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The Eighteenth Annual Conference.

1st. Question.—*What Ministers are received into full Connexion?* Answer. Eli Middleton, Thomas W. Joliffe, Jesse Burdge, Joseph J. Haylock, John Fletcher Porter, and Joseph E. Lidstone.

2. *What Preachers remain on trial, and how long have they travelled?*—Dünning Idle has travelled four years, but did not wish to be ordained for another year. Geo. Nixon, Reuben Toye, Robert McKee, James Thompson, and Thos. G. Scott, these have travelled three years; John Ockley, Benjamin J. Brown, John W. Robinson, Joseph Bell, Joseph T. Thompson, Edward Wallace Waits, and Goram A. Gifford, these have travelled two years; Wm. James Tarrant, John Sandford Corcoran, Thomas Frederick Boyd, Robert Thompson, Charles Mattingley, and Andrew Wilson, these have travelled one year.

3. *What Preachers are received on trial?*—John Dennis, Charles O. Johnson, Edward H. Sawers, William Nixon, Nathaniel Wellwood, Henry Parrish, and Thos. Sims.

4. *What Preachers sustain a supernumerary relation this year?*—James S. Boyes, Joseph Bell, and Thos. Crompton.

5. *What Preacher is superannuated this year?*—James Cheetham.

6. *What Preachers have resigned this year?*—James H. Stonehouse, Wm. C. Jolley, Charles E. Stafford, and Wm. Monkman.

7. *What Preacher has failed in his pledge, and from what cause?*—John A. Windsor, ill health.

8. *What Preacher has died during the year?*—Wm. Jolley, Sr.

THE REV. WILLIAM JOLLEY, of Albion, was born at Kilton, Yorkshire, England, in September, 1789. He lost his parents when he was only five years old; but the orphan found friends in an uncle and aunt, who were members of the Wesleyan Church, who had private and public means of grace in their house, and who watched over both his body and soul. Hence, he was brought up amidst religious influences and associations, and they exercised a salutary restraint over his heart and conduct. But when merging into manhood, he for a few years was insubordinate to God's will, and lived after the course of this world. At twenty-five years of age he was brought to God, through the agency of a Wesleyan Minister; and from that period to his departure from earth and time, he persevered in "the path of life." After laboring acceptably for some time as a local preacher among the Wesleys, he identified himself with our Church in 1829; entered the regular ministry; and labored fourteen years in England, and six in this country with great success. Hundreds were brought to God under his ministrations, on the Brampton, Markham, and other Stations where he travelled from time to time. In the autumn of 1838 he married the widow of Mr. Joseph Stonehouse, who now mourns her loss—with his two sons, and a daughter by her first partner. The union was a suitable one, and the results were peace, comfort, and happiness in the domestic circle. About twenty-six years ago he retired from the active work, but continued to labor for souls as leisure and circumstances warranted him. He was favored with a hardy and wiry constitution, and more than ordinary mental power; and, best of all, was the subject of uniform and consistent piety. The following extracts from some of his letters to his son William will unveil his real character. In one, dated 12th February, 1860, we have the following paragraph:—"And now, what shall I say in regard to religion? I often feel my soul very happy. I have given my soul into Christ's hands; yes, and my body too; and everything I have; and I may say, in the words of Mr. Cheyne, 'If any man say, How darest thou say the Lord is thy Saviour? the answer is, I am His. He shed His blood for me; else I should never have shed a tear for Him. He cried after me; else I should never have sought after Him. He sought me; else I should never have sought after Him. He hath loved me; therefore I love Him. He hath chosen me; therefore I evermore choose Him. My beloved is mine, and I am His.' * * * "My dear son, let me beseech you, as you are a gospel minister, to preach Christ—a full Saviour; that can and will pardon all and every penitent sinner, and sanctify every believer," etc. In another letter, dated 31st December, 1868, we have the following reflections and experience:—"This is the last day of another year. I do not expect to live much longer; and I thank the Lord I am willing either to live or die. * * * Jesus Christ is my Saviour. I sometimes have sweet communion with Him; then I am happy; thank His holy name. Thank God, I have confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ; hence I can exercise humble faith in His merits for my acceptance with the Father," etc. In letters, dated March 9th and April 15th, of the present year, I find him giving his son useful instructions in relation to the great work of the ministry; breathing an increased devotional spirit; manifesting very great anxiety for the salvation of his son John, and his step-daughter Martha; showing an impatient solicitude to do something for the spiritual good of the masses of the unconverted by which he was surrounded; and evincing a growth in grace, and a ripening for heaven. He seemed conscious of his approaching dissolution; and spoke freely and fearlessly about the same; knowing that God's presence and protection would be granted him when passing from the seen to the unseen world. I was acquainted with our departed friend for twenty-two years, and, as far as I could judge, he tried to serve his generation by the will of God. He may have had a mental identity peculiarly his own. He was firm and uncompromising in what he believed to be right; hence at times he appeared to great advantage; and at other times, to great disadvantage. And so it is with every man that does have the manhood to think, speak, and act for himself. Possibly, like others, he erred in judgment at times; and consequent mistakes would be the result; but we are not aware of any man who pretends to claim infallibility except the present Roman Pontiff. The last illness of our departed brother was general decay of the constitution, accompanied with chronic diarrhoea. His death took place on Thursday, 9th June, at half-past 10 o'clock p.m.; and the writer, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Boyes, improved his death the following Sabbath.—*Albion, 6th July 1870.*

JOHN GARNER.

9. *How are the Preachers stationed for the year?*

President—Rev. S. Antliff.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

William Rowe, General Secretary, Book Steward, & Editor.

Toronto—Thomas Guttery, John Davison, Sup'd.

Yorkville—James Edgar, William Lyle, Sup'd.

Toronto west—Thomas Griffith.

Toronto East—Henry Harris, James Thompson, Wm. C.

Allen, Agent. Ont. S. S. M. Union, by permission of Conf.

Markham—James Smith, John S. Corcoran. Rt. McKee, Stu.

Pickering—John W. Robinson.

Bowmanville—Robert Boyle.

Scarborough—Joseph Markham, Edward H. Sawers.

Reach—William Bee, Nathaniel Wellwood.

Sandford—William Newton. Joseph Bell, Sup'y.

Bruce Mines—Edward Whitworth.

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Brampton—William Herridge, Sec. of Confer'e; George H.

Thompson, John Dennis first 6 months, Charles O.

Johnson last 6 months.

Etobicoke—John Goodman, Thomas G. Scott; Charles O.

Johnson first 6 months, John Dennis last six months.

Albion—John Garner, Benjamin J. Brown, one to be obtain-

ed; Matthew H. Matthews, Sup'y.

Laskay—Walter Reid, Robert Thompson.

Orangeville—James Campbell, Goram A. Gifford, one to be obtained.

Rosemont—James Walker.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton—Robert Cade.

Hamilton west—John F. Ockley.

Grand River—Luke Hall.

Walpole—Thomas Amy.

Blenheim—Richard Hassard.

Brantford—Thomas W. Joliffe. John Towler, Sup'd.

Paris—Thomas Bryant.

Walsingham—Jesse Burdge.

Woodstock—James Parker Bell. James Cheetham, Sup'd.

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TABULAR VIEW OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST

CHURCH IN CANADA, for year ending June, 1871.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Members.														
	Approved	On Trial	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	From other Stations.	Fr. Abroad.	Deaths.	Fullen.	Removels.	Left Ch.	Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Communicants.
TORONTO DISTRICT.	185	3	198	6	10	3	4	4	5	41	6	6	2	4	10
Toronto	132	15	147	4	10	3	2	2	12	26	2	2	4	5	10
Do. West Branch	109	12	121	4	10	3	2	2	12	26	2	2	4	5	10
Do. East Branch	83	17	100	17	10	3	3	2	1	14	1	1	1	1	10
Yorkville	254	43	297	30	30	2	2	2	4	19	4	4	1	1	10
Markham	95	11	106	30	11	1	1	1	11	5	2	2	1	1	4
Pickering	111	2	113	12	12	4	4	4	9	10	2	2	1	1	4
Bowmanville	143	10	153	31	31	5	5	5	26	6	2	2	1	1	4
Scarboro	178	26	204	115	115	3	3	3	19	10	5	5	2	2	4
Reach	122	26	148	148	116	1	1	1	3	14	6	6	2	2	4
Sandford	25	13	38	9	9	1	1	1	6	3	1	1	1	1	4
Bruce Mines	1426	178	1604	914	179	121	9	22	87	167	35	17	56	72	100
BRAMPTON DISTRICT.	284	41	325	10	14	4	6	2	23	4	3	6	8	8	10
Brampton	289	82	371	14	14	1	5	44	38	3	19	11	13	9	10
Etobicoke	260	85	345	5	2	2	3	20	2	2	3	11	13	9	10
Albion	21	38	59	2	2	5	1	11	25	1	13	3	7	4	4
Laskay	245	31	276	9	9	2	1	6	6	3	3	7	7	4	4
Orangeville	47	36	83	17	17	1	1	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	4
Rosemont	1236	258	1494	34	23	9	5	16	93	111	8	15	51	73	100
HAMILTON DISTRICT.	45	10	55	5	5	1	4	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	1
Hamilton	21	21	42	13	13	1	1	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hamilton West	45	10	55	5	5	1	4	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	1
Grand River	60	5	65	12	12	2	2	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Walpole	46	21	67	9	9	5	5	4	5	6	2	2	1	1	1
Blenheim	55	2	57	10	10	3	3	10	11	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brantford	102	18	120	19	19	1	1	3	7	9	9	1	2	2	2
Paris	23	5	28	3	3	1	1	6	20	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walsingham	193	15	208	19	19	1	1	3	7	9	9	1	2	2	2
Woodstock	510	70	580	38	41	8	11	7	32	54	46	11	19	31	40
QUEEN'S DISTRICT.	54	1	55	10	10	1	2	12	18	4	1	7	3	3	4
Queen's	136	17	153	15	15	2	2	12	17	6	1	4	12	6	6
Peel	80	21	101	16	16	2	2	14	13	11	1	4	12	6	6
Mt. Hope	64	24	88	6	6	2	2	2	9	11	1	5	5	5	5
Brant	61	31	92	6	6	2	2	2	9	11	1	5	5	5	5
Kingardine	101	83	184	16	16	2	2	2	9	5	4	1	1	1	1
Jubilee	130	30	160	10	10	1	1	7	13	2	2	2	2	2	2
Arthur	30	30	60	24	24	1	1	16	2	6	1	2	2	2	2
LONDON DISTRICT.	656	134	790	43	55	2	3	10	60	74	42	9	37	46	50
London	80	15	95	11	11	5	2	6	19	2	3	7	9	6	7
Bosquet	152	21	173	2	2	40	2	4	12	2	2	9	7	7	7
McGillivray	140	40	180	18	18	2	1	14	17	1	2	8	15	15	15
Stratford	53	35	88	29	29	2	1	14	17	1	1	5	4	4	4
Plympton	67	2	69	5	5	1	1	11	6	1	1	5	6	6	6
Chatham	123	1	124	19	19	1	1	1	3	2	2	5	6	6	6
Caradoc	70	8	78	18	18	1	1	4	12	3	1	2	4	4	4
Kirkton	53	22	75	2	2	8	1	11	3	2	1	3	4	4	4
Mitchell	27	5	32	3	3	2	2	2	12	1	1	1	1	1	1
KINGSTON DISTRICT.	765	159	924	84	23	52	10	11	65	93	15	14	49	42	50
Kingston	66	10	76	7	7	2	2	1	13	1	1	1	5	5	5
Portland	152	38	190	18	18	2	2	4	6	9	3	6	8	8	8
Napanee	40	57	97	31	31	2	2	13	25	6	1	3	3	3	3
Collinsby	75	10	85	8	8	1	1	3	8	6	1	3	3	3	3
Hinchinbrook	55	15	70	12	12	1	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
BARRE DISTRICT.	888	120	1008	19	57	2	2	7	27	58	12	7	14	24	30
Barre	70	27	97	4	4	1	1	11	2	1	2	6	6	6	6
Bradford	99	8	107	1	1	2	2	3	10	2	2	6	6	6	6
Opsey	95	18	113	1	1	1	1	7	5	3	2	7	7	7	7
Collingwood	80	34	114	4	4	1	1	1	7	5	1	2	2	2	2
Artemesia	40	14	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Muskoka	82	11	93	24	24	2	2	7	5	2	1	2	2	2	2
Stayner	30	20	50	12	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Grand Totals	461	132	593	50	44	4	5	33	27	4	12	35	39	50	60

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Worship Places	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conference Fund.	Relief Fund.	Children's Fund.	Mission Fund.	Value of Property.	Debt on Ch. Property.	Ordinary Income.	Ministers' Deficiency.	Increase of Members to be 61.			2nd. The deficiencies as shown here are not to be made up since the May Quarterly Meeting.		
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Brampton District	1	1	31	287	9 20	9 20	108 00	240 00	13000 00	600 00	650 37
Hamilton District	1	1	14	126	2 25	2 25	50 00	114 14	10000 00	525 08
Queen's District	1	1	13	105	2 80	2 80	45 00	100 00	3500 00	675 00	456 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
London District	1	1	22	190	7 60	7 60	50 00	152 07	4000 00	500 00	405 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingston District	1	1	16	116	3 30	3 30	52 00	95 00	7000 00	1000 00	907 01
Barre District	1	1	8	65	3 48	3 48	44 00	131 41	2000 00	350 00	425 23
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Notes—1st. Comparing the tables of this year with the tables of last year, shows the increase of members to be 61. 2nd. The deficiencies as shown here are not to be made up since the May Quarterly Meeting.

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GUELPH DISTRICT.

- Guelph*—George Wood, Thomas Adams, Sup'd.
Peel—Eli Middleton.
Hawksville—Abraham Heyworth. Isaac Ryder, Sup'd.
Minto—George Watson.
Brant—Richard Auger, one to be obtained.
Kincardine—Dunning Idle, one to be obtained.
Jubilee—William Thornley, Reuben Toye.
Arthur—William Tarrant.

LONDON DISTRICT.

- London*—William S. Hughan, Edward W. Waits. John Nattrass, Sup'd. Timothy Nattrass, Sup'd.
Bosanquet—John Wesley Gilpin, Henry Parrish.
Macgillivray—Richard Paul, Andrew Wilson.
Stratford—Charles Roffe.
Mitchell—Joseph E. Lidstone.
Plympton—William Huggins. W. Cook, Sup'd.
Chatham—John F. Porter, Thomas F. Boyd, James S. Boyes, Sup'y.
Caradoc—Thomas Dudley.
Kirkton—William Pyke.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

- Kingston*—George Lewis, B.A.
Porland—Charles S. Willis, Thomas Sims. John Lacy, Sp'd
Napanee—Job Roadhouse.
Collinsby—Rounding Pattison.
Hinchinbrook—George Nixon.

BARRIE DISTRICT.

- Barrie*—Jonathan Milner, William Nixon. Thomas Crompton, Sup'y,
Bradford—William Lomas, Charles Mattingley.
Osprey—David Simpson. Thomas Foster, Sup'd, Robert Stephenson, Sup'd.
Collingwood—Joseph J. Haylock.
Artemesia—George F. Lee.
Muskoka—Thomas Auger, one to be obtained.
Durham—Amos Knapp.

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10. *What is the numerical state of the Church?*

Number of Ministers	92	increase	3
Local Preachers	257	decrease	6
Class Leaders	307	decrease	12
Connexional Churches...	209	increase	9
Other Preaching Places	156	decrease	11
Parsonages	25		
Sabbath Schools	130	increase	2
Sabbath School Teachers	1,136	increase	27
Sabbath School Scholars	7,993	increase	160
Church Members	6,493	increase	61
Value of Church Property	\$202,728	"	\$14,703
Number of Members who have died	73		

11. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*—
In London, on Friday, 7th June, 1872.

12. *When and where shall the District Meetings be held, and who shall be the General Committee Delegates?*

District.	Where held.	Date.	G.C.D.
Toronto,	Wexford,	May 15,	William Bee.
Brampton,	Orangeville,	"	John Garner.
Hamilton,	Brantford,	"	Thomas Bryant.
Guelph,	Salem Church, Minto,	"	Abm Heyworth.
London,	Zion Ch., McGillivray,	"	William Pyke.
Kingston,	Ebenezer Ch., Collinsby,	"	Chas. S. Willis.
Barrie,	Barrie,	"	William Lomas.

13. *What Committees shall be held before the Conference?*—
The Ministerial Association, on Wednesday, 5th June, at 9 a.m.; the Primitive Methodist Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, at 3 p.m.; and the Preparatory Committee at 7 p.m. The Finance and Stationing Committees shall meet on Thursday, June 6th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

14. *What Connexional Officers shall attend the next Conference?*—The President, by virtue of his office; Wm. Herdridge, as General Committee Delegate; Wm. Rowe, as General Secretary, Book Steward, and Editor; R. Walker, as General Treasurer; and James Smith, as Friendly Society's Representative.

15. *When and where shall the District Ministerial Associations meet ?—*

District.	Where held.	Date.
Toronto,		
Brampton,		
Hamilton,		
Guelph,		
London,		
Kingston,		
Barrie,		

16. *Who compose the Committees ?*

1. General Committee.

President and Secretary of Conference.	
John Davison.	R. Walker.
Robert Boyle.	W. Daniels.
James Edgar.	Daniel McLean.
Thomas Guttery.	C. D. Maginn.
Henry Harris.	R. I. Walker.
William Bee.	M. Jones.
Joseph Markham.	T. Appleby.
Thomas Griffith.	J. Stonehouse.
John Garner.	W. Marshall.
John Goodman.	R. Ward.
Walter Reid.	L. Walker.
Thomas Crompton.	I. Wilson.
Thomas Bryant.	J. Law.
Abraham Heyworth.	D. Parks.
Charles S. Willis.	T. Whale.
Jonathan Milner.	W. Sturtridge.
William Lomas.	S. Nicklin.
Wm. S. Hughan.	L. Purdy.
William Pyke.	W. P. Lacey.
Richard Paul.	G. Cook.
Richard Hassard.	
Rounding Pattison.	
James Smith.	

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2. **General Missionary Committee.**

The General Missionary Committee shall be composed of the same persons as the General Committee; Wm. Rowe shall be their Secretary; and both Committees shall meet at the same time and place.

The Quarterly Meeting of these Committees shall be held in Toronto, on Thursday, the 10th of August; Thursday, the 9th of November, 1871; Thursday, the 14th of February; and Thursday, the 9th of May, 1872.

3. **Executive Committee.**

President and Secretary of Conference, J. Davison, J. Markham, J. Edgar, T. Guttery, T. Griffiths, H. Harris, R. Boyle, J. Goodman, R. Walker, D. McLean, R. I. Walker, and C. D. Maginn. To meet at the call of the Secretary, who shall be Wm. Rowe.

4. The Book Committee shall be the same as the Executive.

5. **District Committees.**

Toronto District, T. Guttery, J. Bugg, and R. Walker.
Brampton " J. Goodman, L. Walker, and W. Reid.
Hamilton " R. Cade, and H. Arthur.
Guelph " G. Wood, T. Whale, and A. Heyworth.
London " W.S. Hughan, W. Trebilcock, E. Robinson
Kingston " R. Pattison, L. Purdy, and J. Bennett.
Barrie " J. Milner, W. Thompson, E. Crompton,
 and W. Lomas. The first named brother of each Committee shall be the Secretary.

6. **Central Board of Examiners.**

T. Guttery, R. Boyle, J. Edgar, W. Herridge, G. Lewis, B.A., and W. Bee. Last named brother shall be Secretary.

7. **District Boards of Examiners.**

Toronto Dist. J. Edgar, H. Harris, J. Markham, & W. Bee.
Brampton " J. Garner, J. Goodman, W. Reid, W. Herridge.
Hamilton " T. Bryant, R. Hassard, and R. Cade.
Guelph " A. Heyworth and G. Wood.
London " W. Pyke, J. W. Gilpin, and W. S. Hughan.
Kingston " R. Pattison, C. S. Willis, & G. Lewis, B.A.
Barrie " J. Milner, T. Crompton, and W. Lomas.
 The last named Brother of each Committee to be Convener.

17. *What new Rules are now made.*

1. For the future, the President of the Conference shall, by virtue of his office, be a member of the Conference following the one over which he presides.

2. The Secretary of the Conference shall, for the future, be the General Committee Delegate to the Conference following the one of which he is Secretary.

3. That question 14th, of the Historical account of the Stations, shall henceforth read as follows:—How many Officials are on your Station? and how many of them are total abstainers from all intoxicating drinks?

4. In future, Stations are allowed to give 10 per cent. in books to Juvenile Collectors for our Missionary Society, when the authorities believe such distribution of prizes will encourage the Collectors.

5. The legislation from Hamilton District, respecting the formation of a Church Extension Fund, shall be referred to a Committee, who shall prepare a scheme, and submit it to the February Quarterly Meetings of our Stations, and report to the next Conference. The Committee shall be Brothers Markham, Herridge, Bee, R. Walker, and T. Crompton, who shall be Convener.

6. The above named fund shall be called "The Loan and Grant Fund."

PROBATIONERS' EXAMINATION.

7. The appointment of the last Conference, respecting the Examination of Ministerial Probationers, is hereby cancelled, and the following regulations are substituted for it.

(1.) There shall be a Central Examining Committee of not fewer than six Ministers, who shall prepare a list of questions on the books of study for Ministerial Probationers; and they shall meet for this purpose in the month of August.

(2.) The questions shall be sent to the Superintendents of the Probationers, or the nearest Superintendents in full connexion who may be their tutors, to be submitted to the

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probationers, at some place where they determine on, the first Tuesday and Wednesday in April. Two days only shall be allowed for the Examination.

(3.) The answers to the questions shall be given in writing, under the supervision of the Superintendents, and without the aid of books.

(4.) The Superintendents shall send the manuscripts to the Central Committee, in time for the meeting of the Committee.

(5.) The Central Committee shall meet on the second Wednesday in April, to examine the manuscripts; and shall send the result of their examinations to the District Meetings to which the Probationers are amenable; and the District Meeting shall deal with the Probationers, respecting their studies, as their cases may require; and report to the Conference.

(6.) The expenses of the Examination shall be met by each, as apportioned by the Central Committee.

RELIEF FUND.

8. The rules touching claimants on this Fund shall be rescinded, and the following substituted:

(1.) There shall be no allowance granted in any case for the first two weeks of sickness.

(2.) There shall be no allowance made on behalf of any preacher's sickness during the first two years of his probation.

(3.) The Station applying for aid from this Fund must show the amount of hired help that has been employed on the Station; and if such help has not been obtained, must show how the appointments have been supplied.

(4.) The Stations which may have claims on the Fund shall pay the sick preachers their allowances, and the Stations shall apply, according to rule, for their claims on the Fund.

(5.) The time allowed for a probationer being on the Fund shall not be longer than six months; and that of a preacher in full connexion shall not be more than 15 months.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

9. The application of Bowmanville Circuit authorities to sell their church property at Kirby, shall be granted; and the proceeds of the sale shall be devoted to parsonage purposes on the Circuit.

10. The application of Brampton Circuit, for permission to sell the site of an old church on Lot 9, Con. 3, Toronto Township, be granted.

11. The application of Etobicoke Circuit, for permission to sell Carmel church property, be granted.

12. The application of Orangeville Circuit, for permission to sell Zion Church property, be granted.

13. The application of Guelph Mission, for permission to sell church property in Nassagawa, be granted, and the proceeds be applied to Guelph Church debt.

14. The application of Guelph Mission, for permission to sell Galt church, be granted, and the proceeds shall be loaned to Guelph Church Trustees, at a small rate of interest.

15. The application of Barrie Mission, for permission to sell their lot in Barrie, be granted; as they have purchased a more eligible one, on which to build a church.

16. That the application of Brant Mission, for permission to sell the acre of land deeded to them for Missionary purposes, be granted; and the proceeds to be applied to the Missionary Society.

METHODIST UNION.

17. That however desirable in some respects an amalgamation of all the Methodist churches in the Dominion is, yet in view of the action of some of the Methodist Bodies on this subject, and the relations we sustain to the Home Body, and which relations we wish to retain, we deem such amalgamation at present impracticable.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

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19. That we deeply sympathise with Brother Matthews, and trust his health will be so restored as to enable him to resume ministerial labors.

20. That we also offer Brother Boyes our sympathy in his continued affliction, and hope that he may yet be restored to the active work of our ministry.

21. That we deeply sympathise with our friends on the Kirkton Mission, in the pecuniary difficulties connected with their parsonage, and as soon as the funds will allow, one hundred dollars shall be advanced to them.

ENGLISH REPRESENTATIVES.

22. That our President, the Rev. S. Antliff, and Counsellors Robson and Johnson, be our Representatives to the English Conference of 1872; and that Rev. Wm. Antliff, D.D., and J. Beckworth, Esqr., and Captain McCulloch, be their Vices.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

23. That as a Conference we re-affirm our confidence in the French Canadian Missionary Society; are thankful for its success, commend it to the sympathy and support of our membership; and are obliged to the Rev. T. Byrne for presenting its claims to us.

TRAVELLING TO CONFERENCE OF 1872.

24. That to meet the case of extra travelling expenses to the next Conference, each person entitled to expenses paid shall go short of his actual expenses such a sum as will be necessary to prevent a larger expenditure than the next year's income of the Conference Fund.

INSTITUTE DEBT.

25. Those Stations which have not raised their quota towards the debt of the late Institute are required to do so at once, and forward the amount to the General Secretary.

RELIEF FUND.

26. That in consequence of the low state of the Fund, and the many claims upon it, all our Ministers are requested to collect what money they can on behalf of it.

EDITORSHIP OF "CHRISTIAN JOURNAL."

27. That we tender our warmest thanks to Brother Crompton for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted the "Christian Journal" during the past five years; and trust that he may be long spared to serve the Church.

That Brother W. Rowe be the Editor of the "Christian Journal."

VOTES OF THANKS.

28. That we record our thanks to the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railway Companies, and also to the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company, for allowing our Ministers and Delegates to travel to Conference at reduced fares.

29. That we express our gratitude to the inhabitants of Brampton, for their liberality and generosity in entertaining the Ministers and Delegates composing the Conference; and also to Brother Herridge, for his exertions in this matter.

30. That our thanks are hereby given to the Rev. J. R. Swift, for his excellent Ordination Address.

31. That as a Conference we cannot separate without expressing our warm esteem for our President, the Rev. S. Antliff; and tender him our hearty thanks for the excellent sermons and addresses he has delivered at our public services, and the high administrative abilities he has displayed as our Presiding Officer.

32. That we record our thanks to the Vice-President, the Secretary, and his assistants, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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Children's Fund Apportionments, 1870-71.

Bruce Mines	\$36 00	Barrie	\$46 00
Rose Mount	34 00	Bradford	48 00
Hamilton West	10 00	Osprey	36 00
Walpole	46 00	Collingwood	28 00
Blenheim	48 00	Artemesia	36 00
Brantford	49 00	Muskoka	36 00
Paris	51 00	Durham	20 00
Walsingham	40 00	Albion	84 00
Woodstock	48 00	Brampton	112 00
Guelph	47 00	Bowmanville	54 00
Hawksville	44 00	Bosanquet	54 00
Minto	40 00	Etobicoke	124 00
Brant	46 00	Hamilton	55 00
Kincardine	42 00	Grand River	49 00
Jubilee	52 00	Laskay	80 00
Arthur	14 00	Markham	120 00
London	62 00	McGillivray	54 00
Stratford	44 00	Orangeville	58 00
Mitchell	22 00	Reach	64 00
Plympton	30 00	Sandford	28 00
Chatham	54 00	Scarborough	72 00
Caradoc	46 00	Toronto	118 00
Kirkton	36 00	Yorkville Branch	26 00
Kingston	52 09	Toronto West Branch	26 00
Portland	58 00	Peel	48 00
Napanee	44 00	Toronto East	26 00
Collinsby	44 00	Book Room	25 00
Hinchinbrook	24 00		

Grants to Mission Stations, 1870-71.

Bruce Mines	\$240 00	Plympton (G. M. Com. to make the grant.)	
Rose Mount	200 00	Chatham	225 00
Hamilton West	128 00	Caradoc	175 00
Walpole	225 00	Kirkton	210 00
Blenheim	230 00	Kingston	275 00
Brantford	240 00	Portland	280 00
Paris	250 00	Napanee	260 00
Walsingham	230 00	Collinsby	200 00
Woodstock	260 00	Hinchinbrook	76 00
Guelph	285 00	Barrie	345 00
Hawksville	210 00	Bradford (\$75 additional in consideration of the fire)	455 00
Minto	200 00	Osprey	230 00
Brant	230 00	Collingwood	230 00
Kincardine	20 00	Artemesia	240 00
Jubilee	285 00	Muskoka	425 00
Arthur	100 00	Durham	50 00
London	375 00		
Stratford	260 00		
Mitchell	250 00		

Report of the Temperance Committee.

1. That we recognize in the Liquor traffic one of the greatest evils (if not the greatest) in existence; and that we consider the drinking usages and customs of society a great barrier to the spread of the gospel.

2. That while all our Itinerant Ministers are total abstainers, yet some of our Local Preachers are not, a matter which we deeply deplore; and we recommend that question No. 11, on Historical Account of Stations, be so changed, that Conference shall be informed how many Local Preachers on the Station are total abstainers from all intoxicating drinks; as we consider that every Preacher in our Church, both Itinerant and Lay, ought to be true to the Temperance question.

3. Your Committee recommend the formation of Temperance Societies in connection with all our Churches and Sabbath Schools.

4. We heartily recommend to the support of the members of this Conference the "Prohibitory League" recently formed in Toronto.

5. We pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to help to the utmost of our power the efforts of all good men who desire and labor to mitigate the evils of, or altogether to suppress, the Liquor Traffic:

JOHN LAW, *Chairman.*
JOHN W. GILPIN, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee beg to report that they have received a lengthy and earnest document on the important subject of Sabbath Observance, from Dr. Mair, Secretary of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society. This communication calls attention to the alarming increase of Sabbath desecration upon the railways, canals, and wharves of this Dominion, and asks the co-operation of this Conference in checking the growth of this advancing evil. It further proposes that a Convention of Ministers and Laymen, representing the various Evangelical Religious Bodies of the country, be called at an early date, to adopt measures for the suppression of the above-mentioned evil.

Your Committee submit for your adoption the following Resolutions:—I. That we approve and recommend that a Committee, as proposed, consisting of Ministers and Laymen, be called together.

2. That, if possible, this Convention be held at the time and place of the approaching Provincial Sabbath School Convention, the day before the Sessions of the above-mentioned gathering, or the day after.

3. That we urge upon all our Ministers the importance of preaching occasionally on the subject of Sabbath Observance.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee having examined the position of our Sabbath Schools, are glad to be able to report progress in this department of our work. The increase for the year is as follows:—Two Schools, twenty-seven Teachers, and one hundred and sixty scholars. We are thankful to God for this advancement; but believe that by continued and earnest effort our success in this interesting field of Christian labor may become still more satisfactory.

We recommend that addresses be delivered to our Schools as often as practicable, and also to the friends and patrons, by all our Ministers. We further recommend that Circuit Sabbath School Conventions be held in all our Circuits and Missions annually or semi-annually. Arrangements to be made by the Circuits and Missions for the above mentioned meetings.

We also earnestly call attention to the importance of supplying our Sabbath Schools with sound literature; and this, we think, can and should be found at our own Book Room.

Praying that God's blessing may still rest upon our entire work, we respectfully submit this Report to you.

ROBERT WALKER.
WILLIAM BEE.

WILLIAM THORNLEY.
JOHN GOODMAN.

 Report of the Ordination Committee.

We have examined the Journals of Brothers J. Burdge, J. F. Porter, J. E. Lidstone, T. W. Joliffe, E. Middleton, and J. J. Haylock, Candidates for the Annual List, and find the Journals well written, with respect to statement of particulars; and there is also proof of diligence in labor in the Ministerial work; and of tolerable success in the conversion of souls. It is gratifying to read of the earnest anxiety displayed by some of the brethren in regard of success, and their heart grief that no more souls were converted in connection with their labors.

The brethren were also examined on Theological subjects, and on the polity of the Connexion, and the answers given were on the whole commendable.

We have pleasure in recommending these brethren to full Connexional standing in our Ministry; and hope they will, with increasing devotion, give themselves to the work of saving souls, and building up the church of Christ.

THOMAS CROMPTON.
JOHN GARNER.
JOSEPH MARKHAM.
CHARLES S. WILLIS.

Report of the General Committee.

The General Committee beg to Report :—1. That at the first Quarterly Meeting of the year they made the necessary arrangements for placing the Probationary Preachers under Tutors, as recommended by the last Conference. They appointed the time when the collections on behalf of the Educational Fund should be made, and instructed Brothers Goodman and Herridge to apportion among the Circuits of Toronto and Brampton Districts the sums those Districts should raise towards the indebtedness of the late Institute. Farther on in the year, they arranged for the Examination of Probationary Preachers, according to the requirement of last Conference. The first or semi-annual Examination was held on the last day of November and 1st of December, in Toronto. The Committee also appointed the Rev. Dr. Antliff, of Sunderland; Mr. Councillor James, of Derby; and Mr. Councillor Robson, of Hull, to be our Representatives at the present Conference. Several of the Stations not having paid their portion of the indebtedness of the Institute, the Committee called upon them to do so.

2. A dispute having arisen between Orangeville and Albion Stations, respecting the single Preacher of the first Station being returned by that Circuit to Albion, the Committee decided that the Preacher had not failed in his pledge.

3. The Rev. Wm. Cook being superannuated by the last Conference, applied for his removal expenses, and the Committee not knowing what fund these should be paid from, have referred the matter to the Conference to decide.

4. At the February Quarterly Meeting, Rev. W. C. Allen applied for permission to accept the Agency of the Ontario Sabbath School Missionary Union, and the Committee finding that his Circuit Quarterly Meeting were willing for him to accept the Agency, the Committee believing he would be useful in that work, granted the application.

5. At the same meeting, the Toronto Circuit applied for permission to make the Eastern part of it into a Branch, to be called "Toronto East;" and the Committee believing it would prompt that part of the Circuit to make efforts to become self-sustaining, gave their consent.

6. In the month of April, Brother Swift applied for a Home Station, and the Committee forwarded the application to the Home Committee; at the same time regretting that Brother Swift had felt it his duty to return to England.

7. The Rev. S. Antliff, the English General Missionary Secretary, being appointed to visit this Conference, as the Representative of our Home Conference, informed the Committee that it would not be possible for him to leave England so as to be here at the time the Conference usually assembled, and asked, if possible, that the Con-

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ference might be postponed for one week. The Committee, feeling how greatly our Church would be advantaged by the presence of Mr. Antliff, decided to postpone the Conference, looking to that Court for justification of their act.

8. The Committee gave permission to Brother Hughan to visit England, for three months. Other items of business were attended to by the Committee, which are too numerous, and not of sufficient importance to detail here.

Trusting this Report is satisfactory, it is now respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ROWE, *Secretary.*

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Yearly Report of the General Missionary Committee to the Conference of 1871.

In presenting you with their Annual Report, your Committee beg to notice :—

1. *The Resignation of Agents who have been under the supervision of the Committee.*—At the November Quarterly Meeting, Rev. J. H. Stonehouse resigned his position amongst us as a Minister. This act of Brother Stonehouse caused the Committee considerable trouble ; and had it not been that the Rev. J. F. Parker, who had arrived from England, and who was intended to supply Woodstock, was able to go to Chatham, the Mission would have suffered considerably. The Committee regret Brother Stonehouse's conduct, as he had promised to continue in charge until this Conference. At the January Quarterly Meeting, Brother Monkman gave in his Resignation, and expressed a wish to be relieved from his charge as soon as possible, as he wished to engage in secular business. The Committee accepted the Resignation, but informed Brother Monkman they could not then relieve him ; and the Committee wish to record their gratification with the conduct of Brother Monkman, in remaining at his post until this Conference. At the same meeting, Brother Gavin, who had married while in probation, was retained as a hired Local Preacher, until a supply could be procured for his Station. The Committee regret to report that Brother Gavin did not pay that attention to his work which its necessities demanded, and at last left the Mission to do the best it could. The resignation of Brother Jolly took effect at the May Quarterly Meeting, agreeably to a notice he sent to the Committee.

2. *The Illness of Missionaries.*—The very week after the last Conference, Brother Checcham informed the Committee that his continued illness prevented him from attending to Woodstock, and he has been unable to resume ministerial labor for the whole year. The Committee supplied Woodstock as best they could ; but as these supplies could only remain during Sabbath, the Mission suffered considerably. In January, however, the Rev. J. E. Lidstone, who had been sent out from England, was sent to Woodstock, thus relieving the Committee from considerable anxiety. The Committee are

thankful to record, that Brother Hassard, with God's blessing on the means employed, so far recovered his health as to be able to resume his labors. Brother Hassard being one of the Committee's laborious and useful Agents, makes his recovery the more gratifying.

3. During the year, considerable correspondence has taken place between your Committee and the English Committee, respecting brethren to be sent out from England, to supply our work; and the Committee are pleased to report, that in addition to Brothers Willis and Waits, who received appointments from the last Conference, but who did not arrive until just before the August Quarterly Meeting, Brothers Porter, Lidstone, Bryant, and Thompson have been sent to us. The expenses of these brethren have been paid by the Home Committee to Quebec, except those of Brother Lidstone, which have been paid by your Committee. The Secretary also corresponded with the Rev. T. Guttery and the English Committee, respecting Mr. Guttery's coming to this country. The Committee have pleasure in reporting that this correspondence was successful, and that Brother Guttery being willing, the English Committee consented to his coming out.

4. *Removal Expenses.* The expenses connected with the removal of Missionaries have been unusually heavy, and have somewhat taxed the ability of the Committee to pay them in full. It would be well if some measure could be devised by which Missions should bear a portion of these expenses, as yearly they appear to increase, and the large sum appropriated to pay them prevents the grants from being increased as the Committee would like. Numerous applications for assistance to procure furniture have been received by the Committee during the year, and in most cases the Committee have voted sums on condition that the Missions should raise certain amounts. It would appear as if Mission officials considered, that when furniture was required for their Preacher's residence, all they had to do was to apply to your Committee for the amount needed. It should be understood, that when the Committee furnish a house on a Mission, all renewals of such furniture should be provided by the Mission authorities.

5. The Committee have been applied to for help in the way of additional Preachers, but two only of these applications the Committee deem worthy to bring under your notice, and these cases refer to Kincardine and Durham. The Committee, could they have found suitable Agents, would have sent them to those fields of labor, believing such act necessary, from the representations made to them. As it is, they have promised to influence the Conference to send help to them.

6. *Rev. H. S. Matthews.* The extraordinary circumstances connected with the resignation of this brother, and which only came to the knowledge of the Committee after the last Conference, were such as to induce the Committee to consider they were justified in bringing them under the notice of the President of the Conference of the Body which accepted his services. A sub-Committee was appointed

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for that purpose. The Committee placed the whole matter, with letters, etc., in the possession of the President of the Wesleyan Conference, but cannot report what action that Officer has taken in the case.

7. The Secretary has, under the direction of the Committee, visited several Missions during the year; and they consider these visits have not been in vain. Were it possible, the Committee are of opinion that such visits more frequently made would be productive of great good: indeed, the looseness with which business is conducted on some of the Missions, makes the Committee consider these visits more than desirable—absolutely necessary.

8. Several Missions have applied to the Committee for assistance, either to build parsonages, or reduce the debts existing on some which have been erected; but in no case could these applications be granted. To appropriate any money would have been to take it from the grants, and this the Committee did not feel warranted to do, as they consider the grants should in all cases be paid in full, if at all possible.

WM. ROWE, Secretary.

Report of the Finance Committee.

Your Committee have carefully examined the state of our different Connexional Funds, and, with two exceptions, find them to be in a healthy state; the exceptions referred to are the Mission Fund and the Journal Fund. The Mission Fund reports a decrease of \$150 00. This is very much to be regretted, because it is from this fund the grants are made to Mission Stations; and when there is a decrease in this fund, the grants must necessarily be less. The Journal Fund accounts show a balance against it, in consequence of subscribers failing to pay their dues. The accounts of the Book-Room, submitted by Brother Rowe, are satisfactory, and show the Book-Room to be doing a good business. The following recommendations, touching our different funds, are presented for your consideration and adoption:—

1. That the salary of the salesman in the Book Room be \$312 00 for the next year, and that no percentage on sales be allowed.
2. That the percentage on sales, so far as the Book Steward is concerned, be also discontinued, and that his salary for the future be \$350 00.
3. That the Book-Room pay, from its profits, \$25 00 next year to the Children's Fund.
4. That all the Preachers who are indebted to the Book Room be required to pay their debts, according to rule.
5. That all those Stations which have not paid their apportionments to the indebtedness of the late Institute, be required to do so at once.
6. That to meet the increasing demands of the Children's Fund, there be an increase of assessments on the Circuits of \$4 00; on Branches and Missions \$2 00.

7. That the names of all persons owing to the Christian Journal subscriptions over two years, be struck off the list of subscribers.

8. That efforts be made to secure the payment of subscriptions to the Journal *in advance*.

9. That all Ministers be allowed 20 per cent. discount on all subscriptions owing to the Journal over two years, which they may collect.

10. That any Station that does not take up the Connexional Collections, as appointed by Conference, be not allowed to have any Representative at the following District Meeting and Conference.

11. That the Conference decide how long a probationary Preacher draw assistance from the Relief Fund.

12. That care be taken in the removal of Preachers, so as to lessen the removal expenses as much as possible.

13. That should the Mission Fund be favored with an increase of \$500 00 during the ensuing year, \$50 00 each be allowed to Walpole and Walsingham, for Parsonage aid.

14. That the rule on assistance to parsonages, page 12 of the Minutes of Conference of 1867 be rescinded, as the funds will not allow of such help being given.

15. That nothing can be allowed for deficiencies, except in the case of Muskoka. To this Mission we recommend the sum of \$50 00 to be granted.

16. In reference to the sum which can safely be used as grants to the Missions, we submit the following statement:—

Three-fourths of the Missionary Revenue for this year being appropriated by the last Conference, leaves a balance at the disposal of this Conference of	\$1840 00
Extra Grant from English Conference of 1870	400 00
Probable English Grant for 1871	2000 00
Three-fourths of the supposed income for the next year ..	5523 00
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Prospective Expenditure for the year ending July, 1872:—

Probable removal expenses	\$350 00
Probable amount required for furniture	150 00
Missionary Money allowed to Mission Circuits	465 00
Balances paid to Children's Fund for do. do.	141 00
Printing Reports, Cards, Collecting Books, &c.....	135 00
Miscellaneous items	40 00
General Secretary's Salary and Rent	330 00
Margin to be allowed for exigencies	450 00—2061 00
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* This sum has been exceeded by \$800 00, in consequence of appropriations being made by Conference. We must therefore have an increase of \$800 00 in our Missionary moneys this year, to be in a sound state, especially as the English Grant has been reduced by \$500 00.

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REMARKS :—1. The above figures show that we have \$70 00 less to dispose of this year than last. This is owing to there being a decrease of £154 00 in the Missionary income of this year, and the next year's income being supposed to be the same as this year.

2. The \$600 00 allowed for exigencies last year has been entirely disposed of, by \$185 00 more being paid for travelling expenses than was allowed for last year; by the expenses of Brother Lidstone, from England; by additional for board; and by Reach having been made into a Mission Circuit by the last Conference, after the appropriations were made by the Committee on Grants; and by appropriations being made by last Conference to different persons.

3. The English Book-Room Steward has notified the General Secretary, that he will not be able to recommend the English Conference to grant us more than £400 sterling next year, in consequence of the increased expenditure caused by the Book-Room enlarging its premises.

4. If the removing expenses could be kept within \$200 00, and the furniture allowance not to exceed \$100 00,—\$200 00 more might be appropriated by the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WILKINS, *Chairman.*

A. HEYWORTH, *Secretary.*

Report of the Book Room.

It is gratifying to report that the sales during the past year have amounted to \$6,265 35, being nearly \$800 00 more the year previously. This is owing in part to the preachers purchasing more theological works at the Book-Room than in previous years, and partly to a certain line of books the Book Steward has been successful in bringing into notice. In consequence of these efforts, and the keeping down of expenses, and there being no appropriations made by the past Conference from the Book-Room proceeds, there is a balance in favor of the Book-Room. The Book Steward cannot help calling attention to the debts of some of the preachers to the Book-Room, and hopes, that as the preachers receive 15 per cent. on all books other than Connexional, they will endeavour to lessen their indebtedness as much and as soon as possible. It is hoped that the brethren will do all they can to benefit the Book-Room, by securing for it the custom of the Sabbath Schools on their Stations. All requisites for Sabbath School work, in the shape of literature, can be procured from our own Establishment. Assistance has been afforded to two or three poor Schools, and it is pleasant to know that we can at times render help to struggling schools. Hoping that this year's operations will be even more successful than the past, this Report is submitted.

WM. ROWE, *Book Room Steward.*

Book-Room Account for year ending May 20, 1871.

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" Light and firing	12 06		
" Insurance	21 90		
" Freightage and duties	153 18		
" Postage	16 00		
" Benevolence	17 51		
" Fixtures	25 57		
" Miscellaneous expenses	31 10		
" Assistant's salary	260 00		
" Book-Steward's do. arent	330 00		
" do. extra allowance,— being $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on sales	30 89		
" Interest	80 00		
" Balance	774 78		
	<u>\$9161 79</u>		<u>\$9161 79</u>

Audited, and found correct.

JOHN R. SWIFT.
THOMAS THOMPSON.

Ministerial Examinations Fund.

DR.	\$ c.	CR.	\$ c.
To Collections from Sta- tions	97 64	By Trav.exp.of Ex'rs, Proba- tioners, postage & stat'y	168 52
" Toronto Subscriptions	85 00	" donation to Instu'e debt	14 12
	<u>\$183 64</u>		<u>\$182 64</u>

Conference Fund.

DR.	\$ c.	CR.	\$ c.
To Toronto District	71 30	By last year's balance due Tr.	2 44
" Brampton "	61 30	" Delegates' expenses	216 88
" Hamilton "	25 50	" exp. of Union Com. Mem.	10 20
" Guelph "	32 80	" Conference Stamp	8 00
" London "	38 25	" Ordination Bibles	16 20
" Kingston "	19 40	" Travelling Certificates and Circulars	2 05
" Barrie "	23 35	" Balance in hand	14 66
	<u>\$271 60</u>		<u>\$271 60</u>

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" Brampton "	61 30	stock Mission*	126 36	
" Hamilton "	25 50	" Albion Circuit	36 00	
" Guelph "	32 80	" Orangeville Circuit	30 00	
" London "	.....	38 25	" Jubilee Mission	41 50	
" Kingston "	.....	19 40	" Bosanquet Circuit	8 00	
" Barrie "	.....	23 05	" Hamilton West Mission	4 20	
" Donation from D. Mc-			" Ex. of late Rev. J. Frankish	10 00	
Lean, Esqr.	50 00	" Postage	1 00	
" Balance due Treasurer	35 46	" Bal. owing from last year	100 00	
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* The claim of the Missionary Committee is \$208 00; but in consequence of the low state of the Fund, \$126 00 only is charged.

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Children's Fund.

DR.		\$ c.	CR.		\$ c.
To cash from Circuits and			By cash, claims of Circuits		
Missions	.....	2346 25	and Missions	.....	2468 57
" from Mis. Com. to pay			" Balance	.....	18 68
deficiency of Mis. Cts.	.....	141 00			
		<u>\$2487 25</u>			<u>\$2487 25</u>

Addresses of the Stations, for 1871-72.

President of Conference	Rev. S. Antliff, England.
Vice-President of Conference	" J. Markham, Wexford, Ontario.
Secretary of Conference	" W. Herridge, Brampton.
Editor of Christian Journal, Missionary Secretary, and Book Steward	" Wm. Rowe, drawer 899, Toronto.
General Treasurer	R. Walker, Esqr., Toronto.
Toronto	" T. Guttery, Toronto.
Yorkville	" J. Edgar, Yorkville.
Toronto West	" T. Griffith, Toronto.
Toronto East	" H. Harris, Toronto.
Markham	" J. Smith, Victoria Square.
Pickering	" J. W. Robinson, Claremont.
Bowmanville	" R. Boyle, Bowmanville.
Scarboro	" J. Markham, Wexford.
Reach	" W. Bee, Manchester.
Sandford	" W. Newton, Sandford.
Bruce Mines	" E. Whitworth, Bruce Mines.
Brampton	" W. Herridge, Brampton.
Etobicoke	" J. Goodman, Malton.
Albion	" J. Garner, Albion.
Laskay	" W. Reid, Laskay.
Orangeville	" J. Campbell, Orangeville.
Rosemont	" J. Walker, Rosemont.
Hamilton	" R. Cade, Hamilton.
Hamilton West	" J. F. Ockley, Hamilton.
Grand River	" L. Hall, York.
Walspole	" T. Amey, Selkirk.
Hienkein	" R. Hassard, Drumbo.
Brantford	" T. W. Jolliffe, Brantford.
Paris	" T. Bryant, Paris.
Walsingham	" J. Burdge, Pleasant Hill.
Woodstock	" J. P. Bell, Woodstock.
Guelph	" G. Wood, Guelph.
Peel	" E. Middleton, Pentland.
Hawksville	" A. Heyworth, Hawksville.
Minto	" G. Watson, Newbridge.
Brant	" R. Anger, Walkerton.
Kincardine	" D. Idle, Eerie.
Jubilee	" W. Thornley, Bluevale.
Arthur	" W. Tarrant, Arthur.
Lomton	" W. S. Hughan, London.
Bosanquet	" J. W. Gilpin, Widder.
McGillivray	" R. Paul, Falkirk.
Stratford	" C. Roffe, Stratford.
Mitchell	" J. E. Lidstone, Mitchell.
Plympton	" W. Huggins, Wyoming.
Chatham	" J. F. Porter, Chatham.
Caradoc	" T. Dudley, Stratford.
Kirkton	" W. Pyse, Woodham.
Kingston	" G. Lewis, B.A., Kingston.
Portland	" C. S. Willis, Loughboro.
Napanee	" J. Roadhouse, Selby.
Collinsby	" R. Patison, Collinsby.
Hinchinbrook	" G. Nixon, Parham.
Barrie	" J. Milner, Esrie.
Bradford	" W. Lomas, Bradford.
Osprey	" D. Simpson, Faversham.
Collingwood	" J. J. Haylock, Clarksburg.
Artemesia	" G. F. Lee, Markdale.
Maskoka	" T. Auger, Bracebridge.
Durham	" A. Knapp, Durham.

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 Amy, T.
 Boyle, R.
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 Boyd, T. I.
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Names and Ages of P. M. Ministers in Canada.

Name.	Age.	Years Travelled.	Where Stationed.
Adams, T.	62	36	Galt; Sup'd 1865.
Auger, R.	33	8	Brant.
Auger, P.	31	7	Muskoka.
Allen, W. C.	27	3	Toronto.
Amy, T.	31	6	Walpole.
Boyle, R.	46	26	Bowmanville.
Boyes, J. S.	40	9	Chatham; Sup'y 1870.
Bee, W.	43	15	Reach
Bell, J. F.	27	6	Woodstock.
Bell, J.	21	2	Sandford, Sup'y 1871.
Brown, B. J.	23	2	Abnion.
Burdge, J.	27	5	Walsingham.
Dord, T. F.	21	1	Chatham,
Bryant, T.	39	15	Paris.
Crompton, T.	58	36	Barrie; Sup'y 1871.
Cheetham, J.	57	12	Woodstock; Sup'd 1871.
Cook, W.	35	15	Plympton, Sup'd 1870.
Cade, R.	42	0	Hamilton.
Campbell, J.	25	6	Orangeville
Corcoran, J. S.	25	1	Markham.
Davison, J.	25	44	Toronto, Sup'd 1366.
Dudley, T.	50	20	Caradoc.
Dennis, J.	17	0	Brampton.
Edgar, J.	46	25	Yorkville.
Foster, T.	60	19	Oeptry, Sup'd 1865.
Garner, J.	47	22	Abnion.
Goodman, J.	38	10	Etobicoke.
Griffith, T.	27	7	Toronto.
Gilpin, J. W.	33	6	Bosanquet.
Gifford, G. A.	32	2	Orangeville.
Guttery, T.	33	13	Toronto.
Hassard, R.	33	10	Blenheim.
Hall, L.	29	8	Grand River.
Haylock, J. J.	27	4	Collingwood.
Harris, H.	30	13	Toronto.
Herridge, W.	48	13	Brampton.
Heyworth, A.	32	11	Hawkesville.
Hughan, W. S.	37	12	London.
Huggins, W.	33	5	Plympton.
Idle, D.	26	4	Kincardine.
Jolliffe, T. W.	29	4	Brantford.
Johnson, C. O.	19	0	Etobicoke.
Kaapp, A.	47	7	Durham.
Lacey, J.	71	26	Portland, Sup'd 1865.
Lee, G. F.	35	5	Artemesia.
Lewis, G. B. A.	28	5	Kingston.
Lomas, W.	43	21	Bradford.
Lyle, W.	43	32	Yorkville; Sup'd 1865.
Markham, J.	40	17	Scarboro.
Matthews, M. H.	30	13	Albion, Sup'd 871.
McKen, E.	26	3	Markham, Student.
Milner, J.	41	17	Barrie.
Middleton, E.	29	4	Peel.
Mattingley, C.	27	1	Bradford
Natrass, J.	42	20	London, Sup'd 1869.
Natrass, T.	33	17	London, Sup'd 1871.
Newton, W.	51	20	Sandford
Nixon, G.	27	3	Hinchinbrook.
Ockley, J. E.	21	2	Hamilton, West.
Paul, R.	43	20	McGillivray.
Pattison, R.	32	8	Collinsbay.
Pike, W.	32	10	Kirkton.
Parrich, H.	23	0	Bosanquet.

Reid, W.	29	9	Laskay.
Rowe, W.	45	27	Toronto.
Roffe, C.	52	18	Stratford.
Rodhouse, J.	34	9	Napanee.
Robinson, J. W.	28	2	Pickering.
Ryder, J.	66	14	Hawksville, Sup'd 1890.
Scott, T. G.	31	3	Etobicoke.
Simpson, D.	35	8	Osprey.
Simpson, J.	47	10	Orangeville, Sup'd 1868.
Smith, J.	37	15	Markham.
Stephenson, R.	47	18	Osprey, Sup'd 1864.
Sims, T.	21	6	Portland.
Sarrant, W.	26	1	Arthur.
Thornley, W.	31	7	Jubilee.
Thompson, G. H.	28	2	Brampton.
Thompson, R.	24	1	Laskay.
Thompson, J.	25	2	Toronto West.
Towler, J.	55	16	Brantford, Sup'd 1853.
Toy, R.	26	3	Jubilee.
Walker, J.	34	8	Rosemont.
Watts, E. W.	23	2	London.
Watson, G.	59	14	Minto.
Whitworth, E.	36	8	Bruce Mines.
Willis, C. S.	34	13	Portland.
Wood, G.	45	16	Guelph.
Wellwood, N. ....	..	..	Reach.
Wilcox, A.	26	1	McGillivray.

Missionary Deputations for 1870-71.

Stations.	Dates.	Deputations.
Toronto, Alice St.	Dec. 3	*R. Boyle, J. P. Bell.
Yorkville	Dec. 3	*R. Boyle, J. P. Bell.
Toronto West	Dec. 3	*R. Boyle, J. P. Bell.
Toronto East	Feb. ..	T. G. Scott, B. J. Brown.
Markham	Dec. 18	W. Lomas, J. Thompson.
do.	Jan. 21	T. Griffith, R. Boyle.
Pickering	Jan. 29	H. Harris, W. Bee.
do.	Feb. 5	.....
Bowmanville	Jan. 14	*J. Edgar, T. Griffith.
Scarboro	Sept 24	J. Edgar, J. S. Corcoran.
do.	Oct. 8	J. Milner, J. Smith.
Reach	Jan. 8	W. Newton, T. Guttery.
Sandford	Jan. 14	J. Smith, J. W. Robinson.
Bruce Mines	Aug. 13	J. Edgar.
Brampton	Jan. 8	*T. Guttery, W. Reid.
do.	Jan. 15	H. Harris, G. A. Gifford.
Etobicoke	Jan. 8	J. Campbell, R. Thompson.
do.	Jan. 15	J. Walker, B. J. Brown.
do.	Jan. 22	J. Garner, G. H. Thompson.
Laskay	Jan. 15	W. Bee, J. Thompson.
do.	Jan. 22	W. Herridge, J. Walker.
Albion	Jan. 15	J. Campbell, T. G. Scott.
do.	Jan. 22	J. Walker, J. Dennis.
do.	Jan. 23	J. Goodman, G. A. Gifford.
Orangeville	Dec. 3	W. Herridge, T. G. Scott.
do.	Dec. 10	J. Goodman, G. H. Thompson.
do.	Dec. 17	W. Reid, J. Dennis.
Rosemont	Dec. 10	J. Garner, C. O. Johnson.
Hamilton	Nov. 5	*To be supplied.
do. West	Nov. 5	*To be supplied.
Grand River	Jan. 15	T. Amy, J. W. Joliffe.
Walpole	Jan. 8	L. Hall, J. Burdge.
Blenheim	Oct. 23	R. Cade, T. Bryant.

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MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS.

Brantford	Oct. 29	*J. P. Bell, Luke Hall.
Paris	Oct. 29	*J. P. Bell, Luke Hall.
Walsingham	Oct. 22	*T. Amy, L. Hall.
Woodstock	Jan. 7	*R. Hassard, T. W. Joliffe.
Geolph	Jan. 9	*R. Cade, A. Heyworth.
Hawkesville	Oct. 9	G. Wood, E. Middleton.
Peel	Jan. 8	G. Wood, W. Tarrant.
do.	Jan. 15	G. Watson, W. Thornley.
Minto	Oct. 2	W. Thornley.
do.	Jan. 22	R. Anger
Brant	Jan. 8	G. Watson, D. Idle.
do.	Jan. 15	E. Middleton.
Kincardine	Jan. 8	R. Anger.
do.	Jan. 15	W. Thornley.
Jubilee	Sept 11	A. Heyworth, W. Tarrant
do.	Jan. 1	G. Watson, D. Idle.
Arkur	Dec. 18	E. Middleton, R. Toye.
London	Oct. 8	*J. F. Porter, C. Roffe.
Bourquet	Oct. 23	W. Huggins, A. Wilson.
do.	Oct. 16	C. Roffe, E. W. Waits.
Macgillivray	Oct. 2	J. W. Gilpin, W. Pyke.
do.	Jan. 1	T. Dudley, J. Parrish.
Stratford	Oct. 22	*W. S. Hughan, J. Lidstone.
Mitchell	Oct. 22	*C. Roffe, W. S. Hughan.
Plympton	Feb. 5	T. Dudley, T. F. Boyd.
do.	Feb. 12	J. F. Porter.
Chatham	Dec. 18	*W. S. Hughan, W. Huggins.
do.	Dec. 25	E. W. Waits.
Cardoc	Jan. 22	R. Paul, T. F. Boyd.
Virton	Oct. 8	*J. W. Gilpin, J. A. Wilson.
do.	Oct. 15	J. E. Lidstone.
Kingston	Dec. 17	*R. Pattison, C. S. Willis.
Portland	Oct. 28	R. Pattison.
do.	Jan. 22	G. Lewis, J. Roadhouse.
Napanee	Oct. 15	G. Lewis, R. Pattison.
do.	Oct. 20	G. Nixon, T. Sims.
Gallinsby	Oct. 1	C. S. Willis, G. Lewis.
Hutchinson	Jan. 15	C. S. Willis.
Barrie	Dec. 3	*W. Lomas, J. Markham.
Bradford	Jan. 21	W. Newton, *J. Milner.
do.	Jan. 28	W. Reid, W. Nixon.
Opey	Jan. 7	W. Lomas, J. J. Haylock.
Collingwood	Oct. 15	G. F. Lee, A. Knapp.
Artemesia	Dec. 18	D. Simpson, J. J. Haylock.
Muskoka	Dec. 10	J. Markham, Supply.
do.	Dec. 18	C. Mattingley
Durham	Dec. 11	G. Lee, D. Simpson.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

*The Annual Address of the Primitive Methodist Conference to the
Members of the Church.*

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD :

At the close of another annual gathering of your Representatives, it becomes our duty and privilege to address to you a few words of greeting and counsel. As your Representatives, we recognize your right to expect from us an account of our doings; and though these will be given you in the published Minutes, yet we have pleasure in referring to them now. The Sessions of Conference have this year been of more than ordinary interest. For the first time in our history as a people in this country, we have been favored with the presence of a Representative of the Parent Church in England. Agreeably with the expressed wishes of former Conferences, the authorities of the English Denomination determined to send one of their principal brethren to visit our land, and spend a short time in visiting our principal Stations. Their selection of the Rev. Samuel Antliff has been a happy one. His ripened experience, matured judgment, scholarly attainments, and sanctified eloquence proved him to be eminently fitted to represent a Body which has in its Ministry and Communion many whom God delights to honor. As our President, Mr. Antliff did us good service. His sermons and addresses on public occasions were of the highest order, and the crowds which gathered to hear him evidenced the acceptability of his ministrations.

Among the many questions which claimed our attention, none perhaps was greater than the one referring to the proposed amalgamation of all the Methodist Churches in this country. After a day and a half spent in a more than ordinarily free and unreserved expression of views on this subject, it was resolved, by a large majority, that such amalgamation was impracticable. While desirous of cultivating the most brotherly feelings towards all branches of the

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Methodist family, yet we felt the amalgamation could only be effected by our giving up many of our most cherished rights ; and this we did not feel we were called of God to do ; neither could we feel the time had arrived when we should sever our connexion with the Home Body, which has done so much to help us in the past. We believe our action in this matter will be acceptable to you, for we are persuaded you do not wish the old landmarks to disappear. Numbers are not always to be considered an evidence of prosperity. We must be careful not to be caught by a name, while the reality is overlooked.

It was a cause of thankfulness to find that God had blessed our labors during the past year, and that we were able to report an increase of 61 in our numbers. We confess this increase is not such as we might expect, considering the extent of agency employed ; but when we reflect on the many drawbacks to our prosperity during the year, it is such as to inspire us with the belief, that when all our energies are employed in the great work of winning souls to Christ, we shall be favored with much larger increases.

It was gratifying to us to find there was a great improvement in our ordinary annual income. At no former period in our history was so much liberality displayed in supporting the Ministry ; and, as a consequence, never were deficiencies in Ministers' salaries, as a whole, less than this year. We believe in this good work you will abound yet more and more, and will be increasingly careful to see that those who minister to you in word and doctrine shall be liberally sustained. We know, that as your own temporal circumstances improve, your Ministers' incomes will improve ; and in this respect they require nothing more. In the erection of new churches, and the enlargement of others, we have had further proofs of your liberality and prosperity ; and we cannot refrain from impressing upon you the necessity of paying increased attention to the erection of Houses of Prayer—Houses which shall be consecrated to the worship of God alone.

In the increase of our Sabbath Schools, Teachers, and Scholars, we have the evidence of increased zeal and attention on your part to the work of imbuing the youthful minds of our country and church with those scriptural principles which will benefit both the church and the world. It is one of the most hopeful

signs of the times in which we live to see so many Christians of all classes, devoting themselves to the spiritual tuition of our youth; and we are warranted in expecting, when the injunction of the Good Shepherd, "Feed my lambs," is faithfully observed, to see produced the most blessed results.

We regretted to find there was a small decrease in the Missionary fund; and though the cause for this may be easily accounted for, in the efforts which have been made on several Stations to support their Ministers, yet we trust you will not overlook the fact, that this is one of our most important funds. From it, assistance is rendered to those who, though conscientiously attached to our ordinances, are yet not sufficiently strong in numbers nor means to support entirely their Ministers. If we would keep pace with our increasing population, and extend our operations, we must freely and liberally sustain the Mission Fund. We commend this Fund to your sympathy and notice, and confidently believe, that as the result of this commendation, it will secure an enlarged revenue this year.

The report of the Book-Room was very satisfactory, showing, as it does, its business is enlarging; and that it has been well sustained by our Ministers and Schools. The importance of providing our Schools with sound, moral, and religious works cannot be too highly estimated. A great part of the literature of the present day is of a character, making it both unwise and dangerous to place in the reach of our children. It therefore becomes of importance to those who have the care of our Schools, but whose time is limited, to have an Establishment from which they can select good, healthy, and reliable works; and such an Establishment we conceive our Book Room to be. We bespeak for it your continued custom, and appeal to your denominational patriotism to render it all possible help.

It would have been satisfactory to us, to find our denominational paper, the "Christian Journal," in a more favorable financial position than its report exhibited. That the indebtedness of many of our members to it is so large, and has existed for several years, has awakened our grave concern; and we trust this reference to the subject will be sufficient to induce them to discharge, without delay, their pecuniary obligations. We have appointed our Brother

the Rev. Wm. Rowe to the Editorship of the Journal, and trust
under his management it will become increasingly prosperous. We
ask your assistance in procuring for it an enlarged circulation; and
we venture to hope it will speedily find its way to every Primitive
Methodist family in the Dominion.

Several brethren from England have this year joined our Ministry,
and we cannot but feel under obligations to the Parent Body for
sending out these brethren to our help. We have also called to the
Ministry of the Word some of our own young men, and trust they
will become acceptable laborers in the vineyard. Some of our
brethren have been compelled by affliction to withdraw for a season
from the active work of the Ministry, and one has been superannuated.
These brethren have our deep sympathy, and we trust they will be
Divinely supported in their affliction.

We would impress upon you the necessity of increased spiritu-
ality of mind, and holiness of heart. In this day of worldliness,
and race for wealth, amusement, and position, there is great danger
of too little attention being paid to the cultivation of all holy affec-
tions. You may be tempted to be satisfied with a mere name in the
Church—to live in the credit of your past experience, and to be at
ease in Zion. Resist these temptations. To yield to them is death.
Strive to reach a higher state in the Christian life. Keep near the
Cross and the Throne. The true secret of spiritual power is "walking
with God." You will become mighty in doing good, just in propor-
tion as you are fully given to Christ. Seek therefore to have "Holiness
to the Lord" written on every thought, feeling, and faculty of your
hearts and souls. Regard yourselves as being consecrated to God.
Shun conformity to the world and its fashions. Do not forget that
the love of vain amusements, dress, style, and wealth is incompat-
ible with the love of God. Oh! reach to something higher than a
mere profession. Put on Christ. Be living epistles. Let the
world read in your lives the blessedness and power of religion. But
to do this, you must make use of the means; therefore, forget not
the closet, nor the reading of God's word. If Christians can find
time for mere amusements, and the reading of light literature, they
can find time for private communion with God, and the study of His
book. Attend regularly the public services of the sanctuary, and
those social means of grace which are the peculiar characteristics of
our Church. As heads of families, have an altar in your house-

holds, and around it, both morning and night, regularly gather your families and domestics; and by prayer and supplication make known their wants to God. Aim at doing good: do not be satisfied with doing it by proxy: do it yourselves. God asks you to work for him. Support every movement that seeks to elevate your fellow-men. As a people, we have for years past identified ourselves with the Temperance Reformation. Let it live in your affections. Encourage with your contributions the Bible Society, in its noble work of circulating the Scriptures. Help all Societies whose object is to bring the good old gospel truths home to the hearts and consciences of your fellow-men. Your time for doing this is short. It is more than probable that some of you who are now in fellowship with us will not be dwellers on the earth when we send forth our next Pastoral Letter. Work then, beloved, while it is day.

And now we pray "that our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,

W. H. H.

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SAMUEL ANTLIFF, *President.*

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