaf of life has been blotted by wilful sin, or left a mere blank through supineness, so it must remain: nevertheless we may so reflect on the past as to bestir our minds to a more diligent improvement of the future. In accordance with a time-honoured custom, we send you an address from our annual Conference. Engaged, as most of us are through the whole year, in instructing and exhorting you from the pulpit, in the class room, and in your families, it may be thought superfluous to approach you in this form. It is, however, but once in the year that the whole denomination is represented in one assembly: and the full and minute reports of our entire Zion, which are now before us, place us in a favourable situation to judge of its condition: this, together with the deep interest we feel in your individual welfare, not only, we think, justify the publication of this address, but present a strong reason why you should carefully read, and seriously ponder it. We are thankful to report, that whilst several of our ministers have been afflicted so as to be only partially engaged in their proper work of preaching and teaching publicly and from house to house, none have been removed by death. This, however, cannot be said of our members: quite a number of them have finished their course, yes, and God be thanked, finished it with joy. You have no doubt read with mingled feelings notices of the departure of some of them, in the *Observer*.

We congratulate you upon the fact that on an examination of our financial returns we find an encouraging increase of receipts, both at our quarterly boards, and also for missionary purposes. The Conference would express its high appreciation of the noble spirit of christian liberality which is so manifest in many of our members, and some of our churches, but we cannot conceal the fact that this picture has its dark as well as bright side. If all would come willingly to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty, we should hear no more about church debts, or circuit debts, or debts on missionary societies. All would vanish like the morning cloud or the early dew. Are there not those among us whose contributions to the cause of God stand in a most rebuking contrast with the munificent dealings of Providence toward them? Were all to follow their blind and selfish course, there would be no more churches built, no more ministers employed, no more sabbath schools organized, no more Missionaries sent to the heathen; in a word, the whole machinery of religious institutions would be stopped, and the cause of God banished from the world, unless sustained by miracle, which is not in harmony with Jehovah's arrangements. From the various parts of our fields of labour we have the encouraging report that souls have been won to Jesus: the word has not been preached in vain; the precious seed of the kingdom has fallen into good ground; the church also has been built up, and many that were on trial for membership a year ago have been admitted to full membership, and appear to be established in the Lord. But in the aggregate we cannot report that success in numbers which we desire, and which we believe we should have realized had we been all so devoted to Christ and his work as we might have been.

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We have the evidence that many of the Churches have increased in spiritual life: but there has been a rising and falling in Israel. While some have become more like Christ, and have been led into nearer and sweeter fellowship with him; others, we regret to say, have become cold, careless, worldly, have left the communion of the church, and we fear are of those who draw back to perdition, rather than of those that believe to the saving of the soul. As watchmen on the walls of Zion we see much to cheer and much to cause grief. As a denomination we believe we are second to none, either in sound doctrine, wholesome discipline, pure morality or spiritual life. We must not however compare ourselves with other churches, but with the word of God. Looking at ourselves in this light we are fully persuaded, that we may become a far greater power for good; we may in every sense occupy a higher position. We want to be nearer God; to have more power with him, that we may have more power with men. Our success depends on the power and presence of God. God the Holy Ghost must dwell in our bodies and souls, and in our churches. If we do not enjoy the constant presence of God in our religious assemblies; if the word preached is not the instrument of conviction and conversion; if the cloud of glory does not overshadow the congregations of His people; what is the cause? Where is the hindrance? "Oh, that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Are not the following among the reasons why we have such limited displays of Divine power; and so comparatively few conversions:—

1. *A fault-finding spirit.* There are too many in our churches who do very little in any way to promote the work of God, but are constantly finding fault with others. Ministers, members, class leaders, S. S. superintendents, teachers and all, come in for a share of animadversion from the fault-finder. He can readily tell you the reason why the cause does not prosper more: "The Preachers get too much salary, and preach for money: they should preach oftener and visit more. The class meetings are appointed at the wrong time, and wrong persons are appointed to lead. Sabbath Schools are of little good, for want of being better conducted. The pews in our churches are rented, and collections are made by far too often." These and kindred things are reasons in such a mind why the work does not prosper more. These habitual fault-finders should repent and reform, or leave the Church, for they are its greatest curses, and hindrances to prosperity. If their hearts and hands were as active for good, as their tongues for mischief, we might heartily pray for an increase of their numbers.

2. *The want of family discipline.* Is it not an alarming fact that church members allow their children to run with others irrespective of character. How could a christian parent consistently ask God to convert and save his son, when he is allowed to spend hours every evening in the streets or elsewhere with a group of wicked youths, who swear, fight, lie, steal, smoke and chew tobacco; hang around groceries and grogeries; engage in all kinds of wicked and mischievous sports, and use every variety of vulgar slang? or a daughter to mix freely with the gay and ungodly daughters of mirth, fashion, and folly? They are not at home at the time of family prayer, they come home late, perhaps without reproof, hurry to bed without the salutary influence of family devotion, and perhaps rise too late to attend to it in the morning.

But whilst some have family prayer, with most of the junior members absent, others, it is to be feared, have no regular family prayer at all. Shall our sons and daughters be foremost in vice, folly, and fashion? God forbid. Let us then see to it that we have better family discipline and more family religion. If Satan can secure all our children to his service, he may be content to let us pass off the stage of life with our present amount of religion, which can do his kingdom no lasting damage. We would urge upon you the importance of keeping up family prayer twice a day, with every member of the family present if possible, servants as well as children.

3. Irregularity in attending the means of grace. Why should we not be as regular to the house of God as to our workshops, fields, barns, counting houses, stores, &c., &c. Did we ever see a tradesman, farmer, or merchant prosper in his business who did not constantly apply himself to it? What would we think of a merchant with his store closed two or three days in a week, or several hours every day? How then can we expect a Christian to grow strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, who, instead of attending once a week to his class meeting, Prayer meeting and Preaching service, is there only once a month? Again, this allowing little things, such as a slight indisposition of body, the call of a friend, or some little extra worldly business to keep us from the house of God, tends to impoverish our spirits, discourage others, and dishonor God. Too many give the Lord only the world's leavings. They manifest a remarkable zeal in going to church on a wet evening, when they could not work on the farm: or in leaving the store when no customer was expected to call, &c., but these offerings are too much like those of the apostate Jewish Church—halt, blind and lame. In this particular we need more enlightened faith in God, and more self-denial. The marvel is not that many among us do not grow in grace, but rather that they live at all, if live they do.

4. Conformity to the world. There is no point of christian duty on which the Bible is more outspoken than this: and perhaps the Church has no weaker point of assault. The history of the *Old Testament Church* is pregnant with warnings touching this separation from the world. Our Divine Teacher has said: "Ye are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil." "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, saith the Lord," &c. We are not, it may be, in so much danger of the grosser vices of the world, as of her more attractive pleasures, commonly styled "innocent amusements," but these are but a stepping stone to the other. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

5. An eager thirst for gain: an adding of house to house, and field to field, &c. Not that we speak to discourage honest industry, and stirring enterprise in secular affairs, but rather to check that all-absorbing desire for the things of this world, which leaves no room for God in our thoughts or religious duties in daily life; that destroys family peace, empties sanctuaries, weakens the Church, and ruins souls. Sons and daughters of Zion, let us awake!—awake no more to sleep. The world seems to be waiting for a *united, living Church*. The pro-

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missions of God encourage us to live and look for a better state of things. "For the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord: joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." What, dear friends, will be the coming year with us as a denomination? It is for you to say, "As thy faith is so shall it be done unto thee." In conclusion, let each turn his thoughts inward; let him say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Let each seek personal holiness—entire sanctification; not cavil and quibble about it, but seek it, get it, keep it, grow in it. "Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." God speaks, let us hear him: "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the Holy City." "Shake thyself from the dust: arise and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference.

JOSEPH HOIDGE, *President.*

CEPHAS BARKER, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Through the tender mercies, preserving care, and sustaining grace of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted once more to assemble in our annual Conference; and we feel it to be a source of no small joy that we are again privileged to unite in sending you our Christian salutations: thereby evidencing our oneness with you in heart and soul; feeling and desire; aim and purpose; zeal and piety; sacrifice and effort; to glorify our common Saviour's name, in fulfilling the great, sublime, and glorious purpose of our Denominational existence,—in the diffusion of light, propagation of Christian principles, the salvation of souls, the conversion of the world, and the glory of God. With mingled feelings of praise and gratitude to the great Head of the Church, we record the many mercies which have been vouchsafed to us during the past ecclesiastical year; the lives of all the brethren have been graciously preserved; though some of them have been called to pass through severe personal and family afflictions; but in the time of trial, they have been succoured and upheld by the consoling power of the love of Christ. Several of the brethren who received their appointments last Conference, and repaired to their respective fields of labor with cheerful hearts, hopeful spirits, and most sanguine expectations, have been so afflicted that it has been with great difficulty they have remained in the field during the year; and their health is at present in such a precarious state that they must be allowed to rest for some time, if ever they resume their ministerial work: with humble submission we yield to the will of Him

whose we are and whom we serve. These afflictions, and the unceasing infirmities of a few of the aged brethren, renders it impossible to supply the present stations, not to speak of responding to the *repeated* invitations to enter new and promising fields of labor, in cities and towns, and rural districts. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." How many of the younger brethren in the ministry among you, who are filled with the missionary spirit, are willing to respond to the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." How many from a divine impulse, burning zeal, quenchless love, holy ardor, and self-sacrificing spirit, are prompted to say, "Here am I, send me." We tender you our sincere and hearty thanks for the brethren you have sent to us since our last Conference, but we want many more such men, men of piety, acceptable abilities, and connexional attachment, and will cheerfully send the means to meet the expenses that may be incurred in coming hither. May the Lord fill the hearts of some of the brethren with such a missionary spirit that they may be constrained to offer themselves for this promising field of labor. It gives us much pleasure to hear of the successes in England, Australia, and Queensland; we rejoice in the triumphs achieved at home and abroad, and earnestly pray that still greater prosperity may characterize our Connexion. It produced in us great sorrow of heart, and caused our eyes to overflow with tears, to learn through your last official address that so many of the brethren had been tried in the furnace of affliction. We deeply sympathize with every afflicted man in your Conference, and fervently pray that the will of the Lord may be done, and his purpose accomplished thereby; we share in your sorrows, rejoice in your triumphs, sympathize with you in your distresses, and glorify God in your deliverances, and hereby assure you that our oneness of heart and soul, and feeling to all the brethren, both old and young, throughout the jurisdiction of your Conference, is firm and increasing: may it still abound until we meet in heaven, and join in songs of praise and thanksgiving and triumph to him who hath redeemed us with his blood.

While our ministerial staff has been weakened by the resignation of Brother Pinch, through affliction, who has labored with us with acceptance and success; the increasing infirmities of our long-tried and esteemed Bro. Edwards, who is not equal to full labor; and others whose names have been dropped from the list, it is gratifying to us and will be to you, that three young men have been received as candidates for the ministry, and four who have fulfilled their term of probation, and who have been cordially recommended by their respective Quarterly and District Meetings as suitable young men to be received into full Connexion, and having passed through a satisfactory examination before the Conference, have been unanimously and heartily received as approved ministers of Jesus Christ.

Financially, the Connexion never presented a more healthy appearance; our Missionary and quarterly receipts are far in advance of last year. Numerically there is a small decrease in members; this we deeply deplore, and it is a subject that has caused much pain of mind, and heart searchings, that after all the efforts that have been put forth we have to report a small decrease. We lament that a deeper tone of piety does not characterize us as ministers and people; we fully believe that this is the great want too visible among Preachers and people throughout our Conference. May the Lord richly imbue us with the

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blest influence of the Holy Spirit, and lead us forth in the pursuit of richer, more frequent, and overpowering baptisms from on high, and thus prepare us for more extensive usefulness. You will be pleased to learn that our Book store, under the judicious management of Bro. P. Robins, is progressing favourably. Our Connexional organ, edited by our esteemed Bro. C. Barker, promises to be a complete success, and we doubt not but it will be rendered a great blessing to our societies and congregations: we have long felt the need of such a journal, and although it has only been started for a few months; it has more than paid its way. The present Conference has been distinguished by a gracious influence, the brethren have taken a lively interest in the various subjects brought before them. There has been great freedom in discussion with amity and affection of Spirit. Some of the religious services have been marked by a very blessed influence. It has been one of the most pleasant and interesting Conferences we have ever had; and we separate to our various fields of toil expectant of great success. Fathers and brethren pray for us.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

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Ayers, Walter.....	1863	Rockland, U. S.....	1
Baker, Robert.....	1867	Mitchell.....	1
Barker, Cephas.....	1838	Cobourg.....	3
Beer, William C.....	1866	Exeter.....	1
Bodle, George.....	1856	Huntingdon.....	1
Browning, Mark.....	1864	Usborne.....	1
Butcher, John W.....	1843	Murray Harbor, P. E. I.....	4
Cantlon, David.....	1855	Peterboro'.....	3
Chapple, John.....	1834	Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	3
Clarke, Archibald.....	1860	Seymour.....	1
Collins, James.....	1867	Hampton.....	1
Colwell, Garrance T.....	1852	Usborne.....	2
Colwell, Henry J.....	1859	Pickering.....	2
Courtice, Richard T.....	1865	Hungerford.....	1
Dunkley, George.....	1862	Scott.....	1
Ebbott, Henry.....	1841	Port Hope.....	2
Edwards, John.....	1831	Cobourg.....	1
Eynon, J. H.....	1826	Superannuated.....	8
Gale, Jacob.....	1843	Mariposa.....	2
Glover, T. W.....	1866	Supernumerary.....	1
Gordon, Andrew.....	1856	Perrytown.....	3
Greene, Thomas.....	1829	Dereham and Ingersol.....	2
Harris, John.....	1863	Fenelon.....	1
Hayeraft, George.....	1841	Superannuated.....	10
Heysett, William.....	1864	Dereham and Ingersol.....	2
Hicks, Richard.....	1863	Bowmanville.....	1
Hoidge, Joseph.....	1841	Hampton.....	3
Hooper, William.....	1840	Exeter.....	2
Hull, Thomas R.....	1855	Mariposa.....	3
Hunt, William P.....	1862	New Bideford, P. E. I.....	1
Hunley, Robert.....	1834	Palmyra, U. S.....	3
Jolliffe, William.....	1858	Bowmanville.....	2
Jolliffe, Samuel.....	1862	Lisbon, U. S.....	2
Kenner, Henry.....	1855	Yorkville, U. S.....	2
Kinley, William.....	1865		
Kinsey, John.....	1862	Grey.....	2
Langdon, John.....	1825	Superannuated.....	21
Metherall, Francis.....	1822	Superannuated.....	9
Morris, Abraham.....	1827	Superannuated.....	7
Newcombe, Henry.....	1860	Charlottetown.....	2
Nott, Henry J.....	1859	Supernumerary.....	2
Pearse, Charles J.....	1864	Orange & Chagrin Falls, U.S.....	1
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- Port Hope*,—Port Hope P. O.
- Peterboro'*,—Peterboro' P. O.
- Dummer*,—Warsaw P. O.
- Huntingdon*,—Ivanhoe P. O.
- Hungerford*,—Tweed P. O.
- Seymour*,—Campbellford P. O.
- Perrytown*,—Perrytown P. O.
- Bowmanville*,—Bowmanville P. O.; 2nd Preacher, Orono P. O.
- Hampton*,—Hampton P. O.; 2nd Preacher, Columbus P. O.
- Oshawa*,—Oshawa P. O.
- Mariposa*,—Little Britain P. O.; 2nd Preacher, Manilla P. O.
- Pickering*,—Duffin's Creek P. O.
- Prince Albert*,—Prince Albert P. O.
- Scott*,—Uxbridge P. O.
- Fenelon*,—Fenelon Falls P. O.
- Exeter*,—Exeter P. O.
- Mitchell*,—Mitchell P. O.
- Clinton*,—Clinton P. O.
- Colborne*,—Benmiller P. O.
- London*,—London P. O.
- Dereham & Ingersol*,—Ingersol P. O.
- Usborne*,—Winchelsea P. O.

UNITED STATES.

- Cleveland*,—Cleveland, Ohio, U. S.
- Orange & Chagrin Falls*,—Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.
- Palmyra*,—Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, U. S.
- Lisbon*,—Sussex, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, U. S.
- Yorkville*,—Yorkville, Racine County, Wisconsin, U. S.
- Rockland*,—Rockland, Ontonagon County, Michigan, U. S.

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- Charlottetown*—Charlottetown, P. E. I.
- Ebenezer*—Kinley's Office, Lot 7, P. E. I.
- Vernon River*—Vernon River Bridge P. O., P. E. I.
- Murray Harbor*—Murray Harbor South, P. E. I.
- Grand River and Three Rivers*—Montague Bridge P. O., P. E. I.
- New Bideford*—New Bideford, Lot 13, P. E. I.

