

**MINUTES**

of

**SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS**

between

**THE MINISTERS**

of the

**Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada,**

at their

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE,**

**BEGUN IN KINGSTON,**

**On Wednesday, June 13th, 1838.**

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# MINUTES.

## QUESTION I.

WHAT Preachers are this year ADMITTED INTO FULL  
CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE AND ORDAINED?

### ANSWER.

Adam Townley,	John Flanagan,*
John Douse,	Hannibal Mulkins,
John G. Manly,	William Steer,
* Benjamin Slight,*	Jonathan Scott,*
George F. Playter,	John Sunday,*
	(Native Indian.)

\* These had been previously ordained for special purposes.

Ques. II. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

John McIntyre,	Daniel Berney,
Solomon Snyder,	C. B. Goodrich,
Thomas Hurlburt,	Vincent B. Howard,
Stephen Brownell, (who was ordained this year for special reasons.)	

These have travelled THREE YEARS.

William Willoughby,	William Haw,
Benjamin Nankevill,	Stephen Miles,
George Goodson,	Sylvester Hurlburt,
William Scott,	John Lever,
William Young,	Hugh Montgomery.

These have travelled TWO YEARS.

N. B. William Young and Hugh Montgomery were ordained this year for special purposes.

William Coleman,	Wellington Jeffers,
Daniel Hardie,	G. B. Butcher.

These have travelled ONE YEAR.

Ques. III. What Preachers are NOW RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

Arkle Stokes Newbury,\*      Henry Byers,\*  
George Sanderson,\*      James Spencer.

\* These have travelled one year under the direction of Chairmen.

Ques. IV. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

Ans. JONATHAN GLADWIN, who was a native of Derbyshire, England, and died in Toronto the 2nd of October, 1837, after a lingering illness, aged about 34 years. He was a man of an amiable and humble spirit, of uniform and affectionate piety; was a very acceptable and useful Preacher, and died in the triumphs of faith, in the third year of his Ministry.

Ques. V. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

Ans. They were examined one by one.

Ques. VI. What Preachers have DESISTED FROM TRAVELLING?

Ans. None.

Ques. VII. Who are the SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS?

Ans. Thomas Whitehead,	William Brown,*
Franklin Metcalf,	A. Prindel,
D. Youmans,	Daniel McMullen,
Wyatt Chamberlayne,*	C. Wood,*
Ezra Adams,*	A. Taylor,*
James Wilson,	James Booth.*

\* These have no claims on the funds raised for the support of Superannuated Preachers.

Ques. VIII. What Preachers have WITHDRAWN FROM THE CHURCH this year?

Ans. None.

Ques. IX. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

Ans. As follows: viz.

#### I.—LONDON DISTRICT.

1. London,—Edmund Stoney, Arkle Stokes Newbury.
2. St. Thomas,—James Norris, David Hardie.

3. *Gosfield*,—J. K. Williston, Henry Byers.
4. *Howard*,—Stephen Miles.
5. *Oxford*,—Thomas Fawcett.
6. *Thames*,—John Baxter, Thomas McMullen.
7. *Brantford*,—Thomas Bevitt, who shall change with the Grand River Missionary every fourth Sabbath; one to be sent; Thos. Whitehead, Superannuated.
8. *Simcoe*,—Richard Phelps; one to be sent.
9. *Dumfries*,—Robert Corson, William Coleman.
10. *Ancaster*,—Alexander MacNab, Peter Kerr; Andrew Prindel, Superannuated. The Ancaster Preachers shall change with the Preacher on the Hamilton Station one Sabbath in every three weeks.

EPHRAIM EVANS, *Chairman*.

## II.—TORONTO DISTRICT.

11. *Toronto City*,—William Ryerson; Egerton Ryerson is our *Editor*; John Ryerson is our *General Book Steward*; Andrew Taylor, Superannuated, who resides in Toronto.
12. *Yonge Street*,—Adam Townley, William Scott.
13. *Newmarket*,—Edmund Shepherd, George Sanderson.
14. *Toronto*,—Rowley Heyland, Simon Huntington.
15. *Nelson*,—Hamilton Biggar, John Law.
16. *Hamilton and Stoney Creek*,—J. C. Davidson. The Hamilton Preacher shall change with the Preachers of the Ancaster Circuit once in three weeks on the Sabbath.
17. *Grimsby*,—Samuel Belton, James Spencer.
18. *St. Catharines*,—Joseph Messmore, James Musgrove.
19. *Stamford*,—Matthew Whiting, Samuel Rose.
20. *Whitby*,—Horace Dean, John Lever; James Wilson, David Youmans, Superannuated.
21. *Brock*,—Cornelius Flummerfelt.
22. *Mona*,—To be supplied.

JOHN RYERSON, *Chairman*.

## III.—BAY OF QUINTE DISTRICT.

23. *Kingston*,—Matthew Lang.
24. *Bay of Quinte*,—Conrad Vandusen, W. H. Williams.

25. *Waterloo and Isle of Tanti*,—Ezra Healey, William Haw; James Booth, Superannuated.
26. *Hallowell*,—John Black, J. G. Manly.
27. *Belleville*,—Edwy Ryerson.
28. *Cobourg*,—John Carroll, Hannibal Mulkins; Matthew Richey, A. M., who is *Principal of U. C. Academy*; John Beatty, who is *Steward of U. C. Academy*.
29. *Peterboro' and Rice Lake Mission*,—George Poole, Sylvester Hurlburt. Brother Hurlburt has the charge of the Mission, and brother Poole of the Circuit; but are expected to labour in conjunction over the entire ground attached to both.
30. *Sidney*,—Lewis Warner, Solomon Snyder.
31. *Murray*,—Cyrus R. Allison, William Steer; Daniel McMullen, Superannuated.

ANSON GREEN, *Chairman*.

#### IV.—AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

32. *Brockville*,—Henry Wilkinson.
33. *Elizabethtown and Gananoque*,—James Brock, Daniel Berney; Wyatt Chamberlayne, Superannuated.
34. *Augusta*,—James Currie, Henry Shaler; Chas. Wood, Superannuated.
35. *Matilda*,—Asahel Hurlburt, George Ferguson.
36. *Rideau*,—William McFadden; William Brown, Superannuated.
37. *Perth*,—John McIntyre.
38. *Crosby*,—William Young.
39. *Cornwall*,—John Flanagan.

HENRY WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

#### V.—OTTAWA DISTRICT.

40. *Bytown*,—Richard Jones.
41. *Ottawa*,—Alva Adams, George F. Playter; Franklin Metcalf, Superannuated.
42. *Hull*,—Thomas Harmon.
43. *Richmond*,—George Goodson.
44. *Mississippi*,—John Armstrong, William Willoughby.
45. *Osgoode*,—Vincent B. Howard.

- 46. *Clarendon*,—Stephen Brownell.
- 47. *Pembroke*,—G. B. Butcher.

RICHARD JONES, *Chairman*.

VI.—MISSIONARY DISTRICT.

- 48. *Aldersville*,—William Case, who is to pay particular attention to the arrangement and settlement of the new village on the south shore of Rice Lake; John Sunday.
- 49. *St. Clair and Walpole Island*,—John Douse, George Henry.
- 50. *Rice Lake*,—Sylvester Hurlburt.
- 51. *Credit*,—Benjamin Slight.
- 52. *Grand River*,—David Wright, who shall change with the Preachers of the Brantford Station every fourth Sabbath.
- 53. *Muncey*,—Solomon Waldron.
- 54. *Goderich*,—Hugh Montgomery.
- 55. *Saugeeng*,—Gilbert Miller.
- 56. *Lake Simcoe, Coldwater, and Barrie*,—Jonathan Scott, Wellington Jeffers.
- 57. *Guelph*,—Benjamin Nankeville.
- 58. *Walpole*,—C. B. Goodrich.
- 59. *Lake Superior*,—James Evans, Thomas Hurlburt.

JOSEPH STINSON, *General Superintendent*.

PETER JONES is in England, on the service of the Connection.

Ques. X. What is the NUMBER OF MEMBERS in our Societies?

Ans. As follows, viz.:—

CIRCUITS.			
Toronto City, .....	262	Brock, .....	133
Yonge Street, .....	690 >	Mona, .....	76
Newmarket, .....	333	Hamilton, .....	500
Toronto, .....	540	Stamford, .....	277
Nelson, .....	527	St. Catharines, .....	230
Dumfries, .....	355	Grimsby, .....	258
Whitby, .....	532	Simcoe, .....	407
		Brantford, .....	410

London, .....	278
St. Thomas, .....	441
Gosfield, .....	197
Howard, .....	151
Oxford, .....	121
Thames, .....	237
Kingston, .....	158
Bay of Quinte, .....	643
Waterloo, .....	377
Hallowell, .....	587
Belleville, .....	165
Cobourg, .....	522
Peterboro', .....	358
Sidney, .....	258
Murray, .....	493
Brockville, .....	279
Prescott, .....	553
Matilda, .....	519
Rideau, .....	231
Perth, .....	155
Mississippi, .....	209
Richmond, .....	365
Ottawa, .....	555

Bytown, .....	169
Hull, .....	129
Crosby, .....	86
Clarendon, .....	103

## MISSIONS.

Aldersville, .....	83
St. Clair, .....	166
Rice Lake, .....	81
Lake Simcoe, .....	253
Cold Water, .....	77
Muncey Town, .....	150
Saugeeng, .....	70
Grand River, .....	125
Credit, .....	129
Isle of Tanti, .....	25
Guelph, .....	112
Goderich, .....	60
Warwick, .....	30
Amherstburg, .....	21
Marmora, .....	43
Pembroke, .....	25
Lanark, .....	29

Total number of Members in Upper Canada this year, .....	15,328
Total last year, .....	15,453
Decrease, .....	125

Travelling Preachers, .....	95
Superannuated do. ....	12

N. B. As nearly as can be ascertained from the various Circuit Schedules, it appears that there have been Expelled and Dropped during the year, 973; Withdrawals, 310; Removals of various kinds, 1,270; Deaths, 96; Received into Society, 2,525; Decrease, 125.

2649  
1525  
1124



STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Number of Members now in Great Britain, . . . . .	292,693
Do. in Ireland, . . . . .	26,023
Do. in the Foreign Stations, . . . . .	66,007

Total under the care of the British and Irish Conferences, . . . . .	384,723
Under the care of the American Conferences, . . . . .	658,574
Under the care of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada, . . . . .	15,328

Total number of Members, in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies, throughout the world, exclusive of regular Travelling Preachers, who are stately employed in the work of the ministry, . . . . .	1,049,410
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N. B. The number of regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows: *viz.*—

*In Great Britain,*

Regular Preachers, . . . . .	867
Supernumerary and Superannuated, . . . . .	134

1,001

*In Ireland,*

Regular Preachers stationed in the C'ts., . . . . .	97
Missionaries, . . . . .	25
Super'y and Superannuated Preachers, . . . . .	39

161

*In the Foreign Stations,*

Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List (besides the twenty-five Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible,) . . . . .	274
Super'y and Superannuated Preachers, . . . . .	7

281

*In the American Connexion in 1836,*  
 Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Mis-  
 sionaries to the Indians, ..... 2,781  
 Super'y and Superannuated Preachers, .. 165

*In the Upper Canada Connexion,*  
 Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Mis-  
 sionaries, ..... 95  
 Superannuated Preachers, ..... 12

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2,946

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107

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Total throughout the world, ..... 4,496

Ques. XI. What has been COLLECTED for the relief and support of the Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and children of those who have died in the work?

Ans.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Toronto City, ..	15	0	0	Bay of Quinte, ..	5	1	3
Yonge Street, ..	6	0	0	Waterloo, .....	3	7	5½
Newmarket, ..	1	17	2½	Hallowell, ...	3	12	1
Toronto, .....	2	0	0	Belleville, .....	3	1	7½
Nelson, .....	4	10	0	Cobourg, .....	Nothing.		
Dumfries, .....	1	10	0	Peterboro', ...	6	12	4½
Whitby, .....	2	7	1	Sidney, .....	1	10	0
Brock, .....	Nothing.			Murray, .....	2	4	4½
Hamilton, .....	10	5	0	Brockville, ...	0	10	0
Stamford, .....	2	5	7	Prescott, .....	7	10	0
St. Catharines, ..	2	18	9	Matilda, .....	0	8	0
Grimsby, .....	3	8	9	Rideau, .....	1	2	10
Simcoe, .....	4	6	8	Perth, .....	1	3	0
Brantford, .....	4	5	0	Mississippi, ..	1	6	8½
London, .....	1	12	6	Richmond, ...	0	9	0
St. Thomas, ..	4	3	1½	Ottawa, .....	3	13	11
Gosfield, .....	1	10	0	Bytown, .....	1	12	6
Howard, .....	1	2	1½	Hull, .....	0	12	6
Oxford, .....	2	12	6	Crosby, .....	0	7	6
Thames, .....	0	6	0	Clarendon, ...	Nothing.		
Kingston, .....	5	0	0	Miss. District, ..	10	0	0

PREACHERS' ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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W. M. Harvard, .	1	0	0	D. Wright, . . . . .	1 0 0
M. Richey, . . . .	1	0	0	H. Montgomery, .	1 0 0
W. Ryerson, . . .	1	0	0	T. Fawcett, . . . .	1 0 0
E. Evans, . . . . .	1	0	0	C. B. Goodrich, .	1 0 0
J. Ryerson, . . . .	1	0	0	C. Vandusen, . .	1 0 0
H. Biggar, . . . . .	1	0	0	D. Hardie, . . . . .	1 0 0
A. Townley, . . .	1	0	0	J. K. Williston, .	1 0 0
S. Huntington, . .	1	0	0	J. Norris, . . . . .	1 0 0
J. Lever, . . . . .	1	0	0	S. Miles, . . . . .	1 0 0
R. Heyland, . . . .	1	0	0	G. Sanderson, . .	1 0 0
J. Flanagan, . . .	1	0	0	J. Stinson, . . . .	1 0 0
Edwy Ryerson, . .	1	0	0	Egerton Ryerson, .	1 0 0
W. Coleman, . . .	1	0	0	J. Black, . . . . .	1 0 0
R. Corson, . . . . .	1	0	0	W. Young, . . . . .	1 0 0
H. Byers, . . . . .	1	0	0	J. Baxter, . . . . .	1 0 0
H. Dean, . . . . .	1	0	0	L. Warner, . . . . .	1 0 0
H. Mulkins, . . . .	1	0	0	J. C. Davidson, . .	1 0 0
J. Wilson, . . . . .	1	0	0	W. Case, . . . . .	1 0 0
D. Youmans, . . .	1	0	0	M. Lang, . . . . .	1 0 0
C. Flummerfelt, .	1	0	0	J. Carroll, . . . . .	1 0 0
J. Neelands, . . . .	0	10	0	J. Douse, . . . . .	1 0 0
R. Jones, . . . . .	1	0	0	J. Beatty, . . . . .	1 0 0
A. McNab, . . . . .	1	0	0	G. Poole, . . . . .	1 0 0
W. Jeffers, . . . . .	1	0	0	J. G. Manly, . . . .	1 0 0
T. Bevitt, . . . . .	1	0	0	W. H. Williams, .	1 0 0
S. Rose, . . . . .	1	0	0	S. Snyder, . . . . .	1 0 0
J. Messmore, . . .	1	0	0	C. R. Allison, . .	1 0 0
J. Musgrove, . . .	1	0	0	W. Steer, . . . . .	1 0 0
S. Belton, . . . . .	1	0	0	D. McMullen, . . .	1 0 0
J. Law, . . . . .	1	0	0	A. Green, . . . . .	1 2 0
R. Phelps, . . . . .	1	0	0	E. Healey, . . . . .	1 0 0
E. Shepherd, . . .	1	0	0	W. Scott, . . . . .	1 0 0
P. Kerr, . . . . .	1	0	0	G. Ferguson, . . .	1 0 0
T. Whitehead, . .	1	0	0	H. Shaler, . . . . .	1 0 0
A. Prindel, . . . .	1	0	0	A. Hurlburt, . . .	1 0 0
A. S. Newbury, . .	1	0	0	G. Goodson, . . .	1 0 0
E. Stoney, . . . . .	1	0	0	W. McFadden, . .	1 0 0
				G. F. Playter, . .	1 0 0

W. Willoughby, .. 1	0	0	J. Sunday, .....	1	0	0	
S. Brownell, ... 1	0	0	J. Evans, .....	1	0	0	
D. Berney, .....	1	0	0	T. Hurlburt, .....	1	0	0
A. Adams, .....	1	0	0	S. Hurlburt, .....	1	0	0
J. McIntyre, .....	1	0	0	J. Scott, .....	1	0	0
F. Metcalf, .....	1	0	0	T. McMullen, ..	1	0	0
J. Brock, .....	1	0	0	G. Miller, .....	1	0	0
T. Harmon, .....	1	0	0	S. Waldron, .....	1	0	0
J. Currie, .....	1	0	0	J. Simpson, .....	1	0	0
V. B. Howard, ..	1	0	0	M. Whiting, .....	1	0	0
J. Armstrong, ..	1	0	0	B. Slight, .....	1	0	0
G. B. Butcher, ..	1	0	0	B. Nankeville, ..	1	0	0
H. Wilkinson, ..	1	0	0				
Public collection at Conference, .....	£3	5	10.				
Collections from the Circuits, .....	131	5	5½				
Annual Subscriptions of Preachers, .....	100	12	0				
	£235	3	3½				

Ques. XII. How has this money been EXPENDED?

Ans. Stationary for the Conference, .....	£0	17	0½
Rev. S. Belton for last year, .....	20	13	9½
“ J. Wilson, .....	35	12	0½
“ T. Whitehead, .....	17	16	0¼
“ D. Youmans, .....	17	16	0¼
“ A. Prindel, .....	35	12	0½
“ F. Metcalf, .....	35	12	0½
“ D. McMullen, .....	35	12	0½
Widow Madden, .....	17	16	1¼
“ Slater, .....	17	16	1¼
	£235	3	3½

Ques. XIII. What has been collected to make up the DEFICIENCIES of poor Circuits?

Ans.	£	s.	d.	Nelson, .....	6	9	0
Toronto City, ..	14	13	1½	Dumfries, ....	6	3	9
Yonge Street, ..	12	17	1	Whitby, .....	7	1	2
Newmarket, ..	5	19	5	Brock, .....	1	12	6
Toronto, .....	6	0	0	Hamilton, ....	13	7	1½

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 12 0½  
 12 0½  
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 16 1¼

3 3½

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 12 6  
 7 1½

Stamford, .... 5 15 0  
 St. Catharines, 3 15 0  
 Grimsby, .... 2 15 0  
 Simcoe, .... 4 15 11  
 Brantford, .... 6 5 0  
 London,..... 2 12 9  
 St. Thomas, .. 4 3 7  
 Gosfield, ..... 1 11 3  
 Howard, ..... 2 0 0  
 Oxford, ..... 2 3 4  
 Thames, ..... 2 17 4  
 Kingston, ....10 0 0  
 Bay of Quinte, 5 1 10  
 Waterloo, .... 4 5 0½  
 Hallowell, ... 4 9 5  
 Belleville, .... 3 0 0  
 Cobourg, ..... 7 2 5

From the Book Room,.....25 0 0  
 " Mission Stations, .....10 0 0

Peterboro',.... 3 5 9  
 Sidney, ..... 0 9 1½  
 Murray,..... 6 15 7½  
 Brockville,.... 3 4 0½  
 Prescott, ..... 5 0 0  
 Matilda, ..... 2 2 10  
 Rideau, ..... 1 7 6  
 Perth, ..... 1 11 7  
 Mississippi, ... 4 0 0  
 Richmond, ... 0 15 0  
 Ottawa,..... Nothing.  
 Bytown, ..... 2 2 0  
 Hull, ..... 1 8 2  
 Crosby, ..... 0 10 0  
 S. H. Esq., do-  
 nation, .... 2 10 0

£216 17 8

Ques. XIV. How has this money been EXPENDED?

Ans. To make up the deficiencies of—

St. Catharines Circuit,.....£24 0 0  
 Simcoe " ..... 10 10 0  
 London " ..... 2 10 0  
 St. Thomas " ..... 8 0 0  
 Oxford " ..... 10 0 0  
 Gosfield " ..... 1 10 0  
 Thames " ..... 3 14 6  
 Newmarket " ..... 19 0 0  
 Dumfries " ..... 6 0 0  
 Yonge Street " ..... 10 0 0  
 Waterloo " ..... 17 0 0  
 Elizabethtown " ..... 16 10 0  
 Perth " ..... 5 0 0  
 Mississippi " ..... 10 0 0  
 Crosby " ..... 19 0 0

£162 14 6

## MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

To Br. William Scott, on account of family afflictions, .....	£12	0	0	
To Br. Wm. Deverell, on account of personal afflictions, .....	10	0	0	
To Rev. Wm. Ryerson, travelling expenses to Kingston, &c., ..	5	0	0	
To Rev. H. Biggar, for bad bills,	2	10	0	
To Secretary of the Conference,	6	0	0	
Paid Bro. Green for money advanced last year to Brother D. McMullen, .....	19	0	0	
				£54 10 0
				£217 4 6

Ques. XV. What are the STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE PRESENT YEAR?

Ans. 1. BOOK COMMITTEE.—President and Secretary of the Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairman of the Toronto District, the Preachers resident in Toronto City, the Preachers on the Yonge Street and Toronto Circuits, and the Superintendents of the Newmarket, Whitby and Nelson Circuits.

2. MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.—President of the Conference, Chairmen of Districts, Wm. Case, Wm. Ryerson, Editor of the Guardian, D. Wright, M. Lang, and J. C. Davidson.

*Missionary Board.*—Superintendent of Missions, the Chairman of the Toronto District, Editor of the Guardian, Preachers resident in the City of Toronto and on the Toronto and Yonge Street Circuits, and the following gentlemen :

John Beatty, jun'r., *Secretary.*

S. E. Taylor, *Treasurer.*

Messrs. J. Dunn, G. B. Spencer, A. Hamilton, R. Woodworth, G. Walker, and T. Storm.

3. COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES.—President and Secretary of

the Conference, Superintendent of Missions, Chairmen of Districts, Rev. Wm. Case, Preachers resident in the City of Toronto, and the following gentlemen: *viz.*,

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|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| J. R. Armstrong, M. P. P., | } | <i>City of Toronto.</i> |
| Alderman Taylor,           |   |                         |
| John Beatty,               |   |                         |
| A. Hamilton,               |   |                         |
| J. Dunn,                   |   |                         |
| R. Woodsworth,             | } | <i>Brighton.</i>        |
| G. H. Detlor, M. P. P.,    |   |                         |
| G. Brouse, J. P.,          |   | <i>Matilda.</i>         |
| James Dougall, J. P.,      |   | <i>Hallowell.</i>       |
| John Counter, Esq.,        | } | <i>Kingston.</i>        |
| J. M. Rorison,             |   |                         |
| L. Houghton,               |   | <i>Brockville.</i>      |
| Wm. Brown, J. P.,          |   | <i>Wolford.</i>         |
| B. Flint, jun., J. P.,     |   | <i>Bellefleur.</i>      |
| J. P. Roblin, J. P.,       |   | <i>Ameliasburgh.</i>    |
| C. Biggar, J. P.,          |   | <i>Murray.</i>          |
| J. A. Keeler, J. P.,       |   | <i>Colborne.</i>        |
| J. W. Williams, J. P.,     |   | <i>Oakville.</i>        |
| William Fitz Moore,        |   | <i>Whitby.</i>          |
| James Gage,                | } | <i>Hamilton.</i>        |
| Edward Jackson,            |   |                         |
| Hugh Wilson, J. P.,        |   | <i>Saltfleet.</i>       |
| B. Corwin,                 |   | <i>Stamford.</i>        |
| A. Davidson, P. M.,        |   | <i>Niagara.</i>         |
| A. Sharp,                  |   | <i>Brantford.</i>       |
| Gilbert Wrong, J. P.,      |   | <i>Malahide.</i>        |
| W. Wheeler,                |   | <i>St. Thomas.</i>      |
| John Scatchard, Esq.,      |   | <i>London.</i>          |
| Ch. Johnson, J. P.,        |   | <i>Longueil.</i>        |

The Editor of the Guardian to be Secretary, with authority to call meetings of the Committee; five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.—President and Secretary of the Conference, Chairmen of Districts, Superintendents of Hamilton and Ancaster Circuits, and the follow-

ing gentlemen: viz., Messrs. Gage, Jackson, and Strowbridge, of Hamilton; H. Willson, Esq., of Saltfleet; D. Lewis, Esq., of Stoney Creek; and Mr. P. Spaun, of Ancaster.

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*Regulations respecting the Contingent Fund adopted in 1836, and reprinted by the direction of the Conference.*

Ques. What can be done to improve the general state of our Finances, and for the extension of the work?

Ans. 1st. There shall be a fund established, called the **CONTINGENT FUND**; the avails of which shall be appropriated to making up the deficiencies of those poor Circuits which have not been able to pay their Preachers' salaries, and to defray extraordinary expenses, as in cases of sickness, &c.

2nd. For the purpose of establishing and supporting the Contingent Fund, there shall be public collections made in all our congregations during the months of September and February in each year.

3rd. Such appropriations of the avails of the Printing and Book Establishments shall be annually made to this fund as the Book Committee shall from time to time judge expedient.

4th. We hereby agree to do all we can to increase and support our Book Concern in the City of Toronto; and in order thereto, we will first subscribe to the utmost of our ability, and then circulate subscriptions among all our people throughout every Circuit within the bounds of the Conference.

5th. The Chairmen of Districts shall be the District Treasurers for the Contingent Fund; to whom all money collected for it within their respective Districts shall be transmitted, and by whom a correct account shall be kept of the amount received from the several Circuits.

N. B. All money paid on the subscription in aid of the Book Concern, are to be remitted to the Book Steward.

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## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved,—That the Conference have great pleasure in expressing their entire confidence in the Christian integrity and sincere attachment of the Book Steward and Editor to the various important interests of our Church; and we present our cordial thanks to those valued brethren for their zealous and successful endeavours in discharging the duties of their respective departments.

2. Resolved,—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Members of the Book Committee for the attention devoted by them during the year to the interests of the Book and Printing Establishment confided to their care.

3. Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to our beloved and highly esteemed brethren, the Rev'ds. Luther Lee, Jesse T. Peck, C. W. Leet, and A. J. Phelps, of the Black River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, for their attendance and company during the preceding part of the present session; and we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our unabated attachment to, and our affectionate union with, our brethren on the south side of the St. Lawrence; and our earnest prayer to Almighty God is, that the great principle of Wesleyan Methodism may ever be maintained and strengthened, that "the Wesleyan Methodists are one body in every part of the world."

4. Resolved,—That the Conference have great pleasure in presenting their affectionate and cordial thanks to the Rev. Matthew Richey, A. M., Principal of the Upper Canada Academy, for the zealous and efficient manner in which he has employed his time and talents to the arduous duties of his important and responsible office during the past year; and also in expressing their gratifying conviction that, by the Divine blessing upon the future operations of the Institution, the most salutary effects upon the general educational interests of the Province may be confidently anticipated.

5. Resolved,—That the Rev. John Ryerson, our General Book Steward, be requested to make arrangements with the Rev. Matthew Richey for the publication of a small volume of original Sermons as speedily as possible.

6. Resolved,—That it is the judgment of the Conference, that it is highly improper, and contrary to a correct interpretation of our ecclesiastical economy, for persons not duly ordained to the office of the Christian Ministry to administer the sacrament of Baptism under any circumstances.

Ques. XVI. Where and when will our next Conference be held?

Ans. At HAMILTON, Gore District; commencing on the second Wednesday in June, 1839, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM M. HARVARD, *President.*

EGERTON RYERSON, *Secretary.*

*Kingston, June 22, 1838.*

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THE ANNUAL ADDRESS  
OF THE  
CONFERENCE  
TO THE  
MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH  
IN CANADA.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by our annual association in Conference to address you, with unabated and intense affection, on some topics of interest and importance.

To the year that is past we would direct your attention with mingled emotions of sorrow and gratitude. Little did we imagine, when last we addressed you, that ere this period attempted rebellion and partial disorder would distract and agitate our beloved Province. But, thanks be unto God, the cause of truth and righteousness has signally triumphed: the voice of the Most High has been heard above the tempest, rebuking and harmonizing the angry and contending elements. At a moment when we were most emphatically cast upon Divine protection, the God of our fathers spread around and beneath us, his everlasting arms. We recognize

with pleasure and thankfulness the steadiness and fidelity of our fellow-subjects, and of our own Societies in particular, in the recent lamented insurrection. We sincerely regret the transgressions of some others, but we are thankful that the contagion spread no farther: we trust all latent disaffection will be entirely subdued; and while we behold the characters of Divine interposition, guidance, and salvation emblazoned on the events of the past, we sincerely hope and pray that the ultimate end will, through the mercy of God, be beneficial, and that the peaceful, hallowing, and beatifying influences of righteousness and truth will pervade the length and breadth of our Province.

Dearly beloved Brethren: In reviewing the past, let us learn more fully and more practically our absolute dependence on God—the truth of his promises, and the unspeakable excellency of our Divine religion. Without hope and without God, we are unprotected in the storm, alone in the conflict, unguided and unblest; but if faithfully devoted to Him, we have every assurance of his protection and blessing. The silent and deadly pestilence may walk in darkness; fearful destruction may waste at noon-day; a thousand may fall at the believer's side and ten thousand at his right hand; but it shall not come nigh him, for the truth of the Most High is his shield and buckler. While regarding this animating truth in the light of experience, forget not, Dear Brethren, that to yield honour and obedience to the laws of the land, is an essential characteristic of such a favoured individual. While we most affectionately urge upon our beloved people the importance of sedulously guarding against the danger of imbibing and indulging the spirit of political partizanship, yet the painful occurrences of the past year imperatively prompt us to call your serious attention to that branch of scriptural morality which respects your civil relations. The sacred oracles require not submission to any unscriptural or immoral injunction by whomsoever imposed, but most unequivocally forbid it: they impose no restraints on the judgments of men in civil affairs, but they require every follower of our blessed Redeemer to award respect and obedience to the constituted authorities. Without this

the bonds of society must soon be dissolved, and the diverse and discordant elements contend in licentiousness and death.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of one of your beloved Ministers, the Rev. Jonathan Gladwin. We rejoice in the conviction that he is now reaping the reward of his fidelity and toil, as well as in the mercy of God in removing no other from our ranks. For a more particular account of our deceased and lamented brother, we refer you to his obituary contained in the Minutes of the Conference.

From a comparison of the returns of the present with those of last year, we perceive that we have sustained a small decrease of 125. While we regret that there is any diminution in our numbers, we are thankful, considering the embarrassing events which have occurred in the civil affairs of the Province, that it is no greater.

The statistical items which we have furnished will sufficiently account for our small numerical loss, and at the same time evince the paternal regard and blessing with which our heavenly Father has distinguished us. That our beloved Zion has so happily surmounted the obstacles and escaped the injuries of the past year; that the Spirit of God has been so graciously and largely shed upon many places; and that so many have been added to occupy the ranks of the unfaithful, or of the redeemed from among men, are facts which should awaken in all our hearts the deepest emotions of gratitude, and elicit suitable expressions of thanksgiving and praise.

In referring to the Upper Canada Academy, we feel that we have peculiar cause of gratitude and encouragement. The remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit with which God has graciously visited this Institution during the past year, and the facilities which it affords for the acquisition of sound and useful learning on Christian principles, and upon more moderate terms than any similar Institution with which we are acquainted, demand our warm recommendation of its interests to the cordial support of all our Societies. God has placed upon it the impress of his approval, and

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bestowed upon many of the students his enriching and saving blessing. The last annual examination has given ample evidence of its continued and increasing efficiency; and we trust that it will long be a blessing, and that our beloved people will faithfully sustain it.

With great satisfaction we inform you, Dear Brethren, that the Book Room and the Printing Establishment continue to prosper. The sphere of their operations is, however, as yet, comparatively limited; but we trust you will cheerfully contribute to their growth and influence,—to the accomplishment of the benevolent and important ends which are exclusively contemplated in their operations.

To your affectionate regard and cordial support, we commend all our other excellent and useful institutions. The Sabbath School and Missionary Societies, and the Contingent and Superannuated Preachers' Funds, (still in their infancy,) will, if rendered mature and efficient, greatly subserve the interests of our Zion. We fervently hope therefore that you will do all in your power to aid and advance them by your contributions and prayers.

And now, Dear Brethren, we desire most affectionately to remind you of the glorious and important end at which we all aim,—“to spread scriptural holiness over the land.” Unallied and contrasted with those whose views and affections are confined to earth, may it be our mutual and constant care and effort to be instrumental in multiplying the trophies and conquests of the Redeemer's kingdom till every enemy is subdued. That you may contribute to this glorious design and secure your own eternal salvation, let us remember that increasing personal piety is indispensable. Our own interests and the salvation of others alike demand that we should not live unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again. Oh! let the flame of devotion, of gratitude, and love unceasingly burn on the altar of your hearts! Add to its penetrating and purifying influence by the acquisition of further blessings, in the closet, at the family altar, and in the sanctuary of the Most High. Live continually by faith in Him who is the way, the truth, and the life,—the only mediator between God and man: so shall

you be really and eminently, in connection with the whole Church militant, the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Dear Brethren: we are about to separate and repair to our respective fields of labour. While together we have been favoured with the gracious visitations of our heavenly Father. We feel thankful for the Christian harmony and fraternal affection that have prevailed among us. We go forth relying on Him who hath hitherto helped us, and trust that the ensuing year will be crowned with prosperity and songs of triumph. We beseech you to unite with us in believing and incessant prayer and supplication: cast yourselves with us on Him who careth for us, and we shall know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. "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 and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Amen."

Signed, by order and in behalf of the Conference,

WM. M. HARVARD, *President.*

EGERTON RYERSON, *Secretary.*

Kingston, June 22, 1838.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE  
BRITISH WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHERN,—

We are happy to improve the opportunity afforded by our annual meeting to address you again, though we cannot but regret that we are deprived of the pleasure and profit of a communication from you during our present sittings.

The events of the past year have been of an unusual and extraordinary character. The political extravagancies of some of our fellow-subjects have degenerated into disaffection, and that disaffection has ripened into rebellion, which has filled our whole Province with excitement and alarm, although only a few hundred seemed to have any connection

with the conspiracy. The interposition of Divine Providence was remarkably manifest in our deliverance; and within a few days the designs of wicked men were defeated, and the insurrection was entirely suppressed, with scarcely any sacrifice of life. In this season of trial the members of our Societies throughout the Province were not exceeded by any class of our fellow-subjects in loyalty and zeal in the maintenance and defence of the constituted authorities. This was the first instance in which the public tranquillity was ever thus disturbed in this Province, and we trust it will be the last.

The disturbances to which we have referred have been unfavourable to the spiritual prosperity of our Societies in many places, as many of the members have been employed on military duty, and the attention of others has been diverted by exciting topics of a secular nature.

The legal questions affecting our chapel property are yet undecided, and have occasioned us considerable expense and much inconvenience during the last, as well as the preceding year. Yet the Lord has poured out his Holy Spirit in several places, and considerable numbers have been added to our Societies; although, from several obvious causes, there is, upon the whole, a small numerical decrease in them.

The untoward events affecting the interest of our Indian Missions, to which we referred in our last year's Address, have operated injuriously, to some extent, upon their prosperity during the past year. But the Indian converts have, with very few exceptions, remained steadfast and unmovable: they are walking in the fear of the Lord and the comforts of the Holy Ghost; and the inviting openings of Missionary enterprise continue to present themselves among them to the most distant interior.

The Upper Canada Academy—though the attendance of students during a part of the past year has been affected by the civil disturbances of the Province—is becoming increasingly efficient and useful. A delightful revival of religion has lately taken place among the students, upwards of thirty of whom have given evidence of a gracious change. The Rev. Mr. Richey, our excellent Principal, continues the

diligent and successful employment of his superior talents and high attainments, and more matured experience, in promoting the great religious and literary objects of the Institution; which, with the assistance of anticipated Legislative aid, will, we confidently trust, by the Divine goodness, be rendered an unspeakable blessing to our Church and Province. /

In parting with our respected and amiable friend, the Rev. W. M. Harvard, according to the appointment of your Missionary Committee, we cannot but record our grateful sense of the kindness, and diligence, and zeal, and piety, with which he has discharged the functions and duties of his important office among us during the last two years; and it is our earnest prayer to Almighty God that during the subsequent years of his ministerial labours and earthly pilgrimage, he may enjoy those strong and heavenly consolations of the Holy Spirit on which he has so devoutly and faithfully dwelt in his going out and coming in among us.

The appointment of another President will now become necessary; and after witnessing the faithfulness, and zeal, and ability with which our beloved brother, the Rev. Joseph Stinson, has discharged his duties as General Superintendent of Missions during the last five years, and from the high esteem in which his acquaintance and labours are held among us, we are induced most respectfully, and cordially, and unanimously, to request that he may be appointed our President for the present year.

Rev. Fathers and Brethren: we now repair to our several fields of labour. In this eventful crisis of our Provincial history, we solemnly renew our covenant engagements to God and each other, to spend and be spent in the service of Christ and his Church; that whether we live, we may live unto the Lord; whether we die, we may die unto the Lord; that living or dying we may be the Lord's.

Signed, by order and in behalf of the Conference of the  
Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada,

EGERTON RYERSON, *Secretary.*

*Kingston, June 22, 1836.*