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## Pifteenth Annual Conference.

According to appointment, the Conference assembled in Gore Street Church, Hamilton, on the morning of Friday, the 5th of June, 1868, and, after devotional exercises, proceeded to business meeting.

J. MILNER, President,

J. SMITH, Secretary.

1. WHAT MINISTERS ARE RECEIVED INTO FULL CONNEXION AND ORDAINED?—Thomas Auger, William Thornley, James Stouchouse, and Thomas Griffith.

2. WHAT PREACHERS REMAIN ON TRIAL, AND HOW LONG HAVE THEY TRAVELLED?—Luke Hall who does not wish Ordination until he has completed an Educational course: John Frankish, Wm. Clowes Jolley, James Parker Bell, James Allen, Thomas Amey, John Wesley Gilpin, James Campbell, and Charles Stafford, these have travelled three years; Jesse Burdge, William Huggins, John Wesley Walker, Matthew Evans, and Timothy Gavin, these have travelled two years; Eli Middleton, Thomas W. Joliffe, William Bielby, Dunning Idle, and Joseph J. Haylock, these have travelled one year.

3. WHAT PREACHERS ARE RECEIVED ON TRIAL?—Henry D. Gifford, George Nixon, Reuben Toy, Wm. Clarke Allen, William Johnston, John Foulger, Samuel C. Keetch, John R. Horswell, John A. Windsor, and Robert McKee.

4. WHAT CANDIDATES ARE PLACED ON THE RESERVE LIST?—Charles Mattingly and John Sinclair.

5. WHAT PREACHERS SUSTAIN A SUPERNUMERY RELATION THIS YEAR?—Thomas Dudley, Richard Auger and Wm. Clowes Jolley.

6. WHAT PREACHERS HAVE RESIGNED?—Wm. Codville and E. Trendgold.

7. WHAT PREACHER HAS DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR?—William Edward Cooper.

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8. How are the Preachers Stationed for the year? Coronto District :

William Rowe, General Secretary and Book Steward. TORONTO-Robert Cade, Jonathan Milner, President of Conference, and Thomas Griffith. John Davison, Sup. YORKVILLE BRANCH—Wm. Herridge, Wm. S. Hughan. Lyle, Sup.

MARKHAM-Joseph Markham, John A. Windsor.

PICKERING BRANCH-Charles Stafford.

BOWMANVILLE-John Goodman.

CLARKE BRANCH-Matthew Evans.

SCARBOROUGH-James Edgar, John Wesley Walker. Thomas Dudley, Sup.

REACH-James Smith, Secretary of Conference, Robert McKee. Muskoka-One to be obtained. BRUCE MINES-W. Thornley.

### Brampton District:

Brampton—Robert Boyle, James Campbell. ETOBICOKE-James S. Boyes, Thomas W. Jolliff, W. Clarke Allen. W. Jolley, Sup.

Albion-W. Bee, Thomas Amy, John Frankish.

LASKAY-John Garner, W. Johnson.

Orangeville-H. S. Matthews, Jesse Burdge. J. Simpson, Sup. OSPREY-James D. Gilbert, T. Foster, Sup. R. Stephenson, Sup. ARTEMESIA-George Nixon.

Collingwood—James Walker.

Bradford—Richard Paul, Dunning Idle. BARRIE-James Stonehouse, Reuben Toy.

Rose Mount—One to be obtained.

### Mamilton District:

Thomas Crompton, Editor and Educational Tutor. Hamilton-Walter Reid. Hamilton West-The Institute Students, Luke Hall, Timothy Gavin, C. Mattingly.

GRAND RIVER-William Pyke. WALPOLE—Matthew Henry Moody. Blenheim—Stephen W. Keetch. Brantford—Samuel P. Lacey. Paris—George Haigh. Whlsingham—Thomas Auger. Woodstock-Rounding Pattison.

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HAWKSVILLE—Wm. Lomas. J. Towler, Sup. Isaac Ryder, Sup.
MINTO—Amos Knapp. One to be obtained.
BRANT—George Watson, James Allen.
KINCARDINE—William Huggins.
JUBILEE—William Monkman, William Bielby.

### Mondon District:

LONDON—John Nattrass.
LONDON EAST—John Wesley Gilpin.
BOSANQUET—Abraham Heyworth, Eli Middleton.
McGillivray—James Cheetham, Henry D. Gifford.
STRATFORD—James P. Bell.
PLYMPTON—W. Clowes Jolley.
CHATHAM—Edward Whitworth, Joseph J. Haylock.
CARODOC—W. Newton.
MITCHELL—David Simpson.
KIRKTON—Charles Roffe.

### Kingston District:

KINGSTON—John R. Swift. One to be obtained.
PORTLAND—William Cook, J. R. Horsewell. John Lacey, Sup.
NAPANEE—George F. Lee. One to be obtained.
COLLINSBY—Richard Hassard.
HINCHINBROOKE—John Foulger. To be under the oversight of the Portland Superintendent.

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Inst the whe Inst is s WHEN AND WHERE SHALL THE NEXT CONFERENCE BE HELD. -In Brampton, on Friday, June 4th, 1869; to commence at nine o'clock, a.m.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—WHAT DAY SHALL BE OBSERVED THROUGH THE ENTIRE OF OUR WORK AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING ?-

The first Sunday in October.

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se 10. WHAT COMMITTEES SHALL BE HELD BEFORE THE CONFER-ENCE-The Ministerial Association, on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 9 o'clock, a.m.: The Primitive Methodist Itinerant Preachers Friendly Society, at 3 o'clock, p.m.: and the Preparatory Committee at 7 o'clock, p.m. of the same day. The Finance and Stationing Committees shall meet on Thursday, June 3rd, at 9 o'clock, a.m.

WHAT CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS SHALL ATTEND THE NEXT CONFERENCE-Jonathan Milner, as General Committee Delegate; Thomas Crompton, as Educational Tutor and Editor; Wm. Rowe, as General Missionary Secretary and Book Steward; Robert Walker, as General Treasurer; R.

Paul, as Friendly Society's Representative.

WHEN AND WHERE SHALL THE DISTRICT MEETINGS BE HELD FOR 1869, AND WHO SHALL ATTEND AS GEN. COMMITTEE DELEGATES-

G. C. Delegate. Where held When Districts. Toronto . . . . Claremont . . . . May 19th, . . James Smith. .. Robert Boyle. Brampton . . . Orangeville . . . ... William Pyke. Hamilton . . . . Paris . . . . . . j Ebenezer Church, " . . Matthew H. Matthews. Guelph.... Peel Circuit .... .. Abraham Heyworth. London ..... Widder ...... ... William Cook. Kingston . . . . Sydenham . . . .

Who is the General Treasurer ?—R. Walker, Esq., and R. I. Walker shall act for him during his absence this year in

England. WHAT SHALL BE DONE TO BRING THE CLAIMS OF THE EDUCA-TIONAL INSTITUTE MORE FULLY BEFORE OUR PEOPLE ?-That Public Meetings shall be held in each District, for the purpose of laying before our people the nature and object of the Institute, and the arranging for such services shall be with the District Committees.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE FOR THE BETTER SUPPORT OF THE Institute?—A Collection shall be taken up in its behalf on the first Sunday in October of this year, in each place where we preach. For further particulars respecting the Institute, see the Report of the Institute Committee, which

is subjoined.

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WHO COMPOSE THE VARIOUS CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES?

### The General Committee.

MINISTERS Pres't. & Sec. of Conference. Wm. Rowe. Thomas Crompton. John Davison. James Edgar. Robert Cade. Joseph Markham. Robert Boyle. Wm. Bee. John Garner. Walter Reid. William Pyke. George Wood. William Lomas. M. H. Matthews. John Nattrass. James Cheetham. Abraham Heyworth. John R. Swift. Wm. Cook.

LAYMEN. Robert Walker. John Bugg. R. I Walker. Thos. Thompson, Junr. Henry Jennings. M. Joness. J. Higginbotham. Wm. Marshall. F. Sleightholme. I. Wilson. J. Cook. G. Raper. J. Green. J. Lawson. John Law. J. Passmore. J. Ryan. W. Sturtridge. J. W. Wood. W. Trebilcock. W. Lake. W. P. Lacey. J. Thomas. L. Walker.

This Committee will hold its meetings at the same time and place as the General Missionary Committee, and W. Rowe shall be its Secretary.

### The General Missionary Committee.

The General Missionary Committee shall be composed of the same persons as the General Committee, and Wm. Rowe shall be its Sccretary. The Quarterly Meetings of this Committee will held in Toronto, on Thursday, 13th August; and 12th November, 1868. 11th February; and 13th May, 1869. Missionaries are reminded that their Quarterly Reports must be in the hands of the Secretary, one week before these dates. The Members of the Committee are requested to give the Secretary early notice of their intention to be present at the sessions, that provision may be made for their entertainment amongst the

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Executive Committee.

President and Secretary of Conference, T. Crompton, J. Davison, R. Cade, R. Boyle, J. Edgar, R. Walker, J. Bugg, C. D. Maginn, J. Lawson, Wm. Marshall, T. Thompson, R. I. Walker, and Wm. Rowe, Secretary.

The Book Committee.

This Committee shall be composed of the members of the Executive Committee.

District Committees.

Toronto-R. Cade, W. Herridge, J. Edgar, R. Walker, J. Bugg, and J. W. Cox.

Brampton-R. Boyle, J. S. Boyes, L. Walker, F. Sleightholme. Hamilton-T. Crompton, S. P. Lacey, T. Walker and W. Scott. Guelph-Wm. Lomas, G. Wood and J. Ryan.

London-J. Nattrass, A. Heywerth, Wm. Trebilcock and E. R. Robinson.

Kingston-J. R. Swift, W. P. Lacey and R. C. Benedict. The first named person in each District shall be the Secretary.

Boards of Examiners.

Toronto District-J. Edgar, Wm. Herridge, J. Markham and J. Goodman.

R. Boyle, J. S. Boyes, R. Paul and W. Bee. Brampton M. H. Matthews, G. Wood and Wm. Lomas. " Guelph S. P. Lacey, G. Haigh and T. Crompton. J. Nattrass, W. Newton and J. Cheetham. R. Hassard, Wm. Cook and J. R. Swift. Hamilton London

Kingston The last named person of each Board shall be the Convener.

The Educational Institute Committee.

The President and Secretary of Conference, the Tutor, W. Rowe, J. Nattrass, R. Cade, J. Lawson, R. Trevaskis, T. Thompson, Jr., G. Cox, and R. I. Walker; The Tutor shall be the Secretary.

WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE ?-They shall be adopted, and the recommendations contained in them shall be considered as the resolutions of Conference, and

their observance is enjoined on our people.

WHAT SHALL BE FURTHER DONE TO PREVENT THE USE OF TOBACCO BY OUR MINISTERS ?—That in future no Minister on probation shall be received into full Connexion and ordained unless it be stated on his Station's report that he has not used Tobacco during the previous year.

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WHAT SHALL BE DONE TO ASSIST SUPERANUATED MINISTERS? —That when a Minister is duly Superanuated, his travelling expenses shall be paid him from the Station on which he Superanuated, unto the place where he may choose to reside, provided that such place is within the Province of

What shall be done to assist Boards of Examiners in THEIR WORK ?—That the Educational Committee prepare a series of printed questions, on the different books belonging to the course of study, and forward the same without delay to the Board of Examiners.

What are the further resolutions of Conference?— 1. That the time any Brother shall receive assistance from the

Relief Fund shall not exceed fifteen months,

2. That in future Ministers removing shall leave their old Stations the last Monday but one in June, and shall be on their new Stations the first Saturday in July.

3. That the General Committee shall prepare a code of new Society Rules, and prepare it for the next Conference.

4. That our Representatives to the next English Conference, shall be Rev. John Davison, and his Vice, Rev. T. Penrose; Capt. McCullough and George Charlton, Esq., and their Vices, T. Frisken, Esqr. and T. Church, Editor of the "Methodist Times."

5. That each Minister is kindly requested to collect the sum of at least Two Dollars, to assist in defraying the expenses of

our Ministerial Delegate to England.

6. That the Missionary Secretary shall receive United States Silver at 4 per cent discount, and shall pay it out at the

- 7. That the Conference having heard the address of the Rev. T. Byrne, on behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society, desires to express its sense of the importance and value of the operations of that Society, and recommend them to the sympathy and support of the members of our Church.
- 8. That our thanks are hereby presented to the Rev. T. Puller, of the Congregational Church, for his excellent address, and beg to assure him of our warm attatchment to a Church, which in the old land has always been found amongst the liberal supporters of our Church.
- 9. That having heard the address of the Rev. Mr. Chambers, of

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the African British M. E. Church, we express our gratification with the same, and rejoice to find that the efforts of himself and others, to elevate his people, have been successful, and trust that God, who is no respecter of persons or colour, will continue to bless those efforts.

- 10. That we express our gratification and pleasure with the kind address of the Rev. Mr. Gilray, of the M. E. Church, and earnestly hope that an increased sympathy will exist between the various sections of Methodism.
- 11. That it is with pleasure we have listened to the Christian address of the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of the Canada Presbyterian Church; and heartily thank him for his expressions of sympathy and good-will to our Church, in its great work of spreading the truth as it is in Jesus.
- 12. That we desire to place on record our appreciation of the fraternal address of the Rev. Mr. Burnett, of the Church of Scotland, and our determination to reciprocate the spirit manifested in the same.
- 13. That this Conference, while bowing with resignation to the will of God, in the removal by death of our dear Brother Cooper, yet desires to place on record its deep regret that so promising and estimable a Minister of our Lord Jesus Christ should, in the morning of his life, have been taken from us.
- 14. That the thanks of the Conference are hereby given to Brother Crompton, for the manner in which he has discharged his onorous duties as Tutor and Editor.
- That our thanks are awarded to Brother Rowe, for his able services to the Connexion as Missionary Secretary and Book Steward.
- 16. That Brother R. Walker is entitled to and hereby receives our thanks, for the assistance he has rendered our Church as General Treasurer.
- 17. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Managers of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways, and of the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company, for their kindness in allowing the Ministers and Delegates attending Conference to travel over their routes at reduced fares.

- 18. That we thank the "Hamilton Daily Spectator," the "Evening Times," and the "Toronto Daily Globe," for reporting so fully the proceedings of the Conference; and also Messrs. Lewis and Buchanan, for so faithfully discharging the duties of reporters.
- 19. That this Conference cannot close without recording their obligations to the friends of our own and other Churches in Hamilton, for the freeness and kindness with which they have extended to us the hospitalities of their homes; and also to our brother Milner for his unremitting efforts to promote our comfort.
- 20. That the thanks of the Conference are given to the President, for the kind and efective manner in which he has conducted the business of the Conference.
- 21. That our thanks are due to the Secretary and his Assistants, for the manner in which they have discharged their duties; and to the various Committees, for services rendered to the Conference.

WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS?

### Book Room Account, for year ending May 30, 1868.

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WM. Rowe.

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RECOMMENDATIONS :-- 1. That \$50 be paid to Rev. T. Dudley, on account of deficiences during time of sickness, as voted by Conference. 2: That \$100 be placed to the account of Dray. ton Parsonage (Peel Station), destroyed by fire, (which sum was voted by Conference,) and that the property be insured. 3. That \$100 be given to Collingsby Station, towards their new Parsonage, according to resolution of Conference of 1867-8, and that the property be insured.

4. That the General Missionary Secretary visit Mitchell Station as soon as possible. 5. STATEMENT: The sum of \$6,556 was placed in our hands by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Mission Grants, which has been distributed thus :-

In Grants to Mission Stations......\$6303 00 Disbursements, as recommended above, . . 250 00

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Your Committee has found, from the District Reports, that after deducting the claims of Mission Circuits, which amounted to over \$400, there is the sum of \$7,066 available for the Missionary work; but one-half of this has been already expended in the grants of the year now closing; leaving, as available,

 Making a total of
 \$5,733 00

 But from this amount the following items must be taken—
 Part of Secretary's salary and house rent
 \$310 00

 Book-Room Rent
 100 00
 Removal expenses
 270 00

 Incidental expenses
 162 00

probable income, viz. ..... 3665 00

The Finance Committee recommends that the sum of \$6556 00 be the sum appropriated for Mission grants; thus leaving a balance of \$2000 00 to meet any contingencies which may arise in the working of our Mission enterprise.

The Committee also recommends to the consideration of Conference the fact, that nearly \$270 was expended last year in the removal of Missionaries; in the hope that it may urge upon the Missionaries and Mission Stations the propriety of greater economy in this matter.

It also recommends that the greatest carefulness be exercised by the Stationing Committee in stationing the Missionaries, so as to have the least removing expenses possible. Your Committee would also beg to refer the Brantford Chapel case to Conference, for its consideration; also that of Brother Dudley, in regard to his deficiency of salary; and also that of Brother Ryder, for help.

Your Committee would also recommend Conference to have it understood, that in the report of the income of the Quarterday Boards, on the Annual Report forms, all monies raised for Children's Fund purposes must be included; as we have found

some difference in the Reports on this matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted. R. CADE, PRESIDENT. J. NATTRASS, SECRETARY.

### Report of the Book Committee.

For several years past, the wish has often been expressed, both by Ministers and Laymen, that our Book-Room business should be conducted in more eligible premises than those formerly occupied by us. The Committee was anxious to gratify this wish, as far as possible. Soon after the induction of our present Book Steward, eligible premises on Yonge Street were secured, a larger stock was purchased, and an assistant employed. In the selection of stock, particular regard was had to the wants of our Sabbath Schools. It was felt that we should, as a Body, endeavour to supply our Schools with a literature that should be both interesting and instructive; and that the character of books supplied from the Book-Room should be such, that the managers of our Schools could entirely rely on; and it is gratifying to us to know that our efforts in this direction have received the approbation of our friends. The Book-Room has now in stock every requisite for Sabbath Schools; and the Book Steward has made arrangements by which he can now offer first class works at the highest discount granted to Schools. It is to be regretted that the Dominion Parliament should have felt it necessary to impose an impost duty of 5 per cent. on all printed books imported into the Dominion, for though the sum is small, yet it necessarily adds to the cost of desirable literature, and places a barrier to the rapid and extensive diffusion of knowledge.

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The Committee are grateful for the patronage bestowed on the Book Establishment, and earnestly hope that all our Schools will purchase from it all they need. The Committee are also under obligations to the Ministers of the Church, for the interest they have taken in the Book-Room, and for the support they have given it. The Committee hope, that by the extension of the business, they will be enabled to afford Works unto our Ministers on more advantageous terms than at present.

The Committee have decided to ask that the stock belonging to the Book-Room shall be the capital of the Book-Room; and for the future to pay the grant which is made by the English Conference, principally in books, in cash, to the Canadian Missionary Society; and thus-keep distinct the account and monies of the Book-Room and Missionary Society.

### Report of the Educational Institute Committee.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The following recommendations and resolutions are submitted to your consideration:—

1st. That the following branches shall form the basis of study, viz., English Grammar, Composition, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Theology, Sermonising, and Ministerial Training generally.

2nd. That the Educational Institute be open to all Candidates for the Ministry, and to such Probationers as the Conference may deem proper to recommend.

3rd. We recommend to this Institution Luke Hall, Timothy

Gavin, and Charles Mattingley.

4th. That Local Preachers, or Exhorters, duly recommended by their Quarter-day Boards, and examined and found satisfactory to the Committee of the Institute, shall be admitted as Students.

5th. That in case it shall be impracticable to examine a Candidate by the Committee of the Institute, such Candidate shall be examined by some experienced party, appointed by the said Committee.

6th. That, if practicable, all the Students shall board and lodge with the Tutor.

7th. That the board and lodging for two Students shall be reckoned at \$3 per week; and all above that number \$2 75; exclusive of washing.

8th. That the Students shall, in all cases, be under the supervision and control of the Tutor.

9th. That each Candidate shall pay not less than one-third of his Board.

10th. That the Institute shall have each year a vacation of six weeks.

11th. That the Students shall visit from house to house one day per week, or two half days.

12th. That the Institute shall be located in Hamilton, and have charge of the Hamilton West Mission; and that Bros. L. Hall, T. Gavin, and C. Mattingly attend the Institute this year.

13th. That the Educational Committee shall submit its matters and business to the General Committee, for approval and confirmation, or otherwise.

14th. That any Preacher or Candidate that enters the Educational Institute who cannot pay the required money while at the Institute, shall pay his liabilities when he enters the regular work, in quarterly instalments.

The probable expenses of the Institute: Tutor's salary House rent Board and lodging of Students Incidental Expenses	\$300	
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All which is respectfully submitted.

R. WARD, PRESIDENT.
J. CHEETHAM, SECRETARY.

### Report of Theological Institute Committee.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the state of the Institute, beg to report, that they have taken into consideration the action of the different District Meetings in regard to it; that they devoted considerable time to the discussion for and against it; and that, while they found much to amend in its management, they nevertheless felt that considerable benefit had

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J. GARNER, PRESIDENT. WM. ROWE, SECRETARY.

### Report of Sabbath Schools and Sabbath Observance Committee.

DEAR BRETHREN.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the District Statistics of our Sabbath Schools, are pleased to find that this important department of our work is progressing; the increase for the year being 14 Schools, 145 Teachers, and 1156 Scholars. In view of this very gratifying increase of Sabbath School Scholars, which we believe is larger than has been reported in any previous year, we wish to call attention to the necessity of employing every available agency to advance the religious well-being of our youth; especially do we urge that all our

Ministers give due attention to our Sabbath Schools-that they make themselves acquainted with the wants of these Institutions, and endeavour to supply them; that they cultivate a mode of address adapted to children, and exercise it in addresses to them on every available occasion; and that they do not forget the Sabbath School in their public petitions to Him whose promise is to our children, as well as to ourselves.

We also wish to offer a word of encouragement to our 1,043 Sabbath School Teachers, that they may, with increasing zeal and efficiency, continue their important labours in this inviting field; believing that He who has said "Feed my lambs," will

bless their efforts, and richly reward their toil,

Your Committee also recommend that each Station so arrange its Minister's work as to admit of a monthly visit to each Sabbath School on the Station; and also, that the Managers of our Schools, when they need hymn books, libraries, and other Sabbath School requisites, purchase the same at our Connexional

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Respecting Sabbath Observance, your Committee wishes hereby to express its sense of gratitude to Dr. Mair, of Kingston, for his kindness in forwarding to this Conference copies of the Address and of the Annual Report of the Sabbath Reformation Society, and to assure him of our hearty symparhy with the objects and labours of that Society; and that we earnestly hope and pray that its efforts, and the efforts of kindred Societies, which have accomplished so much good in the past, may soon be crowned with complete success, in the passing of laws forbidding any of our canals to be open, or any railway trains to run, on the Lord's day. To forward this object, we recommend that our General Secretary be directed to draw up a suitable petition, to be presented at the next Session of the Parliament of our Dominion.

Concerning our own people, it is the opinion of your Committee that the late Saturday evening practices so general in the community seriously interfere with the proper observance of the Sabbath. Also that visiting on worldly matters, or for the mere purpose of pleasure, on the Sabbath, travelling by railway or otherwise, reading secular newspapers, and indulging in worldly conversation, is inconsistent with a Christian profession, hinders the work of grace in the soul, and destroys the Christian's influence in the family and the world. Your Committee therefore recommend that all our people be earnestly

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### Report of the Temperance Committee.

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Grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied. Your Committee have met and examined the Reports, and express our very great gratification to find that all our Ministers still continue to report themselves as total abstainers. It is 'also gratifying to find from the Reports that the number of total abstainers among our officials is increasing. Yet we think there is still room for improvement, and would strongly recommend those who are total abstainers to agitate the question among their none-abstaining official brethren. Your Committee would express their sorrow at finding that one Station (Muskoka) reports that none of their officials are total abstainers. The following recommendations we beg to lay before Conference, for consideration and adoption, viz.

1st. That the Stations in future report how many of their Officials are, and how many are not total abstainers.

2nd. That the Conference strongly recommend the Societies of our Church to use unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

3rd. That the members of our Church be strongly urged to abstain from all intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and also exert their influence in favour of the Temperance Cause; but we would recommend that the young people (the Members and Officials of our Churches) discountenance, under all circumstances, the holding of the Divisions and Temples of Temperance on the Saturday evenings; and we would also recommend that the General Secretary be instructed to prepare and transmit to the Grand Division and the Grand Temples of the different Temperance Organizations a circular, calling their attention to the holding of several Temples and Divisions on Saturday evenings, and requesting them, if possible, to discourage the same. (Signed)

WM. BEE, PRESIDENT. D. SCOTT, SECRETARY.

### PASTORAL ADDRESS,

To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church, from the Canadian Conference.

DEARLY-BELOVED BRETHREN,—The Delegates sent by you to the Fifteenth Annual Conference, assembled in the City of

Hamilton in the spirit of peace and brotherly love.

The past year furnishes matter for serious thought and reflection. Death has invaded in our ranks: young and old have been called to their reward. In some instances the call has come suddenly ;-in all cases, let us hope, safely. May the lesson be profitable to all! "Be re also ready." We have to record the present loss of a highly esteemed and useful standardbearer, Brother W. E. Cooper, who was cut down in the prime of life and promising usefulness: yet it is satisfactory to know that the truths he preached, and the gospel we proclaim and believe, sustained him at the last: he died triumphant, and is forever with the Lord. Also several beloved Brethren in the Ministry have been afflicted by prolonged illness during the year. Let your prayers ascend to the Father of all our mercies on their behalf, that soon they may be able to resume their

The Conference deeply regrets that the increase of membership is not larger, or to that extent which we have reason to believe ever follows the unremitting toil of an united and holy Church. Many reasons were given for this state of things, accounting for such partial success; but nothing satisfactory to relieve the doubt lingering on our responsibility that there must be unemployed talent, and lack of holy living and strong faith in God, amongst us. Let us search out these spots in our charity, and join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant. Dear Brethren, seek for a more heartfelt sympathy with a free and full salvation, the landmarks of our Methodism. Holiness is power; and what a mysterious power is this: it is not talent, for the untalented often possess it: it is unctionthe Spirit dwelling i goeth fort unction: that can the Holy Pray mucl prayers, t be might much as p ble at th the chara to the Ch vour mini scandal or of hearty sympathy only court but love i

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Love one another; pray for one another; watch for opportunity to do good: visit the sick, comfort the mourner, succour the tempted, relieve the suffering poor, and prove yourselves "a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Let the strong bear the infirmities of the weak, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

We call your attention, beloved Brethren, to the various Institutions of our Church. The Missionary Society stands first, as on it depends our hope of aggression. At present there are many open doors of usefulness we cannot enter. The Connexion needs more devoted, self-denying young men: give your sons to God and to His cause. If we give ourselves to the Lord, we as a consequence give of our means also; and hence the funds will be forthcoming to carry on the good work. The Book-Room is doing excellent service to the cause, in supplying a sound literature to our people and Sabbath Schools: give it your generous support. The "Christian Journal" is an acknowledged necessity to our Church; but the support it receives is very

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And now, dearly beloved, permit us to speak of the importance of religion in the family: the subduing, controlling, peaceful influence of divine grace should be most prominent in your homes. The kind, Christian intercourse of daily life, and the fragrant incense of the family altar, speak volumes in favour of our common faith, and is pleasing in the sight of God. Let every home among you be a temple of praise and thanksgiving, and every member of our Zion a living epistle; and let united prayer be made on behalf of the Church, for the descent of the Holy Ghost, and the ushering in of a richer faith and greater glory.

"Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

JONATHAN MILNER, PRESIDENT. JAMES SMITH, SECRETARY.

Hamilton, 13th June, 1868.

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### ADDRESSES OF THE STATIONS.

For 1868-9

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Brunpton Rev. R. Boyle, Brampton.

Rev. J. S. Boyes, Malton.

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London East Rev. J. W. Gilpin, London.
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### NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

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Names.	Age.	No. of years Travelled.	Where Stationed.
Adams, T	59	36	Galt, Sup. 1865.
Auger, R.	30	7	Peel.
Auger, R	28	4	Walsinghom.
4.11 T	24	3	Brant.
Allen, W. C.	24	0	Etobicoke.
Amy. T.	28	3	Albion.
Boyle, R.	43	23	Brampton.
Bee, W.	40	12	Albion.
Boyes, J. S.	27	7	Etobicoke.
Burdge, J.	24	2	Orangeville.
Bell, J. P.	24	3	Stratford.
Bielby, W.	29	1	Jubilee.
Crompton, T.	51	33	Hamilton.
Cade, R.	38.	16	Toronto.
Cheetham, J.	55	10	MacGillivray.
Cook, W.	32	13	Portland.
Campbell, J.	22	3	Brampton.
Davison, J	69	43	
Dudley, T.	47	17	Toronto, Sup.186 Scarborough.
	43	22	Scarborough.
Edgar, J Evans, M	25	2	Clarke.
	57	16	
Foster, T	27	3	Osprey, Sup.1866 Albion.
Frankish, J.	26	3	
Foulger, J		10	Hinchinbrooke.
Garner, J.	44	19	Laskay.
Gilbert, J. D	53	8	Osprey.
Goodman, J	35	8	Bowmanville.
Griffith, T.	24	4	Toronto.
Gilpin, J. W	30	3	London.
Gavin, T.	27	2	Hamilton.
Gifford, H. D	21	0	MacGillivray.
Herridge, W Hassard, R	45	10	Yorkville.
Hassard, R	30	7	Collinsby.
Hughan, W. S	34	9	Yorkville.
Heyworth, A	35	8	Bosanquet.
Huggins, W	30	2	Kincardine.
Haigh, G	38	8	Paris.
Hall, L.	26	5	Hamilton.
Horswell, J. R	22	0	Portland.
Haylock, J. J	24	1	Chatham.
Idle, D	23	1	Bradford.

Name.	Age.	No. of year Travelled.	Where Stationed.
Jolley, W	78	-	Etobicoke, Su.1852
Jolly, W. C.	28	3	Plympton.
Joliffe, T. N.	26	1	Etobicoke.
Johnston, W.	23	ō	Laskay.
Knapp, A.	44	4	Minto.
Keetch, S.	23	0	Blenheim.
Lomas, W.	40	18	Hawksville.
Lyle, W.	72	32	Vorkville C. sans
Lacey, J.	68	25	Yorkville, Su.1858 Portland, Sup.1865
Lacey, S. P.	31	9	Brantford.
Lee, G. F.	32	8	Napanee.
Markham, J.	37	14	Markham.
Matthews, M. H.	27	10	Peel.
Matthews, H. S.	30	7	Orangeville.
Milner, J.	38	14	Toronto.
Moody, M. H.	30	10	Walpole.
Middleton, E.	23	1	Posen and
Monkman, W.	34 .	7	Bosanquet. Jubilee.
McKee,	01		Reach.
Nattrass, J.	39	17	London.
Nixon, G.	26	0	Artemesia.
Newton, W.	48	17	Carodoc.
Paul, R.	40	17	Bradford.
Pyke, W.	29	7	Grand River.
Pattison, R.	29	5	
Rowe, W.	42	24	Woodstock. Toronto.
Roffe, C.	49	9	Kirkton.
Ryder, J.	63	14	
Reid, W.	26	6	Hawksville, S.1866 Hamilton.
Smith, J.	34	12	Reach.
Stephenson, R.	44	11	
Simpson, D.	32	5	Osprey, Sup.1864. Mitchell.
Simpson, J.	44	10	
stanord, C.	26	3	Orangeville, S.1863
Swift, J. R.	35	14	Pickering.
conehouse, J. H.	25	4	Kingston.
lowier, J.	52	40000	Barrie.
Chornley, W.	28	4	Hawksville, S.1853
oy, R.	24	0	Bruce Mines.
	31	5	Barrie.
Talkel, J			Collingwood.
Valker, J. W.	24	.9	
Valker, J. W Vhitworth, E.	24	2	Scarborough.
Valker, J. W Vhitworth, E Vood, G	33	5	Chatham.
Valker, J. W. Vhitworth, E. Vood, G. Vatson, G.	33 42	5 13	Chatham. Guelph.
Valker, J. W Vhitworth, E Vood, G	33	5 13 11	Chatham.

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