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FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# NIAGARA CONFERENCE,

HELD AT THE

BEVERLY CHAPEL,

WHICH COMMENCED, WEDNESDAY,

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# MINUTES

OF THE FORTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE, HELD AT THE BEVERLY CHAPEL, WHICH COMMENCED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1847.

## QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial ?

ANSWER,—None.

## QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial ?

ANSWER.

John Hayward,	Augustus Hall;
Sylvester Karr,	Benjamin Lawrence.

## QUESTION III.

What Preachers have been admitted into full Connexion ?

ANSWER.

Isaac B. Richardson,	Wm. Sutton,
Geo. P. Harris,	John Tufford,
Job Moxom.	

## QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons ?

ANSWER.

Benjamin Lawrence,	George P. Harris,*
Isaac B. Richardson,*	John Tufford,*
Wm. Sutton,*	Job Moxom,*
Elijah Harris,	George Lawrence,
Niram N. Fraser,	Samuel Dunnett,
John Hayward.	

NOTE.—Those marked thus,\* were Ordained this year.

## QUESTION V.

Who are Elders ?

ANSWER.

James Richardson,	David Culp,
Jesse Owen,	John Bailey,
Barny Markle,	J. H. Huston,
Nathan Park,	James Mitchell,

Charles Pettis,  
Caleb Swazey,  
William McKeeby,  
Henry Gilmore,  
David Griffin,  
Thomas Robson,  
Abraham R. Roy,  
L. P. Smith,  
John Gibson,  
Samuel Morrison,\*  
E. S. Furman,

George Turner,  
J. W. Byam,  
Emerson Bristol,  
Barnabas Brown,  
Daniel Pickett,  
Wentworth D. Hughson,  
Schuyler Stewart,  
Wm. Cope,  
E. L. Koyle,\*  
Wm. Woodward,\*  
Chester W. Fraser,\*

Thomas Webster.

NOTE.—Those who are marked thus \* were Ordained this year.

QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendants?

ANSWER.

John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

QUESTION VII.

Who have located this year?

ANSWER,—None.

QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Supernumeraries?

ANSWER.

Elijah Harris, Caleb Swazey,  
James Mitchell, J. H. Huston.

QUESTION IX.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER.

Charles Pettis, George Turner,  
Jesse Owen, Daniel Pickett,  
Barny Markle.

QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year?

ANSWER,—None.

QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANSWER,—None.

QUESTION XII.

Were all the Preachers characters examined?

ANSWER.

This was strictly attended to.

QUESTION XIII.

Who have Died this year?

ANSWER,—Bishop Alley.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society?

ANSWER.

Thames Circuit,	125	Niagara Circuit,	216
Howard "	85	Canboro "	245
Malahide "	194	Barton "	136
Southwold "	77	Nelson "	296
London Station,	101	Toronto "	328
London Circuit,	241	Young Street "	65
Oxford "	140	Markham, "	122
Blenheim "	70	New Market "	100
Dumfries "	253	Whitby "	375
Norwich "	246	Schoogog Mission,	62
Sandwich Mission,	13	Grand River "	58
Huron "	80	Preachers,	46
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	1,625		2049

Total

Total last year,

Increase this year,

3,674

3,669

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QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers Stationed this year?

## ANSWER.

**Toronto District.**

JAMES RICHARDSON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Darlington Circuit,	J. W. Byam,
Whitby	" Wm. Sutton, one to be sent.
Markham	" Job Moxom.
New Market	" John Hayward.
Yonge Street	" Emerson Bristol,
Toronto	" Wm. Mckeeby, E. L. Koyl.
Nelson	" D. Culp, J. Tufford.
Amaranth Mission,	to be supplied.

E. S. Furman, left without an appointment at his own request.

**Niagara District.**

SAMUEL MORRISON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Barton & Rainham Circuit, W. D. Hughson, J. Gibson.  
 John Bailey, *Book Agent.*  
 Thomas Webster, *Editor.*

Canboro Circuit,	B. Lawrence, one to be sent.
Niagara	" A. Hall, Sylvester Karr.
Norwich	" L. P. Smith, G. P. Harris.
Dumfries	" B. Brown, Geo. Lawrence.
Blenheim	" Wm. Cope.
Oxford	" T. Robson.
Guarafaxa Mission,	Wm. Woodward.

**London District.**

ABRAHAM R. ROY, PRESIDING ELDER.

London Circuit,	N. A. Fraser.
Malahide	" C. W. Fraser.
Southwold	" D. Griffin.
Howard	" To be supplied.
Thames	" S. Stewart.
Sandwich Mission,	N. Parke.
Huron	" S. Dunnett.
Sawble	" H. Gilmore.
London Station,	I. B. Richardson.

QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

In Georgetown, Gore District, to commence on the last Wednesday in August, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

AMOUNT OF FIFTH COLLECTION.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Thames,	£0 6 3	Niagara,	£2 1 3
Howard,	1 2 10½	Canboro,	1 0 0
Malahide,	1 14 3½	Barton,	1 10 3½
Southwold,	0 5 0	Nelson,	3 2 4
London Station,	1 1 3	Toronto,	2 6 6
London,	1 8 3	Yonge Street,	1 12 1
Oxford,	1 16 0	Markham,	1 11 2
Blenheim,	1 3 9	Newmarket, no return,	
Dumfries,	1 1 5	Whitby,	3 3 7
Norwich,	1 10 6	Conference col.	2 4 6
<b>Total,</b>			<b>£32 11 3½</b>

Which was distributed as follows:—

<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
J. H. Huston,	£5 16 0
D. Pickett,	5 16 0
Jesse Owen,	5 16 0
George Turner,	5 16 0
Widow Scever,	2 18 0
Widow Bird,	2 18 0
Widow Simons,	2 18 0
Conference Stationary,	0 1 3½
<b>Total,</b>	<b>£32 11 3½</b>

Amount received by the Preachers within the bounds of the Niagara Conference, as Quarters, table, and travelling expenses, and house rent.

London District.		Qr.	Tab. Ex.	Trav. Ex.	House rent.
Thames	Ct., Preacher,	£9 6 0	£13 12 8	£1 2 6	Parsonage.
"	" Elder,	0 2 1½	1 5 0	0 6 3	
Howard,	" Preacher,	13 6 8	none	2 10 1	Parsonage.
"	" Elder,	none	0 2 6	0 7 6	
Malahide,	" Preacher,	36 9 8	14 2 1½	0 16 3	
"	" Elder,	5 0 0	none	0 14 4½	
Southwold,	" Preacher,	20 4 4	16 8 9	none	Parsonage.
"	" Elder,	4 0 8	none	none	
London Station,	" Preacher,	26 7 0	25 0 0	none	£7 10 0
"	" Elder,	1 7 0	1 6 3	0 9 6½	
London	Ct., Preacher,	33 10 0	22 10 0	2 10 0	Parsonage.
"	" Elder,	no return			
Oxford,	" Preacher,	45 10 0	13 0 0	1 0 0	Parsonage.
"	" Elder,	5 0 0	none	0 15 0	
Blenheim,	" Preacher,	25 15 0	20 0 0	1 0 6	
"	" Elder,				
Dumfries	" Preach'r	25 0 0	25 0 0	1 10 0	Parsonage.
"	" do	12 10 0	none	1 0 0	
"	" Elder,	5 0 0			
Norwich,	" Preach'r	20 17 10	15 0 0	4 15 0	Parsonage.
"	" do	20 17 10	16 5 0	5 0 2	Free.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Niagara Circuit,	Preach'r	28 6 1½	17 10 0	1 2 6	Parsonage.
"	Preach'rt	14 13 0½	none	1 13 0½	
"	Elder,	3 13 3	1 1 10½	0 13 1	
Canboro	" Preach'r	22 5 3	10 0 0	1 10 0	Parsonage.
"	do	22 5 3	10 0 0	2 0 0	
"	Elder,	3 8 5½	1 5 0	0 10 0	
Barton,	" Preacher,	27 15 5	18 13 0	1 5 0	
"	Elder,	2 8 1½	0 13 9	0 7 9½	
Nelson,	" Preach'r	39 15 5½	30 0 0	2 8 7	
"	do	no return			
"	Elder,	4 6 5	1 5 0	0 13 11½	
Toronto,	" Preach'rt				
"	do	no return			
"	Elder,				
Yonge Street,	" Preacher,	46 15 0	23 8 2	1 8 0	Parsonage.
"	Elder,	3 10 2	1 13 9	0 11 3½	
Markham Ct.,	" Preacher,	45 0 0	15 14 0	1 3 6	£6 0 0
"	Elder,	3 11 7½	1 10 0	0 5 7½	
Newmarket,	" Preacher,	no return			
"	Elder,	3 10 0	1 17 6	none	
Whitby,	" Preach'rt	44 18 3½	18 15 0	0 15 0	Parsonage.
"	do	24 0 2½	13 15 0	3 10 0	
"	Elder,	5 16 6½	3 10 0	0 7 6	

\* Married Preacher. † Single Preacher. ‡ 1st Preacher. § 2nd Preacher.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

James Richardson, Samuel Morrison,  
Thomas Webster, David Culp,  
Schuyler Stewart.

Candidates to meet for examination on the afternoon of the Tuesday immediately preceding the setting of Conference.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

Resolutions adopted at the Niagara Annual Conference, in reference to the Book Room and Printing Establishment:—

Resolved 1st, That the circulation of Religious and literary books, and periodicals in the community, is, in our opinion, one of the most efficient means that can be put into operation, to establish good order, and render permanent the civil, and religious liberty of our country.

2nd. That we decidedly approve of the Book Room and Printing Establishment; and if carried into efficient operation, they will enable the Church more effectually to spread the Gospel of peace throughout our beloved country.

3rd. That we will as a body of Ministers, endeavour by every laudable means in our power, to carry out the measure adopted by our General Conference, to raise by Shares, the money necessary to liquidate the debt incurred by the purchase of our Printing Establishment.

4th. That we will use every exertion in our power, to procure additional Subscribers for the *Canada Christian Advocate*, and to collect the money in the hands of those who are now in arrears for the said paper.

5th. That we will more than ever, exert ourselves to collect the subscriptions due the Book Concern.

6th. That this Annual Conference respectfully request the Editor of the *Canada Christian Advocate*, to Publish weekly, a list of names of agents and others, procuring Subscribers for the said Journal; placing opposite the Agents name, the number of Subscribers thus procured and received at the office each week.

7th. That the Editor also be requested to publish weekly, the names of those who pay for the paper, setting the sums paid opposite the names of the persons paying.

8th. That as a body of Ministers we decidedly approve

of the voluntary principle for the support of the Gospel Ministry: and we recommend the *Canada Christian Advocate* to our people, as a medium through which, correct information upon this subject may be circulated. State support, bestowed upon the Christian Ministry, we believe to be dangerous to the Civil and Religious interests of the people; a source of corruption to the Ministers themselves, and destructive to the piety of the Church. The *Advocate* will, we feel confident, oppose such support.

9th. We embrace this opportunity to express our gratitude to Messrs Webster & Leonard, for their exertions in getting up the *C. C. Advocate*, previous to the time of its becoming the property of the Church; and further, that we hereby signify our satisfaction and approval, of the appointment of the Rev. Thomas Webster as Editor of that Journal.

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### TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

By the good providence of God, we are again assembled in Annual Conference, from which we as usual, send forth to you our annual pastoral salutations.

We deem it unnecessary to profess to you, with what interest and anxiety we watch over the concerns of your souls, and whatever relates to your moral and spiritual condition. We know that in proportion as the grace of God abounds in you, will be the degree of your present happiness, and your meetness to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; we can with truth say, that we live, if you stand fast in the Lord, and our prayer is, that the Lord may make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you, to the

end that he may establish your hearts unblemishable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. In furtherance of this blessed end, we intreat you to lay aside every weight, to forget the things that are behind, to press forward to those that are before, and seek after holiness, without which, no man shall see the Lord.

The promotion of inward and outward holiness among you, being as you well know, the great design of all our labour, and the object for which we unite with you in christian fellowship. Yet in the advancement of this holiness, we pretend not to have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy.

We cannot but embrace the present opportunity of drawing your attention to the state of the work of God amongst us, and to a few events which have occurred, some of which are painful to the mind, and others are calculated to excite lively emotions of gratitude and joy.

Our Missionary Agent, who was appointed last year to traverse the length and breadth of the field within the bounds of the N. Conf., for the purpose of holding Missionary Meetings, and raising Missionary Supplies, has been enabled through much toil and heavy labour, to accomplish the arduous work to which he was appointed. Though necessarily often long from his home and family, and in frequent exposures to sickness, yet his health has been wonderfully preserved, for which, together with the success that attended his labours, we desire to be truly grateful to Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

It is with humble thanksgiving to God, we would announce to you that our work is extending—our prospects encouraging. Some new fields of labor have been taken up and the labour bestowed thereon evidently accompanied with tokens of good. But others, open, were not taken up

for want of labourers, and the necessary means ; hence, we repeat it, the work committed to our hands languishes, as much, if not more, from our financial embarrassments than from any other cause. Beloved brethren, we urge you to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. We hope you are willing to feel your responsibilities, and to endeavour to meet the claims of the gospel upon you ; contributing as of the ability which God giveth you, to spread scriptural holiness throughout these lands.

Permit us, Dear Brethren, to urge you to greater efforts, in promoting the interests of the Sabbath School institution. Might not much more be done in this delightful work than is done at present ? It is important to the Church of Christ, because, one which has greatly tended to promote the interest of religion in the education and salvation of children and youth. Intemperance is fearfully prevalent in our land ; many of our fellow creatures are held in the most fearful bondage by this awfully destructive vice. As a body of Ministers, we are resolved to live in strict accordance with the principles of total abstinence ; believing it to be the only effectual remedy, apart from the gospel to remove the evil. Nor must we forget the Bible Society ; that god-like institution, sending out the bread of life, issuing forth the waters of salvation to the perishing families of man. The circulation of the Scriptures admit of the co-operation of all, and yet interferes with the peculiarities of none in this blessed work.

“ Names and sects and parties fall,  
Only Christ is all in all.”

**Circulate to the extent of your ability the Holy Scriptures.**

We would remind you, dear Brethren, of the claims which the Book Room and Printing Establishments have upon you as parents and christians. The circulation of religious

books and periodicals, should be encouraged. This was the case in the early days of Methodism; it was a work that Mr. Wesley, and those holy men of God, who were his helpers, delighted in. His children should imitate his example, and by this means, their labours may continue to bless the world, long after they are dead.

There is a Printing establishment now connected with the Book Room. The General Conference considered that it would be for the general good of the Church, to have the "*Canada Christian Advocate*" office connected with the Book Establishment, that there might not be a separate interest existing between the two concerns, but that they might unitedly assist each other, and thereby more efficiently benefit the Church and the country.

We would, therefore, brethren, recommend to you the united establishment, and solicit for them your cordial support.

The past year was one in which we suffered a peculiarly painful bereavement; we refer to the death of our beloved Bishop Alley. We thought he was just the man we required, but the Lord's ways are not as man's ways.— Though our loss was deeply felt, yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope. His affliction was protracted, his pains acute, yet in passing through the dark and shady valley of death, he feared no evil; his heart and hands being made strong by the mighty power of the God of Jacob. And now, we believe, he shines forth in the Kingdom of Heaven, as a child of God and of the resurrection; may we follow him as he followed Christ. Dear Brethren, we urge you to be followers of those who through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises—endeavor to imitate the example of your Divine master, and be ye followers of God as dear children.

Now Dear Brethren, as we are about to enter upon our new fields of labour, we hope to be able to come up to you in the fullness of the blessings of the Gospel of peace.— Pray for us, that we may be sustained in our work of faith and labour of love, and that the word of the Lord may run, and have free course, and be glorified.

And now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever. Amen.

PHILANDER SMITH, *Supt.*  
S. MORRISON, *Sec.*

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## A P P E N D I X .

*Names and standing of the Local Preachers in connexion with the Methodist E. Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.*

*Thames Circuit.*—A. Scarlet, Deacon Elect; J. Bobier, J. Knaggs, J. Shaw, E. Sutton.

*Howard Circuit.*—Ira Bently, Deacon.

*Malahide Circuit.*—John Elliott, Deacon; Ransom Dexter, Deacon; O. H. Ferrill, Wm. Yokam.

*London Station.*—James Bailey, Deacon; Andrew Banghart.

*London Circuit.*—Ralph Morder, John E. Waldron, Aaron Trotman.

*Oxford Circuit.*—Andrew Bursee, Elder; Thomas Brown, Deacon.

*Blenheim Circuit.*—George F. Hill, Deacon.

*Dumfries Circuit.*—M. C. Hendershot, D. Drake, D. Howell, Wm. Bawtinheimer,

*Norwich Circuit.*—Caleb Taylor, Elder; Hezekiah Tuttle, Elijah Pettit.

*Sandwich Mission.*—Henry Scratch, Deacon Elect.

*Huron Mission.*—Richard Vines, Deacon Elect.

*Niagara Circuit.*—Daniel Collard, Deacon; Matthias Haun, James Lyons, Jesse Brodrick, Thomas Raney.

*Camboro Circuit.*—Leonard Haney, Elder; Jacob Pattison, Elder, Jeremiah Cutler, Nathaniel Roy, Gilbert Lane, Deacon; John Upper, Deacon; Amos Bradshaw, Deacon; Abel Rogers, Wm. Stringer, Henry R. Hill.

*Barton Circuit.*—John Vanduser, Deacon.

*Nelson Circuit.*—Lawrence Hagar, Deacon; Morris Kennedy, Deacon; Robert Lyman, Deacon; A. Purnell, S. Griffin, T. Pickett, W. F. Low, J. Tinner.

*Toronto Circuit.*—James Frickleton.

*New Market Circuit.*—(No returns.)

*Whitby Circuit.*—James Bradshaw, Deacon; Wm. Hill, Deacon; George Fisher, Deacon; Gardner Wells, Deacon; Francis Latimore, Deacon Elect; Michael Cryderman, John Campbell, John W. Jacobs, Benjamin F. Perry, Israel Mallory, Wm. H. Hillaker.

*Schoogog Mission.*—Moses F. Karr, Deacon; J. Orser.

*Markam Circuit.*—James Degeer, Elder; James Cook.

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## MINUTES

OF THE

Bay of Quinte Annual Conference

OF THE

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN CANADA,

Held at Mallorytown, Commencing, Wednesday, Sept. 8th., 1847.

## QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.

Nathan H. Howard,	Charles Manson,*
Daniel Smith,	John G. Bull,*

## QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

ANSWER.

Dration O. Mills,	John W. Sills,
John Rogers.	

## QUESTION III.

Who have been admitted into full connexion?

ANSWER.

Stallham W. La Du,	David Wilson,
Benjamin W. Blanchard,	Ezra Orser,
Daniel Brown,	Simon Terwillegar,
Hiram Williams,	John Tuke.

## QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER.

Sheldon Young,	John Pickering,
John Hill,	Charles Manson,*
John G Bull,*	S. W. La Du,*

David Wilson,\*      B. W. Blanchard,\*  
 Daniel Brown,\*      Hiram Williams,\*  
 Simon Terwillegar,\* Ezra Orser,\*

NOTE.—Those marked thus, (\*) were Ordained this year.

## QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

## ANSWER.

Benson Smith,	James McNally,
Wm. Bird,	J. H. Leonard,
Appleton Jones,	Michael Davy,
Thaddeus Lewis,	Thomas Webster,†
Wm. E. Norman,	H. H. Johnson,
Henry Lane,	Robert Earl,
John Sims,	I. N. D. West,
Lumon Hulbert,	Gideon Shepard,
Richard Beal,	Joseph Gatchell,
Alexander Wright,	George D. Greenleaf,
George Jones,	James Gardiner,
John Andrews,*	William Brown,*
John F. Wilson,*	

NOTE.—Those marked thus, (\*) were ordained this year.

## QUESTION VI.

Who are our General Superintendants?

## ANSWER.

John Reynolds,      Philander Smith.

## QUESTION VII.

Who are the Supernumeraries?

## ANSWER.

Robert Earl,      Richard Beal.

## QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

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† Transferred to the Niagara Conference.

ANSWER.

Joseph Gatchell, James McNally,  
Henry H. Johnson, David Perry.

QUESTION IX.

Who have located this year?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XII.

Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

ANSWER.—This was strictly attended to.

QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year?

ANSWER.—Bishop Alley.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society?

ANSWER.

Hope,	115	Leeds,	215
Brighton,	226	Brockville,	84
Sidney,	320	Elizabethtown,	397
Belleville,	87	Angusta,	150
Huntingdon,	240	Matilda,	176
Tyendinaga,	183	Rideau,	113
Bay Quinte,	290	Bytown,	55
Camden,	167	Bonna Cheur,	38
Milford,	120	Wolf Island,	36
Hallowell,	157	Otonoby,	Mis'ns 23
Consecon,	115	Kemptville,	203
Waterloo,	237	Ottawa,	26
		Travelling Preachers,	46
		Total number this year,	3819
		Do. " last year,	3885
		Decrease this year,	66

## QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER.

**Bay of Quinte District.**

GIDEON SHEPARD, PRESIDING ELDER.

*Hope.*—John Sills.*Brighton.*—John Tuke, Draton O. Mills.*Sidney and Belleville.*—S. W. La Du, N. H. Howard, J. W. Sills.*Huntingdon.*—Simon Terwillegar, John Pickering.*Tyendinaga.*—Henry Lane.*Bay Quinte.*—Appleton Jones, J. H. Andrews.*Camden.*—Daniel Brown.*Milford.*—Ezra Orser.*Hallowell.*—William Bird.*Consecon.*—J. H. Leonard, P. F. Leroy.*Waterloo.*—David Wilson, Hiram Williams.*Otonabee.*—I. N. D. West.Geo. D. Greenleaf, and } Left without an appoint-  
George Jones, } ment at their own request.

David Perry.—Superannuated.

Robert Earl, }  
Richard Beal, } Supernumeraries.**Augusta District.**

JAMES GARDINER, PRESIDING ELDER.

*Brockville and Leeds.*—J. G. Bull, Charles Manson.*Elizabethtown.*—Benson Smith, Sheldon Young.*Augusta.*—William Brown.*Matilda.*—Michael Davy.*Centreville.*—Alexander Wright.*Bytown.*—John F. Wilson.*Missionary Stations.*—*Bonna Cheur.*—John A. Rogers.*Ottawa.*—Lumun Hurlbert.

*Rideau and Marlborough*.—B. W. Blanchard, D. L. Smith.

*Winchester*.—John Hill.

James McNally.—Superannuated.

QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

At *Napanee*, to commence on the second Wednesday in September, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

QUESTION XVII.

What was taken up as fifth collection?

ANSWER.

AMOUNT OF FIFTH COLLECTION.

Hope,	£0	9	0	Brockville,	£0	0	0
Brighton,	0	0	0	Elizabethtown,	1	2	4
Sidney,	1	16	6½	Augusta,	0	7	8
Belleville,	0	0	0	Matilda,	0	14	4
Huntingdon,	0	0	0	Rideau,	0	2	6
Tyendinaga,	0	5	0	Bonna Cheur,	0	13	5
Bay Quinte,	1	12	1½	Ottawa,	0	0	0
Camden,	0	0	0	Kemptville & Win-			
Bytown,	0	12	4½	chester,	0	4	0
Milford,	0	0	0	Beckwith,	0	0	0
Consecon,	0	2	0½	Hallowell,	2	1	2½
Otonabee,	0	0	0	Waterloo,	1	0	11
Wolf Island,	0	1	10½	Leeds,	0	5	0
				Conference collec-			
				tion on the Sabbath,	1	3	5
Total Amount collected,					£12	8	9

QUESTION XVIII.

How was the Fifth Collection appropriated?

ANSWER.

For Stationary at Conference,	£0	2	11½
Paid to Joseph Gatchell	3	8	9½
" to James McNally,	3	8	9½

" to Henry H. Johnson,	3 8 9½
" to Widow Powley,	1 14 4½
Total,	£12 3 9

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### TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the *Boy Quinte* Annual Conference :

BELOVED AND DEAR BRETHREN :

Never did we, who are "your servants for Jusus' sake," since our connexion with this "branch" of the "true vine," come to you in our Annual Pastoral with a more lively sense of the Divine goodness ; or of our own unworthiness, inefficiency, and entire dependence upon the Great Head of the Church, than at this time.

In reviewing the *past*—in surveying the *present*,—and in contemplating the *future*, in relation to the Redeemer's kingdom, in general, and our own Church in particular, we have seen much cause for great gratitude, deep humiliation, fervent faith and importunate prayer.

*Christianity*, and *Infidelity*, in all its diversified forms, are the two ruling, and antagonistic principles in Christendom. The contest, is one of *Truth* and *Error*—of *Virtue* and *Vice* ! The one seeks the exaltation of redeemed millions, to a state of immortality ; through the abasement of *self*, and the rejection of earth's gilded toys : the other pleads for the deification of *self*, and recommends earth's blandishments as the greatest good of man, in view of an eternal sleep—of annihilation.

Our sympathies, O Brethren, and we are joined with the friends of Christ, engaged in the mighty enterprise of conquering "Abaddans host,"—of seeking, and striving to save, such as are lost. In a word, we are professedly at war with the world ;—in all its principles and practices.

Our privations and toil, then, are not for ourselves alone, no indeed! but, they are that you may be benefited, that "ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless;" and that those who have gone astray, like lost sheep, may, with us be gathered as one flock into the fold of the "great and good shepherd." Our hearts yearn for your spiritual and eternal welfare; and for the gathering home of the fallen outcasts of our race. And, we tremblingly rejoice in the assurance that our *work if wrought in the Lord, shall not be in vain*. Shall we have your cordial and prompt co-operation? Will you hold up the hands of your feeble, and trembling servants, who come to you, as we trust, in the *spirit* and "*fulness* of the Gospel of Peace?"

Though our lines may have fallen to us in pleasant places, and though we have a goodly heritage,—the times—the spirit of the age in which we live, are strikingly inauspicious; nor are they less trying to the patience and faith of the real servants of God. A departing from the simplicity of Scriptural or Apostolic usages—a lifeless formality—a looking back to the flesh-pots, the garments, and the wedge of gold, and a longing after them, by those journeying to Canaan, brings but an evil report from the promised inheritance, and begets and nourishes indifference, if not actual Atheism, in those without. Hence the stand-still if not actual retrograde aspect, of religion or of christianity in these Provinces. But our trust is in the Rock of our salvation, nor will we acknowledge any other!

In the review, in which we have been engaged since we assembled in our yearly council, we have ~~been~~ loudly admonished of our mortality—of the ~~evanescent~~ and instability of all that is earthly. In our ~~pastoral~~ address we advertised you of the illness of our beloved junior superintendent—the late BISHOP ALLEY. We need not now apprize you that he is now *no more*; as the sad news of this calamity,

has, ere this, awakened the sympathy and sorrow of your hearts. Of ourselves, we can truly say that a sorrow, too deep for utterance, has filled our bosoms, and a gloom has overspread our zion.

But it becomes us not to murmur, nor yet to despair.—  
 “*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right ?*” Our loss has been unexpected, sudden and great ; nor is it ours alone.— You too, are partners with us in this bereavement. But He, whose property it is always to have mercy, commands:—  
 “*Be still, and know that I am God !*” With the most profound reverence may we adoringly respond, “*thy will be done.*”

In our lamented Bishop, we beheld while he was alive and in health, an example of zeal, activity, energy and perseverance ; and while in sickness, of patience, fortitude and resignation, worthy our most devoted imitation.

We loved him while with us for his courteous, frank and prompt manner, which characteristics evinced themselves in all our intercourse with him : and we cherish a remembrance of him ; no less for these, than for the cheerfulness with which he *sacrificed*, and *endured* for us his adopted brethren, and sons in the Gospel.

We also learn with sorrow, that the “summer sickness,” so fatal in many places, and yet in some localities fatally prevalent, has made inroads upon our membership ; and that many have fallen asleep. We sorrow not, however, as those who have no hope ; believing that our loss has resulted in infinite gain to them. From the church militant they have been removed to the church triumphant.

We rejoice that, though in the midst of death, the Great Head of the church has spared us, his ministers, to assemble in this annual Conference, to consult upon matters pertaining to his cause on earth. Not one has fallen in our ranks, save Bishop Alley ; yet in all that are around us, as well as

in us, strikingly evince the humilliating truth that "all flesh is grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass."—that dissolution marks out every step below:—and that the corroding hand of time, producing the infirmities, and consequent decrepitude of age, and the insidious and stealthy progress of disease—certain and ruthless agents in the work of death—attend us in all our paths.

One pleasing characteristic of our Conference has been its harmony. The law of kindness—of christian forbearance,—has seemed to be the ruling principle of every heart.—Regularity and despatch have also marked our sittings; increasing our confidence in each other, and giving assurance of happy results.

In casting a backward glance over these portions of our work which we as individuals, have but just left, we are convinced of the necessity of greater energy, promptitude and zeal, in the use of the several means, and agencies, employed by us, as a people. We mourn over our own unprofitableness, not less than the languishing state of our zion: and our resolves are to "endure as seeing Him who is invisible;" and to gird on our harness, and come to you preaching Christ and him crucified: for, though much exists to try our patience and faith "we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

"If there be, therefore, any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye our joy that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."—*'Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.'*

From the interior, and destitute localities, the "macedo-

nian" appeal has come up to us ; and has been responded to, to the utmost extent of our resources. Your liberal donations, to the missionary funds, have enabled us to extend our missionary efforts somewhat farther into the new settlements, and other fields not occupied by us, than formerly. But little, comparatively, has been done, however, that might have been done, had your offerings been commensurate with your advantages, and the importance of the work. The returns of our missionary operations will probably be laid before you, that you may be the better judge of our fidelity in the appropriations made out of your gifts.

We feel that we should be wanting in justice to ourselves, and families, and in fidelity to the "flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers," were we not to remind you that the *efficiency* of our laborers depend much upon the amount of pecuniary aid afforded them.

Your ministers, and the several enterprises of the church are dependent for their support upon your free-will offerings, as there are no resources from which a needful supply of capital can be drawn at will, to carry on the work appertaining to our body independent of you. Would you, therefore, dear Brethren, retain your laborers in the itinerancy?—would you send the gospel to the back-woods man, and thus reciprocate the sympathies and liberality of those who sent the Gospel to the past generation—to your fathers—and, indeed to some of you? would you have the PRESS, now connected with you and designed for the advancement of intelligence and piety among you sustained—then Brethren, must you be *liberal*; you must be *just* to yourselves; you must redeem the pledge made when God for Christ's sake forgave you your sins, i.e., that you would do his will. You must be just to the rising generation, and give to them what others, by their liberality have given to you.

We do not know, Brethren, that, we should be delicate in

making you acquainted with these things: since it is *ordained of God that he who Preaches the Gospel should live of the Gospel*. Not that he should make *merchandize* of the Gospel, or of its institutions; but that he should be so supported as to be made free from secular dependencies; and consequently, from secular engagements. It must be evident to you, that if your minister be embarrassed in his temporalities, his usefulness will be greatly hindered. Most, if not all of the ministers who are among you, would, if engaged in secular employments, not only obtain a competence, but an independence. The love of Christ constraining them, and a strong sense of duty impelling them, they have relinquished earthly prospects, and devoted their time, strength and abilities to the work of evangelists. Some of these have sacrificed, of what was rightfully theirs, hundreds, and in some cases, thousands of dollars for the cause; and their zeal is not abated, nor their hands slackened. But, brethren, we forbear more on this subject; believing that in proportion as you learn the *true secret* of perpetuating evangelical institutions, *uncorrupted in zeal and purpose*, you will be forward to sustain the agencies engaged in, and requisite to the work.

You are, doubtless, aware, that, at the last General Conference, some modifications of the Discipline were recommended, by which some *rights* before vested in the Preacher in charge, are now vested in the classes, and Quarterly Meeting Conferences. We doubt not but that you will duly appreciate, and judiciously employ the rights which the General Conference have thus conceded to be yours.

Relative to our numerical strength, and the permanency of our institutions, we would remark, that the former has undergone little change, (as you will elsewhere see,) since last year. As to the latter, we can, with confidence, repeat our assurances of their progress, respectability, permanency

and promise; except in relation to Sabbath Schools. Of these, for the want of full returns, we cannot speak definitely. However much there may have been done in that department of our work, and, in fact in every other, we are impressed with the conviction that much more might be done, and *must* be done, if we would not have TEKEL inscribed upon our walls. In relation to Sabbath Schools, especially, there is a manifest want of attention, and exertion. Your ministers may be able to assist you much with their counsels and prayers, and should be prompt in doing so, but the means for establishing, and rendering efficient, Sabbath Schools, and Bible classes, are in *your* hands. Can you be guiltless in the sight of God and not labor to instruct in every possible way the souls committed to your charge, or dependent upon your liberality?

We need not inform you that the *Canada Christian Advocate* has become the property of the Church, and is now devoted to its interest exclusively; not however, in a *sectarian* but an *evangelical*, sense. But we would invite your favorable attention to that Journal, and the more earnestly so, as it is, in a peculiar sense, *yours*. We have before said that the Press, now connected with the Church, is designed to advance the *intelligence* and *piety* of our people: and will now also add, that it will as it has been, prompt to *disabuse* the public mind in respect to our doctrines, policy and identity, and maintain the civil and religious rights of the people at large.

We rejoice, dear Brethren, in view of the evangelical feelings, and sentiments, which are being evinced in many sister communities, at home, and abroad; and most ardently pray that this gracious leaven may continue to spread until the whole lump shall be leavened—until the principles of orthodox Protestantism, which we believe are Scriptural, shall shake, to their fall, the fortresses of the "man of sin,"—the

strong holds of antichrist. If political "union be strength," and nerve the arm that wields the sceptre of civil power, and the sword of progressive conquest, then, must *Evangelical union* give security and success to *Evangelical enterprise*. We desire, Brethren, to cultivate, and to see you, in all your intercourse with others, as you can, without a compromise of principle, cultivating that unity of feeling and effort, in the great work of your calling, and profession which is so clearly imposed in Holy Writ.

The subject of abstinence from all that can intoxicate, is one of too much importance to be passed by in our address to you. Recent events have transpired which renders it imperative for every true philanthropist to be awake, and at work. Indifference on this subject, we view to be little less criminal than actual opposition to the principles, while not less than 40,000 drunkards, in this Province and Lower Canada, are reeling to a fearful retribution; and their ranks being constantly filled from the now no more respectable portions of community. It is our firm, and decided opinion, that we should not only not use intoxicating drinks ourselves, but that we should use every possible legitimate means to prevent their use in others. This can best be done by an identification with the general movement in favor of their entire disuse, as a beverage.

Finally, Brethren, as *Methodists*, we would urge you to observe our rules, one, and all to live according to the recommendations and exactions of our excellent Discipline: else you impair our economy, and weaken that bond of *unity* so essential to your happiness—and the stability and prosperity of the church—Remember, "a house divided against itself cannot stand;" and that it "must needs be that offences will come, but woe unto him by whom they do come."

And now Brethren, "we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance with them that are sanctified."

Signed in behalf of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

JOHN REYNOLDS,  
PHILANDER SMITH,  
Gen'l Supt's.

GEO. D. GREENLEAF, Sec.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE BAY QUINTE CONFERENCE.

Resolved 1st.—That having extended our support and patronage to the "Canada Christian Advocate," while published at Cobourg, by Messrs. Webster & Leonard, we take pleasure in pledging ourselves to continue that support, to the said Paper, now issued by our Book Agent at Hamilton.

2nd.—That we cordially and earnestly recommend to every family connected with our zion, and such as are friendly to her best interests, the regular perusal of the *Canada Christian Advocate*, now published at our office by the authority of the church.

3rd.—That we join with the Niagara Conference, in asking the carrying out of *their* 7th Resolution.

4th.—That we will *renew* our exertions to extend the circulation of the *Canada Christian Advocate* throughout our entire bounds, and we respectfully request our Local Preachers to aid us in this work.

5th.—That we heartily concur in the action of the General Conference, and the plan proposed for securing the means of purchase, by forming a "Joint stock company," and that we *will lose no time* in completing this purpose.

6th.—That we will unite in every circuit to collect the subscriptions due the Book Concern.

7th.—That the thanks of this Conference are due to Messrs. Webster & Leonard, for the service rendered to it

and to our Church in this Province, by the publication of the "Canada Christian Advocate," and that we will continue as agents, to collect subscriptions remaining unpaid, and, forward the amount to them.

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## APPENDIX.

*Names and standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference :*

*Hope Circuit.*—Edward Bullock, Deacon.

*Brighton Ct.*—Joshua Webster, Elder ; Philip Waldron, Deacon ; I. L. Sweet, Deacon.

*Sidney Ct.*—Ira Hays, James Gordon.

*Belleville Ct.*—Matthew German, Deacon Elect ; P. G. Selden, Wm. Bennet, Joseph Tapson.

*Huntingdon Ct.*—Wm. Sills, John Bird, Peter Wright, John Borden.

*Bay Quinte Ct.*—Geo. Sills, Elder ; A. Shorts, Elder ; Ephrahem Ash, Elder ; S. D. Short, Deacon ; Daniel Unger, Deacon.

*Camden Ct.*—O. Thompson, Deacon ; Z. Mills, Benjamin Lewis.

*Milford Ct.*—Wm. Ranaus, Deacon ; Wm. Williams, Henry Hovey.

*Consecon Ct.*—Alfred Wood, Deacon.

*Waterloo Ct.*—Zachariah David, Baraclaugh Atkinson.

*Leeds Ct.*—Joseph Mallory, John McMullen.

*Elizabethtown Ct.*—Jabes Bullis, Elder ; Peter Bullis, Ira Parish, James Boott.

*Augusta Ct.*—Isaac Enett, Joseph C. Bass.

*Matilda Ct.*—Benjamin Meeker, Deacon Elect ; Samuel Albrant.

*Rideau Ct.*—Elisha Landon, Deacon ; Geo. Hutton.

*Wolf Island Ct.*—Almon Wait, Deacon.

*Kempville Ct.*—Obadiah Tompkin.

## THE COMMITTEE

*For the Examination of Candidates, for admission into Conference, for the ensuing year, are*

Gideon Shepard,  
William Brown,

James Gardiner,  
Geo. D. Greenleaf,

John Sills.

The above Committee have been appointed to meet at Napanee, on the Tuesday next preceeding the next Annual Conference, at 10 o'clock, A. M., where all the *Preachers on trial*, and all the *Deacons*, are expected to meet them.

R. H. B.  
22-7-29