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OF THE PEOPLE DENOMINATED

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

QUESTION I.—Who compose this Conference?

ANS.—WILLIAM JOLLIFFE, President of the Conference, 1877.

JOHN KENNER, Secretary

Edward Roberts, Sup't of the Victoria and Peterboro District.	
William Hooper,	Exeter do.
James Joseph Rice,	London do.
William S. Pascoe,	Prince Edward Island do.
William R. Roach,	Wisconsin do.
Henry James Nott,	Cleveland do.

*Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.*

John Williams	sent by	Cobourg District Meeting.
Thomas Courtice,	"	Bowmanville do.
James Rundle,	"	do. do.
W. Hodgson,	"	do. do.
*Charles R. Rundle	"	do. do.
*Andrew Courtice	"	do. do.
J. F. Cunnings,	"	Victoria & Peterboro do.
J. Broad,	"	do. do.
T. Werry,	"	do. do.
A. Wilson,	"	do. do.
T. Smith,	"	do. do.
James Pickard,	"	Exeter do.
W. Lewis,	"	do. do.
D. Tiplady,	"	do. do.
N. Morrish,	"	do. do.
P. Rabb,	"	do. do.
J. Sharsel	"	do. do.

\*Not in attendance, because of illness or press of business.

M. Elford,	sent by Exeter District Meeting.	
H. Heal,	do.	do.
William Field,	London	do.
J. Pratt,	do.	do.
*W. Jennings,	do.	do.
Isaac,	do.	do.
T. Hunsley,	do.	do.
C Knight,	do.	do.
*Joseph Shackson,	Cleveland,	do.

*Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.*

*John Hicks Eynon,	sent by Bowmanville District Meeting.	
Thomas Greene,	Exeter	do.
*John Edwards,	do.	do.
Robert Hurley,	Cobourg	do.
John Chapple,	London	do.
John Williams,	Exeter	do.
Cephas Barker,	Bowmanville	do.
George Haycraft,	Wisconsin,	do.
John W. Butcher,	Exeter	do.
Jacob Gale,	Bowmanville	do.
Jesse Whitlock	London	do.
Thomas Raynor Hull,	Exeter	do.
George Bodle,	Cleveland	do.
Andrew Gordon,	Bowmanville	do.
George Webber,	do.	do.
Archibald Clarke,	do.	do.
Henry A. Newcombe,	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
John Guard,	do	do.
George Dunkley,	Exeter	do.
Walter Ayers,	London	do.
John Harris,	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
*Lewis W. Wickett,	Cobourg	do.
Richard T Courtice,	Exeter	do.
William C. Beer,	Bowmanville	do.
Stephen H. Rice.	do	do.
Alexander Richard,	London	do.
Roger Allin,	Exeter	do.
William Quance,	Bowmanville	do.
Richard B. Rowe,	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
*John Dumbleton,	Wisconsin	do.
William H. Butt,	Exeter	do.
John Holmes,	Bowmanville	do.
John Veale,	London	do.
*George H. Copeland,	do.	do.

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Moses Metherall,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
Richard Mallett, B. A.,	"	Cleveland	do.
James Kestle,	"	Cobourg,	do.
Robert Davidson,	"	Wisconsin,	do.
John Greenway,	"	do.	do.
Thomas H. Dry,	"	do.	do.
James P. Rice,	"	Exeter	do.
Thomas Mason,	"	do.	do.
William Daniels,	"	do.	do.

JAMES J. RICE, was elected President; and

STEPHEN H. RICE, Conference Secretary.

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

A.—

Paul Robins, (superan.)	Lewis W. Wickett,
John Langdon, do.	Henry J. Nott,
John Hicks Eynon, do.	Richard T. Courtice,
Thomas Greene, do.	William Kinley,
John Edwards, do.	William C. Beer,
Robert Hurley, do.	Anslem Schuster, (supernum.)
John Chapple,	Robert Baker,
John Williams, (superan.)	Stephen H. Rice,
Cephas Barker,	Alexander Richards,
William Hooper,	Roger Allin,
George Haycraft, (superan.)	James H. Collins,
John W. Butcher,	Joseph Archer,
Jacob Gale, (superan.)	John G. Yelland,
Jessie Whitlock,	George Smith,
William R. Roach,	William Quance,
William S. Pascoe,	Richard B. Rowe,
William Kenner,	Thomas Broad,
Thomas R. Hull,	John Dumbleton,
George Bodle,	William H. Butt,
Andrew Gordon,	John Holmes,
John Kenner,	John Veale,
Isaac Ashley, (supernum.)	George H. Copeland,
George Webber,	John Ball,
Edward Roberts,	Moses Metherall,
William Jolliffe,	Richard Mallett, B. A.,
Archibald Clarke,	James Kestle,
Henry A. Newcombe,	Robert Davidson,
John Guard,	John Greenway,
George Dunkley,	Thomas H. Dry,
Walter Ayers,	James P. Rice,
John Harris,	William Davis,
William Medland,	Thomas Mason,
James J. Rice,	John M. Tredrea.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into Full Connexion?

A.—

Joshua Elliott,	William Rollins,
William Limbert,	Herman Moore,
Samuel J. Allin,	John Gilson,
Edward A. Tonkin,	Richard Thomas.

Q. 4.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—

Thomas J. Sabine.

He has travelled *three* years

Daniel Williams,	Francis M. Whitlock,
These have travelled <i>two</i> years.	

James Hosking	Silas J. Cummings
William Bryenton,	James A. Dafoe.

These have travelled *one* year.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on Trial?

A.—

John Broad,	John Wesley Cannon.
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Q. 6.—What preachers have died this year?

A.—HENRY EBBOTT—who was born at Westcott, in the Parish of Tremayne, County of Cornwall, England, October 27th, 1817. At about the age of fourteen, he went to reside a few miles from his home, in the small seaport town of Boscastle, situate in his native county, for the purpose of learning a trade. When about eighteen years of age, while attending the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Association, he obtained a knowledge of salvation through faith in the merits of a crucified Redeemer. His conversion was clear, and genuine. The change wrought kindled in his heart a flame of love to God, and an unquenchable desire for the salvation of others, that often caused him to exclaim, "What shall I do to make it known!" Under these deep, and powerful impressions, he felt it to be his duty to engage in the important work of preaching Christ, and Him crucified. For a few years he engaged in a local sphere, and was exceedingly useful. Feelings of diffidence caused him to hesitate for a time, however, respecting giving himself fully to the work of the Ministry, but he finally decided to devote himself without reserve to the publishing of the story of the cross; and as the way was not open at that time, to carry into effect his desire and decision, in the Methodist Association, he sought a relation with the Bible Christian Denomination, and shortly after entered his sphere of useful and devoted labor. He entered the Ministry in the year 1841, and travelled on some of the Stations in England, with acceptance and success, for about five years. In the year 1864 he, with the

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brethren, P. Robins, and W. Hooper, volunteered as Missionaries for Canada, and on their arrival were warmly welcomed by the brethren who preceded them. He subsequently labored with great acceptability and success on most of the stations in the Cobourg, Bowmanville, and Exeter Districts, including *all* the Stations in the Wisconsin District, having volunteered a second time to serve the interests of the Denomination in supplying this Western portion of our work. On all these fields of labor the Master honored his ministry with the Divine Seal, and large numbers were added to the church. His genial temperament always made him a warm and welcome friend to the people among whom he ministered. His religion bore a cheerful aspect; hopeful under circumstances of discouragement, he was prepared to comfort and encourage others. His ministry was of an evangelical type, and especially in the direction of winning souls, of whom many yet remain to testify his zeal for God. Somewhat wearied with incessant labor, and health somewhat impaired, he was, at the Conference of 1874, allowed a year's rest as supernumerary. This proved beneficial, and he was able to resume full labor at the following Conference. In 1876, he received an appointment to the Bowmanville Circuit, which was a part of his first field of labor after his arrival from England, and on which he closed his useful ministerial career. The closing scene was preceded with only a few days' sickness. Having been engaged in a series of special services, which had been signally owned of God, he was obliged to desist, through not feeling well, arising from a bilious attack, hoping that a few days' rest, and quiet, at home, would bring the desired relief, and restore him so as to be able to resume further efforts. His sayings during those few days gave evidence how deeply he was interested in his Master's work, nor will they soon be forgotten by those who were earwitnesses. His symptoms could scarcely be said to be alarming, until a few hours before he died. He fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday, December 20th, 1877, in the 61st year of his age, and the 31st of his ministry. The Messenger found him as a sentinel at his post, or warrior-like, grasping the weapons of warfare on the field of battle, and waiting in either case, the bidding of the Master.

A touching tribute is paid to his memory in an inscription on his tomb stone, erected by the friends on the Circuit where he finished his life's work, viz: "He was wise to win souls."

He leaves a widow to mourn her loss, but who lives in the esteem of a large circle of sympathizing friends, of whose respect and esteem she is every way worthy, but moreover because of the honored relation she sustained to our dear departed friend, and brother—H. EBBOTT.

## THE STATIONS.

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed?

A.—As follows:

### I. Cobourg District.

1. COBOURG—J. Kenner, W. Rollins.
2. WELCOME—W. Kinley; R. Hurley, Superannuated.
3. PORT HOPE—W. H. Butt.
4. PERRYTOWN—G. Bodle.
5. HUNGERFORD—T. J. Sabine.
6. HUNTINGDON—R. Baker.
7. CAMPBELLFORD—J. Archer, J. Hoskin.
8. BELLEVILLE—A. Richard.

J. KENNER, *Superintendent of District.*

A. RICHARD, *Church Secretary.*

### II. Bowmanville District.

9. BOWMANVILLE—W. Jolliffe, W. Limbert, Another; P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, J. Gale, Superannuated; A. Schuster, Supernumerary; C. Barker, Editor.
10. HAMPTON—S. H. Rice, S. J. Cunnings.
11. COLUMBUS—W. C. Beer, Another.
12. OSHAWA—A. Clarke.
13. PICKERING—A. Gordon.
14. PRINCE ALBERT—R. Allin, J. A. Dafoe; J. Langdon, Superannuated.

W. JOLLIFFE, *Superintendent of District.*

W. C. BEER, *Church Secretary.*

### III. Victoria & Peterboro District.

15. LITTLE BRITAIN—W. Kenner, J. W. Cannon.
16. MANILLA—J. Kestle.
17. PETERBORO & ASHBURNHAM—E. Roberts, F. M. Whitlock.
18. LAKEFIELD—R. B. Rowe.
19. FENELON—J. M. Tredrea.
20. LINDSAY—R. T. Courtice.
21. MANVERS & CARTWRIGHT—J. Harris, M. Metherall.

W. KENNER, *Superintendent of District.*

R. T. COURTICE, *Church Secretary.*

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**IV. Toronto District.**

22. TORONTO—G. Webber.  
 23. HAMILTON—G. H. Copeland.  
 24. UXBRIDGE—J. Holmes.  
 25. SUTTON—J. Guard.  
 26. PALMERSTON—J. Veale.  
 27. WIARTON—G. Dunkley.

G. WEBBER, *Superintendent of District.*  
 G. H. COPELAND, *Church Secretary.*

**V. Exeter District**

28. EXETER—J. W. Butcher.  
 29. BETHESDA AND HENSALL—S. J. Allin.  
 30. CENTRALIA—W. Davis; John Edwards, *Superannuated.*  
 31. MITCHELL—W. Hooper; T. Green, J. Williams, *Superannuated.*  
 32. FULLARTON—J. P. Rice.  
 33. USBORNE—H. A. Newcombe, J. Gilson.  
 34. CLINTON—R. Thomas, J. J. Broad.  
 35. COLBORNE—T. Mason; I. Ashley, *Superannuated.*

W. HOOPER, *Superintendent of District.*  
 J. P. RICE, *Church Secretary.*

**VI London District.**

36. LONDON CENTRE—W. Quance.  
 37. LONDON EAST AND SOUTH—J. J. Rice, One to be sent.  
 38. LAMBETH—J. Whitlock.  
 39. INGERSOLL AND PUTNAMVILLE—J. Chapple, T. Broad.  
 40. DEREHAM—T. R. Hull.  
 41. ST. THOMAS AND TALBOTVILLE—R. Mallett, B. A., D. Williams.  
 42. WINDSOR—W. Ayers.  
 43. COLCHESTER—J. Elliott.

J. J. RICE, *Superintendent of District.*  
 W. QUANCE, *Church Secretary.*

**VII. Prince Edward Island District.**

44. CHARLOTTETOWN—W. S. Pascoe.  
 45. UNION—E. A. Tonkin.  
 46. WHEATLEY RIVER—J. G. Yelland.  
 47. VERNON RIVER—G. Smith.  
 48. MURRAY HARBOR—J. H. Collins.  
 49. STURGEON AND MONTAGUE—W. Bryenton.  
 50. WEST CAPE—J. Ball.  
 51. SUMMERSIDE—W. Medland.

W. S. PASCOE, *Superintendent of District.*  
 J. H. COLLINS, *Church Secretary.*

## VIII. Wisconsin District.

52. PALMYRA—W. R. Roach  
 53. LISBON—J. Greenway ; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.  
 54. YORKVILLE—R. Davidson.  
 55. LITTLE PRAIRIE—T. H. Dry.  
 56. BURLINGTON—J. Dumbleton.

W. R. ROACH, *Superintendent of District.*  
 T. H. DRY, *Church Secretary.*

## IX. Cleveland District.

57. CLEVELAND—H. J. Nott.  
 58. ORANGE—H. Moore.  
 59. CHAGRIN FALLS—L. W. Wickett.

H. J. NOTT, *Superintendent of District.*  
 L. W. WICKETT, *Church Secretary.*

Q. 8.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion ?  
 A.—As follows :

SELF SUSTAIN- ING CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Places	Deaths.	Removals.	Received from other Circuits.	On Trial	Approved Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Schools.	
Cobourg.....	2	3	4		21	14	8	181	189	32	194		
Welcome.....	2	8	5		2	23	7	27	189	216	26	236	
Bowmanville.....	6	10	8		7	40	5	57	550	607	84	629	
Hampton.....	2	11	6		3	23	4	11	253	264	58	437	
Columbus.....	2	6	4		4	5	2	15	155	170	26	160	
Mariposa.....	2	13	7		4	16	5	19	310	329	63	562	
Manilla.....	1	4	3					8	24	150	174	31	280
Lakefield.....	1	4	4	1	3	19	1	16	122	138	25	126	
Exeter.....	4	13	10		4	64	20	43	505	548	103	801	
Mitchell.....	3	4	2		3	10	5	20	160	180	27	240	
Fullarton.....	1	5	3	2	6	14		10	180	190	23	220	
Urbone.....	2	2	7	1	2	12		2	191	193	52	325	
London.....	1	2	1		2	15	7	4	105	109	20	170	
Charlottetown.....	1	6	1		3	3	2	7	111	118	17	211	
Union.....	1	7	4		1	14	3	58	98	156	24	170	
Vernon River.....	1		3		1	3	2		83	83	5	65	
Murray Harbor.....	1		2	1	2			15	78	93	17	109	
Sturgeon.....	1		2		2	3			22	22	4	30	
Cleveland.....	1	3	1		1	31		2	83	85	10	86	
Orange.....	1	1	2		1	2			64	64	20	89	
Chagrin Falls.....	1	3	1				3	1	62	63	8	77	
Palmyra.....	1	6	4	2				20	124	144	39	289	
Lisbon.....	2		2	1		5		10	161	171	29	131	
Yorkville.....	1	8	3	2				10	121	131	38	219	
Colborne.....	1	5	4	1	1	6	7	12	174	186	30	181	
Huntingdon.....	1	2	4	2		7		6	113	119	12	115	
Totals.....	43	126	97	15	53	341	90	397	4345	4742	823	6152	

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		Itinerant Preachers	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals	Received from other Circuits	On Trial	Approved Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Schools.
	Port Hope.....	1		1		1	13	6	9	91	100	12	103
	Perrytown.....	1		4		1	5		9	53	62	7	60
	Hungerford.....	1	1	4	3	1	3		1	75	76	3	40
	Campbellford.....	2	3	4	1	2	27		51	145	196	20	154
	Belleville.....	1	1	1			7	1	1	52	53	10	64
	Oshawa.....	1	3	1		3	12		36	94	130	20	135
	Pickering.....	1	5	5	2	1	10	4	26	100	136	20	192
	Prince Albert.....	3	3	6		1	14	9	16	150	166	29	191
	Toronto.....	1	1	1			8	4	6	82	88	13	118
	Uxbridge.....	1	5	3		1	16	2	6	68	74	21	78
	Peterboro & Ash- burnham.....	2	4	4		2	14	9	34	128	162	26	135
	Fenelon.....	1	4	5	1	1	15		7	104	111	26	262
	Lindsay.....	1		1		3	15	3		87	87	16	136
	Sutton.....	1		2	3	1	6	1		57	57	13	90
	Manvers & Cart- wright.....	2	1	6	3	1	16	1	9	200	209	44	313
	Clinton.....	1	8	5	1		10	6	18	156	174	33	267
	Warton.....	1	4	3	5	1			7	109	116	25	141
	Palmerston.....	1	2	2	2	1	2	7	12	54	66	18	122
	Lambeth.....	1	1	3			8	2	21	77	97	11	99
	St. Thomas.....	1	1	1			6		6	34	40	11	67
	Ingersoll.....	1	2	1			7		5	34	39	12	50
	Dereham.....	1	1	3	1	1	10	1	1	61	62	9	56
	Colchester.....	1	3	1	3		2	3	9	60	69	15	92
	Hamilton.....	1	1	1		1	5		25	50	75	12	140
	Windsor.....	1	2	1			15		2	40	42	10	100
	Wheatley River... Summerside.....	1		5		1	9		2	21	33	4	35
	West Cape.....	1	3	3	3	1	2	2	20	109	129	11	33
	Little Prairie.....	1	1	1	2		3	3	6	44	50	12	100
	Burlington.....	1	1	3			2			53	35	7	70
	Cleveland Mission. London Mission....	1	4	1	1		2		1	58	59	8	67
	Talbotville.....	1	2	2			3	4	15	83	98	22	178
	Putnamville.....	1	1	1	1	1	4		12	42	54	10	70
	Putnamville.....	1	1	1	1		6			40	40		
	Totals.....	39	68	85	34	27	288	71	374	2628	3002	527	3797
	Totals in Circuit....	43	126	97	15	53	341	90	397	4345	4742	823	5152
	Grand Total.....	82	194	182	49	80	629	161	771	6973	7744	1350	9949
	Totals in 1877.....	81	197	183	43	77	501	127	1244	6549	7793	1334	9240
	Increase.....	1			6	4	128	34		424		16	609
	Decrease.....		3	1					473		49		

Q. 9.—What is the Spiritual State of the Connexion?

A.—From the Reports on the Spiritual State of the Districts, we learn that the means of grace, both public and private, are well attended. The word preached has been accompanied with the Holy Spirit's power, resulting in the quickening of the Church, the reclaiming of the fallen, and the salvation of a goodly number of immortal souls; yet the results of efforts put forth have not

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been so great as we could desire, or might expect. However, we thank God for the success of the past, and take courage, and we pray that the Holy Spirit's indwelling light, life, and power, may abide with us, and make us, as a Church, far more abundantly useful in turning men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

#### DIVISION OF STATIONS.

The Conference approved of Exeter Circuit being divided into three, viz., Exeter, Bethesda & Hensall, and Centralia.

#### INDEPENDENCY OF STATIONS.

The Conference approved of Dereham becoming a Self-supporting Circuit.

#### COMMITTEES :

*Res. 40.*—That the following Committees be appointed :

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President, ex-President, and Secretary, Missionary Secretary, General Treasurers, Financial Secretary, Superintendents of Districts, J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, A. Clarke, W. C. Beer, A. Gordon, J. Hull, C. R. Tamblyn, J. Pickard, J. F. Cunnings, J. Williams, and J. Rundle.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, ex-President, Secretary, Editor, P. Robins, A. Clarke, R. Souch, C. R. Tamblyn, J. Rundle.

#### STATIONING COMMITTEE.

The President, Secretary, ex-President, Superintendents of Districts, Editor, Missionary Secretary, Financial Secretary, with one Lay Representative from each District.

#### EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

W. C. Beer, A. Richard, and W. H. Quance.

#### DISTRICT EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

*Cobourg.*—J. Kenner, A. Richard, and W. Kinley.

*Bowmanville.*—W. Jolliffe, A. Clarke, and W. C. Beer.

*Victoria & Peterboro.*—E. Roberts, R. T. Courticé, and R. B. Rowe.

*Toronto.*—G. Webber, J. Guard, and J. Holmes.

*Exeter.*—W. Hooper, J. W. Butcher, and J. P. Rice.

*London.*—J. Whitlock, W. Quance, and R. Mallett, B. A.

*P. E. Island.*—W. Medland, J. H. Collins, and J. Ball.

*Wisconsin.*—W. R. Roach, G. Haycraft, and J. Greenway.

*Cleveland*.—H. J. Nott, L. W. Wickett, and H. Moore.

Q. 11.—Who are the Conference Officials?

A.—J. J. Rice, President; S. H. Rice, Conference and General Corresponding Secretary; C. Barker, Editor, and Corresponding Secretary with England; E. Roberts, Financial Secretary; J. Harris, Missionary Secretary; W. Quance, General Church Secretary; H. J. Nott, General S. School Secretary; G. Webber, Book Steward; C. Barker, and R. Souch, General Treasurers; J. Hull, J. E. Cunnings, and E. Roberts, Auditors.

DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1876.

Q. 12.—When, and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—Cobourg, English Line, Campbellford; Bowmanville, Ebenezer, Hampton Circuit; Victoria & Peterboro, Manilla; Toronto, Toronto; Exeter, Exeter; London, London East; P. E. Island, Charlottetown; Wisconsin Meeting *first* Wednesday in May; P. E. Island, *second* Friday in May. All the others the *third* Wednesday in May.

Q. 13.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Little Britain, on the *first* Thursday in June, 1879, at 9 A.M. The Executive Committee to meet on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 A.M.

N. B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports to lay before the Committee; Stationing Committee to meet the same day, at 4 P.M.; Examining Committee the following day, (Wednesday) at 9 A.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, 1878-9.

The 1st Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Toronto, on the last Tuesday in September; the 2nd at Bowmanville, on the last Tuesday in January. Each meeting to commence at 9 A.M.

## ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERS,—Another year having rolled into Eternity's keeping, a pleasing and time-honored duty devolves upon us : to fraternally greet you from our Conference assembly. With a confidence that knows no abatement, an affection in no measure diminished, a sympathy which years of mutual toil, trial, and triumph serves only to deepen ; oblivious of the vast ocean whose liquid arms interlock the nations, and forms a highway for the commerce of the world, that rolls between us, we stretch out the tendrils of our hearts, and give you a warm and affectionate greeting. We wish "grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

One of the first thoughts that strikes us is, that as year succeeds to year, and those who bear the Connexional honors and responsibilities connected with office are changed, so are there changes in our Ministerial Staff :

On this side of the Atlantic, Bro. Ebbott, who last year was a busy, active worker amongst

us, has fallen at his post, almost literally realizing the wish poetically expressed,

"Oh that without a lingering groan  
I may the welcome word receive ;  
My body with my charge lay down,  
And cease at once to work and live."

The Brethren, W. Ayers, W. Quance, and J. Gilson, have been the subjects of serious affliction during the year, but all are mercifully spared to us and are convalescent.

On your side of the flood, a veteran has fallen asleep, in the person of the late Bro. Francis Martin. Quite a few of us have distinct and pleasing recollections of his cheerfulness of spirit, his sincerity of devotion, his whole-hearted consecration, his success in winning souls to Christ, his unwavering Denominational attachment, and rejoice that concerning his future residence, there is room for neither doubt or gloom ; that our loss is his eternal gain, and that ere long, if faithful, we shall join him where the rest and joy and satisfaction shall be complete and without end. Added to these are the two junior Brethren, W. W. Andrews, and D. Sturgess, who more recently, and nearly at the same time, passed the boundary of the dead and dying, to the place where all is immortal. They had scarcely got out of port when they reached in safety the harbor. Called to service in the vineyard of

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the Master, they evinced their willingness, and at once were crowned. Thus God buries His workmen; let it be ours to carry on His work, and if He call our Elijahs, may there be worthy Elishas to wear their falling mantles.

The year has been marked, by other events outside of our Denomination, which to us and you, must have been matters of common interest: In the frightful carnage, hideous barbarities attendant on the impolitic, illogical, unmanly and anti-christian struggle between Russia and Turkey. The strife between capital and labor, resulting in strikes, lock-outs, and semi-starvation in America and England. The famine stroke that has smitten the teeming millions of India and China. The confederated efforts of Home Rulers, to obstruct the progress of Government, linked with the insane and abortive efforts of Fenian leaders in the United States, to exalt O'Mahony to the roll of martyrs, and link the prejudices and power of Catholicism with their efforts, by seeking to lay him in state in Cardinal Cullen's Cathedral. The tens of thousands of dollars contributed by England and Ireland, in honor of the Pope's Jubilee. The sickness and death of the declared Infallible, and the appointment of his successor, whose inaugurated policy of conflict with the King of Italy, together with the struggle be-

tween the civil and the ecclesiastical powers in Germany, and the restoration of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Scotland. The furtherance, and in one sense, completion, by Stanley, of the work begun by the sainted Dr. Livingstone, in Africa.—The spread of a so-called broad theology among the Scottish clergymen; the latitudinarian sentiment expressed by some eminent and popular men, concerning certain doctrines, held as fundamental truths of Christianity by the Church generally; in the English Church the internal conflict and external assault, combining to hasten disestablishment. The unflinching recognition and summary dealing by the law, with attempts to spread licentiousness on the part of Chas. Bradlaugh and Annie Besant, through the circulation of immoral literature. These together with the despicable efforts to foster superstition and impose on human credulity, by some Spiritualistic imposters, cannot fail to have been matters of more than passing thought or more than momentary interest to you.

The happy result accruing from another year's harmonious working, by the amalgamated Presbyterian, and Methodist, Churches of Canada, is to us a matter of pleasure, and such as to lead many a christian heart to wish that on some principle, clearly defined, well understood, and mutually agreeable,

the Denominations might be still further lessened in number, so that by a saving of men and means, more might be done to meet the cry of perishing millions. "Come over, and help us," and give effect to the Redeemer's prayer, "That they all may be one. . . . that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

"We readily recognize the expression of your kindly interest in our work, and your continued brotherly feeling toward us in the completion of a loan, which we trust, without being embarrassing or disadvantageous to you, will not fail to be of manifest advantage to us, in meeting the obligations which the enlargement of our sphere of operations has entailed upon us.

It has been to us matter of universal pleasure to learn that the North of England (the scene of so many and extensive spiritual triumphs with the other branches of Methodism, and so long neglected by us) is rewarding Connexional enterprise and liberality with such gracious fruits; and we venture to hope and pray that your successful entry into Bradford during the current year, may only be the earnest of a more general entry into those busy hives of industry and centres of population abounding in the North.

In our own sphere, the work of revival has not been so extensive as last year, though we

have enjoyed delightful tokens of Divine favor, and over one thousand persons have been admitted to Church fellowship among us.

The financial depression of last year, has, in a large measure, been continued during this, though there are now unmistakable tokens that the cloud is breaking; and with the hope that Providence will favor us ere long with another bountiful harvest, we expect a spring tide of commercial prosperity, one of the fruits of which shall be a more liberal support of church schemes so dear to our hearts.

Amid diversity of sentiment, and a free and outspoken opinion on all matters of business brought before the Conference, there has been a general harmony of spirit, while the religious services have been characterized by intelligence and power.

As the forests are ever receding before the woodman's axe, the number of laborers yearly increase by a tide of emigration that ever flows from Europe, and the natural growth of population here; these are ever increasing demands made upon Christian activity and liberality to extend church organization and religious services in a corresponding ratio. From the extensive copper mines on the shores of Lake Superior, and from the line of Rail leading to the great Pacific coast, the cry is reaching us for help, but to which cry we can give

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We much appreciate the kindly sympathy, and hearty recognition which you gave to Bro. S. H. Rice—who, though not officially appointed to represent us, we were glad to learn rendered you valuable assistance in your public meetings—and your cordiality and expressions of good-will to him, we interpret not only as indicative of your esteem for him personally, but as a visible embodiment of your kindly interest and heart-felt sympathy with this Conference, and this year appoint the brethren R. Hurley, W. R. Roach, W. Jolliffe, and J. Harris, members of your Conference, and commend them to your affectionate esteem.

With unfeigned delight we note auspicious circumstances attendant upon the inauguration of your collegiate schemes, and while hoping that quite a few from this side of the water may find it in their

hearts and power to respond to your appeal for financial help, yet we have no doubt but that the response would be more general and liberal, were it not for unusually heavy demands made upon their liberality here, coupled with the sentiment that a similar institution must be secured among us as soon as the state of our funds will warrant us safety while embarking in the enterprise.

Rejoicing in the measures of success already secured, strong in our confidence that the Gospel is adapted to meet the necessities of humanity, regretting our shortsightedness and defects, admonished by Him who has said, "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not," cheered by the prospect of reward vast as our capacity, and boundless as eternity, we bid you adieu, and resolve to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

J. J. RICE, *President*.  
S. H. RICE, *Secretary*.

## ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

DEARLY BELOVED,—Fom this our Annual Conference gathering, we again greet you, and tender our congratulations coupled with words of affectionate counsel. May grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto you.

Because of the intimate relation we sustain to you, and you to us, and all to the interests of the Denomination; moreover having obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, we thus address you.

In summing up the result of another year's evangelical labor, it is meet that your co-operation (for we have not labored alone) should be appreciatingly recognized, and we trust your service has been richly rewarded by Him in whose name, and for whose sake, you have done this, and most sincerely do we pray that your faith, and hope, love, and service, may abound, yet more and more.

The year has been characterized as being peculiar in many respects, and first we recognize the fact, that consolidation rather than extension, has been a prominent feature, so that although our members in total do not exceed those of last year, yet our full membership is augmented by several hundreds. We suffer a depletion from removals, and in many instances they pass beyond the line of

our work, and are consequently lost to us, and in instances not a few, even though within reach, seek some other fold, or fail to seek any.

We are convinced, that this, in part, may be remedied if denominational relations are sufficiently honored in the home, and other circles, prior to our children and friends leaving home to settle in other localities.

The record of each year speaks of some having finished their earthly career, and passed peacefully to their rest in heaven. Eighty of our membership have thus exchanged mortality for life during the past year. Added to these, one active laborer from the Itinerant ranks, (Bro. Ebbott) has been called to his reward, of whose faithful service here on earth, many are yet living witnesses.

It is more than probable that many of you have had, and still are contending with difficulties, through the exceedingly trying times, and none more so than the past year. We are not careless observers of these things, but rather mutual sympathizers. We exhort you to the exercise of patience and submission, in those very severe tests to which your faith is subjected. You need a strong inward spiritual life to counterbalance the discouraging, and perplexing influences

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arising from this state and condition of things. We affectionately urge you to seek to rise to a high standard of piety, to be acuated by higher and nobler motives than those who seek merely the bread that perisheth, or the riches that prove a temptation, and a snare. You must not pass unheeded the exhortation, "Be not conformed to this world." You are called to a high, and holy calling, and consequently to ignore a standard dictated by a worldly-loving spirit. Hence we feel desirous of pressing upon your attention the desirability of an increased tone of spiritual life, in all our societies. For this more especially we preach, and teach, nor can we be satisfied unless we have this seal to our labors. "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the faith." Inasmuch as no life is truly sublime and beautiful, apart from the adorning of the spirit, we urge upon you to use every available means, public, private, social, the appointed ordinances, and the like, to become beautified with these graces, and to cultivate this inward spiritual life. Do not forget that this has no substitute, if we would fulfil our mission acceptably; we exhort you to live in the fellowship of the spirit. Be careful always to retain the inward witness, that you are the children of God. Keep the characters of your title legible, and clear. Do not allow them to be blurred through worldliness, neg-

lect, or indulgence of any kind. Activity will tend to keep these graces not only alive, but vigorous, and strong, as well also to keep your evidence bright and clear. We trust we have no higher ambition, as your pastors and teachers, than to present you perfect in Christ Jesus. "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?" "For ye are our glory and joy."

In your several spheres, you sustain important relations: among these, the home circle will first claim attention; loving precepts, and precious example will make the record of home sweet to remember, and will be productive of results not to be measured by material standards. The value of home training will tell upon society in after years, beyond what we at present are prepared to calculate.

It is equally true that you are members of community in the highest sense, and as such, you will not fail to exert an influence for good or evil; either you will honor your profession, or cast an influence in an opposite direction. We exhort you so to walk, and others following your example, may not err, or miss the path that leads to a bright and happy future.

We hope, moreover, that you are truly alive to all those moral and religious enterprises, now

operating in society, with a view to reform, and elevate, and we sincerely hope are lending aid thereto according to your ability, not by mere passive assent, but actively and zealously co-operating to promote the interest and well-being of society, on the largest possible scale.

Doubtless, with no ordinary interest, you are observers of those great events, which for some time past, have been transpiring in the East, involving war, and bloodshed, so much human treasure sacrificed to gratify, in part, perhaps, a questionable ambition, that now it is hoped, through wise counsel, and kindly interposition, there may be a return of peace. Whatever ends these events may answer in, or towards the accomplishment of, any Divine purpose, is at present difficult to determine. Yet surely it must be gratifying to every lover of humanity, to anticipate a speedy solution of existing difficulties, that peace and tranquillity may obtain.

In these seasons of general business depression, Denominational interests are liable to suffer in a variety of ways; and lest loss be sustained, it is essential that we all should rally to the support of those interests which are vital to the welfare of our beloved Denomination, and unite all our forces to tide over any barrier whether material or spiritual, that may threaten to obstruct our way.

Conference legislation, has been thoughtful, wise, and timely we trust, and your heartiest co-operation is invited to make those measures effective, so as to secure the end desired.

Our financial pressure has borne somewhat heavily, but our financiers tell us the burden is being gradually lifted, and the far-seeing inform us that the darkness is well nigh past, and that light is approaching, hence, no sufficient cause for grave apprehension. We affectionately appeal to you to accord that Christian sympathy and liberality necessary, to

#### FULL RELIEF.

We wish no one to be unduly burdened, but by an equality according to means, support the economical policy of making our receipts balance our expenditures. Our financial reports are favorable in their shewing in many respects; but still, though commendable, we do not abound.

The increased lay representation at our Annual Conference should tend to greater unanimity than before in all our workings, as there exists now the means of obtaining information respecting the working of things; and more, the opportunity of reciprocating the sentiments and co-operation with their brethren, in all that may be promotive of peace and prosperity.

We see yet many hopeful fields of labor, but we are deterred from entering them,

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through lack of men and means. Is there not need to pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers, and also, to "give of a willing mind" to meet the necessities of those sent into the harvest field.

Weighty considerations have engaged the attention of the Conference during its sittings, and the result of these deliberations is designed to be carried into effect in our practical working. We affectionately invite your co-operation with those who may be sent to minister among you, and pray that a spirit of harmony and mutual good-will, may obtain between pastor and people, in the carrying out of every measure affecting the general interest. The public services have been largely attended, and have been seasons of refreshing to waiting souls, coming from the presence of the Lord, and most sincerely do we desire that those cheering spiritual influ-

ences may not pass with the occasion, but may be continuous and abiding.

Lastly, we affectionately urge upon you promptness of action, and unity of effort in all you may undertake in connection with the object, and end, you shall seek to promote. "Let nothing be done through strife, or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves." While you are bold, and courageous, be equally loving and meek; imitators of Him who left an example that you should follow His steps. "Now 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.

J. J. RICE, *President.*

S. H. RICE, *Secretary.*

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#### GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary begs to Report, That the year which has just closed has not been so prosperous in the accumulation of Denominational Property, as perhaps some former years may have been. But it is cause for thankfulness, that though the year has perhaps been a crisis in the history of our country, as well as our Church, in a monetary sense, yet there has been an increase of receipts, and no diminution of zeal for church building and improvements.

The total value of Church Property belonging to the Denomination, as reported a year ago, was \$405,576.87; there has, from erec-

tions and improvements, been an advance made during the year of \$19,857.99, making a total of about \$425,434.87.

A very fine Brick Church has been built at Clinton during the year, valued at \$4,500.

At Wiarton, a frame church has been built, valued at \$500.

On the Palmerston Mission, a church has been secured, valued at \$150.

A Brick Church has been built on the Manilla Circuit, costing \$2000. Also at Enfield, on the Hampton Circuit, a church has been built during the year, at a cost of \$850.

Not long after the last Conference, a disaster took place at Windsor (which is of infrequent occurrence in those days). The Church being fired—it is supposed—by the hand of an incendiary, and burnt so as to be rendered unfit for Divine service. The friends there, however, soon rallied, and another, more commodious and substantial, was erected,—fitting up what was saved from the flames for a Vestry and School Room.

A Parsonage has also been built there during the year, costing some \$1500. The property in Windsor is now reported to be worth \$7000.

A Parsonage is also in course of erection at Elimville, on the Usborne Circuit.

The Parsonage at Uxbridge has been improved—we might say rebuilt—during the year, the outlay is said to be only \$440. Yet the property has been so improved, that its value has been increased to twice that amount.

A Church has been built on the Lakefield Circuit, which will be returned next year; also large improvements have been made at Bethel, on the Fullarton Circuit, the returns of which will be made next year.

The total amount of New Church and Parsonage property acquired during the year, is \$16,040. For improvements \$3,817.99. Making, as we have said, a total of \$19,857.99.

The total Receipts for the year for church purposes, have been \$25,899.68, being an increase over last year of \$106.71.

The total Disbursements for the year have been \$25,433.12, being \$7,045.06 less than last year. The total debt returned last year, if we take present returns as our guide, was \$68,686.42. The debt as now returned is \$65,484.50, being \$3,201.92 less than last year. There are, however, subscriptions promised to the amount of \$12,715.43, thus leaving a debt unprovided for on the whole of our Church Property of \$52,769.07.

In reviewing what has been done during the past year in this department of our work, we have cause for gratitude to God, and

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to our friends who have so generously contributed to the extension and improvement of our Trust Estates.

Your Secretary would express his thanks to the District Secretaries, who have taken, no doubt, considerable pains to secure correct returns, and he would ask the brethren on the various Circuits, to take great care in filling up their Schedules, that they may not conflict with former statements. Having now a book to be kept on each Station, there will no doubt be more correct returns for the future.

Your Secretary would also suggest, that when any Church Property is sold, or in any way disposed of, that he be made acquainted therewith, in order to keep matters correct in the general totals.—The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

W. QUANCE.

General Church Secretary.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is gratifying to find that the Sabbath School work in general, commands so much of the attention of the greatest philanthropists and Christian workers of the day. But it is increasingly interesting to know that, with us as a denomination, attention to and liberality in, this important branch of Christian culture, are on the increase. And when we listen to testimonies concerning the salutary effect of Sabbath School tuition, coming from some whose locks are silvered with age—when we hear of its having been instrumental in the salvation of many who, with all the energy of a mature and sturdy manhood, are now pushing forward the church's noblest enterprises,—and when we see, that many whose minds are just unfolding to reason's light, and their souls beginning to nerve up for life's conflicts, are, by faithful Sabbath School teaching, inspired with noble purposes for the future, we should be stimulated to double our diligence in this the most remunerative field of Christian toil. And as ministers, teachers, and parents, we ought to more earnestly pray—"Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

The returns show that there have been 361 conversions during the year. And though this number is 218 less than last year, it is very encouraging to be able to report so many having passed through "THE DOOR" into the Sheepfold. And it must afford us increased pleasure to know, that this, and \$9.60 less, in money, raised for Missions, are the only two departments where your Secretary finds any decrease. The Statistics presented give an

increase of 7 Schools, 42 teachers, 499 scholars, 396 *Ensigns*, and 222 other papers. In the money raised for school purposes, there is an advance of \$641.10. And from the accounts to hand we infer, that during this year the Book Room has had an increased patronage from our schools. But there is still room for great improvement in this matter. And as ministers, and officials, we ought to use our influence, to turn the money raised in B. C. Schools toward the help of our Book Room. We estimate, that out of the \$4,133 raised this year, that at least \$3000 ought to have come to our own Book Room. In the London District the circulation of the *Ensign* is 104 less than last year, while in all the other Districts there is a considerable increase. Exeter District takes the lead, being 136 more than in 1877. And in the general circulation of the *Ensign* is now, only 77 copies behind Bowmanville District.

There is marked improvement in the government of our Schools, and we think that, more effective operations for the future may safely be predicted.

The International order of lessons is almost universally adopted. And we most heartily recommend its use in all our Schools, because we believe that studying the Bible in such a systematic way, with the facilities within the reach of all, is calculated to give the young a more connected view of Bible history, and a more thorough acquaintance with Bible doctrine, than they can possibly acquire by the irregular style still too much in vogue in some districts,

Cobourg District has 10 places without schools, and 8 schools open only part of the year. Bowmanville District has 2 places without, 4 union schools, and 1 school closed part of the year. On the whole, in Sabbath School matters, this is our Banner District. Victoria & Peterboro has 8 places minus schools, 1 Union, and 2 open part of the year. In Exeter District 8 places have no schools, and 3 schools closed part of the year. London District has 5 places without schools, 3 of which are on one Station, 1 school closed part of the year. On P. E. I. there are 8 places that have no schools, and about half of their schools are closed part of the year. This is accounted for partly by the severity of their winters.

For the more thorough organization and development of this department, your Secretary would suggest, That the Statistical table presented, be published in the Minutes of Conference, except three columns marked for omission.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL.	Office and Teachers			Scholars			Teachers			Books, Papers			Cash Raised						
	No. Preaching Appointments.	No. of Schools.	Members of B. C. Church.	Non Members.	Total.	Infant Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	No. of Conversions during the year.	Members of Church	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Copies of Ensign taken.	Copies of Other Papers.	For Missions.	For School Purposes.	Total.
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Bowmanville District	36	29	232	31	266	398	1078	444	1920	69	313	202	1256	1447	716	323	155, 32	844, 08	999, 30
Victoria & Fernhurst District	38	30	206	70	276	342	1141	400	1833	71	174	206	1248	1454	858	48, 4	53, 37	752, 24	784, 61
Exceter District	41	32	272	37	309	660	1106	574	2240	68	343	271	1698	1959	649	236	54, 22	726, 06	782, 28
London District	19	14	118	16	134	285	504	248	987	4	105	68	625	723	296	206	95, 61	429, 71	525, 32
P. E. Island District	25	17	83	7	90	104	451	208	803	76	161	77	445	522	141	57, 10	69, 00	106, 10	106, 10
Wisconsin District	18	16	118	13	131	76	598	133	807	25	141	100	451	551	142	595	7, 00	451, 44	458, 44
Cleveland District	6	5	40	6	46	83	138	101	319	2	22	24	186	210	41	173		111, 78	111, 78
Grand Totals 1878	212	161	1179	117	1296	2064	6550	2290	9904	412	1401	1087	6576	7658	2822	3004	407, 42	8728, 02	4133, 44
Grand Totals 1877	196	154	1150	159	1339	1940	5650	2290	9408	630	1196	872	5099	6971	2428	1872	417, 02	3084, 92	3501, 94
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## RESOLUTIONS.

## GENERAL BUSINESS.

I. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby, tendered to the Brethren W. Jolliffe, and J. Kenner, for their very efficient discharge of the duties of President and Secretary during the past year.

## THANKS FOR THE EX-PRESIDENT'S CHARGE.

II. That we adopt the following:—We, the young men ordained by the present Conference, desire to express to the ex-President (W. Jolliffe) our most hearty thanks for the able address, fraught with so much loving counsel and instruction, delivered to us as our Ordination Charge, and respectfully request its publication in the *Observer*.

## THANKS TO GENERAL SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY.

III. That the Report of our Sabbath School work, as presented by the Secretary, be adopted, and that the hearty thanks of this Conference be accorded him for his faithful labors in this department during the past year; and also that in future the returns be made *only* through him.

## THANKS TO THE GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY.

IV. That the Report of the Church Secretary be adopted, and that the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to Bro. Quance for his services during the past year.

## TEMPERANCE.

V. That we are glad to know, that throughout the Denomination, the principles of Temperance are so well inculcated; all our Ministers and a majority of our members being total abstainers, and earnestly working for the suppression and ultimate banishment of the iniquitous liquor traffic from our land. We urge a more uniform enforcement of our discipline in reference thereto. We further rejoice at the improved public sentiment on the question as seen in the efforts which have been put forth to secure suitable Legislation to aid in its abolishment.

## PLAN FOR ARRANGING GRANTS.

VI.—Inasmuch as there is a difficulty in arranging the Grants to Mission Stations, so as to bring the expenditure within the income, and as we think that a change of method in making the Grants, is not so much to be desired as a more efficient manner of working up our present plan, we therefore determine,

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I. That it shall be the duty of the Missionary Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary to meet some time prior to the assembling of the third meeting of the Missionary Committee, to make an estimate of Missionary Income and Expenditure for the coming year, and to apportion the Grants, to the best of their judgment, to the various Missions according to their requirements, but at the same time keeping within the estimated income if possible. This apportionment shall be laid before the Missionary Committee, along with the recommendations of the District Meetings for its guidance.

II. That in all Missions at the First Quarterly Meeting for the year, steps be taken to estimate the Expenditure, and make provision therefore by appropriating certain sums to the respective congregations in the Mission, or otherwise, as the meetings may see fit, so as to meet all obligations quarterly, as far as possible, instead of, as is too often done, leaving the largest amount to be raised by the Fourth Quarterly Meeting.

III. That the Pastors and friends, on self-sustaining Missions, be urgently requested to set apart some portion of their Missionary income for the use of the Missionary Society.

IV. That the Pastors and friends on Circuits be asked to use their utmost endeavor to augment their Missionary income, so that we may be enabled to carry on our Mission work successfully.

#### EXAMINATION OF PROBATIONERS.

That in future, one whole day be allowed the probationers for their examinations, and that one of the General Examining Committee, or the chairman of the District Examining Committee superintend the examination, allowing no note books, or text books to be used, nor any communications among the brethren. We also decide that a given time be allowed for each paper, said time to be printed thereon with the name of the Examiner. At the close of the examination, the papers to be forwarded immediately to the Examiner whose name it bears.

#### EXPENSES OF EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

VII. That in future Superintendents of Districts, and other ex-Officio and Official members, of Conference, shall share the District Fund with the other members of the District Meetings, and that any balance of expenses in travelling to the Conference that may be due them from year to year, shall be payable out of the Contingent Fund.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

VIII. That the Report of the Finance Secretary shows the following balances in the various Funds:—Contingent, \$165.06; Children's, \$486.00; Beneficent, \$140.70; Church Aid, \$139.22. Total, \$930.98.

## EX-PRESIDENT'S PORTRAIT.

IX. That this Conference expresses its astonishment that such a portrait of our ex-President should be published as recently appeared in the Bible Christian Magazine; all other presidential portraits having been engraved on steel. We think that if a change in the character of the likenesses was at all necessary, it should have commenced with some English brother. We hope that no more such likenesses will appear, and think that Bro. Jolliffe's portrait ought yet to be issued in a well executed steel engraving.

## DEPUTATION TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

X. That the brethren W. Jolliffe, W. R. Roach, and J. Harris, be granted leaf of absence from their Circuits for a few weeks, provided they can make arrangements with their Quarterly Meetings, and should they visit England so as to attend the English Conference, that the President furnish them with letters of introduction thereto, and that we hereby appoint them members of said Conference. As Bro. R. Hurley also proposes visiting England, that he receive a distinct letter, and is also appointed a member of the Conference in England.

## AUDITORS.

XI. That the brethren J. Hull, J. F. Cunnings, and E. Roberts, be the Auditors for the ensuing year, and that they attend to the work to be done at the Connexional offices, at the date of the January Executive Committee Meeting.

## STURGEON.

XII. That Sturgeon be continued on the List of Circuits, with a grant for the past year equal to the amount of their Connexional charges.

## THANKS TO MITCHELL FRIENDS.

XIII. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be given to our friends in Mitchell, for their generous hospitality accorded us during the session, and that a copy of our printed Minutes be presented to each householder to whose kindness we are indebted for so much comfort. May the Great Father bless them in their basket and in their store, and bring them and us to that happy land where life is perfect, and farewells unspoken.

## SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS FUND.

XIV. That the Constitution prepared by Bro. Jno. Kenner, for the Superannuated Ministers Fund of the B. C. Church in Canada, be adopted, and that the hearty thanks of this Conference be accorded him for his efficient services in this department.

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## INSURANCE OF DENOMINATIONAL PROPERTY.

XV. That we appoint the brethren E. Roberts, J. F. Cunnings, Jno. Clarke, R. T. Courtice, J. Hull, and G. Webber, a committee to prepare a scheme for the insurance of our church and parsonage property, to be laid before the first Executive Committee Meeting.

## CONNEXIONAL CHARGES.

XVI. That \$10 be charged with each preacher for the Contingent Fund, and 25 cts. per member for the Children's Fund : also 25 cts. per member towards Connexional Debt.

## MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS.

XVII. That henceforth a Missionary Deputation be appointed by the Conference for each District, to attend the meetings at one or more principle places on the chief Stations of the District, as the Conference shall determine. The travelling expenses of the Deputation to be shared by the places visited.

The Deputation for the present year to be as follows : Cobourg, W. Jolliffe, one week in the Fall. Bowmanville, E. Roberts, two weeks in the Winter. Victoria & Peterboro, J. Kenner, two weeks in the Fall. Toronto, C. Barker, one week in the Fall. Exeter, G. Webber, one week in October. London, W. Hooper, one week in the Fall. The Pastor's Meeting to arrange the order of the several meetings to be attended by the Deputation.

## GRANTS.

XIII. That the following Grants be made, viz :—

Port Hope, all they can raise.	Clinton,	do.	and \$ 50
Perrytown, do. and \$100.	Warton,	do.	and 180.
Hungerford, do.	Do.	\$50 for Bro. Woodman.	
Campbellford, do.	Palmerston,	do.	and 180.
Belleville, do. and 360.	Lambeth,	do.	and 95.
Pickering, do.	St. Thomas,	do.	and 300.
Prince Albert, do. and 100.	Ingersoll,	do.	and 150.
Toronto, do. and 240.	Putnamville,	do.	and 50.
Uxbridge, do. and 135.	Colchester,	do.	and 80.
Peterboro, do.	Windsor,	do.	and 200.
Ashburnham, do. and 90.	Hamilton,	do.	and 240.
Fenelon, do.	London East & South, to be		
Lindsay, do. and 220.	dealt with at the first Commit-		
Sutton, do. and 150.	tee Meeting.		
Manvers & Cartwright, all they	Talbotville, do.		
can raise.	P. E. Island, do.		and 275.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

I. This institution shall be designated the "Bible Christian Missionary Society, in Canada."

II. The object of this Society is to excite and combine, in a plan more systematic and efficient than has been heretofore accomplished, the exertions of the societies and congregations, (and others who are friends to the extension of the Gospel) in the support and enlargement of Missions, which are carried on under the sanction and direction of the Conference of the Bible Christian Church in Canada.

III. Every person subscribing and paying annually the sum of two dollars and upwards, and every benefactor presenting a donation of twenty dollars and upwards, shall be deemed a member of this Society, and entitled as such, to a General Annual Report.

IV. All Bible Christian Missionary Societies which have already been formed, or which may be formed for the several Districts into which the Bible Christian Connexion is divided, shall be entitled "Auxiliary Bible Christian Missionary Societies" for the District in which they have been, or may be formed. All Bible Christian Missionary Societies already formed, or hereafter to be formed in the particular Circuits of any District, shall be entitled "Branch Bible Christian Missionary Societies," for the Circuits in which they are or shall be established. And Sabbath School, and Juvenile Annual Offerings are also earnestly recommended, where exertions of that nature are likely to be advantageous.

V. The Superintendent of each District shall be ex-officio, secretary and treasurer of the Auxiliary Society of his District: and every pastor of a Circuit shall, by virtue of his office be Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch Societies, of the Circuit over which he presides.

VI. The money raised in any Circuit for the Bible Christian Missions, by Branch Societies, or other local associations, and all other money, in whatever way collected for the same object, shall be regularly paid once every three months, or oftener, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society, for the District in which the said Circuit is situated, with the deduction only of such sums as may have been disbursed for the incidental and local expenses of the Branch Society. And the Treasurer of every District Society shall remit to the Treasurers of the General Society every three months, or oftener, all sums so received by him from the various Circuits in his District, deducting only therefrom the necessary incidental expenses incurred by the Auxiliary Society.

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VII. The Secretary of every Branch Society, or other local associations, shall forward annually to the Secretary of the Auxiliary Society of his District, a list of all the benefactors and subscribers during the preceding twelve months, with an account of their respective contributions. And the Secretary of every District Auxiliary Society shall also forward annually to the Secretary of the General Society, a similar list of all the subscribers and benefactors in all the Circuits of his District, an abstract of the accounts of the Auxiliary Society, showing its gross receipts, its local payments, and its remittances to the General Treasurer.

VIII. All benefactors of twenty dollars and upwards, and all subscribers of two dollars and upwards annually to any of the Auxiliary, or Branch Societies in connection with this Institution shall be deemed, in right of such benefaction or subscription, members of the General Society.

IX. All persons who collect to the amount of twelve dollars and upwards, annually, for this Institution, or for any of the Auxiliaries, Branches, or Associations, shall also be members of the General Society, and entitled to receive a copy of the Annual Report.

X. An annual public meeting of the members and friends of this Society, at such time and connected with such religious services as may be deemed expedient, shall be held at the place appointed by the Committee. At this annual meeting the officers of the Society shall be appointed.

XI. A General Committee shall be annually appointed by the Conference, to whom shall be entrusted (in the intervals of the annual assemblies of that body) the superintendence of the collection and disbursements of all money received for the Missions which are now, or may hereafter, be carried on under its sanction, and by the ministers in connection with it. And the Committee so appointed shall possess and exercise all the powers now possessed by the Missionary Committee and Board.

XII. The Superintendents of Districts shall require regular quarterly communications to be made by each of the Missionaries, on their respective Districts, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, giving information of the state and prospects of the several Missions on which they are employed.

XIII. It shall be the duty of the General Missionary Committee to furnish the General Treasurers of the Society with a schedule, setting forth the number of missions and mission schools, the place of location, and the amount appropriated for their support respectively, and the sum total of appropriations for the current year.

XIV. This Constitution shall not be altered, but by a general meeting of the Society, on the recommendation of the Conference and Committee.

ALPHABETICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF  
THE ITINERANT PREACHERS.

PREACHER'S NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN INTO THE MINISTRY.	PREACHER'S RESIDENCE	NO OF YEARS ON PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger.....	1868	Prince Albert.....	1
Allin, Samuel J.....	1874	Hensall.....	1
Archer, Joseph.....	1869	Campbellford.....	3
Ahley, Isaac.....	1856	Lane's P. O., Colborne.....	2
Ayers, Walter.....	1863	Windsor.....	5
Baker, Robert.....	1867	Ivanhoe.....	3
Ball, John.....	1872	McWilliams' Office, Lot 7, P. R. I.....	3
Barker, Cephas.....	1838	Bowmanville.....	2
Beer, William Charles.....	1866	Columbus.....	3
Bodle, George.....	1856	Perrytown.....	1
Broad, Thomas.....	1874	Muir P. O., London.....	2
Bryenton, William.....	1877	Sturgeon, P. E. I.....	2
Butcher, John Watson.....	1843	Exeter.....	3
Butt, William Henry.....	1871	Port Hope.....	1
Broad, John.....	1878	Clinton.....	2
Chapple, John.....	1834	Ingersoll.....	2
Clarke, Archibald.....	1860	Oshawa.....	3
Collins, James H.....	1868	Murray Harbor, P. E. I.....	3
Copeland, George Howard.....	1872	Hamilton.....	3
Courtice, Richard Thomas.....	1865	Lindsay.....	1
Cummings, Silas John.....	1877	Bowmanville.....	1
Cannon, John Wealey.....	1878	Peterboro.....	1
Dafoe, James Abram.....	1877	Prince Albert.....	1
Davidson, Robert.....	1872	Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis., U.S.....	2
Davis, William.....	1873	Centraia.....	2
Dry, Thomas Henry.....	1873	Little Prairie, Walworth Co., Wis.....	2
Dumbleton, John.....	1874	Burlington, Racine Co, Wis, U S.....	2
Dunkley, George.....	1862	Wiaront.....	1
Edwards, John.....	1831	Devon.....	10
Elliott, Joshua.....	1874	Gesto, Essex Co.....	1
Eynon, John Hicks.....	1826	Tyrone.....	18
Gale, Jacob.....	1843	Rowmanville.....	10
Gilson, John.....	1874	Elimville.....	1
Gordon, Andrew.....	1856	Duffin's Creek.....	2
Green, Thomas.....	1829	Clinton.....	3
Greenway, John.....	1872	Sussex, Waukesha Co, Wis, U S.....	3
Guard, John.....	1853	Georgina.....	2
Harris, John.....	1863	Janetville.....	4
Haycraft, George.....	1841	Morton, Waukesha Co, Wis, U S.....	20
Holmes, John.....	1871	Uxbridge.....	2
Hooper, William.....	1840	Mitchell.....	4
Haskin, James.....	1877	Campbellford.....	2
Hull, Thomas Rayner.....	1855	Mt. Elgin.....	1
Hurley, Robert.....	1834	Welcome.....	4
Jolliffe, William.....	1858	Bowmanville.....	4
Kenner, John.....	1856	Cobourg.....	4
Kenner, William.....	1854	Little Britain.....	2
Kestle, James.....	1872	Manila.....	1
Kinley, William.....	1865	Welcome.....	3

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