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OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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According to appointment of the Conference held at Brampton, the Conference assembled in John Street Chapel, Hamilton, and after devotional exercises, conducted by the ex-President, proceeded to the transaction of business.

JAMES EDGAR, *President.*

J. R. SWIFT, *Secretary.*

Question 1—Who compose the present Conference?

*Answer—*Robert Boyle, *General Com. Delegate;*
John Davison, *Missionary Secretary;*
Robert Walker, *General Treasurer;*
Thomas Dudley, *Friendly Society Agent:*

TORONTO—John Natrass, John Garner, Joseph Markham, William Daniels, George Flint, Isaac Middleton, Charles Maginn, Joseph Lee, John Middleton.

BRAMPTON—William Rowe, Thomas Foster, Robert Cade, Isaac Modeland, Thomas Cook, Francis Sleightholme, Frederick Lill, Matthew Grey, L. Walker.

HAMILTON—John Lacey, J. R. Swift, Joseph Lawson, Charles Cousins, Humphrey Arthurs:

GUELPH—Thomas Adams, Timothy Natrass, William Sturtridge, Samuel Auger, William Graham, Joseph Ryan.

LONDON—Thomas Crompton, Richard Paul, George Ward, John Curtis, William Wade, Michael Fisher.

KINGSTON—James Edgar, William Cook, Henry Dougan, John Baker, William Chapman, William Mutton.

Q. 2—*What Ministers are recommended for the Annual List?*

A.—William Herridge, James Cheetham, Matthew Henry Moody, Matthew Henry Matthews.

Q. 3—*What Ministers are on trial?*

A.—Samuel Pickard Lacey and Wm. Shakel Hughan, who have travelled three years; John Goodman, Abraham Heyworth, George F. Lee, William Pyke, and William Monkman, who have travelled two years.

Q. 4—*What Ministers are received on Pledge?*

A.—Edward Lawton, William Edward Cooper, Walter Reid, Job Roadhouse, William Codville, James Ogilvie, George Haigh.

Q. 5—*How are the Ministers stationed for the ensuing year?*

TORONTO DISTRICT.

JOHN DAVISON, Editor, Book Steward and General Missionary Secretary, Mission-office, Toronto.

Toronto—Robert Boyle, George Haigh.

Markham—John Natrass, William Monkman.

Bowmanville—William Herridge, Walter Read.

Scarboro'—John Garner.

Reach—Joseph Markham, Job Roadhouse.

Pickering Branch—George F. Lee.

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Brampton—Robert Cade, Henry Steel Matthews.

Etobicoke—William Rowe, James D. Ogilvie.

W. Lyle and W. Jolley, *Supernumeraries.*

Albion—William Lomas; one to be obtained.

Laskay—Thomas Dudley, William Cooper.

Orangeville—James Smith, Richard Hassard.

Osprey—Robert Stephenson.
Collingwood—Matthew H. Matthews.
 The Osprey and Collingwood Ministers to change occasionally.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton—James Cheetham.
Walpole—John Lacey.
Brantford—William S. Hughan.
Paris—Abraham Heyworth.
Grand River—John Goodman.
Walsingham—Edward Lawton.
Blenheim—William Bee.

The Brantford and Paris Ministers to change occasionally.

GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph—Timothy Natrass.
Galt—Thomas Adams.
Peel & Wellesley—Jonathan Milner, Wm. Codville.
 John Towler, *Supernumerary*.
Brant—Thomas Foster.
Minto—William Cook.
Kincardine—John D. Gilbert.

Bro. Foster, of Brant, to have the oversight of Kincardine.

LONDON DISTRICT.

London—Thomas Crompton.
Bosanquet—Samuel P. Lacey, John Nichol.
Mac Gillivray—James Clarke.
Stratford—J. R. Swift, Richard Auger; one to be
Plympton—George Watson. [obtained].
Chatham—Isaac Ryder.
Caradoc—James S. Boyes.
Stanley—Matthew H. Moody.
Jubilee Mission—Richard Paul.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Kingston—George Wood.
Poriland—James Edgar, William Pyke.
Napanee—William Newton, Thomas Phipps.
Collingsby—Charles Roffie.
Piccadilly—One to be obtained.

A TABULAR VIEW OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA WEST,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 20th, 1862.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.			Increase.	Decrease.	Received from other St. tions.	From Abroad.	Deaths.	Fallen, &c.	Removals.	Left the Connexion.	Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Connexional Chap- ls.	Other Preach- ing Places.	Parsonages.	S chools	Teachers.	Scholars.	CONFERENCE FUND.	RELIEF FUND.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	MISSION FUND.	ORDINARY ANNUAL INCOME.	
	Approved.	On Trial.	Total.																							
Toronto	181	27	208	8	...	1	..	2	3	15	6	1	13	12	3	1	..	3	75	359	\$9 05	\$9 05	\$100 00	\$442 20	\$892 12	
Markham	180	80	260	50	...	...	..	1	11	26	...	2	18	11	6	4	..	5	45	275	9 00	9 00	75 00	250 00	681 00
Bowmanville	187	28	215	8	2	1	3	18	13	2	15	8	5	3	..	4	36	195	9 35	9 35	43 00	160 00	503 05
Scarboro'	93	28	121	2	...	...	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reach	210	22	232	20	...	...	..	1	32	32	...	2	5	9	6	3	1	6	40	350	10 50	10 50	45 00	174 00	523 27
Pickering Branch	75	34	109	27	...	...	..	1	10	10	...	1	4	5	3	5	..	1	9	30	3 75	3 75	..	83 00	139 00
Brampton	202	95	297	18	...	3	..	6	19	36	2	2	12	12	6	7	..	2	22	228	10 10	10 10	75 00	269 00	852 02	
Etobicoke	352	56	408	50	...	4	..	3	20	34	6	2	18	12	14	2	1	8	64	382	17 60	17 60	75 00	415 99	770 70	
Albion	267	49	316	1	...	2	..	42	39	1	2	2	15	11	8	7	1	3	17	120	13 35	13 35	53 00	220 00	479 61	
Laskay	236	34	270	40	...	...	..	1	8	14	9	1	17	12	6	9	1	3	22	125	11 80	11 80	48 00	268 90	589 19
Orangeville	113	11	124	..	21	...	..	3	15	18	1	1	10	5	4	3	..	3	20	142	5 65	5 65	4 34	80 80	177 70
Osprey	94	11	105	3	...	2	..	1	6	2	3	1	10	6	1	14	..	1	8	50	4 70	4 70	4 19	46 08	89 06	
Hamilton	54	10	64	13	...	...	..	1	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	..	1	1	9	58	2 70	2 70	20 00	79 94	291 07
Walpole	75	1	76	...	3	...	..	4	3	2	1	1	3	6	2	5	1	..	..	..	3 75	3 75	13 74	64 80	198 97
Blenheim	61	3	64	...	11	...	..	9	5	..	..	..	3	5	4	3	..	2	8	60	3 05	3 05	3 25	36 20	125 29
Brantford & Paris	133	12	145	...	7	3	..	1	7	28	15	2	7	10	4	4	..	3	12	74	6 65	6 65	6 44	135 34	256 01	
Grand River	144	7	151	15	...	2	2	4	9	11	1	1	7	5	3	6	..	3	27	120	7 20	7 20	9 55	113 25	167 11	
Walsingham	40	14	54	...	...	...	..	4	3	..	..	..	5	3	1	6	1	..	..	..	2 00	2 00	4 50	40 74	105 96
Guelph	60	17	77	...	8	...	..	3	12	3	1	1	4	4	3	4	..	1	8	45	3 00	3 00	8 05	109 36	198 68
Galt	24	6	30	2	...	1	..	10	3	...	1	1	1	1	1	3	..	1	12	72	1 20	1 20	4 50	63 25	109 65	
Peel & Wellesley	165	32	197	20	...	...	..	3	46	18	2	2	12	11	5	7	1	2	25	130	...	...	14 91	185 00	277 66
Brant	55	15	70	14	...	4	..	6	2	..	1	1	3	5	1	8	1	..	..	..	2 75	2 75	2 50	47 79	61 50
Minto	58	36	94	30	...	6	..	12	1	6	1	1	3	8	1	8	..	2	15	90	2 90	2 90	2 88	65 00	55 69	
London	58	6	64	...	11	4	..	10	10	3	1	1	4	4	1	2	..	1	10	40	2 90	2 90	5 82	107 96	119 58	
Bosanquet	114	27	141	15	...	1	..	11	9	6	2	2	6	8	4	8	1	3	18	75	5 70	5 70	4 21	82 36	242 48	
MacGillivray	82	23	105	...	15	2	..	23	8	7	..	..	6	7	3	6	..	1	6	30	4 10	4 10	3 66	56 08	150 45
Stratford	65	24	89	22	...	1	..	1	23	1	1	2	2	5	1	10	..	1	6	30	3 25	3 25	12 92	158 30	157 78	
Plympton	43	5	48	2	...	...	..	1	5	7	...	1	4	4	...	9	..	1	5	20	2 15	2 15	1 50	62 16	64 63
Chatham	29	9	38	15	...	...	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	1 45	1 45	4 04	15 42	45 45
Caradoc	52	10	62	4	...	3	..	1	5	6	..	1	2	1	..	8	1	2	10	60	2 60	2 60	1 10	27 14	91 00	
Stanley	20	14	34	34	...	24	..	1	5	7	...	1	3	...	6	..	1	5	30	1 00	1 00	..	50 00	83 00		
Jubilee	15	15	30	30	...	...	..	..	1	...	1	1	4	6	...	7	..	..	..	..	0 75	0 75	..	..	19 91
Kingston	29	1	30	1	...	...	..	1	..	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1 45	1 45	6 90	53 80	128 61
Portland	198	80	278	50	...	...	..	2	15	14	..	2	12	11	5	8	1	..	..	..	9 90	9 90	14 32	150 00	250 08
Collingsby	72	20	92	24	...	...	..	..	17	2	...	1	3	4	1	6	..	1	10	50	3 60	3 60	8 33	84 87	201 81
Napance	142	2	142	9	...	...	..	2	20	10	...	1	4	8	1	11	..	..	..	..	7 10	7 10	6 08	74 09	168 74
Total in 1862	3978	864	4842	527	76	63	4	43	286	427	97	47	25	36	112	200	13	69	569	3255	190 65	190 65	733 73	4425 82	9643-58	
Total in 1861	3827	605	4432	281	123	39	3	27	349	398	117	41	24	44	98	182	10	69	540	3450	171 15	171 15	675 62	3633 80	8539 21	
Increase	151	259	410	246	...	24	1	16	...	29	...	6	22	14	18	3	..	29	...	...	19 50	19 50	68 11	782 02	1104 37

Q. 6—*What are the Statistics for the present year?*
(See Statistical Table on the preceding pages.)

Q. 7—*Who compose the Committees?*

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, Thos. Adams, T. Crompton, Wm. Rowe, John Garner, Robert Cade, John Natrass, Wm. Marshall, Thos. Cook, Joseph Markham, Thos. Dudley, John Lacey, Robert Walker, Alfred Thurlow, Joseph Lawson, C. D. Maginn, Timothy Natrass, Richard Paul, Wm. Wade, John Thomas, Geo. Wood, John Baker, Henry Dougan, L. W. Purdy, W. Newton, Robert Boyle, Wm. Bee, Wm. Herridge, J. Milner, J. Ryan, Wm. Sturtridge, W. Lomas, Francis Sleightholme, and John Davison, *Secretary*.

Meetings to be held in the basement of Alice-street Church, Toronto, at one o'clock on the second Thursday in July, October, January, and the day before next Conference. Members of the Committee to inform the Secretary a *week previous* of their intention to attend, that provision may be made for them in the City.

GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

This Committee is the same as the General Committee, and its meetings held at the same time and place. All the Missionaries are required to send in their quarterly reports to the Secretary, at the Mission Office, Toronto, at least one week before the time of holding the quarterly meetings

of the Committtee. Accounts cannot be adjusted unless the Missionaries attend to this regulation.

N.B.—All official business letters will be post-paid from the Mission Office, except remittance letters; and all Ministers on Stations must PRE-PAY their official letters to the Secretary, and they will be allowed payment at Conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, Robert Boyle, John Natrass, John Garner, Wm. Rowe, Robert Walker, Joseph Lawson, Wm. Marshall, and John Davison, *Secretary*.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Toronto—Robert Boyle, John Garner, Robert Walker, John Davison.

Brampton—Robert Cade, Wm. Rowe, L. Walker, W. Marshall.

Hamilton—J. Cheetham, J. Lawson, H. Arthur.
Guelph—Thomas Adams, T. Natrass, J. Milner, J. Ryan.

London—T. Crompton, W. Wade, W. Trebilcock, G. Walker.

Kingston—G. Wood, J. Edgar, L. W. Purdy, J. Baker, H. Dougan.

The first named person in each District to be Secretary.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

The preparatory Committee, to arrange the business for the next Conference, consists of the President and Secretary, with the General Committee Delegates to the ensuing Conference.

Q. 8—When and where shall the next Annual Conference be held?

A.—In Toronto, on the second Friday in April, 1863, at nine o'clock a.m.

Q. 9—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held, and who shall attend as General Committee Delegates?

Toronto—At Bowmanville; Robt. Boyle, G.C.D.

Brampton—Salem, Albion; Wm. Lomas, G.C.D.

Hamilton—Selkirk; William Bee, G.C.D.

Guelph—Bethel, Peel; J. Milner, G.C.D.

London—Fullerton; Richard Paul, G.C.D.

Kingston—Kingston; William Newton, G.C.D.

Each Meeting to commence on the first Wednesday in April, 1863, at nine o'clock a.m.

Q. 10—Who are appointed Members of the District Boards of Examiners for the ensuing year?

Toronto—J. Natrass, John Garner, R. Boyle, J. Markham.

Brampton—Wm. Rowe, Wm. Lomas, J. Smith, T. Dudley.

Hamilton—J. Cheetham, J. Lacey, W. Bee.

Guelph—T. Adams, T. Natrass, J. Milner.

London—T. Crompton, R. Paul, J. R. Swift.

Kingston—James Edgar and George Wood.

The first person named is Secretary, who shall correspond with his Colleagues and the Candidates for Examination.

Q. 11—*Who are members of the next Conference?*

A.—Jas. Edgar, General Committee Delegate ; John Davison, Missionary Secretary ; Robert Walker, General Treasurer ; William Rowe, Friendly Society Agent.

Q. 12—*What are the further regulations of the Conference?*

1. That the balance *due* from Peel and Wellesley Mission to the Conference and Relief Funds be sent to the General Secretary.

2. Also the balance due from the Napanee Station be sent forthwith, according to rule.

3. That the request of Orangeville Mission for a second Missionary be granted, provided the *guaranteed* support of half the salary, board, and horse-keep, be forthcoming.

4. That Osprey Mission be divided, in the manner it proposes, and an additional Missionary be appointed on the Collingwood side.

5. That Brant Mission be divided, and a fresh Missionary be appointed for the Kincardine side.

6. That an additional Missionary be stationed on the Stratford Mission, on the ground of increased openings ; and that the consideration of an additional Missionary for the Jubilee Mission be postponed until the October General Committee Meeting.

7. That an additional Missionary be appointed to Napanee Mission, on the ground of increased openings.

8. That an additional Missionary be appointed to PICCADILLY, a *part* of the Portland Mission.

9. That the Reports presented by the Secretary of the proceedings of the General, Missionary, and Executive Committees, and of the Church Funds, be accepted.

10. That the Reports of the Examiners of Candidates for the Ministry in the different Districts be received.

11. That a List of Questions be prepared on the works to be studied by young men on *each* year of probation. The Committee to prepare those questions be Messrs. Crompton, Boyle, Edgar, Rowe, and Natrass.

CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.

12. That all the brethren in the Ministry be requested to write for the columns of the Christian Journal; and the Editors arrange with certain brethren for articles on special subjects of interest.

13. That Brother Thomas Adams be at liberty to beg on behalf of Brantford Chapel; and that his Mission be supplied during the period of his engagement with a supply.

MISSIONARY GRANTS.

14. The following is the scale of yearly grants to Mission Stations, made by Conference :

Kingston	\$280 00	Brant	\$260 00
Collingsby	120 00	MacGillivray	60 00
Portland	250 00	Bosanquet	160 00
Napanee	280 00	Walsingham	190 00
Osprey	100 00	Walpole	200 00
Galt	250 00	Grand River	100 00
Blenheim	220 00	Minto	280 00
Guelph	230 00	Stratford	340 00
Orangeville	280 00	Plympton	250 00
Peel and Wellesley ..	190 00	Chatham	200 00
Brantford	240 00	Jubilee	300 00
London	300 00	Paris	180 00
Caradoc	130 00	Collingwood	120 00
Stanley (house to be found) \$100 until married : if married	280 00	Kincardine	180 00
		Hichinbrook	100 00

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CHILDREN'S FUND.

15. The following is the scale of contributions to be paid by the Stations, and confirmed by the Conference :

Toronto	\$105 00	Walsingham	27 00
Etobicoke	80 00	Brant	20 00
Markham	80 00	London	30 00
Darlington	46 00	Caradoc	22 00
Albion	55 00	MacGillivray	30 00
Scarboro	54 00	Stanley	15 00
Laskay	50 00	Bosanquet	32 00
Reach	47 00	Plympton	17 00
Brampton	80 00	Chatham	15 00
Hamilton	22 00	Brantford	27 00
Kingston	25 00	Guelph	45 00
Portland	60 00	Galt	25 00
Napanee	40 00	Blenheim	32 00
Collingsby	28 00	Minto	22 00
Orangeville	33 00	Stratford	25 00
Peel and Wellesley ..	45 00	Paris	27 00
Osprey	20 00	Collingwood	15 00
Walpole	33 00	Kincardine	15 00
Grand River	35 00	Jubilee	15 00

TEMPERANCE.

16. That the following questions be asked by all Quarterly Meetings, in addition to those on the schedules prepared for District Meetings and Conference:—"Do the Officials use intoxicating drinks as a beverage?" "How many Temperance Meetings have you held the past year?"—Also, all candidates for the Local Preachers' Plan to be asked, "Are you a total abstainer from all intoxicating drinks?" The answer must be in the affirmative, if the party be received.

17. That we recommend the formation of Temperance Societies in all our Churches.

18. That at the commencement of next Conference a Committee on Finance and Statistics be selected, in order to ascertain to what extent we may enlarge our Mission work and pecuniary liabilities.

19. That the name of Darlington Circuit be changed to that of "Bowmanville Circuit."

20. That Bro. R. Boyle attend the Kingston Camp Meeting as desired; and that the arrangements relative to Toronto District Camp Meeting be confirmed.

21. That Messrs. George Lamb, John George Friskin, and Osmond be our Delegates in the English Conference.

22. That the Ordination Charge of the Rev. W. Rowe be published in the Christian Journal ; and that the Rev. R. Boyle deliver the one of next year.

23. That a circular be published and distributed relative to the necessity of our membership contributing more liberally to all the funds of the Church.

That in consideration of the pressing claims upon the Missionary Fund, and the need for enlarged means in our work, we recommend the following for the adoption of the Conference :—

Resolved—“ That on all our Mission Stations, the Minister, at the time of the quarterly renewal of Tickets, shall make it known in each Society that we think it desirable that those members who are unable to pay their Quarterages in money, do as much as possible towards supporting the Mission by contributions of produce ; and that all such contributions shall be placed to the account of such members as Quarterage. And that the Steward of each Society shall be expected to collect the said contributions as soon as possible.”

Resolved—“ That in consideration of the need for enlarged means on our Missionary work—and hence the importance of attending to all matters of income—we recommend the following for the adoption of Conference :—

“ That, on each Mission Station, our Missionaries, at the quarterly renewal of tickets, shall take the class-book of the Society, and calling the name of each Member, shall kindly ask—what amount shall be put down by him on the class-book as his quarterly thank-offering to the Lord ? And that the said quarterage shall be collected by the Leader of the Class.”

Also that the above resolutions be printed not only in the Conference Minutes, but in Circular form, from the Conference to each Society.

24. That early in next Conference the "Committee on Grants" prepare their schedule : that it be read a *first time* : and in the interim all who propose amendments go before the Committee ; and the schedule be finally submitted to Conference for confirmation on the last day of its sittings.

25. That we record our thanks to God for an increase of membership and finances.

26. That each Station observe the third Sunday in September and subsequent Friday as days of thanksgiving, fasting, and prayer.

27. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the friends in Hamilton, for their remarkable hospitality to the Delegates assembled in that City.

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CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

For the year ending April 26, 1862.

THE CONFERENCE FUND.

Dr.	\$ cts	Cr.
Balance, 1851	9 77	By travelling expenses
Cash, Rev. T. Adams re-		to Conference, M.G..
turned	1 00	“ printing 500 Church
Cash, Toronto District..	46 30	Property Schedules..
Cash, Hamilton “ ..	25 35	“ Ordination circulars
Cash, Kingston “ ..	9 90	and postage
Cash, Guelph “ ..	14 60	“ Binding District Re-
Cash, London “ ..	23 90	ports
Cash, Brampton “ ..	63 20	“ Ordination Bibles ..
Cash, Chatham Mission.	1 45	“ Travelling exp. Dele-
Balance due to Treasurer	31 43	gates to the Hamilton
		Conference
		“ Trav. exp. Executive
		business
	\$226 90	\$226 90

THE RELIEF FUND.

Dr.	\$ cts	Cr.
Balance, 1861	\$245 54	Ry Cash, Markham Cir-
Cash, Toronto District..	46 30	cuit
Cash, Hamilton “ ..	25 35	“ Scarboro Circuit..
Cash, Kingston “ ..	9 90	By Balance
Cash, Guelph “ ..	14 60	
Cash, London “ ..	23 90	
Cash, Brampton “ ..	63 20	
Cash, Chatham Mission	1 45	
	\$430 24	\$430 24

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Cash from the Stations \$729 67	Balance due Treasurer,
Cash from Mission Fund	1861 \$171 41
for Mission deficiencies. 530 17	Cash paid to Circuits
Balance due to the	and Missions for Chil-
Treasurer 251 87	dren's allowances... 1340 30
\$1511 71	\$1511 71

BOOK ROOM.

To be balanced in *January*, 1863; and also in each future year, by order of Conference.

MISSIONARY FUND.

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ADDRESS OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE
OF
THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH,
TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN,

We feel the greatest interest in addressing you officially once more; and whilst this duty is one of annual occurrence, yet we now proceed to discharge it with all the earnestness of sincere attachment and veneration.

We are grateful for the wise and affectionate reply to our last annual address, published in your minutes of Conference; and for those fatherly and judicious councils which you have tendered to us the past year on various matters of management, through the officers constituting your General and Missionary Committees.

If in some instances we have not precisely and promptly carried out *every* recommendation, it

has not been because our love toward you has chilled, or our opinion of your JUDGMENT in official matter has become impaired; but because, as colonists, our acts are occasionally in advance of your suggestions and decisions.

Colonial society differs in many of its features from *home* peculiarities; and those differences apply equally to religious societies in both hemispheres.

We are probably too precipitate and impulsive in our measures in this *young country*, whilst our fathers in England may be considered characteristic for cautious and slow deliberation.

It cannot but be, that in correspondence, at such a distance, there will be mistakes and misapprehensions; and that the same questions will be viewed differently as seen from opposite stand points.

The difficulties in preserving *intact* all the peculiarities of our church discipline, are often very considerable—moving alongside other bodies, and in some places hemmed in with rival and *adverse* communities.

If we, in this country, have no dominant church and little bigotry and intolerance to combat, we have sectarianism on the one hand, and laxity in church government on the other, which more or less react upon our people; and which force us

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to lines of proceeding which are not always satisfactory to ourselves. We therefore claim your sympathy and *special charity* in construing our correspondence, and deciding on the character of our conclusions.

We are truly glad to ascertain that our relations with you are so harmonious, that in all original principles and vital measures, we are of one heart and soul!

We have in Canada an immense country before us, and whilst in some few localities the supply of the gospel is abundant, others are seriously deficient. It is to those parts of the province we keep constantly directing our attention; and we have taken up fresh posts of labor, and added to our agency additional supply, as will be seen in our despatches.

But it will be borne in mind, that in the back settlements the people can do very little towards contributing to the support of the missionary. Although on his own land, in the depths of the forest, the settler's means are equally limited with those of the English laborer and factory operative, until by *long* and *exhausting* toil, he realizes enough and a portion to spare. Your noble help, therefore, which you annually grant, is still needed, and will be in time to come, as ours is *real* mission ground; and whilst you contribute to Canada in reinforcing her mission

staff, you honor the Captain of our salvation, and by a reflex action, bring into play that requisite benevolence in supporting your own home ministry in its numerous departments of usefulness and soul-saving enterprizes.

You will rejoice with us that the pecuniary aid transmitted, in connexion with our own missionary contributions (of which *no portion* is retained in stations), God has blessed, and we report, *this year*, a respectable increase of members.

Our Conference—held in Hamilton, Western Canada—was truly an assembly of special interest, both as regards the business order, and the blessed devotional exercises.

We are glad also to intimate that a stronger denominational patriotism, and a deeper tone of spiritual and converting power, grows amongst us.

Many of our “special protracted efforts” have been greatly blessed, so that we are sanguine in our hopes for the future.

Allow us, then, to solicit your earnest prayers and co-operation, that God may enable us to carry to the boundaries of this great land Primitive Methodism; or, a “*present, full and free salvation*” through the blood of the world’s Redeemer!

And now, fathers and beloved brethren, may the “God of peace, that brought again from the

dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, *to do his will*, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever." Amen.

JAMES EDGAR, *President.*

JNO. R. SWIFT, *Secretary.*

HAMILTON, April, 1862.



ADDRESSES OF THE STATIONS

FOR THE YEAR 1862.

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	Stanley	M. H. Moody, Varna.
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