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The Niagara Annual Conference held its Thirty-fifth Session in the town of Ingersoll, county of Oxford, Ontario, commencing on Wednesday, at ten o'clock, a. m., the 17th day of April, 1878.

Bishop Carman, D.D., presided.

He read the IVth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. 536th hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by E. H. Pilcher, D.D., M. Dimmick and E Bristol, the Bishop and Conference uniting in closing with the Lord's Prayer.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Conference Address.

Robert C. Parsons was elected Secretary.

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1870	Athoe T		Leamington	8	1 8
1868		Canboro		10	10
	Anger WH	College		7	2
	Andrews G W	Thamesford	Thamesford	2	2
	Atkins T J	Malahide		1	1
1839	Bristol E		Ancaster	39	37
			Princeton	1	
		Flamboro	Mountsberg	22	22
	Bartram E	Superannuated		26	25
	Benson Wma	Norwich		21	21
			Welland	ю	10
	Burdett C	Harwich	Fairfield	, 22	22
	Brown W.G		Chatham	15	- 15
	Barker D	Supernumerary	Chatham	14	5
	Bartram M H	Malahide	Luton	3	3
1876	Bannister A W, BA	St. Marys & Nissouri	Thorndale	2	
	Cook H A	Saltfleet	Tapleytown	/ 1	1
	Cook R B	Superannuated	a v	29	26
1852	Collins J M		Florence	25	23
	Collamore O G		London	27	24
1868	Cutler J B	St. Marys & Nissouri	St. Marys	10	10
	Cutler J W	Glencoe	Glencoe	6	_ 6
	Card S	Ingersoll	Ingersoll	20	[#] 20
1871	Cohoe B L	Ancaster	Ancaster	7	7
1871	Crichton C	Erie	Ridgeway	7	7
1873	Clement E L	Saltfleet	Tapleytown	5	₹5
	Combs J A	Brantford	Brantford	2	2
1852	Draper E	Supernumerary	Essex Centre	26	18
1859	Davis J T	Oakland	Waterford	19	19
1863	Dimmick M	Dresden	Dresden	15	15
1868		Arkona	Arkona	10	10
1870	Duff R	Humberstone	Humberstone	8	8
	Elliott J N	Springfield	Springfield	-18	18
1870	Ecker D	Bosanquet		8	8
	Edwards A W	Manitoba		1	1
1862	Fansher W	Parkhill	Parkhill	16	16
1863	Fairchild J F	Pelham	Fenwick	15	13
1875	Ferguson J	Aylmer	Aylmer	3	3
1876	Fulcher G A	Raleigh	Raleigh	2	2
1877	Fletcher W M		Dunnville	1	1
1877	Francis G A	Brussels	Brussels	1	1
	Farr W	Westminster	Lambeth		
1878		Brooke	Alvinston	40	
1835	Griffin D	Superannuated	Staffordville	43	12
1041	Gardiner J	Erie District	Ingersoll	37	37
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	Griffith A E	To labor for Sons of Tem- perance	St. Thomas.	26	25

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ALPHABETICAL LIST-CONTINUED.

Time of en tering Min.	NAME.	PRESENT CHARGE.	P. O. ADDRESS.	No. of years	No. of years
1872 Gi	iffin M ford M W	II. 1	Lambeth	(-
1874 Ge	ord W E	Raleigh	Raleigh	6	
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1000 Ha	tlev C	ici.		37	36
1871 Ho	wey R A	Vienna	Vienne	20	20
1870 Joh	zard L	. College	Bothwell	5	5
1846 Ker	у Н Ј	Stanley	Bayfield	8 23	6 23
1867 Ken 1871 Kell	nedy J H	Mt. Elgin	Inamesville	32 11	32 11
1873 Ken	nedy J	Maitland	Chippawa	777	7 7
1876 Ken	nedy D M	Petrolia	retrona.	5 2	5 2
1862 Lock	sbury E	London District	Strathroy	29	2 29
1844 Lawr	ence B	Superannuated	Newbury	16 28	16 18
1872 Lonn	ock J	Essex Centre	Essex Centre	34 7	16
1858 Mord	ott T S	Chatham	Chatham	6 3	4 3
Mol o	B C 1	Dorchester	Hannon	20 13	14 13
				19	17
1876 Myers 1864 Pargor	P	Rainham R		2 2	2 2
1851 Pomer	or D	Brant Je	ersevville	14	14 22
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Pierce	W		denhaml Springs	2 2	2 2
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Time of entering Min.		PRESENT CHARGE.	P. O. ADDRESS.	No. of years in Ministry.	No. of years effective.
1872	Scratch A	Sweaborg	Sweaborg	6	6
10/4	Squires G C	W voming.	Wyoming	4	4
1070	Snarp D	Walsingham		3	3
10/0	Sutton J W	Harwich	Fairfield	,	b 2
1040	Tunord J U	Superannuated	Aylmer	33	
1074	Thermingar S	Superannuated	Seaforth	34	22
1074	Thompson C M	Forest	Forest	4	4
1969	Ver Weel I	Beverly.	Lynden	1	1
1000	Vall VV VCK J	Strathrov.	Strathrox	0	6
1878	Wolliek (V W	Stanley	Bayfield	1	1
1838	Wohatan T	Dorchester	Avon	-	
1850	Wood I	Superannuated	Newbury	40	22
1864	Williams D	Brooke	Alvinston	28	27
TOOT	TTIMAMIS D	oubernumerary	Nivon	14	12
1875	Wahh T	Hamilton	Hamilton	13	13
1877	Warner P I	Charlotteville	0 0 11	3	3
1859	Vokom W	Seaforth	Seaforth	1	1
1874	Vokom D H	Tilsonburg	Tilsonburg	19	19
1876	Voung I	London Circuit	Lobo	4	4
1877	Voung J. C.	Oakland College	waterford	2	2

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—What preachers are admitted on trial?
Answer.—W. J. Fair, C. W. Vollick, C. W. Bristol, W. J. Gamble, J. P. Fryer, J. W. Sutton, W. E. Gifford.

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Q. 2.—Who remain on trial?

A.—A. W. Edwards, W. M. Teeple, W. N. Vollick, R. I. Warner, B.A., T. J. Atkins, W. M. Fletcher, G. A. Francis, L. Hazzard, J. C. Young, A. W. Bannister, B.A., H. A. Cook.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connexion?

A.—P. Miers, J. A. Combs, J. Young, W. A. Shaw, W. Pierce, D. M. Kennedy, A. J. Parker, T. L. McCutcheon and F. J. Edmonds.

Q. 4.—Who are the Deacons?

A.—(1st class), P. Miers, Jas. Combs, S. Young, W. A. Shaw, W. Pierce, D. M. Kennedy, A. J. Parker, T. L. McCutcheon, F.

J. Edmonds.

(2nd class), M. H. Bartram. D. Sharp, T. Graham, J. Webb,

T. S. Linscott, J. Ferguson, G. W. Andrews, B.A., S. Knott, G. A. Fulcher, W. H. Anger.

Q. 5.—Who are ordained Elders this year?

A.—A. L. Gee, G. C. Squires, C. M. Thompson.

Q. 6.—Who have located?

A.—None.

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Q. 7.—Who is the General Superintendent?

A.—Bishop A. Carman, D.D.

Q. 8.—Who are the supernumeraries?

A.—D. Barker, R. Service, D. Williams, E. Draper.

Q. 9.—Who are the superannuated preachers?

A.—T. Webster, D.D., S. Stewart, D. Griffin, G. Smith, B. Lawrence, G. Lawrence, J. C. Tufford, S. Terwilligar, R. B. Cook, W. D. Hughson, E. Bartram, G. Hartley, J. McLean.

Q. 10.—Who have been expelled?

A.—None.

Q. 11.—Who have withdrawn?

A.—H. B. Palmer.

B. 12.—Are all the preachers blameless in life?

A .- They are, as far as could be ascertained by strict examinations before the Conference.

Q. 13.—Who have died this year?

A.—None.

Q. 14.—What are the numbers in society?

A .- For particulars see statistical table. No. of preachers in Conference, 114; increase over last year, 4; total number of members, 10,640. Increase over last year, 555.

Q. 15.—What is the amount of the Superannuated Preachers' Fund, and how expended?

A .- See Steward's Report.

Q. 16.—Where are the preachers stationed?

A.--

NIAGARA DISTRICT-E. BRISTOL, Presiding Elder.

Hamilton-J. S. Williamson.

Ancaster-B. L. Cohoe. G. Hartley, superannuated.

Barton-J. P. Morden

Flamboro-B. Bristol. G. Smith, superannuated.

Beverly—R. C. Parsons, W. M. Teeple. S. Stewart, superannuated.

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Brant-J. R. Phillips, T. Graham.

Saltfleet-E. L. Clement, H. A. Cook.

Smithville-J. Reynolds.

Canboro-E. Adams.

Dunnville-W. M. Fletcher.

Pelham-J. F. Fairchilds.

St. Davids-A. L. Gee.

Welland—C. E. Benson.

Humberstone-R. Duff.

Erie-C. Crichton.

Chippawa-D. W. Kelley.

Brantford—J. A. Combs. W. H. Anger permitted to attend college.

ERIE DISTRICT-J. GARDINER, Presiding Elder.

Ingersoll—S. Card. G. Lawrence, superannuated.

Embro-H. Locke.

Mt. Elgin-J. H. Kennedy.

Tilsonburg-Wm. Yokom.

Norwich-M. Benson, W. A. Shaw.

Vienna-R. A. Howey. D. Griffin, superannuated.

Malahide—M. H. Bartram, T. J. Atkins. J. C. Tufford, superannuated.

Springfield-J. N. Elliott.

Aylmer—J. Ferguson.

Hartford—J. Rose.

Oakland-J. T. Davis, J. F. Young.

Blenheim-W. H. Shaw, C. W. Bristol.

Walsingham—D, Sharp. R. B. Cook, superannuated. Charlotteville—J. Webb. D. Williams, supernumerary. Rainham—P. Miers. E. Bartram, superannuated. Sweaborg—A. Scratch.

LONDON DISTRICT—E. LOUNSBURY, Presiding Elder.

London-F. J. Edmonds. E. B. Lounsbury permitted to attend College. T. Webster, D.D., superannuated.

London Circuit.—D. H. Yokom.

St. Marys and Nissouri-J. B. Catler. A. W. Bannister to live at Thorndale.

Strathroy-J. Van Wyck.

Thamesford—G. W. Andrews, B.A. R. Service, supernumerary. Dorchester-B. C. Moore, C. W. Vollick.

Southwold-A. Kennedy.

Westmininster—M. Griffin, H. J. Fair. W. D. Hughson, superannuated.

Goderich-O. G. Collamore.

Arkona-N. Dickie.

Bosanquet-D. Ecker.

Park Hill-W. Fansher.

Stanley-H. J. Kilty, W. N. Vollick.

Maitland-J. Kennedy.

Carradoc—S. Knott. J. McLean, superannuated.

St. Thomas—E. H. Pilcher, D. D. A. E. Griffith, permitted to labor for Sons of Temperance.

Seaforth-R. J. Warner.

Brussels—G. A. Francis.

Forest-C. M. Thompson.

CHATHAM DISTRICT.—W. G. Brown, Presiding Elder.

Chatham-T. S. Linscott.

Dresden—M. Dimmick.

Wallaceburg - E. G. Pelley.

Bothwell—D. H. Hubbell. Wyoming—G. C. Squires.

Petrolia-D. M. Kennedy.

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Brooke-J. Wood, J. P. Fryer.

Florence-J. M. Collins.

Glencoe—J. W. Cutler. B. Lawrence, superannuated. J. C. Young, permitted to attend College.

Thamesville—S. L. Kerr, W. J. Gamble. D. Barker, supernumerary. L. Hazzard, permitted to attend College.

Howard-D. Pomeroy, M. W. Gifford.

Harwich-C. Burdett, J. W. Sutton.

Raleigh-G. A. Fulcher, W. E. Gifford.

Wheatley-J. W. McKay.

Leamington-T Athol.

Essex Centre—J. Laycock, G. H. Johnson. E. Draper, supernumerary.

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St. Clair-T. L. McCutcheon.

Sydenham-A. J. Parker.

Oil Springs-W. Pierce.

A. W. Edwards, missionary to Manitoba.

LIST OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Canboro Circuit—W. Stringer, deacon; A. Stringer, deacon; J. Cutler, deacon; J. L. Ricker, deacon; J. Yeddon.

Dunnville-J. G. Winslow, deacon.

St. Davids-D. Collard, elder; F. Davis.

Pelham—R. Farr, elder; M. Rogers, R. Dawdy, S. Jennings, W. Henderson, J. Veal.

Smithville-J. Upper, deacon.

Humberstone-S. Weaver, deacon

Saltfleet-C. C. Burkholder, elder elect.

Barton-J. W. Miller, H. Burkholder.

Flamboro-M. S. Dimmick, elder; J. Burdett.

Beverly—Jas. Clement, elder; Wm. Clement, elder; R. Maynard, deacon.

Brant — W. Beautinheimer, deacon; J. Vanderlip, W. H. Teeple, H. J. Fair, C. W. Vollick.

ERIE DISTRICT.

Embro—C. Kitmer, J. Darling, P. Meadows.

Mount Elgin-J. S. Fraser, deacon; J. C. Garnet, deacon; E.

H. Harris, E. Pettit.

Norwich-J. Will, deacon; T. D. Adkins.

Vienna-W. Charlesworth, elder elect; R. Yokom, deacon; J.

Brown, C. Pratt, G. Backhouse, J. Gamble.

Malahide—W. L. Brown, deacon; J. S. Clendenning.

Aylmer—G. G. Vanstone, J. Norton, deacon.

Springfield—J. Davey, elder.

Oakland—O. Olmstead, deacon; G. Bradshaw, deacon elect;

H. Baldwin.

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Blenheim-H. N. Kelley, J. Harley.

Walsingham-H. Wood, W. Anscombe, deacon.

Charlotteville-R. Shepley.

Rainham-J. Decew, deacon.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Westminster-G. Wilson, deacon.

Southwold-J. Drake.

Bosanquet—M. Kennedy, elder; R. Virtue.

Arkona—N. Roy, elder.

Dorchester—G. H. Hughes, deacon; H. M. Wiltsie, E. Hegler,

D. Summers, A. C. Atherton.

Thamesford—A. H. Cogswell, deacon; G. F. Kelly.

Maitland-A. Shutler, S. Oliver.

Goderich-G. Sanderson.

Seaforth—W. Badge.

Brussels-R. Carter.

Stanley-R. Spikeman.

London Circuit—J. McNeil, John Jefferson, deacon; J. Morden, deacon.

St. Thomas-M. Hungsberger, deacon.

Park Hill-R. Lyman, elder; W. Wilson, G. Thompson, elder.

Nissouri-T. B. Brown, elder; J. McAinsh, J. Brown, J. Wren, J. S. McCloud.

CHATHAM DISTRICT.

Wallaceburg- J. Dolson, elder.

Glencoe-J. Walker, deacon.

Florence—Jno. Bobier, deacon; J. W. Morley, deacon; P. L. Switzer, deacon elect; H. Ogletree, deacon.

Wheatley-T. L. McCutcheon, J. W. Malotte, deacons.

Leamington—J. Beacom, elder; C. Palmer, J. J. True, E. Hillman.

Wyoming—John Dupee, elder; W. Wills, G. A. King, H. Parks.

Petrolia-S. J. Lancaster, deacon.

Essex Centre—J. Greaves, deacon elect; J. Drader, R. Gaskin. Sydenham—A. J. Parker, Wm. Scurr.

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Howard-Wm. Kerley.

Bothwell—S. Prebble.

Thamesville—M. Pickard, deacon; L. Ingraham, L. Hazzard.

Brooke—Jas. Cook.

Chatham-A. Smith.

Q. 17.—What are the receipts for Contingent Fund?

A.—See table.

Q. 18.—How was Contingent Fund disbursed?

A.—See table.

Q. 19.—What are the College Collections?

A.—See statistical table.

Q. 20.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Strathroy, to commence on the third Wednesday of April, 1879, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the members of the Methodist Episcopul Church within the bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference:

BELOVED BRETHREN:

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Again, in the good providence of Almighty God, we are permitted to present our annual greeting. During the year just past God has dealt very kindly with us. While our sister Conference in the east has been called to mourn the death of some of her aged veterans, ours has been spared to encourage us by their counsel, to strengthen us by their influence and to uphold us by their prayers. These aged heroes of the cross that have established our loved Episcopal Methodism in this fair land, we honor and respect. We trust that God in his mercy may long spare them to us here, and when He sees fit to call them home, as the mantle of Elijah fell on Elisha, so may their mantle fall on us, that we may follow them even as they follow Christ, and that at last we can say with them, "I have glorified Thee on the earth, I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do," and we trust that in your contributions for these venerated brethren you will be as liberal as possible.

In looking over the labors of the past year, with its conflicts and victories, we can only thank God and take courage. In how many battles have we been brought off more than conquerors; how many seeming discouragements have been overruled for our good. To God be all the glory. We are only agents in His hands, and while Paul may plant and Apollos may water, He alone gives the increase. We thank God, that while blessing us during the year with a bountiful harvest, he did not forget to water our loved Zion with showers of Divine grace, and the result has been a bountiful harvest of souls for the garner of heaven.

In every department of the church work there has been a measure of success. While we hear so much about depression in business, depression in trade, financial depression, etc., we bless God that we can report increase here. Our missionary receipts are in advance of last year; our church building has been carried to a greater extent; we have raised more for the support of our superannuated preachers; and, best of all, more souls have been converted to God through our labors. We believe there is a great work for us as a Church. From some of our sister Provinces the

request is, "Come over and help us." The words of our Saviour to the disciples, after his conversation with the woman of Samaria, are as true to-day as they were eighteen hundred years ago: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

The fields are all ripening, and far and wide The world now is waiting the harvest tide; But reapers are few and the harvest great, And much will be lost should the harvest wait.

And shall we sit down idly in our selfishness and say charity begins at home, or shall we give of our means, give of our influence, give of our time, give as God has prospered us to help along this grand scheme of propagating truth, extending the kingdom of God's dear Son, and hastening the advent of that time when "the heathen shall be given to him for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." May God impress deeply upon our minds the principles of loyalty to the M. E. Church and her institutions, loyalty to truth and the principles of right, and loyalty to God and the work he has called us to perform.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully report that they have had the matter under careful consideration, and have pleasure in presenting the following thoughts and suggestions:

We have listened with pleasure to the reports from the several districts, and are delighted to know that there have been gracious revivals in many places, in our bounds; many have been converted and added to the Church, while the work of grace has been deepened in many hearts. Holiness is the motto still. Many are running after new things, but our people, generally, stand firmly to the old doctrinal landmarks. This is, indeed, no time to deviate from our doctrinal standards. The more thoroughly our ministers and people are influenced with the spirit of our doctrines, the greater success will attend their labors. The object to be taught is not proselytism, but the conversion, the spiritual development and salvation of the people. That form of religion which does not bring men into union with God through Christ is nothing worth.

We apprehend there is not among us that adherence to the disciplinary direction for the uniform and orderly conduct of religious services as is desirable, such as praying for rulers and the use of the Lord's Prayer. We would suggest a conformity to the disciplinary provisions on these subjects. There is one other point on which there is variation in usage, in regard to which uniformity is desirable, that is, in regard to the matter of reading hymns in public worship, some reading stanza by stanza as they are sung, others reading the hymn through and leaving the people to sing without further reading. As our people can read for themselves, we would recommend that the latter practice be adopted.

This seems to be the age of church building, and there have been more good churches erected during the past year than in any one year of our history, notwithstanding the pressure of the times, and wherever a good church has been erected there has been no difficulty in securing a large congregation; friends spring up as if out of the ground, and our cause advances. All of these churches have been dedicated without debt; that is, subscriptions sufficient to cover all indebtedness have been procured at the time of dedication, and yet the greatest care will be necessary to collect or secure these subscriptions, or many of them will be lost and the societies will find themselves burdened with debt.

Considering the financial crisis through which the country has been passing, there is no reason to be discouraged in regard to the financial interests of our work. Still we think our people may be led to larger outlays for the cause of God, larger sums may be raised for the support of the ministers and preachers, for missions and for education. Churches will decline if they do not become interested in the cause of missions, but are wrapped up in their own selfish interests. "Freely ye have received, freely give," is as applicable to Churches as to individuals. We are the Lord's, and what we have in charge belongs to Him, to be used according to His direction. If we attempt to withhold from Him, by declining to contribute for the advancement of His work, we must expect that he will decline to bring property into our hands, as "the liberal soul deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things he shall stand."

Education has always been largely the work of the Church, and is still, and God seems to have called our Church to a liberal share of that work, and has committed to our charge Albert University and Alma College. The former needs a liberal endowment, that it may furnish an education to our young men who contemplate the work of the ministry, feeling that they are called of God

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thereto. The latter requires money for the erection and furnishing of the necessary buildings. The Alexandra College at Belleville, as the consort of Albert University, is already doing a good work for the females in the lower part of the Province by affording an opportunity for obtaining a thorough education under Christian influences. This, however, does not meet the wants of the west. Alma College is needed, and rightfully appeals to the Church and public for money. The appeal will not be in vain.

The celebration of the centenary of the introduction of Methodism into Canada is a subject worthy of notice. This year, as is known to most if not all of the Conference, will complete the centenary of Methodism in Canada, and in order to be consistent with the practice of English and Canadian Methodism, we should, as a denomination, celebrate our centenary this year.

The most if not all of those who formed the first Methodist society constituted a portion of the first class formed in New York in 1776.

It is proper to state in this connection, that the first Methodist society in Canada was organized in Augusta during the year 1778, and was composed of the Heck family, as also some of the Emburys and Lawrences, who were also associate members of the first society in New York.

It is desirable that this should be made an occasion of spiritual and pecuniary profit to the church. We, therefore, recommend to the coming General Conference to adopt such measures as may, if possible, accomplish both these objects; and we further suggest that appropriate religious services be held, and that collections and subscriptions be taken up at such times as the General Conference may think best, to be appropriated to the following objects, to-wit: Missions, Education and Church Extension; that is, to assist in building churches; that every person contributing shall have the privilege of designating to which of these objects the contribution shall be applied, but all undesignated sums shall be divided equally among them; that the moneys so raised shall be funded, and the interest only be used, making a permanent fund from which there may be a regular income.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WEBSTER,

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Your Committee to whom has been referred the exhibit of the Book Room and Printing Establishment, beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee observe with pleasure the exactness and clearness of the manner in which the exhibit of the Book Agent is presented.

Your Committee, viewing with apprehension the increasing arrearages of the past year, would heartily endorse the recommendation of the Book Committee, instructing the agent to pay a commission of 10 per cent. on all arrearages one year old, etc.

And would respectfully suggest that a report from each Preacher claiming such per centage be sent to the book agent, showing that he has called on each subscriber in arrears on his charge, and stating the result of such call before he be paid said per centage.

We can but express our surprise that, with a positive increase in membership and also an extended territory, there has been a comparative decrease in the number of subscribers during the past decade; and, deploring the fact, would recommend that Presiding Elders and Preachers be instructed to carefully and energetically attend to securing new subscribers for the C. C. Advocate.

Your Committee also endorse the action of the Book Committee in the resolution to "memorialize the General Conference concerning the necessity of enlarging, improving and changing the form form of the C. C. Advocate; and would respectfully refer to the consideration of said Conference our opinion, that if the paper take quarto form it will be an improvement.

Your Committee are pleased with the arrangement recommended in the report of the Book Committee and now being carried into effect by the Book Agent, placing check books in the hands of the Preachers to provide for their giving receipts for amounts received from subscribers; and would respectfully suggest that the system be carried farther by the Book Agent's giving a monthly receipt to each preacher collecting for C. C. Advocate.

We are also of the opinion that the profits of the establishment should at least in part be appropriated to the superannuates; and would suggest that the General Conference be requested to fix definitely that twenty-five per cent. of the profits each year be paid to the Superannuated Preachers' Fund.

Your Committee learn with satisfaction from the Book Committee's Report that it was "resolved that the Agent be instructed plainly and repeatedly to inform Preachers and people, through the Advocate, that on and after the 1st of January, 1879, all papers

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not paid for in advance shall be stopped"; and we hope that the General Conference will arrange for such action definitely.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. GARDINER, Chairman.
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Conference Room, Ingersoll, April 22, 1878.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.

The Board of the Sabbath School Union beg leave to report as follows:

They are sorry to note a slight falling off in several departments in the statistical returns from schools presented at the Conference, as compared with the returns given a year since, but believe that it comes from the following cause: The returns have been more fully from the proper official source than in any previous year.

They are also grieved to have it to state that there has been but a very slight increase in the contributions for the carrying out of the work of the Union, and they conclude it arises from the following cause: The collections were not taken at the time suggested by the Union and ordered by the Conference. The reason to be given for such conclusion is, the collections taken at the proper time were one hundred per cent. in advance of the collections taken later. The Board would therefore respectfully suggest that the Sabbath School Union collection be taken in the month of July, or as early thereafter as possible.

It is also evident to the Board that there is a more general and intelligent interest given to the Sabbath School cause and work at the present than at any previons time, the various Conventions held during the year, as also the Conference Sabbath School Institute held at Springfield, giving the most abundant evidence of this fact.

The Board concludes that there must be an advancement at once in a department to the present almost entirely overlooked, namely: Sabbath School Normal Class work for the benefit of school teachers and the larger scholars. There must be effort here, or the teachers of the future will not be equal to the work before them.

The Board would therefore earnestly recommend this matter to the consideration of the various District Associations, and hope that in the conventions to be held the ensuing year, arrangements will be made for entering at once upon this work.

President.

The persons selected to fill the offices of the Sabbath School Union Board for the coming year are as follows: J. S. Williamson, President; B. C. Moore and J. B. Cutler, Vice Presidents; B. Bristol, Treasurer; J. T. Davis, Secretary. Directors.—B. L. Cohoe, T. S. Linscott, E. L. Clement, M. W. Gifford.

The Treasurer reports that there was in his hands at the last Conference the sum of \$77.52; that he has paid out on order the

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Balance in hand from last year Received at present Conference	\$17.59
Amount in hand	99.74 \$117.26 2.00
from Wheatley	\$117.26
Total	2.00° \$119.26
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J. T. DAVIS,	J. S. WILLIAMSON,

Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The Sabbath is by Divine appointment. It is one of the express commands of God to man, therefore man should hear and obey, and to profane it in any way is to break His commands, for He says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." It would be disastrous to the Christian religion were it not observed. The tendency with many, it seems, is to disregard the observance of this day by social visiting, pleasure driving, excursions, discussion of politics, merits of horses, goods, merchandise, etc., or anything else that would call the mind away from God to the world generally.

Profaning the Lord's day is followed by disastrous results. The Jews suffered the penalty for its violation. Experience proves that violating the sanctity of this day is attended by physical as well as moral harm.

By observing it, it becomes a blessing to us, for on that day we can exclude the world and hold communion with God alone. The Apostles honored it by gathering themselves together, and worshipping God with one accord in one place. It is the day that we should regard with the greatest interest, for it is a monument of the creation and salvation of the world. It is an honored day, handed down to us from the early ages, and it is especially blessed

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above all other days. In conclusion, we would call your attention to the general rules of society found in our excellent Book of Discipline.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
W. Fansher,
S. L. Kerr,
James Webb,

A. L. Gee, Sec'y of Committee.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF S. S. UNION-1878.

CHARGE.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Bible Classes.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Papers Taken.	Expenses.		Collections for	S. S. Union.	Collections for	Missions.
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Beverly	5	44	360	5		480		60			50	\$10	
Pelham	5	42	230	5	10	650	50	76		1		10	40
Barton	3	26	180	3	2	650	270	90		2	32	2000	
Hamilton	2	20	140	2	6	200	125	80		1			22
Brant	6	28	340	5	6	620	8	60		2			
Flamboro	3	27	180	4	13	400		40	00		40		
Canboro	3	20	128			400				1			
Erie	1	10	90		8		50		00		50		
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Hartford	3	22	100	3	2	200				1	50		
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Blenheim	4	37	161	2	7	964			37		25		
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

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1st. Your Committee regard the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage as leading to the mental, moral and physical destruction of mankind.

2d. We are of the opinion that the license system and drinking custom of any province are the most deadly and powerful enemies which Christ's Church has to encounter. They do more to stay the progress of Christiani.y, they waylay and entice more Church members to ruin, they destroy more souls than any one agency of the devil; they are the mightiest of all that clog the progress of good; this traffic is the greatest curse of our country, and is the cause of a great part of our pauperism and crime, and is destroying our country's physical and moral existence, cutting through our domestic ties and leading multitudes of people to poverty, misery and degradation. While Christianity would chain the demon, the license law and drinking custom severs the link and lets the monster loose, spreading havoc among multitudes and filling our workhouses and jails.

3d. Having these momentous facts before us, your Committee would recommend that this Conference pledge itself to greater fidelity and zeal in the use of proper means to discountenance the license system and drinking custom, and that we will ever manifest a public attestation of our approbation of the principles of prohibition.

A. E. GRIFFITH,
M. GRIFFIN,
M. H. BARTRAM,

Committee Room, Ingersoll, April 20, 1878.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, would present the following:

That the annual reports from the Colleges evidence cumulative vigorousness in the Educational Departments of the Church. They show that success and efficiency are no longer problematical. Under Divine guidance and blessing, the Colleges have become a power in the land and an honor to the denomination.

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The students and graduates of Albert University and Alexandra College command the respect of the Canadian public, as shown in positions they occupy in the land. In them the youth of either sex find conveniences and facilities for thorough culture in all the departments of higher education that compare favorably with any similar institutions in the country.

The moral and religious facilities and influences are of the highest and purest character, while at the same time the rights and religious proclivities of individuals and denominotions are regarded and kept inviolate.

FINANCES.

Notwithstanding the wave of financial depression that has swept the country, paralyzing almost all departments of trade and business, we are much gratified to learn that the liberality of support for our colleges is in excess of former years.

The collections, instead of diminishing have increased, as shown by the tabulated statement of the Bursar.

In 1872 the collections in the Niagara Conference amounted to \$429.32, and in 1878 to \$673.04, an increase of \$243.72 in five Yet this is much below the ten cents per member.

The collections for the past year are-

Niagara District, \$196.62, or \$23.28 decrease, Erie 119.96, or 35.14 increase. London 121.31, or 29.03 171.50, or 22.76 Chatham

The net increase for the year equalling \$70.25.

Now, from this showing, it is evident that with proper timely effort the average requirement of ten cents may be readily secured.

ENDOWMENT.

The amounts contributed to this Fund are, Niagara Conference, \$15,257.50; Ontario, \$15,012.25; and Bay Quinte, \$12,487.50, making a grand total of \$42,751.50. And while this sum has not been augmented during the year, we are assured by the College Bursar, J. G. Robinson, Esq., that he purposes to pursue the canvass immediately.

Of the above amount, we find that \$10,578.15 has been received in cash, and \$30,294.85 secured by notes bearing interest.

For the growth and marvellous success of this scheme we are largely indebted to the Bursar, who, while a large contributor to the funds, accepts of no remuneration for his services. We would here record our acknowledgements of his valuable services and tender to him our thanks and sincere regards.

COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

In the repairing, furnishing and beautifying of the buildings and grounds, making them more suitable and attractive, we are pleased to find an economical system of expenditure pursued.

MANAGEMENT.

The wisdom and thoroughness of the Board, and especially the unabated interest and superior efficiency of the Faculty, have done much to place these Colleges in their present imposing position, making them an important and invaluable part of the noble educational system of Canada.

In this statement we include the sacrifices and toils of their predecessors, who for years amid difficulties which only noble and loyal hearts would or could grapple with and overcome, labored so zealously and efficiently to the success and triumph of these institutions

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This want, we are pleased to find has at last been met, and that this department of education is now in the most complete and thorough operation.

We hope our own people will patronize it. None need go to other similar institutions, for in this the young men of Canada can secure with equal facility a most thorough practical business education.

ALMA COLLEGE.

This new enterprise gives evidence most unmistakable of prosperity and success. By reference to the report of the Board through the Executive Committee, we find that the most sanguine hopes respecting it are being realized. An eligible site of some six acres in the centre of the flourishing and beautiful town of St. Thomas has been secured by deed to the corporation.

The contract for the erection of the necessary buildings has been let, and they are now in rapid course of erection. The "corner stone" will be laid May 24th, 1878, the natal day of our most gracious sovereign lady. Queen Victoria.

The buildings will be of the most beautiful and imposing style of architecture, and when completed will be furnished with all the best approved conveniences and facilities desirable in such an institution.

The agent, J. Cook, Esq., by zeal and perseverance, has succeeded in raising with the sum given by the people of St. Thomas—exclusive of the land purchase—some \$14.000.

This amount he has obtained from three Districts in the Niagara Conference, the remaining to be canvassed All that is required to accomplish this enterprise is for the other Conferences to fall into line, as they agreed to do, and this worthy and important undertaking will speedily be crowned with success.

And we earnestly hope that the entire Church will harmoniously work toward this most desirable issue.

J. W. Cutler, Secretary.

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Chatham "	229 93	
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Sabbath Collection.	188 00	
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Wm. Graham	100 00	52 55
J. H. Huson	96 00	50 44
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	32 00	16 81
J. W. Emerick	56 00	29 42

RESERVE FUND.

Your Committee would recommend the following distribution of the Reserve Fund:—

B. T. R.	Lawrence \$24 00 Webster 22 09 B. Cook 15 00	S. Stewart
	Total	(h101 00

Your Committee are pleased to see a manifest increase in the liberality of our people in their donations to this fund. But, notwithstanding the increase of receipts, there is yet a sad deficiency, the claimants receiving only a little over fifty per cent.

In view of this, we would urge upon preachers and laity the necessity of fully meeting the Conference assessments for rhis fund.

C. E. Benson, President. A. Kennedy, D. Sharp,

M. W. GIFFORD, Sec'y.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

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MISSIONARY ASSESSMENTS.

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Barton 165 00	Pelham 110 00
Ancaster 75 00	Welland 50 00
Beverly 250 00	Chippawa 35 00
Brant 250 00	St. Davids 60 00
Flamboro 110 00	Humberstone 55 00
Saltfleet 200 00	Erie 35 00
Smithville 125 00	Brantford 75 00
Canhana 100 00	

ERIE DISTRICT.

Embro	\$160 00	Hartford and Nanticoke	\$100 00
Mt. Elgin	165 00	Walsingham	50 00
Norwich	150 00	Charlotteville	50 00
Oakland	175 00	Sweaborg	
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Mrs. C. E. Benson 1 00	James Waterhouse 1 00
F. Bradbury 2 00	Mrs. J. Waterhouse 1 00
J. H. Berry 1 25	Small sums
G. A. Turner 2 00	Small sums
R. McDonald 1 00	J. Humphrey 3 00
James Bailey 1 00	Mrs. J. Humphrey 2 00
John McDonald 1 00	Mrs. R. C. Parsons 5 00
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S. Weaver	Stewart T. Church 1 00
Miss van Buskirk 1 00	C. B. Elliott 1 00

Note.—The post office address of F. J. Edmonds, B A., is London. It was omitted from the Alphabetical List by an oversight.



ONTARIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Ontario Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, in Canada, commenced its sixteenth session in the town of Listowell, Perth County, May 1st, 1878, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Bishop Carman presiding, opened the Conference by reading the 1st and 2nd chapters of Timothy, and giving out the 306th Hymn, commencing,

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"Let earth and heaven agree."

The following brethren led the Conference in prayer, viz: Revs. B. Lane, M. A., G. Bennett, R. Sanderson. The Conferference united with the Bishop in the Lord's Prayer.

- J. Curts was elected Secretary of Conference.
- B. L. Hutton, Journal Secretary..
- A. T. Ferguson, Statistical Secretary.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

BISHOP—A. Carman, D. D., Belleville.

SECRETARY—James Curts, King.

MISSIONARY TREASURER--Thos. Argue, Brampton.

SECRETARY-W. Pirritte, Colborne.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—A. Cooper.

TREASURER OF CHURCH EXTENSION-J. C. Moynes, Belleville.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.—R. E. Lund, Campbellford.

MEMBER OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE-G. Abbs, Palermo.

Associate Members of Board of Management for Albert College—W. Pirritte, B. Lane, M. A.

Associate Member of Board of Management for Alma College—T. Argue.

PRESIDENT OF ALBERT COLLEGE—Rev. J. R. Jaques, D. D., Belleville.

Bursar of Albert College—J. G. Robinson, Esq., Belleville.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE-J. M. Simpson, R. M. Pope.

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Nominations-J. M. Simpson, T. Argue, W. Pirritte.

Missions-W. Pirritte, T. Argue, J. M. Simpson, A Campbell, G. Clark.

EDUCATION-J. C. Bell, G. Miller, B. L. Hutton.

SABBATH SCHOOLS-E. E. Howard, J. X. Moran, A. L. Thurston, A. C. Maybee.

Temperance—G. Bennett, F. W. Warne, T. Meyers.

STEWARDS—C. A. Simpson, D. O. Crossley, R. Carson, G. W. Stevenson, J. W. Lent.

PRINTING-G. Abbs, J. H. Hilts, F. M. Finn.

PASTORAL ADDRESS 4 J. H. Hilts, S. Morrison.

CONTINGENT FUND-A. Cooper, J. Egan, J. Wilks, N. E. Scott.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—C. Taylor, J. F. Durkee, F. M. Smith, J. H. Watts.

WAYS AND MEANS-R. E. Lund, J. Lynch, W. F. Ferrier. OBITUARIES—R. Large, R. M. Pope, W. Hansom.

CHURCH EXTENSION-R. B. Denike, H. Norris, J. C. Pome. roy, B.A., J. R. Jaques, D. D., R. W. Marsh.

TEMPERAL ECONOMY-S. Morrison, Chairman, W. Pirritte, T. Argue, J. M. Simpson.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE—Chairman, R. Sanderson.

1st Year : B. Lane, J. A. Campbell. 2d Year : A. Campbell, G. Abbs.

3d Year: J. M. Simpson, T. Meyers.

4th Year: R. B. Denike, J. C. Pomeroy, B.A.

Advisory Committee—Toronto District : G. Abbs, J. Curts. Colborne District : A. Campbell, B. Lane, M A. Huron District : J. H. Hilts, G. Clark.

VISITORS.

J. G. Robinson, Esq., Bursar of Albert College; J. Cook, Esq., Agent of Alma College; Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., Editor of C. C. Advocate; Rev. Mr. Scott, Canada Methodist; Rev. Mr. Bell, B. A., Presbyterian; Rev. Mr. Johnson, Presbyterian; Rev. Mr. Rev. Mr. Crossley, Canada Methodist; Rev. Mr. Thompson, M. E., Niagara Conference; Rev. J. W. Andrews, B.A., Niagara Conference; Rev. M. Hayhurst, Canada Methodist.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—What preachers are admitted on trial?

Answer.—W. J. Maybee, John Leek, Charles Wesley Taylor,
Wm. Sellery, David Scarrow, Wm. Ottawell.

Q. 2.—Who remain on trial?

A.—F. W. Watts, J. Vickery, J. J. Redditt, Wm. Pimlott, Thos. Reid, J. W. Byam, S. W. Denike.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—J. M. Kerr, T. C. Sanderson, T. C. Bell, W. P. Dyer, B.A.

Q. 4.—Who are the Deacons?

A.—R. Gordon, G. A. Jameson, Thos. Love, W. N. Laidlaw,

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*J. M. Kerr, *T. C. Sanderson, *T. C. Bell, *W. P. Dyer.

Q. 5.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders?

A.-F. W. Warne, J. C. Bell, J. F. Durkee.

Q 6.—Who is the General Superintendent?

A.—Albert Carman, D.D.

Q 7.—Who have located this year?

A .- None.

Q. 8.—Who are the supernumeraries?

A .- None.

Q. 9-Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

A. -J. Owen, W. E. Norman, A. Wright, J. Foster, S. Morrison, J. H. Hilts.

* Ordained this year.

Q. 10.—Who have been expelled this year?

A.—None.

Q. 11.—Who have withdrawn?

A .-- None.

Q. 12.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—Who have died this year?

A.-W. A. Sills.

Q. 14—What are the numbers in Society?

A.—See statistics.

RECAPITULATION OF NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

Colborne District. Toronto District Huron District	4								O OFO
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Q. 15.—What is the amount of Superannuated Preachers' Fund?

A .- See statistics.

RECAPITULATION OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

Colborne District	\$423	00
TOTORIO II	401	50
Huron "	261	
Collections on Sunday	33	
Interest on Loans S. A. P. Fund	83	75
Grant from Book Concern .	33	00
Preachers' Subscriptions	120	33
Total	050	10

Q. 16.—How was this expended ?

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RESERVE FUND DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.

	W. E. Norman	\$75 30	00
1	Morrison	25	
'	Conference expenses To cash to balance	-	11
	To cash to balance.	\$135	61

Unexpended balance, Mrs. W. A. Sills . . 4 14 Q. 17.—What is the amount of Contingent Fund?

A.—See statistics.

Your Committee on the Contingent Fund beg leave to report as follows, viz :-

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Colborne	District	·		 							. 8	25	98
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Huron	. 11		 	 	 		٠	•	• •	• •	•	10	73
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Q. 18.—How was this expended?

Paid out at the seat of Conference as follows:

Rev. W. Pirritte	\$50	00	1
Rev. W. Pirritte	4	80	
		40	
Rev. S. G. S., per J. Reamer	3	00	
		41	
Rev. S. G. Stone, blanks for P. E's			

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The Committee thus by mistake have paid more than they received, 42 cents.

J. WILKES, Jer. N. E. Scott, Jonference mmittee.
J. Egan, M. Jer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee report as follows:

1st. Amounts collected,

2d. We recommend for Board of Management for current year: President, Rev. J. R. Jaques, D. D.; Secretary, Pastor of Belleville; Treasurer, J. C. Moynes, Esq., Belleville; Pastor of Stirling; E. O'Flynn, Esq., Madoc; J. A. Clark, Esq., Belleville.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. DENIKE, R. W. MARSH, H. NORRIS, J. C. POMEROY,

Committee.

Q. 19.—Where are the preachers stationed?

COLBORNE DISTRICT. -W. Pirritte, Presiding Elder.

Belleville—1st church, B. Lane, M.A.; J. R. Jaques, D.D., President of the College. 2nd church, to be supplied.

Frankford-T. Meyers.

Trenton-D. O. Crossley; one to be sent.

Stirling-F. M. Finn, W. M. Pomeroy.

Madoc-R. W. Marsh.

Campbellford-R. E. Lund, S. A. Dean.

Blairton-S. W. Denike.

Percy-R. B. Denike.

Brighton—A. Campbell; one to be sent.

Colborne-G. W. Stevenson.

Haldimand—J. H. Watts, T. C. Bell.

Cobourg—B. L. Hutton.

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Hope-G. Horton.

Orono and Clarke—W. Hansom, F. W. Watts. Kin ount and Halliburton—T. Reid, T. Love.

2: DISTRICT.—T. Argue, Presiding Elder.

Oshawa-G. Miller.

Brooklin-A. C. Maybee.

Whitby-J. Wilks.

Port Perry-C. A. Simpson.

Reach-J. Egan.

Oakwood-N. E. Scott.

Lindsay-J. J. Redditt.

Uxbridge—J. W. Lent.

King-J. Curts, J. Vickery, G. Leek.

Markham-G. Bennett.

Yonge Street—R. Sanderson, G. F. Byam.

Brampton—C. Taylor, W. Pimlott, C. W. Taylor.

Georgetown—J. A. Campbell.

Nelson and Oakville—G. Abbs; one to be sent.

Queensville— D. M. Billings.

Darlington-E. E. Howard.

Winnipeg-A. T. Ferguson.

HURON DISTRICT .- J. M. Simpson, Presiding Elder.

Eramosa—A. Cooper.

Orangeville-J. Lynch, J. Laidlaw.

Garafraxa—R. Carson.

Melancthon—J. F. Durkee.

Hanover—T. C. Sanderson.

Meaford—G. Clarke, D. H. Scarrow.

Thornbury-F. M. Smith.

Creemore-J. W. Sanderson.

Invermay—W. F. Ferrier.

Kincardine—R. Large, W. Ottawell.

Teeswater and Wingham—J. A. Jameson.

Listowell-H. Norris.

Palmerston-J. X. Moran.

Mount Forest-J. C. Bell; one to be sent.

Eugenia—A. L. Thurston.

E. N. Baker, F. W. Warne, G. H. George, J. M. Kerr, W. J. Maybee and W. Sellery permitted to attend Albert College.

Q. 20.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?
A.—Brighton. To commence the first Wednesday in May, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members, Friends and Adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Ontario Conference, greeting.

Dearly Beloved.— From our Conference Room we send forth to you our annual pastoral address, hoping it will be received by you with the same affectionate regard for us as that with which it leaves us for you, so that we may be strengthened and comforted by the mutual faith and prayer of each other. That the blessings of the upper and the nether springs may be yours in such measure as shall most contribute to your present and future good, is the earnest prayer of your affectionate pastors in Christ.

Again our ranks have been broken. One has finished his spiritual warfare. Our esteemed brother, W. A. Sills, has passed away in the prime of life from the world of shadows to where he enjoys with unclouded brightness the sunshine of that better land.

We would not be unmindful of the support you generously furnished us while we served you in the gospel of our common Master on our respective fields of labor, nor yet your liberal contributions to the various enterprises of the church, all of which claimed your sympathy and shared your favors. But, dearly beloved, while these expressions of affectionate regard for the Redeemer's work have made us rejoice, we are, nevertheless, constrained to say that in some instances at least we think they were below what they should have been. Still, we would fondly indulge the hope, they were according to the measure of your ability. Ye have done well. We praise you in this, and we pray that ye may abound yet more and more.

The number of churches built and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, during the past year, cause us to rejoice and give thanks to Him from whom cometh all our good. The elegance of these buildings, their symmetry, finish and comfort is creditable to all concerned. They are not only ornaments to the localities where they are, but of the greatest possible utility to

the people. The pure and holy purposes for which they were raised shall be maintained inviolate. That the pure gospel shall be preached and the true sacraments administered therein there need be no fear. Within these consecrated walls the trumpet shall give no uncertain sound; no room for heterodoxy shall be the everlasting motto. Over the portals, therefore, shall never be written that dreadful word, Ichabod.

The various enterprises of the church, that they may be pushed forward with efficiency, will tax her energies and resources to their utmost capacity. Hence, we must be all at work; not only so, we must be always at it and that to our utmost abilities. Let us not forget, beloved, that while we serve with willing hands it must also be with loving hearts, and our substance is to be cheerfully given, our lives fully consecrated to God, and all brought to the throne of grace with devout and fervent prayer for Heaven's benediction upon all our works of faith and labors of love to promote the interests of the Messiah's kingdom.

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From your loyalty to the Church in the past we are assured of your increasing regard and intense desire for the upbuilding of our common Zion. We, therefore, present her claims with the greatest confidence that they will receive your continued and unabated support. Your first consideration should be given to your pastor's wants. See that he be with you without fear so that his time and powers be wholly given to the important work of the Church, the salvation of men.

Albert College is an essential requisite to the well being of our existence. It is doing a noble work. The teachers in Albert and Alexandra Colleges, from the able President, Dr. Jaques, down through the whole of his staff, are educationists of acknowledged abilities, and we think them inferior to none in the land. Send your sons and daughters to these halls of learning for a sound, thorough and a religious education. The endowment fund, through the untiring labors of the Treasurer, has reached the noble sum of \$43,000. This sum as yet is not all bearing interest, but it is hoped soon will. Large as this sum appears, it must still be supplemented to reach a point that will with the interest accruing therefrom, render the college self sustaining.

We rejoice also in the progress of Alma College, and according to its claims recommend it to your loyal regard.

To secure a permanent existence and self-sustaining condition our Printing Establishment and Book Room have struggled hard and long. The victory is won, the goal is reached. These institions now yield moderate profits. We are encouraged still to hope

for greater things. For family books and S. School literature we trust you will patronise our Book Room as far as possible. Introduce the C. C. Advocate into all your families; its editorials are abreast of the times and its columns filled with the best of reading and choicest literature. You need it to be informed of the Church's wants, her labors and her prosperity.

Our Missionary work has attained proportions far beyond what we anticipated a few years ago. The acquisition of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s Territory and the North-West, which are being rapidly settled, invite enterprises of all kinds, as well those of a moral and religious as those of agricultural, commercial, educational and scientific. To aid in meeting the religious wants of the settler we were surely called upon to do something. That something has been attempted. Our Missionaries are there and doing a noble work. Their labors have been abundantly blessed. But, beloved, their support has more than exhausted our resources. We are in debt; our income is far below our expenditure. The General Treasurer tells us support for these men must be provided, otherwise the work in whole or in part must be abandoned. What do you say, beloved? Shall any of the Missionaries be called home? No! never!! We respond, amen. And let all all the people say amen.

The amount of support furnished our aged brethren, their wives, widows and orphans, is in advance of what it was formerly. In this we rejoice and hope that returns may yet be made that will yield a nearer approach to competency. The amount of support furnished by the Conference fund leaves those without private resources in a condition of comparative destitution. We can assure you, beloved, these offerings, notwithstanding their inadequacy, are received with undoubted gratitude. These claims are cordially recommended to your favorable and generous consideration.

To ministers who, through personal or family afflictions, deaths or losses, had become somewhat embarrassed financially, aid to some extent has been furnished from our contingent fund, raising them above their depression, cheering their spirits and making their hearts sing for joy. Your aid in this fund is still solicited. Our chapel relief and building fund is yet in its infancy and very weak, but we hope to see it strengthened year by year, and trust it will be of great benefit to the Church.

Beloved, having dwelt so long on the secular affairs of the Church, we would not, we can not close this our affectionate pastoral without calling your attention to the more important,

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the essential subject, of personal piety. This is, pre-eminently, the first question. It is our life, it is our happiness, it is the strength of the Church. To this we are invited by all that infinite wisdom can devise, by all that infinite wisdom could do, that we might be reinstated in the Divine favor and reimpressed with the Divine likeness. God hath called us unto holiness. "Be ye holy for I the Lord your God am holy." That this unspeakable blessing may be ours, there is full provision in the precious sacrifice of the blessed Redeemer. Christ loved the Church and gave himself for her that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that he might present her unto himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.

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Beloved, permit us to entreat you to exemplify the loveliness of religion by purity of life, by the power of faith, by attachment to the Church, by love to God, to the Redeemer and to one another, and in zeal for the prosperity of Zion. We are not to be sentimentalists or theorists but practical Christians. We can do nothing as of ourselves, but through Christ strengthening us we can do all things. Be encouraged then to trust in God, to seek His presence, to promote his glory, to aid his cause, to encourage his people. Be encouraged to give Him your best affections, to follow him closely, fully, faithfully, and for ever. Be encouraged to come forward, manfully, boldly to espouse his cause. There are many noble, interesting and Godlike public institutions needing your aid as well as your prayers. Consider your great obligations, your awful responsibility and come forward, come willingly to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Time is flying, years are departing, life is fast ebbing Our days upon earth are a shadow, our age is as nothing before God. Remember lost time cannot be recalled, past opportunities cannot be improved; sickness, affliction and death may be near at hand. Christians, brethren, now is the time for labor; heaven is the place for rest. Here you are called to the spiritual warfare, in heaven you shall wear the crown of unfading glory; therefore, whatsoever thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might. Be humble. Let it be your daily endeavor to imitate Him who was meek and lowly in heart by walking humbly with Pride is the Christian's potent and direful enemy. Its fruit is legion. It mars his peace, sullies his holiness, hinders his usefulness, pollutes his motives and weakens his principles. If this insidious foe once gain possession of the citadel of the soul it cannot be easily dislodged. Oh, guard against this artful foe ! If you would crucify this monster cling to the cross and dwell beneath the shadow of Calvary; get a realizing view of a crucified ently, Saviour; let the eye of your faith be fixed upon incarnate love. s the The cross of Christ is the only remedy for human pride. Beloved, finite one word more. Be faithful. Faithful is he that hath called you, faithful in his covenant engagements, faithful to all his promises, faithful at all times, under the varying circumstances of life. The heavenly mandate is, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Oh, study to fulfill your covenant vows, be not discouraged by dangers, betray not your Master's cause, make no compromise with the world, cultivate your talents, fan up the flame of your love and zeal, stir up every gift of God within you, be valiant for the truth, quit yourselves like men, be strong, let your light shine, show to the world that you believe what you profess and that you practice what you believe.

> Beloved, we affectionately invite you to unite with us in devout thanksgiving and praise to God for the measure of success with which he has been pleased to bless the labors of your ministers during the past year. They went forth weeping, bearing precious seed, and now they have returned with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them in an increase of 271 souls. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

> And now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, to Him be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and ever, amen.

JAMES CURTS, Secretary. A. CARMAN, Bishop.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

Moved by Rev. R. Sanderson and seconded by Rev. R. B. Denike, and

Resolved, That whereas it hath pleased the gread Head of the Church in His allwise and inscrutable providence to permit the hand of affliction to rest very heavily upon the family of our dear brother, Rev. J. F. Durkee, in the sickness of his companion and children, and more particularly in the death of his dear little son (his only son): therefore, we the members of this Conference would most tenderly offer him our earnest sympathy, and pledge our prayers to our Father in Heaven for sufficient grace for him and his in this hour of trial.

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Resolved, That the unanimous thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to our highly esteemed brother, J. G. Robinson, Esq., agent for Albert College and Treasurer, for his indomitable perseverance and self sacrificing labors in this important part of the Church work.

Moved by Rev. J. Curts and seconded by Rev. B. Lane, M. A., and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the very kind friends of Listowel, who have so generously entertained the ministers and visitors attending this Conference, and we trust and pray that it may be our pleasure to meet them and be joyously associated with them forever in our Father's home in heaven.

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Moved by Rev. G. Abbs and seconded by Rev. C. Taylor, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Railway Companies who have permitted the ministers and friends attending this Conference at a reduction of fare.

Moved by the Rev. G. Abbs and seconded by Rev. T. Argue, and

Resolved, That from the knowledge we have that the Rev. A. T. Ferguson has been appointed to the city of Winnipeg, in the distant province of Manitoba, while regretting to part with our dear brother we assure him that our best wishes and earnest prayers will accompany him to his field of labor, and we trust and believe that the Great Head of the Church will bless him and his in his self-denying labors.

It was resolved to have 500 copies of Minutes and 600 copies of Missionary Reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

Whereas, The demands for missionary effort in our Church are rapidly increasing, and the missionary returns from our Circuit are insufficient to meet these demands, and as a consequence the missionary treasurer is in debt; and whereas, it is of the utmost importance for us to devise and execute with increased vigor and efficiency some plan by which the embarassment may be removed

and increased power be imparted to the practical workings of our missionary system, especially in the direction of enlarging the revenue of the treasury; it is therefore

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Resolved—lst. That there shall be held upon each district previous to arranging for the annual missionary meetings, a convention of all the preachers and as many laymen as can be induced to attend, at some place upon the district, and such time as may be fixed by the P. E. of such district, to take into consideration the whole missionary work of the district so far as relates to the raising of the annual supplies, and to arrange the time and method of holding the annual missionary meetings, and also to counsel with the P. E. in arranging deputations to visit the several circuits in order to hold the annual meetings.

2nd. That we recommend said conventions to arrange for holding a missionary service, either upon the Sabbath or week day, at all the appointments on every circuit; and also, that the entire amount of the annual appropriations for this Conference be assessed to the several circuits, and that said assessments be subdivided to the several appointments upon each circuit, and that the most suitable men be selected to arrange the financial part of the work at these meetings.

3d. That each preacher be required, previous to the visit of the deputation to his circuit, to secure, as far as possible, pledges of certain amounts for missionary purposes, and that these pledges be announced at the public missionary meeting, and by all proper and prudent means endeavor to induce our people to increase their contributions to the missionary cause.

4th. That every preacher appointed upon such deputations shall be held responsible for the faithful discharge of the duty assigned him, and that serious and weighty reasons only should prevent attendance upon such deputations.

5th. That every preacher and presiding elder in our active work shall give timely and proper attention to the recommendation of the missionary board, and see that collections be taken at all the appointments on every circuit throughout our work on the first Sabbath in July, 1878, or as soon as may be, and immediately forward them to the treasurer at Hamilton, Rev. S. G. Stone, drawer 128.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

ALBERT UNIVERSITY.

We find this noble institution still increasing in efficiency and influence. While its past history and present position call upon us to thank God, its prospects bid us take courage.

The confidence we have reposed in those who have the management of its affairs remains unshaken. The amount of work done, compared with the means at their disposal, will compare favorably with any institution in the land.

The facilities it affords for obtaining higher education at such moderate rates recommend it to everyone desirous of preparation for future usefulness or to obtain positions where intellectual culture is necessary.

It being essentially a Canadian Institution it has its claims on a Canadian public, especially on those who would like to foster a national spirit; and we would say to those parents who would not like to see their sons and daughters alienated in their affection and social life from the land of their birth or adoption, they had better educate them in our own institutions. Our growing Dominion needs men of culture to occupy the high positions of Church and State, to mould and guide the accumulating mass of the moulding and guiding power should be Canadian if we would continue to have a Canada.

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Among our youths we have the promise of the men, and in our institutions of learning we have the facilities for cultivation; and among them we believe Albert University occupies a place in the very foremost rank. The moral and religious basis upon which it is conducted give it a special inducement to those who would have their sons and daughters educated where they will be comparatively free from the contaminating influence of vice, and the withering, blighting touch of skepticism and infidelity. But while these things are so, still it is from our own people that we may reasonably expect the chief part of its support, and upon them rests the responsibility of carrying it forward, and we would urge upon our people their duty to send their children to this institution to be educated. While we do not claim for it that it is the only source of vitality to our Church, or that we would not be a Church if it were not; still, we believe it to be a powerful auxiliary to our success, and by the blessing of God will continue to be an increasing source of power and efficiency to every part of our work. Cur excellent Treasurer has laid before us his figures, which are upon the whole encouraging; still, his deductions are not in all cases very flattering. He has not been able through the past year to increase the Endowment Fund in consequence of other engagements, but expects soon to finish his canvass of the Circuits, by which time he anticipates reaching the fifty thousand dollars.

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We are sorry to learn that chiefly on account of the necessary increased expenditures on the one hand, and the failure of many Circuits to raise the required ten cents per member on the other, the College has fallen behind somewhat in its running expenses. This state of things must not be allowed to continue, and to remedy it we urge a prompt payment of unsettled subscriptions, and of the interest due on promissory notes, and also, that every preacher make it a settled point that the full amount of ten cents per member must be raised and sent to the Treasurer before the 10th of December.

ALMA COLLEGE.

This enterprise in the West begins to take definite shape. The lot has been secured, over ten thousand dollars have been raised in cash and subscriptions, the contract let, and the day appointed to lay the corner stone; and we trust that upon its firm toundation may be reared a structure which will manifest the enterprise of our Western people, reflect credit upon the Church, and greatly facilitate its power to do good. Its agent, Bro. J. Cook, is welcomed in our midst, and we trust his visits may be repeated to cheer us with the glad tidings of success, and receive from us what material aid we can afford, to assist them in bringing to a successful conclusion this grand and noble enterprise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. Bell, George Miller, B. L. Hutton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:

That as the statement of the Book Agent and Editor, and the report of the Book Committee, containing a synopsis of the business of the past year, have been presented to the Conference, we deem it unnecessary to repeat the figures contained in those documents.

We desire to express our gratification, that notwithstanding the severe financial pressure that has been felt in every department of business, the documents presented to the Conference report a net gain for the year to the establishment of \$1917.59. The most marked improvement is seen in the business of the Book Room, from which a considerable proportion of the profits of the year arise, which undoubtedly is to be attributed in a great measure to the change in its location and the thorough business capacity of the agent.

We are pleased to note that under its present management the Advocate fully maintains its reputation as a religious and family paper, and we think that with proper efforts on the part of the agents its circulation may be largely increased. We would, however, heartily enderse the recommendation of the Book Committee to the General Conference respecting the enlargement and change in the form of our connexional journal.

With regard to the publishing of a hymnal for the use of our people in Canada, as mentioned in the report of the Book Committee, we do not think it advisable under present circumstances to endorse the recommendation thus made, believing it would seriously burden the printing establishment.

While mentioning some things of a pleasing character, there are others of a painful nature to which we feel compelled to refer; among them is the statement of the fact, in the documents placed in our hands, that the amount due from subscribers on the 1st of March last was the large sum of \$5,345. Should this state of things be allowed to continue, it must result in serious loss to the concern and consequent embarrassment. We see no remedy for this except payment in advance, as recommended by the Book Committee, to be enforced after due notice through the Adaccate and otherwise, on the 1st day of January, 1879, when as far as practicable all papers not paid in advance should be dropped from the list.

In view of the foregoing, we recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference:

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1st. That in order to secure advanced payment in all cases, we recommend that the preachers be requested to give due notice, from the pulpit or otherwise, that within one month from the first of January, 1879, all subscribers who do not pay in advance will be dropped from the list.

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2d. That each preacher supply himself with the blank check and receipt books furnished by the editor, and that in every case where money is secured from a subscriber it be properly entered therein

3d. That the agents lose no time after returning from the Conference to their fields of labor in collecting arrears due from

subscribers, and that the Presiding Elders make strict enquiry at each quarterly meeting respecting the state of *Advocate* accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. ABBS, Chairman. F. M. Finn, J. H. Hilts, R. Sanderson.

E. N. BAKER, Secretary.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

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Whitby 30 00	Brampton 45 00
Port Perry 25 00	Georgetown
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LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SUPERANNUATED FUND.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

STIRLING CIRCUIT.

C. Williams, \$1; A. Dafoe, \$1; John Heath, \$1; S. D. Sills, \$1; J. Coutts, \$1; D. Lucker, \$1; Sylv. Line, \$1; Geo. Conley, \$1; John Green, \$1; Jacob Snider, \$1; Wm. Alcombrack, \$1; D. Corrigal, \$1; M. Alcom-\$1; Jacob Snider, \$1; Wm. Alcombrack, \$1; D. Corrigal, \$1; M. Alcombrack, \$1; S. Holden, \$1; John Potter, \$1; James McKee, \$1; L. Mitts, \$1; M. Hagerman, \$1; S. Hubbell, \$1; Z. Wheeler, \$1; Wm. McKee, Sen., \$1; Uriah Wright, \$1; Wm. Martin, \$1; M. M. Westcott, \$1; Mr. Morrison, \$1; Mrs. F. M. Finn, \$1; P. A. L. T. Finn, \$1; M. Denyes, \$1; A. Hoard, \$1; E. Johnson, \$1; A. Cummings, \$1; Mrs. A. Westcott, \$1; Mrs. Ketchy, \$1; Mrs. Cummings, \$1; Peter Weaver, \$1; Small Sums, \$12. Total \$47.

PERCY CIRCUIT.

 J. Merriam, \$2;
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 C. A. Mallory, \$1;
 J. Goheen, \$1;
 J. Ames, \$1;
 W. Palmer, \$1 30;
 J. Vallean, \$1;
 Ira. Carr, \$1; Wm. Davidson, \$1; Thomas Ames, \$1; Small Sums, \$28 45. Total, \$40.

HALDIMAND CIRCUIT.

C. A. Lapp, \$1; H. Prettie, \$1; Wm. McBride, \$1; John McBride, \$1; Miss Graham, \$1; H. Brisbin, \$1; L. Tupper, \$1; Wm. Harvey, \$1; Mrs. A. Sherwin, \$1; Jos. Sherwin, \$1; E. Watts, \$1; Willis Sargent, \$1; D. D. Jaynes, \$1; J. Mulholland, \$1; S. Massey, \$1; A. Richardson, \$1; F. Masters, \$1; S. Curtis, \$1; A. McCallough, \$1; John Massey. \$1; Small Sums, \$10. Total, \$30.

COLBORNE CIRCUIT.

Bartlett Giffield, \$2; Henry Williams, \$1; Wm. Gifford, \$1; Mrs. G. N. Gordon, \$1; Edgar Waib, \$1; Small Sums, \$29. Total, \$35.

TRENTON CIRCUIT.

Albert Denyes, \$1; Jacob Knox, \$1; L. Cruikshank, \$1; S. G. Casey, \$1; Emma Jones Card, \$1 10; Small Sums, \$29 90. Total, \$35.

FRANKFORD CIRCUIT.

A. Irwin, \$1; A. Wright, \$1; S. Miller, \$1; Almira Caverly, \$1; L. Massey, \$1; H. Tucker, \$1; Carrie Myers' Card, \$2 09; Maggie Bowen's Card, \$1 10; Small Sums, \$15 81. Total, \$25.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

YONGE ST. CIRCUIT.

P. Gibson, \$2; A. Snyder, \$2; J. Boynton, \$2; W. Jackson, \$2 20; a Friend, \$1 50; S. Cummer, \$1; G. Cummer, \$1; H. H. Read, \$1; J. Shepherd, \$1; R. Bestard, \$1; Mrs. Harriston, \$1; J. Snyder, \$1; J. Danby, \$1; J. Tisdale, \$1; W. Snider, \$1; Miss E. Danby, \$1; Small Sums, \$9 30. Total, \$30.

OSHAWA STATION.

Mr. Hyland, \$2; J. Cronk, \$1; Mrs. Simpson, \$1; R. Brackenbury, \$1; Wm. Rundle, \$1; J. Steele, \$1; Mrs. Crossen, \$1; Small Sums, \$12. Total, \$20.

PORT PERRY CIRCUIT.

W. M. Jones, \$1; C. W. Jones, \$1; C. A. Simpson, \$1; Small Sums, \$22 00. Total, \$25.

REACH CIRCUIT.

W. E. Egan, \$1; Bertie Egan, \$1; C. Egan, \$1; H. Egan 1; F. Egan, \$1; Small Sums, \$5 50. Total, \$10 50.

BROOKLIN STATION.

S. M. Thomas, \$3; B. F. Campbell, \$2 50; John Warren, \$1; J. W. Card, \$1; N. Arnold, \$1 25; Z. M. Williamson, \$1; H. Coulter, \$1; W. Briggs, \$1; J. A. Delong, \$1; E. Cole, \$1; Wm. Jones, \$1; Wm. Nichol, \$1; A. Campbell, \$1; R. C. Warren, \$1; F. Blair, \$1; Small Sums, \$6 25. Total, \$25.

HURON DISTRICT.

MEAFORD CIRCUIT.

E. Reynolds, \$1; E. Lloyd, \$1; J. Appleton, \$1; Mrs. E. Thompson, \$1; Miss M. J. Burns, \$1; W. Pirritte, \$1; S. Gilmore, \$1; Bonesteel & Manning, \$1; Robert Gilray, \$1; J. W. Black, \$1; Geo. Arthur, \$1; Wm. Porter, \$1; Thos. King, \$1; John Murlow, \$1; John Wright, \$1; Thos. Milson, \$1; Jas. Curry, \$1; Geo. Crabtree, \$1; Thos. Loundry, \$1; Wm. Milson, 1; Small Sums, \$4. Total, \$24.

ORANGEVILLE CIRCUIT.

Wm. Fearns, \$1; A. Wilcox, \$1; A. Snyder, \$1; A. McDonald, \$1; J. Wilcox, \$1; Wm. Coniff, \$1; W. Bacon, \$1; W. Church's Card, \$1 25; Sma'l Sums, \$15 75. Total, \$24.

LISTOWELL CIRCUIT.

J. G. Tremain, \$1; J. P. Newman, \$1; E. Holman, \$1; C. Switzer, \$2; Jas. Griffin, \$1; R. Elliott, \$1; G. Maynard, \$1; Wm. Wellington, \$1; Small Sums, \$13. Total, \$22.

ASSESSMENTS OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

To the Ontario Annual Conference :

Your Committee on Ways and Means beg to report the following estimate and division for your Episcopal Funds for the present year, 1878-'9.

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. E. LUND, J. LYNCH.

REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee on Church Property beg leave to report as

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follows: No. Colborne District, Churches. 53 Toronto " 62 Huron " 53	Value. \$126,800 119,400 66,370	00 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. BILLINGS, J. W. SANDERSON, G. A. JAMESON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report as follows:

That the calm and careful review of the past history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this country, the difficulties and dangers she had to meet in her earlier days, the struggles she passed through, the persecutions endured, and the organized and persistent efforts to interrupt her progress, and, in the midst of all this, her gradual and—under the circumstances—extraordinary success and development, call for profound gratitude on our part.

That, in our opinion, the rapid growth in membership, the extraordinary development of the resources of the Church, the application of increased energies in the direction of Church enterprises, the increased loyalty and devotion of our people to the services, polity and doctrine of the Church, furnish strong ground for our confidence and faith in the authority of our mission, and the divinity of our work. And, moreover, we think, these things should inspire us with renewed zeal in the prosecution of our work and increased attachment to the polity and institutions of our connexion on the part of our ministry.

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Your Committee are happy to believe that our people are generally contented and prosperous in their ecclesiastical relations, and believe that the organization and government of the Methodist Episcopal Church is as truly Wesleyan, efficient, and Scriptural, as any other. It is, therefore, the solemn conviction of your committee, that our people do not recognize any necessity nor express any desire for any change in our present polity. And your committee further believe that the habit of some preachers, in our own communion, of talking against the office of Presiding Elder and some other features of Church government, is imprudent,

unwise and dangerous. It is, in the opinion of your committee, as serious an error to inveigh against our discipline as against our doctrine.

We believe it to be both unwise and wrong for any minister, after having solemnly agreed to the questions proposed to him at the bar of Conference, and received ordination according to our methods and polity, to find fault with, denounce, or in any way belittle any feature of the Church, either in her government or her administration.

In saying this, however, your committee fully recognize the inalienable right of every member and minister in our Church to ask for and seek to effect, through constitutional and disciplinarian sources and methods, such changes in our economy as they may desire; and, failing to succeed in this, it is equally their duty to submit loyally to the decision of the majority, or withdraw from a Church with whose polity or doctrines they cannot agree.

Your Committee are led to believe that there is in some parts of our jurisdiction an agitation looking in the direction of electing one or more additional Bishops, and we think it proper to state that in our opinion our Episcopacy needs no strengthening at present, and, therefore, we deprecate such agitation in the Church just now.

We also desire to express our approval of the proposed celebration of the centenary of the introduction of Methodism into Canada, and join in the recommendation of Niagara Conference that the General Conference provide for its proper observance.

B. LANE, G. ABBS,

T. ARGUE.

W. PIRRITTE, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, That great and noble founder of British and American Methodism declared that God had thrust him out to raise up a people to spread Scriptural holiness over the earth; and

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Whereas, open doors for missionary work and the salvation of the world are all around us inviting us to enter, and in the prosecution of that work a confessed obstacle opposing itself to the success of our blessed missions is the sin of Sabbath desecration; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we as a body of Christian ministers do pledge ourselves to do all we can to promote the sanctity of that blessed day of rest, by precept and example, avoiding as much as possible all unnecessary travel and discountenancing all Sabbath visiting, and by preaching against the many ways in which it is profaned.

2nd. That we hail with pleasure the improvements in the circumstances and morals of the communities who willingly obey the injunction of God's word to keep holy the Sabbath day.

3rd. That we will not cease to labor and pray for this until the evil of Sabbath breaking is removed and the curse incurred obviated, and the blessing of the Lord of the Sabbath is secured upon a God-honoring and Sabbath-loving people.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. TAYLOR, F. M. SMITH, J. H. WATTS, J. F. DURKEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We rejoice in the evidently increasing interest of the Church in Sabbath School work, as evidenced by the increase of the number of schools and the amount contributed for their maintenance.

2nd. We would refer with profound gratitude to the large number of conversions (189 reported), as the result of Christian effort in this department.

3rd. Your Committee much regret to find that in some sections of our work we have no M. E. Sabbath Schools, and recognizing the importance of retaining our children in our Church, we would most strongly recommend the establishment of denominational schools wherever practicable.

E. E. HOWARD, A. L. THURSTON, J. MORAN.

A. C. MAYBEE, Sec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of temper-

ance beg leave to report as follows:

1st. It is beyond reasonable doubt that intemperance in the use of intexicating liquors is pre-eminently the crime, the curse and shame of our Dominion. This intemperance is the darkest stain on our Christian civilization and the chief hindrance to our social and spiritual prosperity. To it may be justly charged three-fourths of all the crime, poverty and pauperism of our country.

2nd. Your Committee believe temperance to be the forerunner which can prepare the way for the reception of the glorious gospel of Christ among the mighty throng who, in tattered garb, tottering gait, with blood-shot eye and palsied frame, forgetting the claims of God and humanity, press their way to eternal woe.

3rd. We consider there are great causes for congratulation and rejoicing in the very marked improvement in this question in practice, public sentiment and legislation. We glory that our Church has always fought in the front ranks of the temperance army, and solemnly pledge ourselves to serve there with increasing zeal until every foe submit, and the temperance banner waves triumphantly over our fair and prosperous Dominion. G. BENNETT,

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

REV. W. A. SILLS.

The Rev. W. A. Sills was born in Fredericksburg, Ontario, in July, 1830; he died on January 13th, 1878. His father was for many years a minister of our Church ; it is not, therefore, surprising that the deceased brother was converted at an early age and began his career as a Methodist preacher at the early age of nineteen. At this early age, when a mere boy, he was sent by the Presiding Elder to fill a vacancy on the Winchester Circuit. He also traveled as a supply one year on the Matilda Circuit, and at the session of the Bay Quinte Conference held at Percy in 1852 he was admitted on trial, and henceforth his name appaars regularly in the minutes. The circuits he severally traveled from the date of his admission on trial in the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the years, are as follows: In 1852, Stirling; 1853-4, Madoc; 1855, Bay of Quinte; 1856-7, Brockville; 1858, supernumerary;

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1859-60, Cobourg; 1861-3, Colborne. During this latter year the Ontario Conference was organized, and Bro. Sills then laboring in the territory embraced by the new Conference became one of its members, and so remained until his death. His appointments in the Ontario Conference were, 1864-5, Sidney; 1866, Orono; 1867-8, Clark; 1869-70, Percy; 1871-3, Brighton; 1874-5, Trenton. While laboring on this latter charge, his health, which had been delicate for some time, completely broke down, and he was compelled to retire from the active work. At the session of the Ontario Conference held in Orono in 1876, he was granted a superannuated relation. He immediately purchased a home in the pleasant village of Brighton, and quietly settled down to await the call of the Master to his reward. He loved life strongly and fought long and nobly against the attacks of disease, but all efforts and means failed, and on Sabbath evening, Jan. 13th, 1878, he closed his earthly life and was gathered to his fathers. For some months previous to his death he had depression, conflict and darkness, but during the last few weeks the clouds parted, the sun again appeared, and God gave to his servant the victory. As a very common effect of the disease, he was delirious for many hours previous to his death. A little before the closing scene, during a lucid interval, he said in answer to a question by a friend, waving his hand upward, "All is clear, all is well." Thus passed away with the departing light of a peaceful Sabbath the spirit of our dear brother.

Brother Sills was an acceptable preacher and generally successful. His eminent social qualities made him multitudes of friends wherever he went, while his peculiar tact and skill in the management of all matters pertaining to the work of a Methodist preacher on a circuit, secured him success. He had a pleasant home and an intelligent family, and few men enjoyed these things better than he. In his own home he was always social, genial and generous. He wished to live, like the most of us, for the sake of his family, but when he became conscious of the Divine purpose, he quietly and cheerfully submitted, and calmly and affectionately took a final leave of friends and his family, and earnestly exhorted them to meet him in heaven.

He was visited during his sickness by many old and cherished friends. Rev. A. Campbell and wife gave thoughtful and affectionate attention both to Bro. Sills and his family. Bro. Campbell stood by him in the last great trouble and arranged the details of the funeral. Thus passed away our beloved brother Sills in the prime of life.

We mourn his loss, but are comforted by the knowledge of the fact that

> "In that bright eternal city Death can never, never come; In his own time God will call us

From our work to home, sweet home."

R. LARGE, W. HANSOM, R. M. POPE.

NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO CONFERENCE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1878.

1. G. Abbs.

2. T. Argue.

3. J. Curts.

4. A. Campbell.

5. G. Clark.

6. R. B. Denike. 17. F. M. Finn. 8. J. H. Hilts.

9. J. R. Jaques, D.D.

10. B. Lane, M.A.

11. G. Miller.

12. S. Morrison.

R. Large. R. E. Lund.

J. C. Pomeroy. Charles Taylor.

W. Pirritte.
 J. M. Simpson.

15. C. A. Simpson.

RESERVES.

16. R. Sanderson.

17. G. Bennett.

PREACHERS' ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO SUPERANNUATED FUND.*

George Abbs, \$2.00; Thomas Argue, 2.00; G. Bennett, 2.00; D. Billings, 2.00; J. C. Bell, 2.00; Bishop Carman, \(\frac{1}{3} \) claim, 67cts.; Jas. Curts, 2.00; A. Campbell, 2 00; R. Carson, 2.00; G. Clark, 2.00; D. O. Crossley, 2.00; Alex. Cooper, 2.00; J. F. Durkee, 2.00; J. Egan, 2.00; F. M. Finn, 2.00; A. T. Ferguson, 2.00; W. H. Ferrier, 2.00; Robert Gordon, 1.00; B. L. Hutton, 2.00; Wm. Hansom, 2.00; E. E. Howard, 2.00; G. A. Jamieson, 2.00; J. Lynch, 2.00; R. Large, 2.00; J. W. Lent, 2.00; R. E. Lund, 2.00; B. Lane, M. A., 2.00; W. Laidlaw, 2.00; A. C. Maybee, 2.00; Geo. Miller, 2.00; T. Myers, 2.00; J. X. Moran, 2.00; H. Norris, 2.00; W. Pirritte, 2.00; J. M. Simpson, 2.00; C. A. Simpson, 2.00; R. Sanderson, 2.00; J. W. Sanderson, 2.00; F. M. Smith, 2.00; G. W. Stevenson, 2.00; J. M. Simpson, 2.00; T. C. Sanderson, 2.00; J. H. Watts, 2.00; Jos. Wilks, 2.00; J. M. Kerr, 2.00; T. C. Sanderson, 2.00; W. P. Dyer 2.00. Dyer 2.00.

CLAIMANTS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

S. Morriscn, 2.00; Mrs. Earl, 2.00; J. Foster, 2.00; Mrs. C. W. Frazer, 2.00; Mrs. G. Jones, 2.00; Mrs. H. H. Johnson, 2.00; Mrs. J. W. Moore, 2.00; W. E. Norman, 2.00; J. Owen, 2.00; Mrs. W. A. Sills, 2.00; Mrs. G. Shepard, 2.00; Mrs. P. Smith, \(\frac{1}{2} \) claim, 66cts.; Mrs. P. L. Smith, 2.00; Mrs. R. L. Tindal, 2.00; A. Wright, 2.00. Total, \$120.33.

*This list cane too late for insertion in proper place.

LIST OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Brighton.—D. McPhail, deacon elect; R. Sharp, J. Ames, J. Wright, T. H. Matthews, J. Goldsmith.

Stirling .- P. Wright, elder; C. Williams, S. D. Sills.

Belleville. - J. W. Maybee.

Irenton.—J. Lewis, deacon; J. W. Massey, deacon.

Frankford.—R. R. Bird.

Blairton. - J. Hoard, H. Mark.

Campbellford .- J. Graham, deacon.

Percy.—E. Cryderman, A. Ryal, R. Skinner.

Hope. - J. Smith.

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Orono and Clarke .- J. Carscadden, deacon; C. W. Lent, deacon.

Colborne. - D. Crouter, deacon; E. Mallory. Minden.-H. McPhail, W. Strafford.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Whitby.—G. Wells, deacon.

Oshawa.—M. Martin.

Brooklin.—N. Arnold.

Nelson and Oakville .- J. Cronkwright.

Oakwood.—S. Bateman, C. W. Taylor.

Markham-J. Forsyth, J. Leek.

Brampton. - A. Hutton, J. Burton.

Georgetown.-G. H. Kennedy, F. Warne.

Port Perry.--C. Rose, deacon; C. Wilson, L. Cliffe.

Reach.—W. Ranous, deacon; P. Carr, S. Taylor, M. Madden.

Uxbridge.—J. C. Cummer, T. Jobbitt, S. Behan.

Queensville.—D. Perregrine, deacon; A. Dafoe, H. Cole.

Darlington.-W. Souch, G. Powers, P. Humphrey.

HURON DISTRICT.

Eramosa.—W. Hodgskinson, deacon; L. Lyman.

Listowel. - J. Vines, elder; S. Overholt, A. Pearson.

Kincardine, R. Rae.

Invermay.-J. W. Dunn, deacon.

Hanover.—R. Reid, deacon elect; R. Henderson, J. W. Vickers.

Melancthon.—E. Hurlburt, J. Branderick, J. Cruton, J. Hawkins.

Garafraxa. J. F. Halstead, D. Scarrow.

Meaford .- J. Briggs, W. Dean.

Eugenia-J. Thurston.

Mt. Forest.—A. Cripps, E. Bosely.

BAY QUINTE CONFERENCE.

The Bay Quinte Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada commenced its thirty-fifth session in the town of Prescott, County Grenville, in the M. E. Church, Wednesday, May 15th, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Rev. Bishop Carman, D. D., opened the Conference by reading 2nd Peter, chapter 1st and 2nd, and giving out the 237th hymn. After singing, Revs. E. Woodcock, J. A. Rodgers and F. B. Stratton offered prayer, the Conference joining with the Bishop in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

After the opening religious exercises the Bishop delivered an appropriate and impressive address on the important duties devolving upon this Conference.

REV. A. MARTIN was elected Secretary. REV. WM. BLAIR, B. A. was elected Journal Secretary.

REV. WM. BARNETT was elected Statistical Secretary.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

BISHOP—Rev. A. Carman, D. D., Belleville.

SECRETARY—Rev. A. Martin, Shannonville.

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SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY BOARD-Rev. E. S. Howard, Ottawa.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS-Rev. J. Faull, Inkerman.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—Rev. E. S. Howard, Ottawa.

MEMBER OF BOOK COMMITTEE—Rev. I. B. Aylsworth, LL. B., Picton.

Associate Members of the Board of Management of Albert College—F. B. Stratton, Odessa; J. Young, Picton.

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BOOK AGENT AND EDITOR—Rev. S. G. Stone, D. D., Hamilton.

TREASURER OF ALBERT COLLEGE—J. G. Robinson, Esq. Belleville.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION—J. H. Andrews, E. S. Howard, S. G. Stone, D.D., W. Barnett, W. G. Hudgins, D. Wilson, S. Young.

PRINTING—E. I. Badgley, B. D., J. Young, W. H. Palmer, J. Ferguson.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—I. B. Aylsworth, LL. B., T. W. Mavety, S. Ferguson, J. C. Cornell, C. Hartley.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—W. Blair, B. A., J. D. Bell, J. B. Robeson, A. R. Orser, C. P. Frizzell, J. Faull.

TEMPERANCE—W. H. Graham, R. M. Pope, E. Woodcock, F. Chisholm, H. I. Allen, L. A. Betts.

STEWARDS—W. A. Phillips, J. E. Mavety, D. Brill, H. McQuade, J. W. Andrews, S. Duprau.

CONTINGENT FUND—A. D. Traveller, A. Anderson, T. H. McDonald.

Memoirs—J. A. Rodgers, A. Martin, W. Bird, E. A. Orser, N. H. Howard.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY—T. W. Pickett and Presiding Elders.
STATE OF THE CHURCH—S. G. Stone, D. D., A. Shorts, W.
Brown, H. Williams, E. A. Sanderson, B. F. Austin, B. A., C. S.
Eastman.

Examining Committee-F. B. Stratton, Chairman.

1st Year-T. W. Mavety, B. A., W. A. Phillips, A. Martin.

2nd " J. H. Andrews, G. S. White, J. Mavety.

3rd W. H. Graham, A. D. Traveller, T. W. Pickett.

4th J. P. Wilson, B. A., J. Young, I. B. Aylsworth,

M. A.

Nominations for 1879—A. D. Traveller, T. W. Mavety, G. S. White.

AUXILIARY MISSIONARY BOARD—President, N. H. Howard; 1st Vice President, A. D. Traveller; 2nd Vice President, F. B. Stratton; Secretary, E. S. Howard; Treasurer, S. G. Stone; Committee, J. E. Mavety, J. H. Andrews, W. Service, T. W. Mavety, D. Wilson, L. A. Betts.

CONFERENCE VISITORS.

Rev. W. Pirritte, P. E. Colborne District, Ontario Con.; Rev. W. L. Tisdale, P. E. St. Lawrence District, Northern N. Y. Con.; Rev. A. L. Smalley, Pastor M. E. Church, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Rev. G. H. Davis, Pastor C. M. Church, Prescott; Rev. H. Hesselgrave, of Northern N. Y. Con.; Rev. B. Lane, M. A., Pastor M. E. Church, Belleville.

NOMINATION OF COMMITTEES FOR 1879.

EDUCATION—E. I. Badgley, J. P. Wilson, I. B. Aylsworth, S. G. Stone, B. F. Austin.

Printing—Joseph Young, W. Barnett, J. C. Cornell, C. P. Frizzell, S. Ferguson.

Pastoral Address—W. Blair, W. H. Palmer, W. A. Phillips, R. M. Pope, C. Hartley.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. E. Mavety, H. Williams, J. W. Sills, E. A. Sanderson, A. Shorts.

TEMPERANCE—F. Chisholm, J. D. Bell, W. G. Hudgins, D. Brill, E. S. Howard.

Stewards—Wm. Service, E. Woodcock, L. A. Betts, J. P. Dunham, J. W. Andrews.

CONTINGENT FUND—N. H. Howard, W. H. Graham, A. R. Orser, A. H. Anderson, T. H. McDonald.

MEMOIRS—J. A. Rogers, W. Brown, Jas. Faull, G. A. Bell, D. G. Bruce.

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J. Ferguson, T. W. Pickett.

CHURCH EXTENSION—A. D. Traveller, S. G. Stone, H. I. Aller.

CAMP-MEETINGS—A. D. Traveller, I. B. Aylsworth, W. Blair,
J. E. Mavety, T. W. Pickett, with power to add to their number.
Nominations—G. S. White, F. B. Stratton, T. W. Mavety.
Church Property—A. H. Anderson, J. B. Robinson, S. A.
Duprau, J. E. Robinson, J. H. Andrews.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—A. Martin, W. H. Phillips, B. F. Austin, B. A., C. S. Eastman.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE—W. H. Graham, Chairman.

1st Year—Joseph Young, J. P. Wilson, B. A., R. M. Pope.

2nd II T. W. Mavety, B. A., W. Brown, T. W. Pickett.

3rd II G. S. White, F. Chisholm, J. H. Andrews.

4th II W. Service, W. H. Palmer, I. B. Aylsworth.

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Examination Committee and Candidates to meet on Monday Evening, 7 o'clock, before Conference, 1879.

The following arrangements for public meetings at the Annual Conference are recommended for 1879:—

Wednesday at 3:30.—Conference Sermon by Rev. I. B. Aylsworth, M. A., LL, B., P. E.

THURSDAY—Anniversary of Church Extension Society, Bishop Carman, A. D. Traveller.

FRIDAY—Educational Meeting, Dr. J. R. Jaques, Dr. Badgley, G. S. Wright, M. A. Ph. D.

SATURDAY—Missionary Meeting, W. H. Palmer, F. B. Sratton, B. F. Austin.

Monday-Temperance Meeting, C. Hartley, F. Chisholm.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION AUXILIARY BOARD—P. E. Napanee District, Preachers in charge of Napanee and Morven Charges, J. C. Huffman, Esq., Napanee, Treasurer; J. Gibbard, Esq., Napanee; and R. Dennison, Esq., Napanee. The Board are requested to report to next Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1—What preachers are admitted on trial?

Answer—Thomas Richards Faull.

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A.—Thomas Richards, John W. Briggs, Wm. J. P. Wilson, W. Terwilligar, W. W. Weese, Philander Wager, Samuel G. Briggs, J. S. Bell, E. G. W. Hall.

Q. 3-Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—D. G. Bruce, J. P. Dunham, G. A. Bell.

Q. 4—Who are the deacons?

A.—C. P. Frizzell, H. Seymour, J. W. Thrasher, J. B Robeson, S. A. Duprau, D. G. Bruce, J. P. Dunham, G. A. Bell.*

Q. 5-Who are the elders?

A.—B. Smith, W. Bird, H. Lane, M. Davy, J. Hill, W. Brown, H. Williams, D. Wilson, S. W. LaDu, E. A. Orser, J. A. Rodgers, N. H. Howard, S. Young, J. H. Andrews, D. Brown, J. W. Sills, J. D. Bell, E. Woodcock, W. H. Graham, I. B. Aylsworth, W. H. Snider, J. Ferguson, L. A. Betts, G. French, E. S. Howard, D. Smith, W. G. Hudgins, F. B. Stratton, G. S. White, S. G. Stone, A. Martin, F. Chisholm, A. H. Anderson, A. D. Traveller, D. Brill, A. Shorts, W. Service, T. W. Pickett, Wm. Blair, J. Young, E. A. Sanderson, J. T. Clark, N. D. Peters, R. M. Pope, E. I. Badgley, A. R. Orser, J. Mavety, W. A. Phillips, T. H. Macdonald, J. Faull, W. H. Palmer, R. Shorts, S. Ferguson, W. Barnett, J. C. Cornell, J. P. Wilson, T. W. Mavety, C. Hartley, B. F. Austin, C. S. Eastman, H. I. Allen*, J. W. Andrews, * H. McQuade, * J. E. Robeson, * T. McAmmond.

Q. 6—Who is the General Superintendent?

A.—Rev. A. Carman, M.A., D.D.

Q. 7—Who are the Supernumeraries !

A.—J. T. Clark, N. D. Peters, W. H. Snider, J. W. Thrasher, G. French, C. P. Frizzell.

Q. 8—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

A.—B. Smith, H. Lane, M. Davy, J. Hill, W. Bird, H. Seymour, D. Brown, S. W. LaDu, D. Wilson, D. Smith, E. A. Orser.

Q. 9—Who have been expelled?

A.—None.

Q. 10-Who have withdrawn?

A.—None.

Q. 11—Who have died this year?

A.—I. N. D. West, J. G. Bull (see obituaries).

Q. 12—Who have located this year?

A.-None.

Q. 13—Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation ?

A .- They are, so far as could be ascertained by strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 14—What are the numbers in Society?

A.—Members, 7,253; probationers, 1,031; total, 8,284. Iucrease during year, 356. See statistical report.

Q. 15—What is the amount of Contingent Fund?

A.—The Committee on Contingent Fund report total receipts as \$52 66.

Q. 16—How was this expended !

A.—Disbursements as follows: Prescott expenses, \$5; E. Woodcock, \$8.25; Conference Sec.—old account—\$6; J. B. Cross, \$9; Secretary's expenses, \$4; Book Room account, \$6.25; Mrs. J. F. Wilson, \$5; A. H. Anderson, \$8.15. Total, \$52.66.

Q. 17—What is the amount of the Superannuated Preachers'

Fund? For particulars of receipts and disbursements A.—\$965.83. see Steward's report and statistical report.

Q. 18—Where are the preachers stationed?

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STATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.

NAPANEE DISTRICT .- I. B. AYLSWORTH, L.L.B., P. E.

Napanee—C. S. Eastman, S. G. Stone, D.D., editor of C. C. Advocate; D. Wilson, superannuated; S. W. LaDu, superannuated; W. H. Snider, supernumerary.

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Foxboro-S. Young.

Shannonville-A. Martin.

Morven-W. Brown.

Bay-D. Brill.

Odessa-F. B. Stratton, B. Smith, superannuated.

Loughborough—W. Barnett, P. Wager permitted to attend school.

Camden and Newburgh-N. H. Howard.

Selby-J. H. Andrews, J. W. Thrasher, M.D., supernumerary.

Tamworth-J. P. Wilson, B.A.

Hallowell-J. S. Bell.

Millford-E. A. Sanderson, T. R. Faull.

Demorestville-A. R. Orser, J. Hill superannuated.

Mellville-T. H. Macdonald.

Mill Point_J. C. Cornell.

Tweede-T. McAmmond; N. D. Peters, supernumerary.

Cloyne—Supply (J. Wing).

Vennachar—Supply (E. Oliphant); W. D. P. Wilson, D. Brown, superannuated.

Arden—J. B. Robeson, J. T. Clark, supernumerary.

Parham—Suply (F. B. Knowlton); E. A. Orser, superantuated.

Verona J. A. Rodgers.

Opinican Supply (T. Smith).

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KINGSTON DISTRICT, A. D. TRAVELLER, P. E.

Kingston-A. D. Traveller.

Brockville-J. E. Mavety.

Lyn-T. W. Pickett; E. G. W. Hall permitted to labor at large as an evangalist.

Mallorytown-J. D. Bell; M. Davy, superannuated.

Gananoque-R. M. Pope.

Wolfe Island-W. H. Palmer.

Inverary-H. Williams.

Lansdowne and Macrones—A. Shorts.

Morris, Manitoba-R. Shorts.

OTTAWA DISTRICT-W. H. GRAHAM, P. E.

Ottawa East-W. A. Phillips.

Ottawa West-C. Hartley.

Prescott-B. F. Austin, B. A.

Winchester with Stone Church-T. W. Mavety, B. A., J. W.

Briggs; D. Smith, superannuated.

Inkerman-J. Faull.

Aultsville-W. G. Hudgins.

Newington-A. H. Anderson.

Matilda-Wm. Blair, B. A.

Edwardsturg—S. Ferguson.

Ventnor-J. P. Dunham.

Augusta-L. A. Betts; J. W. Sills left without an appointment at his own request.

North Augusta—G. A. Bell; H. Lane, superannuated.

Easton's Corners-E. Woodcock.

Toledo-J. W. Andrews.

Farmersville-Wm. Service.

Lyndhurst—H. I. Allen.

Elgin and California-G. S. White.

Arnprior-H. McQuade.

Napean-E. S. Howard.

Renfrew-D. G. Bruce, W. W. Weese.

Westmeath-S. A. Duprau.

Riceville-J. E. Robeson,

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Q. 19.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held? A.—At Napanee, to commence on the third Wednesday in May, 1870, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Q. 20.—Who are the Delegates to the next General Conference?

at

A.—W. Service, J. Young, T. W. Pickett, I. B. Aylsworth, S. G. Stone, A. D. Traveller, W. H. Graham, F. B. Stratton, Wm. Blair, Wm. Brown, J. H. Andrews, F. Chisholm, E. I. Badgley, J. E. Mavety, D. Wilson, G. S. White, A. Martin, H. Williams-18.

Reserves-J. P. Wilson, B. F. Austin, J. D. Bell, C. S. Eastman, E. Woodcock-5.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

To the Bay Quinte Annual Conference, in conference assembled. Your Board of Stewards beg leave to report as follows:

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

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Morven	\$35 00	Landadown ASSESSED.	PAID
Odessa 25	10 00	Landsdown \$5	\$5 00
Loborough 30	30 00	Mill Point 4	3 50
Gananoque 25	5 40	Opinicon	1 00
Wolfe Island 15	8 00	Napanee 40	25 40
Invergery		Canifton 40	40 00
Inverary 15	15 00	Millford	10 00
Verona 10	8 00	Mellville 24	12 00
Camden 25	15 00	Demorestville 25	23 00
Tanworth 20	20 00	Shannonville 30	30 00
Tweed 16	5 00	Selby	12 00
Denbigh 8	4 00	Picton	10 00
Arden 15		Hallowell 20	15 00
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Elgin 35	35 00		18 00
Lyndhurst 18	15 00		16 00
Mallorytown 15	15 00	Nanean 10	18 00
Lvnn	20 00	Napean 10	3 00
Brockville 20	20 00	Arnprior 10	5 00
Augusta 19	12 00	Westmeath 12	6 00
Prescott 16	4 00	Renfrew 20	7 00
Edwardsburg 15	15 00	Riceville 12	6 00
Matilda 20	15 00	North Augusta 6	6 00
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Your Committee recommend the distribution of the Reserve Fund in the following manner:

Mrs. Wilson, \$32 20; J. Hill, \$32 20; B. Smith, \$32 20.

W. A. PHILLIPS.
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J. W. ANDREWS.
D. BRILL.
S. A. DUPRAU.
H. McQUADE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM PREACHERS AND CLAIMANTS, (AS ABOVE), OF \$2.00 EACH.

Mrs. J. F. Wilson, J. Hill, B. Smith, I. N. D. West, W. Bird, J. G. Bull, S. W. LaDu, E. A. Orser, D. Brown, M. Davy, H. Seymore, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Empey, Mrs. Powley, D. Smith, D. Wilson, J. Mavety, E. A. Sanderson, W. A. Phillips, W. Brown, L. A. Betts, A. D. Traveller, B. F. Austin, S. A. Duprau, J. H. Andrews, S. Young, R. M. Pope, D. B. Fl. Austin, S. A. Duprau, J. H. Andrews, S. Young, R. M. Pope, D. Brill, J. W. Andrews, F. B. Stratton, W. Barnett, J. C. Cornell, J. Faul, J. E. Robeson, G. S. White, H. Williams, H. I. Allen, J. P. Dunham, William Service, J. Young, S. G. Stone, J. Ferguson, William Blair, E. S. Howard, A. H. Anderson, C. P. Frizzell, T. H. McDonald, J. D. Bell, N.

H. Howard, D. G. Bruce, E. I. Badgley, T. W. Mavety, T. W. Pickett, E. Woodcock, W. H. Graham, W. H. Palmer, J. B. Robeson, J. Briggs, J. S. Bell, I. B. Aylsworth, E. G. W. Hall, S. G. Briggs, A. Martin, J. W. Sills, J. P. Wilson, W. G. Hudgins, G. A. Bell, C. S. Eastman, J. Rogers, H. McQuade. Total, \$140.00.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SUPERANNUATED FUND.

TAMWORTH MISSION.—Jas. Aylsworth, \$3.40; P. F. Carscallen, \$1; A. Allen, \$1; M. M. Laughline, \$1; W. Asselstine, \$1; H. E. Thornton, \$1; L. D. Barrager, \$1; Mrs. C. Bell, \$1; D. S. York, \$1. LYN.—C. Gardiner, \$1; Mrs. H. Lillie, \$1; H. Griffin, \$1; Mrs. Dr. Brown, \$1; W. Clow, \$1; W. C. Booth, \$1; Mr. W. Judson, \$1; Mrs. Dr. Brown, \$1; Levi Moore, \$1; Ella Clow, \$1; Chas. Stratton, \$1; Mrs. Walter Clow, \$1; Levi Geo. Haskin, \$1; M. B. Gardiner, \$1; Frank Clow, \$1; Chas. Campbell, \$1; Mrs. Joshua Lillie, \$1; John Avery, \$1; Henry Lee, \$1; George Thompson, \$1; R. Howe, \$1; Boyd Hall; \$1; Bella Neil, \$1; B. C. Brown, \$1; Mrs. P. Elliot, \$1; Mrs. W. Darling, \$1; Mrs. H. Booth, \$1. MELLVILLE.—Wm. Henderson, \$2.50; Samuel Adams, \$1; D. H. Delong, \$1; A. Huff, \$1; D. Laneburg, \$1; C. Johnson, \$1; S. Limans, \$1; W. Vallenee, \$1; Wm. Blakeley, \$1; W. H. Lake, \$1. Newington.—Alex. Sutherland, \$1; John Tassel, \$1; H. P. Casselman, \$3; J. N. Raymond, \$1; Ida Raymond, \$1. Napeax.—Richard Draffin, Geo. Burrows, \$1. Ottawa East.—Samuel Evans, \$1; A. Cuddie, \$1; Miss Stapleton, \$1. Easton's Corners.—Thos. Empy, \$1; E. B. Putman, \$1.25; S. Brown, \$1; Mrs T. Davis, \$1; E. Smith, \$1; George Brown, \$1; P. Hart, \$1; D. Loucks, \$1; Rev. T. Edmonds, \$1; N. P. Vandusen, \$1. Picton And Hallowfll.—J. Calvan, \$1; D. Moran, \$1; Agnes Gilbert, \$1; James Purtell, \$1; Mrs, J. D. Gilbert, \$1; S. Huff, \$1; O. Terwilligar, \$1; T. Dodge, \$1; A. A. Bett, \$1. Camdex.—T. H. Wartman, \$1; J. Williams, \$1; C. Darlind, \$1; M. Wager, \$1. North Augasta.—Mrs. Walker, \$1; H. Glazer, \$1.

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PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN.—It is a matter of profound gratitude to God, that through divine grace we have been brought through the labors and sacrifices of another Conference year, and we greet you in the name and implore upon you all the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In looking over the field of our toil we see many things that are a cause of gratitude and congratulation. We see our people loyal and true to the Church of their choice and love. We discern also the manifestation of a spirit of increasing liberality, giving evidence of the formation and practical demonstration of broader and more comprehensive views of the needs of the Church and its work, and of your responsibility as well.

We rejoice in this as foreshadowing the coming of the time when all our people shall realize that they are but the stewards of God's bounty, and when they shall find their pleasure and profit in devoting themselves and their substance more fully to God and the spiritual needs of their fellow men. It will be impossible for the Church to accomplish the purposes of its Divine founder unless our people arise in the might of the Divine and press its battles and victories.

We rejoice that the past year has been marked in a very considerable degree with the reviving power of the spirit and graces of God; many sinners have been converted, the erring have been reclaimed, and the churches quickened to deeper devotion and a fuller consecration to God.

For all this, we devoutly praise the Great Head of the Church, and enter upon the labors of another year with increased energy and zeal for the salvation of the souls of men.

The indications of prosperity in the future are very flattering; many doors of usefulness are opening to us in various localities, and we have need of strong faith and burning zeal to do the work the Master hath placed in our hands.

We greatly need the effective co-operation of all the members of the Church in this great work, and to effectively aid the cause of God, faithfulness in every department of Christian duty is of the highest importance. To neglect the means of grace, or to absent yourselves from the public worship of God, is to invite defeat and overthrow. Do not forget that the world looks to defeat and overthrow of life and blamelessness of example. The power of a godly example is immense, and will go far to strengthen the hands of your pastors, and aid mightily in winning souls to Christ.

We would also urge upon the heads of families the great importance and value of family devotion. Try and so arrange your affairs that you may have full time for this important duty. Its regular observance will, to you as parents, be of inestimable value, regular observe to keep before the minds of your children and servants the claims of God, and the excellence and value of practical religion.

We would again commend to your attention and regard our Literary Institutions. These, with their corps of talented Professors, are an honor to the Church, and are doing a grand and glorious work for the young men and young women of the Church, and for many others who are seeking instruction within their walls. Numbers of young men, who have been called to the work

of the ministry, are seeking within these institutions those attainments which shall more fully qualify them for their sacred office, and signally aid them in rightfully dividing the word of Divine truth, that they may become workmen that need not be ashamed.

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Alexandra College offers to your daughters every facility for the attainment of a sound practical and ornamental education. This institution, in connection with the completion of Alma Female College, at St. Thomas, will provide every needed facility for the thorough education of your daughters, and thus very greatly assist in qualifying themselves for lives of usefulness and moral excellence. You should regard it as a privilege and an honor to aid by your purse and prayers these grand enterprises of the Church.

There are certain other connexional interests that should share in your liberality; of these we may name particularly our Society for Church Extension. This is a growing interest among us as a people, and deserves well at your hands.

There are continually recurring opportunities in various localities for the accomplishment of great good by aiding feeble societies in the erection of much-needed places of worship, where the word of God may be preached and the people be brought under the influence of the gospel. We prayerfully, and hopefully, commend this matter to your sympathies and prayers.

At the same time, we are persuaded, that you will not forget the cause of Missions, both home and foreign. Having entered these fields, we look to you in the future, as in the past, for means to sustain them, that they may be developed into gardens of beauty and loveliness.

Again, we fear that the claims of our Superannuated men are not as fully realized as they should be. These aged warriors for God and the Church deserve well at your hands, for their almost super-human labors and sacrifices. We ask for an increased liberality in their behalf. Their gray hairs and tottering limbs constitute an eloquent appeal for your consideration. By doing your whole duty in this regard, you will not only cheer and comfort them, but at the same time bless yoursveles and honor the cause of God. Remember, "There is that giveth, and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth, and it tendeth to poverty."

We would also press upon your attention the claims of our Book Room, and the importance of patronizing it as one of your own home interests. Its literature is just what is needed in your

homes for the instruction and moral guidance of your children and families. By thus doing, your children will grow up intelligent, and aided by the converting grace of God, may rise up and call you blessed.

Our Church paper, our own Advocate, has also its claim for support. It costs so little that a copy of it should be found in every family in our bounds. You will find it invaluable as a religious instructor in your family, conveying to you weekly a knowledge not only of general news, but its pages filled with instructive reading on various topics of interest will keep you advised of the progress of truth and righteousness at home and abroad. To make a good paper, requires time, labor, thought, money, and subscribers. Take the paper, read it, and you will find its weekly visits a source of moral enlightenment and spiritual blessing.

We trust, as we return to you to enter upon the labors and responsibilities of another year, it may be in the "fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace." Pray for us, that God may bless us in our labors, making us successful co-workers in the field of gospel effort, thus winning many souls to shine as stars in the diadem of the Redeemer.

A. CARMAN, Bishop.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CAMP MEETINGS.

Your Committee to whom the subject of camp meetings was referred beg leave to report:

That, whereas, under God, the institution of camp meetings has been blessed in the salvation of souls, and the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom; and, whereas, under the sanction of this Conference, the St. Lawrence Central Camp Meeting Association has been organized; and, whereas, we have examined the receipts and disbursements as exhibited by the Auditing Committee, and find them correct and to our entire satisfaction; and, whereas, considerable money has been expended in the purchase of land, the beautifying of the ground, the erection of a pavilicn, boarding hall, stable, etc., it is hereby resolved, that we invite the hearty co-operation of each minister in the Bay Quinte Conference, and through them, each member and friend of the Church, not only for the purpose of assisting financially, but of making this enterprise under God instrumental in the salvation of many souls.

We would also recommend that the different charges, as far as practicable, erect a circuit tabernacle, in order that the glorious work of the Master may be carried on more vigorously and efficiently. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. TRAVELER, Chairman.
T. W. Pickett, Secretary.
J. Mavety, Treasurer.
W. Brown.

REPORT OF MISS ONARY BOARD.

The Board of Missions would respectfully submit the following apportionments or assessments to the various fields of labor within the bounds of the Fay Quinte Conference, viz:

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E. S. HOWARD, Secretary.

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Time of en- tering Min.	NAMES.	PRESENT CHARGE OR RELATION.	P. O. Address.	No. of Yrs. in Minist'y	No. of rrs effective.	
1843	Andrews, J. H	Selby	Selby	35	27	
1874	Andrews, J. W	Toledo	Toledo	4	3	
1871	Austin, B. F., B. A.	Prescott	Prescott	7		
1858	Anderson, A. H	Newington	Newington	20	20	
1874	Allen, H. I	Lyndhurst	Lyndhurst	4	20	
1855	Aylsworth, I.B., M.A, LL.B	P. E. Napanee Dist.	Picton	23	20	
1869	Badgley, E.I., B.D., LL. B.	Prof. Hebrew, Al. Col.	Belleville	9		
	Barnett, Wm	Loborough	Loborough	20	20	
1858	Betts, L. A	Augusta	Prescott	26	20	
1852	Bell, J. D	Mailorytown	Mallorytown	20	_	i
	Bell, G. A	North Augusta	North Augusta	. 1		i
	Bell, J. S	Hallowell	Picton		3	
1837	Bird, Wm	Superannuated	Belleville		1	
1866	Blair, Wm, B. A	Matilda	lroquois	15	1	
1863	Brill, D	Bay	Chesterville	3		2
1876	Briggs, J. W	Winchester				ī
	Briggs, S. G	Student, A. College.			1	3
1843	Brown, Wm	Morven				3
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1861	Chisholm, F	Lecturer, I. O. G. T				4
1868	Clarke, J. T	Supernumerary	. Arden		1 11	5
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180	7 Ferguson, J	. Edwardsburg				6
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100	LaDu, S. W	Superannuated		8 3	3	21
109	Martin, A.				7	17
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186	9 McDonald, T. H	. Melville	. Melville	9	-
187	4 McQuade, H.	Arnprior	Arnprior	4	1
184	4 Orser, E. A	. Superannuated	. Parham	34	27
186	Orser, A. R	. Demorestville	Northport	10	10
187	Palmer, W. H	Wolfe Island	Wolfe Island	7	7
186	Peters, N. D	. Supernumerary	. Madoc	10	4
18/	Phillips, W. A	. Ottawa East	. Ottawa	8	8
186	Pickett, T. W	. Lyn	. Lyn	12	12
100	Pope, R. M.	. Gananoque	. Gananoone.	10	8
104	Richards, T		Belleville	5	2
184	Rogers, J. A.	Verona	Verona	32	32
107	Robeson, J. E.	. Riceville	Riceville	5	5
1000	Robeson, J. B.	Arden	Arden	3	3
1000	Sanderson, E. A.	Milford	Milford	10	10
100	Seymore, H	Superannuated		-	10
1006	Service, W.			13	13
109	Sills, J. W.	Supernumerary	Prescott	32	20
1000	Smith, B	Superannuated	Wilton	43	30
1000	Smith, D	Superannuated	Chesterville	25	22
1007	Snider, W. H	Supernumerary	Nananee	21	9
1000	Shorts, A	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	13	13
1960	Shorts, R	Morris, Manitoba	Morris, Manitoba	6	4
1881	Stratton, F. B Stone, S. G	Odessa	()degga	18	18
1975	Townillian W	Ed. C. C. ADVOCATE.	Hamilton	17	17
1879	Terwilligar, W Thrasher, J. W	Student, A. College	Belleville	3	i
1862		Supernumerary		6	2
1877	Wager P.		Kingston	15	11
877	Weese, W. W	Student	Loborough	1	1
1860	White, G. S.	Renfrew	Renfrew	1	1
845	Williams, H.	Elgin	Elgin, Leeds Co.	18	18
845	Wilson, D.	Inverary	Inverary	33	29
873	Wilson I P P	Superannuated	Napanee	33	30
874	D. A.	Lamworth,	Tamworth	5	5
853	Woodcock, E.	Vennachar		4	2
844	Young, S.	Easton's Corners	Easton's Corners	-25	25
867	Young, J.		Foxboro	34	33
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

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Denbigh	8		4 00	2 00
Arden		00	7 00	2 00
Verona		00	7 00	2 00
Parham		00	5 00	2 00
Gananoque		00	8 00	3 00
Farmersville	36	00	15 00	9 00
Riceville	12		6 00	3 00
Renfrew		00	12 00	5 00
Westmeath	12		6 00	3 00
Bell's Corners		00	6 00	2 00
Arnprior		00	6 00	2 00
Milford		00	10 00	6 00
Mellville		00	10 00	6 00
Hallowell		00	10 00	6 00
Demorestville	20	00	10 00	6 00
Morven		00	10 00	8 00
Picton	15	00	6 00	5 00
Wolfe Island	15	00	8 00	3 00
Loborough	30	00	15 00	8 00
Odessa	25	00	15 00	5 00
Napanee	40	00	16 00	8 00
Shannonville	. 30	00	15 00	5 00
Canifton	25	00	10 00	5 00
Tweed	16	00	5 00	3 00
Selby	16	00	9 00	3 00
Millpoint	10	00	5 00	2 00
Foxboro		00	10 00	5 00
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I. B. AYLSWORTH, A. D. TRAVELLER.

Your Committee, in reporting upon the state of the Church, have peculiar satisfaction in saying, first of all, that in the matter of doctrinal purity there is a steadfast adherence to the great doctrines of the Gospel as interpreted and stated by the illustrious founder of Methodism. So far as we have information, the Church enjoys entire rest from heretical invasion; there is "no schism in the body;" and it cannot be doubted that to the energetic statement from all our pulpits, and the implicit reception by our people of our vigorous Wesleyan theology is essentially due the gratifying increase of spiritual vitality and moral power at this moment characterizing the Church.

We are also happy in the assurance of the entire contentment of our people with our ecclesiastical polity and usages. With increasing experience of the practical efficiency of our system, the conviction is becoming more and more deeply fixed throughout the Church that the concession of any of its great distinctive features, and the surrender of our denominational autonomy in this land in favor of uncertain and questionable alliances, would be the extreme of unwisdom. We are perfectly willing to accept the functions and responsibilities of denominational identity, and to work out our destiny in this land upon this line upon which Providence has placed us.

Upon the subject of the call to the work of the Christian ministry, the Church still maintains that to be truly called is to be divinely called, to be inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost; and that none should dare assume the awful functions of a messenger of God, to whom the command has not first inwardly come, "Go, preach my Gospel;" and, moreover, that the man who has once heard and responded to this call, and afterward suffers himself to be enticed aside by any promises of worldly aggrandizement cr honor, must go forward through time to the judgement, under the shadow of an awful condemnation. And while holding this Divine call to be the first and most vital qualification for the work of the Gospel ministry, it is further held to be the imperative duty of every man who has experienced it, to prepare himself for this work by the most assiduous mental training and the highest attainments in literature possible to him. In these times of growing intelligence and culture, and especially in view of the subtilty and assumed learning with which a vaunting skepticism is assailing the most vital positions of Christianity, it is simply a guilty presumption for any man to assume the character of a guardian and teacher of the truth without using the utmost exertion to acquire the necessary intellectual and literary equipment. And in recognition of this fact, the Church has provided in our own Albert University the most ample facilities for acquiring a liberal and advanced education; and your Committee learn with pleasure that the number of our young men availing themselves of its advantages is annually increasing.

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One very delightful aspect of our advancement is the strong impulse in recent years acquired in providing suitable church accommodation for our growing congregations. The real extent of our resources and capabilities is but just dawning upon the denomination. Commodious, elegant, and costly structures, as if invoked by some magical wand, are springing up in all parts of our work, and in the majority of instances, full provision is made for

all indebtedness, and the enthusiasm is still intensifying. The inceptive has already been taken for the immediate erection in the city of Kingston of an edifice that shall be at once an honor to the denomination, and a pride to the city in which it is to be located. And your Committee feel ca'led upon to say that, having become so far committed to this enterprise that the honor of the Church is inevitably involved in its successful consummation, it is the duty of the ministers of this Conference, to the utmost of their ability, to direct the sympathies and interest of our people towards it, and unitedly resolve to make this, to the present time, the crowning achievement of our church-building enterprise.

In this connection it is proper to direct the attention of the Conference to the St. Lawrence Central Camp Ground. This enterprise has already successfully passed the tentative or experimental stage into the region of assured fact. It has attained a secure financial basis, and gives definite promise of early yielding a handsome revenue to other connectional interests. It has become a center of most blessed and saving influences, giving a wide and powerful impulse to all the vital activities of the Church through this Conference. It has fully accredited itself to us as an agency of great usefulness, and it but requires that as ministers we commend it upon our charges, endeavoring to induce such of our people as are able to purchase lots and erect cottages, and counselling all to attend its Spring and Autumn sessions, and loyally sustaining it by personal influence and effort, to make it an arm of power, successfully rivalling the more pretentious similar institutions elsewhere.

The deeply embarrassed condition of our Missionary Treasury is a subject demanding the most serious consideration of the Conference. The present obligations of the Treasurer are far beyond his power to redeem; while from the many most promising fields inviting our occupancy in our own province, and the magnificent opportunities of securely establishing our cause in the rising centres of the province of Manitoba, we are compelled sorrowfully to turn away. Now the true remedy for this deplorable condition of things is not to be sought so much in retrenchment in our appropriations, as in the vigorous and determined effort to bring our people up to a fuller conviction of the value and necessities of this most vital interest of the Church. It must be admitted that we have failed hitherto to elicit the liberality of our people towards this work, relatively to our numbers and wealth, to the extent accomplished by some other Churches in this country. And your Committee are far from being convinced that this result is due to any loss of confidence in the administration of our missionary

affairs, but is rather attributable to some want of zeal and vigor in their presentation to cur people. And we beg to urgently advise that in the future the utmost efforts be made to give a deeper interest to our missionary anniversaries; that it shall be required that full and emphatic intimation be given of them, that the deputations appointed be held to a rigid accountability for their appearance at every appointment, that the most efficient collectors available be secured, and the subscriptions collected at a time when funds are in fullest circulation, that juvenile collecting cards be placed in the hands of children in all our Sabbath Schools, and every possible endeavor made to lift our Treasury from its embarrassment. We are fully convinced that with determined and appropriate effort the sum of one dollar per member may at once be reached as the minimum from our entire work.

The inadequate support afforded our superannuated ministers is also a subject requiring very earnest consideration. Our dear fathers, whose toils and sacrifices have secured to us the precious heritage we enjoy, are surely deserving of a kindlier recognition than the paltry pittance at present doled out to them. Every consideration of gratitude and justice demand that we sternly resolve that the present fixed minimum of ten cents per member shall in

every instance be secured upon our charges.

The past year has been signalized by many powerful revivals throughout our work, resulting in a numerical increase of three hundred and sixty-five members within this Conference, and nearly sixteen hundred throughout the three Conferences. Although this must be felt to be an encouraging result, one appealing for undivided praise to the great Giver of all increase, it must at the same time be admitted to be greatly disproportionate to the number and character of the agencies employed. With a staff of more than two hundred and fifty ministers, and a noble army of local preachers, class-leaders, and Sabbath school teachers, with a membership of twenty-five thousand, and more than one hundred thousand people statedly attending upon our ministry within this Province, and with methods whose efficiency has been attested by the unparalleled fruitfullness and enlargement of Methodism in the past, we might certainly have resonably anticipated a much larger ingathering. With an intenser zeal and deeper consecration and a mightier taith in God and our mission, we may surely expect at our next annual assembly to be permitted to rejoice together in the enfolding of at least two thousand souls within this Conference alone. Brethren, shall we unitedly resolve, in humility and faith, that this shall be the lowest goal of

Your Committee cordially approve the suggestion of the other Conferences to celebrate by appropriate services the centenary of

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Canadian Methodism, and recommend this Conference to unite with them in memorializing General Conference to authorize such a celebration, and to suggest an appropriate programme of proceedings. And in view of the very great interests involved in the Kingston church enterprise, it is strongly recommended that it shall be included in the objects specified for centenary contributions within the bounds of this Conference.

We cannot conclude this brief review of our condition and responsibilities without reminding the Conference of the almost supreme importance of cherishing and encourageing a truly connexional spirit. Under existing ecclesiastical arrangements there is not only a possibility but a positive danger of becoming more or less local or sectional in our sympathies and aims, the one result of which can only be to divide and enervate our energies and seriously impair the efficiency of all our denominational institutions. Whatever, therefore, will serve to cement and strengthen the bands of connexional unity must by every means be assiduously cultivated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. S. EASTMAN, Sec. of Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report that the report from the Secretary of Alma College Board presented to us sets forth the following information:

Nearly six acres of land, well situated, in the town of St. Thomas, have been procured for a College site, and the title thereto is registered in favor of the incorporation, and is free from incumbrance. Value, \$4,000. The amount subscribed by the citizens of St. Thomas, to date, amounts to \$6,422, which leaves \$2,422 after paying for the site.

Besides the above amount, the agent, John Cook, Esq., has obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$10,905, of which \$2,300 is past due, but only \$600 of which has been paid. The above amount is the result of a canvass of 41 Circuits in the Niagara Conference, leaving 26 Circuits yet to be canvassed, from which it is expected \$2,000 will be raised. Plans adopted are believed to be all that is desirable. Cost of building to be \$27,297.00. Contractors will require \$3,000 each month until the 15th of November, and \$1,500 per month from that date until August 15th, 1879, by which time the building is to be completed. The

Agent has ascertained that 123 young ladies are likely to present themselves as students the moment the Institution is opened upon an efficient basis. The committee are of opinion that this estimate will be fully met, and that the College has before it every prospect of usefulness. As heretofore, so again we promise the agent, J. Cook, Esq., and the Institution, our earnest and material support.

Your Committee are gratified to find an increase in the amount collected for Albert College, as compared with last year, of \$49.02, total collections averaging seven cents per member in the Conference; yet regret that the standard has not been reached, and would hereby respectfully yet most earnestly request all concerned to use their best endeavors to reach the average of ten cents per member.

Your Committee consider the prospects of our University at Belleville cheering. The number of students in each department is large, as compared with former years, notwithstanding the stringency of the times. We learn with pleasure that the commercial department recently added, and under the management of Matthew H. Davis, Esq., is growing in favor and importance. Students are already graduating in the same.

The College Treasurer, James G. Robinson, Esq, has been so engaged in the erection of the new and magnificent M. E. Church in Belleville, that but little advancement has been made during the year with the Endowment Fund, yet the interest on the sums already invested is of very great aid. It is with pleasure we note that the average amount of Ministers' subscriptions to this fund in the B. Q. Conference is \$90.70, and the average paid in the three Conferences reaches the sum of \$65.

An increased outlay was required and made, and liabilities thus increased; yet your committee look forward to the time of perfect clearance and satisfactory patronage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. Andrews, Chairman

E. S. Howard, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS,

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report ;

That while there is a decrease of one in the number of schools, there is an increase of 396 scholars and 23 teachers; also an increase of \$119 expenses, showing an increased interest on the

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part of our ministers and people in the Sabbath School work. We also find, to the praise of God, a number of our Sabbath School children have been converted during the past year, which is an evidence that the primary object of the Sabbath School is not lost sight of.

With a view to still greater efficiency in this department of Church work, we therefore recommend:

1st. That the Berean Lesson System be introduced into all our schools, and the Sunday School Advocate, when practicable.

2d. That great care be exercised in the selection of Sabbath School libraries.

3d. That prayer meetings be held quarterly, and such other meetings as will tend to the interest of the schools and the salvation of the children.

4th. That two Sunday School Conventions be held annually on each District, the Presiding Elders appointing time and place of holding.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FAULL, W. BLAIR, A. R. ORSER, J. D. BELL, J. B. ROBESON.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the documents submitted to them by the Editor, and Book Agent, and by the Secretary of the Book Committee, and that they wish to express their satisfaction with the management and prosperity of this department of our work. We heartily approve of the recommendation of the Book Committee with reference to the enlargement and improvement in form of C. C. Advocate, and trust the General Conference will take the necessary steps to that end. We would strongly urge upon the members of Conference the necessity of collecting immediately all outstanding accounts in favor of the Book Room, and increase as largely as possible the circulation of the C. C. Advocate.

E. I. BADGLEY, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

The Rev. J. G. Bull was born in the township of Mountain, July 12th, 1809, and died in Mitchell, County of Perth, Oct. 28th, 1877.

Brother Bull remained a stranger to Divine grace until the spring of the year 1832, when, under the preaching of Rev. Henry Lane, he became deeply convicted of the heinous nature of sin, and immediately announced his determination to seek pardon and salvation. After much time spent in agonizing prayer, he was enabled to cast his burden on the Lord, and on the evening of 21st June, 1832, he received a convincing evidence of the pardoning love of God, and a call to work in his vineyard. This call he neglected and lost his enjoyment, but after some months wandering in the dark he heard a sermon from the late Bishop Smith which determined him to start afresh and devote himself wholly to the service of God. He served the Church faithfully several years in the local ranks until the year 1847, when the Church saw the advantage of placing him in the more active work of the itinerancy and appointing him to the charge of Brockville and Leeds, and from thence in succession to Camden, Bay of Quinte, Hollowell, Waterloo, Morven, Matilda, and again to Camden in '66 and '67, when his excessive labors having so affected his throat as to threaten the entire loss of his voice, he found it necessary to ask a superannuation, and after twenty years of active ministerial labor he retired, and engaged in the profession of dental surgery.

As a preacher, Broiher Bull was eminently successful. He was an excellent pastor, and his fireside labors were perhaps as efficient as his pulpit efforts. The fruits of those labors are found on every charge he has traveled.

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He died in the triumphs of faith, giving clear testimony of the power, beauty and sublimity of that gospel he had preached to others.

Rev. I. N. D. West, the subject of this memoir, was born in the State of New Jersey, U. S., Sept. 3d, 1795, and emigrated to Canada when about 22 years of age. He was converted to God, and commenced preaching among the Canadian Wesleyans in 1831, with whom he remained until (disapproving of the Union they were about forming with the New Connection), he joined the M. E. Church, was received by the Conference as a Minister on trial in 1839, and was appointed to the Matilda Circuit, from which he went out the following year and organized the old "Bonne Chere Mission." His peculiar "aptitude for missionary work and success in gathering congregations where there had been no previous appointments marked him as a successful pioneer, and was the probable cause for the greater part of his itinerant life being spent in missionary labor.

As a preacher, he was earnest and devoted to the old Methodist usage and doctrines, loyal to the M. E. Church, loved and sustained her institutions, and during eighteen years of active itinerant life he labored earnestly for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. In 1864 his age and increasing infirmities required him to ask a superannuate relation, which being granted by the Conference, he retired to his home in Verona, where he spent the last thirteen years of his life honored and respected as a man and a Christian minister, and on the 23d of December, 1877, after a brief but severe illness of one week, which he bore with Christian fortitude and resignation, willing to live and suffer, or die aad receive the victor's crown, as the Lord saw fit, he passed to his reward in peace.

J. A. Rogers, Secretary.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

For over fifty years the friends of the cause of Temperance in this land, have waged an incessant warfare against the traffic in strong drink. During all these years of contest the weapons of our warfare have been those of legal and moral sussion. By the latter, that is, moral suasion, we have accomplished an incalculable amount of good. By it we have given a healthy tone to public sentiment in reference to the nature and effects of strong drink on the community. By it we have been enabled to secure many who were the slaves of a debased appetite. By it we have furnished the country with a good class of temperance literature, and have secured some of the ablest debaters and clearest writers as the advocates of this cause. Notwithstanding all the good accomplished by moral suasion, we are of opinion that it is limited in its operations; it has no effect upon those who are lost to all moral principle; and in view of the fact that at least four-fifths of all the crime and wretchedness of our beloved land have their origin in this one source of evil, and that about three thousand of our people, through the effects of this traffic, find premature graves, we hereby pledge our most hearty co-operation with the Dominion Alliance and all other temperance organizations, in their legitimate efforts to place on the statutes of the Dominion a prohibitory liquor law. And whereas, the Dominion Government has given to the country an Act known as the "Temperance Act of 1878," we hereby tender to said government our hearty thanks and gratitude for thus cheering our hearts and strengthening our hands in this great moral conflict, by securing to the people of the whole Dominion the right of settling this great question at the polls, and we hereby pledge continued encouragement to our

legislators in their efforts in this direction. Whilst we do not accept the Temperance Act of 1878 as a finality, but as a means to a righteous end, namely, the suppression of the liquor traffic and the redemption of drunkards, we do hereby pledge our hearty co-operation for the establishment and enforcement of said Act in the several cities, towns, and counties in the sphere of our operations.

Your Committee would recommend that each minister preach at least one sermon on temperance in all their appointments during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. GRAHAM, F. CHISHOLM, E. WOODCOCK, H. I. ALLEN, R. M. POPE, L. A. BETTS.

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RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

CONDOLENCE. — Moved by A. Martin, and seconded by F. Chisholm; That whereas, during the past year, Revs. D. Wilson and A. H. Anderson have passed through severe family affliction in the loss of their companions; therefore,

Resolved,—That this Conference tender to these brethren their sincere condolence in their great loss and severe bereavement, and humbly trust a kind Providence may sustain them in their great affliction.—Carried by a rising vote.

READMISSION.—Whereas, Thomas McAmmond, who was declared irregularly withdrawn, in 1874, has before the Conference expressed his desire to return, as well as his regrets for the course on his part that incited said action of the Conference; and, whereas, he has satisfied the Conference as to his moval and religious character during his interval of absence;

Resolved,—That said Thomas McAmmond be and is hereby reinstated a member of this Conference, in his former ministerial rank.—Carried.

General Conference Collection.—Resolved, That a collection to pay expenses of Delegates to General Conference be taken on the first Sunday in August, at all appointments where there is preaching on that day, and that at all other appointments the collection be taken on the last Sunday in July.—Carried.

FRATERNAL.—Moved by I. B. Aylsworth, seconded by F. Chisholm and

Resolved,—That we appreciate very highly the visit of Rev. W. Pirritte, P. E. Colborne District, Ontario Conference, and have been cheered by his presence among us, and edified by his pulpit ministrations, and rejoice that Divine Providence spared him during his late illness, and trust he may be long spared to do service for Christ.

It was also moved by A. D. Traveller, and seconded by F. Chisholm, and carried,

That, we have heard with pleasure the words of cheer and brotherly love from the Rev. W. L. Tisdale, P. E. of St. Lawrence District, Northern N. Y. Conference; and A. L. Smalley, Pastor of the M. E. Church, Ogdensburg, and hereby assure them of our earnest sympathies with and prayers for the common work of our Lord in the erangelization of the world; and if on any future occasion, through a kind Providence, they may be permitted to visit our annual gathering, we pledge them a most hearty and fraternal greeting.

KINGSTON CHURCH.—Whereas, it is the expressed intention of this Conference to erect a suitable church in the City of Kingston during this year; therefore.

Resolved,—That we extend a cordial invitation to whoever may be appointed to that work, to visit our respective charges, and solicit subscriptions for the same.

THANKS TO PRESCOTT FRIENDS.—A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the kind friends in Prescott who have so kindly and nobly entertained the members of this Conference during its session in this place.

THANKS TO PRESCOTT COUNCIL.—Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be given to the Mayor and Corporation of Prescott for the free use of the Town Hall for the temperance mass meeting; also, that the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the speakers on that occasion, viz., Revs. F. Chisholm and C. Hartley, for their able addresses.

THANKS TO RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT COMPANIES.—A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Railway and Steamboat Companies who have granted reduced fares to the members of this Conference.

Authority was granted to Quarterly Boards to dispose of church property in Ottawa East; in Osnabrook, Aultsville Circuit; in Ottawa West and Mallorytown.

Resolved, That we have six hundred copies each of Missionary Reports and Minutes of Conference printed for use of this Conference.

ADDENDA.

The following items were omitted in their proper place, because, in some instances, copy came to hand too late, and in others, none was sent.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

FROM NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

The Delegates to the General Conference are: —J. Gardiner, E. Lounsbury, R. C. Parsons, W. G. Brown, J. N. Elliott, W. D. Hughson, J. S. Williamson, E. Bristol, J. Reynolds, O. G. Collamore, S. Card, T. Webster, J. H. Kennedy, E. H. Pilcher, W. Benson, W. H. Shaw, J. R. Phillips, J. T. Davis, B. C. Moore, A. E. Griffith, C. E. Benson, J. Wood, S. L. Kerr, B. Bristol, C. Burdette—25.

RESERVES—J. F. Fairchilds, J. Laycock, M. Dimmick, J. B. Cutler, H. Locke—5.

COLBORNE DISTRICT-ONTARIO CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. P. Dyer, B. A., was left without an appointment at his own request.

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