

MINUTES  
OF  
SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTERS  
OF THE  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CONNEXION, OR CHURCH,  
OF  
EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,  
AT THEIR THIRD CONFERENCE BEGUN IN SACKVILLE NEW  
BRUNSWICK ON JUNE 24th, 1857.

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## MINUTES OF CONFERENCE

TAKEN AT SACKVILLE N. B., FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF  
JUNE TO THE SECOND DAY OF JULY, 1867.

REV. MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., . . . . PRESIDENT.

REV. RICHARD KNIGHT, D. D., . . . . CO-DELEGATE.

REV. HUMPHREY PICKARD, A. M., . . . SECRETARY.

### QUESTION I.

Who are now admitted as MINISTERS into full connexion  
with the Conference?

#### ANSWER.

James Burns,	Hezekiah McKeown.
Duncan D. Currie,	William C. McKinnon.
Robert Duncan,	George B. Payson,
Charles Gaskin,	Robert Tweedy,
Joseph Hart.	

### QUESTION II.

What Preachers now remain on Trial?

#### ANSWER.

Samuel Avery,	George S. Milligan, A.M.,
Thomas Harris,	Thomas B. Smith.
These have travelled Three years.	

Charles Comben,	John Lathern,
James Dove,	James Tweedy.
These have travelled Two years.	

William Alcorn,	Alexander W. Nicolson,
George Butcher,	William Perkins,
John Cassidy,	Stephen T. Teed,
Thomas Fox,	John Winterbotham,
Henry Holland.	

These have travelled One year.

## QUESTION III.

What Preachers are now received on Trial ?

## ANSWER.

- William C. Brown, William Perkin,  
 Douglas Chapman, John Read,  
 John Howie, Thomas W. Smith,  
 Robert Wasson, Joseph Sutcliffe,  
 - Richard Johnston.

## QUESTION IV.

What Ministers have died since the last Conference ?

## ANSWER.

1. JAMES HORNE.—In consequence of the non-arrival of sufficient information in respect to this aged Missionary, the usual obituary notice cannot be prepared this year, but will appear in next year's Minutes.

2. RICHARD WILLIAMS, who was born in the year 1789. His parents were members of the Church of England, and he was brought up within its pale. When about sixteen years of age, under the preaching of Wesleyan Ministers, he was led to see himself a sinner, who must experience the pardoning mercy of God or perish forever; and by the same Ministry he was directed to "behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." He looked by faith; his sins were forgiven; and he was made a new creature. Soon after his conversion, he was employed as a Prayer-leader and a Class-leader, then a Local Preacher, in which capacity he continued to labour for several years. In the year 1813 he was called into the regular work by the Rev. Jonathan Edmondson, then Chairman of the Portsmouth District. He laboured two years in England, when he offered himself for the Missionary work, was accepted, and in 1815 appointed to Quebec, in Lower Canada. For ten years he faithfully discharged his ministerial duties in that Province, when the Missionary Committee called him down to Saint John, New Brunswick. This appointment took place in 1825, at which time Methodism in that city was recovering from a languishing condition, induced by certain circumstances which had occurred the previous year. The firm and judicious manner of Mr. Williams tended greatly to allay the still existing excitement, to preserve our cause, and to give it a new impetus; since which, by the blessing of God, it has continued to prosper.

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For several years he was Chairman of the New Brunswick District. In 1840 he returned to his native land, and laboured two years in the Helston Circuit, in the Cornwall District. In 1842 he resumed the Missionary work, and was stationed at Fredericton; and in the year following he was appointed Chairman of the Newfoundland District, which important position he held until his numerous infirmities obliged him to desist from the regular work. Through the whole of his ministerial life his character was irreproachable. Firm and inflexible was his attachment to all parts of Methodistic discipline. His preaching, always rich in evangelical truth, was characterized by a clear exposition of our doctrines, and particularly by the prominence which he gave to those great Scriptural doctrines, justification by faith, and entire holiness. He was a Supernumerary five years, and resided in the village of Bridgetown, in the Annapolis District. His death was very sudden. It was his frequent prayer that he might labor to the end of life, and would often express his desire in the words of our poet:

"O, that without a lingering groan

I may the welcome word receive;

My body with my charge lay down,

And cease at once to work and live!

His prayer was answered. He preached in the chapel at Tupperville on the Sabbath previous to his death, from Isaiah xl. 31. During the following week he enjoyed his usual health, and on Thursday afternoon was observed to be unusually cheerful, and retired to rest without any symptoms of approaching death. About twelve o'clock he complained of cold, and requested Mrs. Williams to get a light, when the sweat of death was visible in his face. He raised his eyes to heaven as in devotion, fell back upon his pillow, and expired without a sigh or a groan. He died on Friday, August 1st, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and the forty-fifth of his ministry.

3. ROBERT AINSLIE CHESLEY, who was born at Granville, Nova Scotia, and died at Saint John's, Newfoundland, on Thursday, November 27th, 1856, in the fortieth year of his age, and the fourteenth of his ministry. At the age of twenty-three he was brought to an experimental knowledge of the truth, and became "a new creature in Christ Jesus." From the time of his conversion he felt an ardent love for souls, and sought to render himself useful, and to glorify God by assisting to hold prayer-meetings, and afterwards exercised his talents as a local-preacher. Believing he had a Divine call to the sacred office of the ministry, he offered himself for the great work with much fear and trembling; and being approved and received, entered

upon the duties of the Christian Ministry in the year 1843. As a Christian, he was eminently devoted and exemplary, and sought to adorn the doctrine of God his Saviour in all things. He was an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile. He walked with GOD, and his path shone brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. In the discharge of his sacred functions, he was faithful, zealous, and unwearied. Whatsoever his hand found to do, he did it with his might. As a preacher of the Gospel, he affectionately, clearly, and successfully propounded its saving truths, giving prominence in his public ministrations to the all-important doctrine of holiness and entire consecration to Christ. His labours were abundantly owned and blessed. Many were the seals to his ministry in the various Circuits upon which he laboured as an ambassador for Christ. To pastoral visitation he paid strict and constant attention, and his amiability, benevolence, sympathy and solicitude for the good of others, endeared him to the flocks over which he watched with pastoral care. At the last Conference he was appointed to the Superintendency of the Saint John's Circuit. He went to his new sphere of labour with enlarged expectations, and entered upon his duties with assiduity and earnestness. During his brief sojourn in Saint John's he gained the affections of all with whom he became acquainted, and was rendered very useful in his work of faith and labour of love. The illness which terminated in his death was caused by exposure and excessive toil during the prosecution of his sacred duties. The disease which so speedily resulted in his unexpected and lamented decease was of that nature which prevented him from conversing much upon Divine subjects; but his mind was kept in peace, and with resignation he was enabled to commit the keeping of his body and soul to GOD, knowing in whom he had believed. Those holy truths which he had so long proclaimed were his comfort and support during his last hours. After only seven days' sickness he departed this life in possession of a sure and certain hope of immortal blessedness. Great indeed is the loss of the Church of Christ and his afflicted family and friends, by the sudden and mysterious removal of one so talented and eminently qualified for extensive usefulness. But their loss is his eternal gain.

4. ALBERT DES BRISAY, who was a native of Prince Edward Island, and son of the late Rev. Theophilus Des Brisay, for many years Rector of Charlottetown. He was converted to GOD and joined the Methodist Society in 1815, under the ministry of the Rev. John Hick. The religious course upon which he then entered was very distasteful to his father, to whom, though a pious man, it was exceedingly grievous that he should

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become a Methodist; but so abundant was the evidence afforded in his blameless life and consistent testimony of the decided and happy change which Methodism by the grace of God had wrought in him, that he soon rejoiced in having secured the cordial sympathy and approbation of his honoured parent. Shortly after his conversion, under the strong conviction that the Lord had called him to the great duty of preaching the Gospel, and prompted by a "yearning pity for mankind, a burning charity," he conferred not with flesh and blood, but went forth in the name of the Lord calling sinners to repentance. Having exercised his gifts and graces in the capacity of a local-preacher for two or three years, with promises of acceptance and usefulness, he was admitted into the itinerant ministry in 1822, and appointed to Petiscodiac, then a very extensive and laborious Circuit. He was subsequently stationed on the Parrsboro', Sheffield, Bridgetown, St. John, Miramichi, and St. Andrew's Circuits, in all of which he was in labours more abundant, and had the gratification of receiving numerous seals to his ministry, many of whom may at this day be found in these several localities, where, on account of his piety and faithfulness, his memory is still fragrant. His usefulness was greatly facilitated by his love for pastoral visitation, and his happy method of conversation on religious topics into whatever society he entered. During his last residence on the Sheffield Circuit, where he was twice stationed, his health suffered very seriously, as the result of effort in an extensive revival of the work of God, so that he was then obliged to retire from the more active duties of the ministry. For the period of eleven years, while occupying a Supernumerary position, he sustained very creditably the responsible office of Chaplain of our Academic Institution, the duties of which he discharged with great kindness and fidelity, feeling the deepest solicitude for both the temporal and spiritual welfare of the numerous youth from year to year placed under his guardianship, and for the profit of whom, there is reason to believe, he prayed and laboured not in vain. Two years since, he removed with his afflicted partner and family to Charlottetown, where, since then, he had been most industriously employed, as his enfeebled health would admit, especially in pastoral work; and in his anxiety to spend his latest days in being a blessing to the souls of men; not regarding with sufficient care his own comfort and strength, his efforts in doing good closed only with his life. His Christian course was marked throughout by deep devotedness to God. He was a man of prayer. In imitation of the benevolence of his Divine Master, the law of kindness was upon his lips, while the spirit he breathed toward the suffering and the erring was that of tenderness and

love. By personal and domestic affliction and bereavement, his cup of trial was frequently well nigh full; but he drank of it in submission and thankfulness, and became thereby increasingly conformed to the image of his Saviour. After a short illness he peacefully departed this life, and entered the joy of his Lord, on Sabbath morning the 24th May, 1857, in the sixty-second year of his age, and the thirty-fifth of his ministry.

#### QUESTION V.

Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Preachers on trial?

#### ANSWER.

They were examined one by one.

#### QUESTION VI.

How are our Ministers and Preachers on trial stationed this year?

#### ANSWER.

As follows, viz.:

**MATTHEW RICHHEY, D. D.,** *President of the Conference.*

**RICHARD KNIGHT, D. D.,** *Co-Delegate.*

**HUMPHREY PICKARD, A. M.,** *Secretary.*

#### I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1. *Halifax North*, Charles Churchill, A.M. who is our Book Steward, Robert Duncan; William Bennett, Henry Pope, Supernumeraries.
  2. *Halifax South*, James England.
  3. *Dartmouth*, John Winterbotham.
  4. *Eastern Shore*, One to be sent; in the meanwhile to be supplied from Halifax South.
  5. *Margaret's Bay*, George B. Payson.
  6. *Lunenburg*, Joseph F. Bent.
  7. *Petite Riviere*, Chas. DeWolfe, A. M.
  8. *Mills Village*, Alexander B. Black.
  9. *Liverpool*, John S. Addy, Jno. L. Sponagle.
  10. *Windsor*, Roland Morton, (one wanted), William Croscombe, Supernumerary.
  11. *Newport*, Arthur McNutt.
  12. *Kempt*, Joseph Hart.
  13. *Maitland*, William Tweedy.
  14. *Bermuda*, William T. Cardy, John Cassidy.
- ARTHUR McNUTT, Chairman of the District.  
 ROLAND MORTON, Financial Secretary.

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## II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

15. *St. John, South*, Edmund Botterell, Thos. M. Albrighton, Charles Stewart.
16. *St. John, North*, John Snowball.
17. *St. John, West*, Richard Smith.
18. *St. Andrews*, George Johnson.
19. *St. Stephens*, John B. Brownell.
20. *St. Davids*, Jeremiah V. Jost.
21. *Mill Town*, William Smithson.
22. *Sussex Vale*, William Allen, James Tweedy.
23. *Greenwich*, James Burns.
24. *Upham*, William Alcorn.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, Chairman of the District.

THOMAS M. ALBRIGHTON, Financial Secretary.

## III.—CHARLOTTETOWN DISTRICT.

25. *Charlottetown*, Ingham Sutcliffe.
26. *Little York*, Henry Pope, jr.
27. *Pownal*, Alexander M. DesBrisay. The brethren at Little York and Pownal to exchange with Charlottetown, each once in eight weeks.
28. *Bedeque*, George M. Barratt, William C. McKinnon; J. B. Strong, Supernumerary.
29. *Truro*, John McMurray, Richard Johnson; John Marshall, Supernumerary.
30. *River Philip*, Robert E. Crane.
31. *Wallace & Pugwash*, Robt. A. Temple, Douglas Chapman.
32. *River John*, George S. Milligan, A. M.
33. *Guysboro' and Canso*, Geo. O. Huestis, William Perkin, John Howie.
34. *Musquodoboit*, Joseph Sutcliffe.
35. *Sydney, C. B.*, Frederick W. Moore.
36. *Ship Harbour*, Charles Gaskin.
37. *Margarie*, Stephen T. Teed.

JOHN McMURRAY, Chairman of the District.

ROBERT A. TEMPLE, Financial Secretary.

## IV.—FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

38. *Fredericton*, John Brewster, George Butcher.
39. *Sheffield*, Richard Knight, D. D., Co-Delegate.
40. *Woodstock*, John Prince, William C. Brown, Robert Wasson.
41. *Andover*, John Read, under the superintendance of Brother Prince.
42. *Nashuaak*, William Perkins.
43. *Burton*, Hezekiah McKeown.

- 44. *Miramichi*, William Smith.
- 45. *Bathurst*, Wesley C. Beals.
- 46. *Dalhousie*, One to be sent; in the meanwhile to be supplied quarterly from Bathurst.

RICHARD KNIGHT, D. D., Co-Delegate, Chairman of the District.

JOHN PRINCE, Financial Secretary.

V.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

- 47. *Sackville*, James R. Narraway, A. M., Henry Holland; Brother Holland is to reside at Dorchester.

MOUNT ALLISON INSTITUTION.

Principal of *Male Branch*, Humphrey Pickard, A. M.

“ *Female do.* John Allison, A. B.

- 48. *Point de Bute*, Thomas H. Davies, (one to be sent).
- 49. *Moncton*, William Temple, Robert Tweedy.
- 50. *Hopewell*, Richard Weddall.
- 51. *Richibucto*, Duncan D. Currie.
- 52. *Amherst*, William McCarty.
- 53. *Parrsboro*, James Buckley.

THOMAS A. DAVIES, Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM McCARTY, Financial Secretary.

VI.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

- 54. *Annapolis*, Frederick Smallwood.
- 55. *Bridgetown*, William Wilson; George Miller, Supernumerary.
- 56. *Aylesford*, Thomas Angwin, T. Watson Smith.
- 57. *Horton*, James G. Hennigar.
- 58. *Cornwallis*, James Taylor, John Lathern.
- 59. *Digby*, George W. Tuttle.
- 60. *Yarmouth*, Michael Pickles, (one wanted).
- 61. *Barrington*, Christopher Lockhart.
- 62. *Shelburne*, Samuel Avery.

WILLIAM WILSON, Chairman of the District.

JAMES TAYLOR, Financial Secretary.

VII.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

- 63. *St. John's*, Henry Daniel, Thomas Smith.
- 64. *Harbour Grace*, John S. Phinney.
- 65. *Carbonear*, Wm. E. Shenstone.
- 66. *Brigus*, Samuel W. Sprague.
- 67. *Port de Grave*, Adam Nightingale.
- 68. *Black Head*, Elias Brettle.
- 69. *Island Cove and* } John S. Peach,
- 70. *Perlican*, } Alexander W. Nicolson.
- 71. *Hants Harbour*, Thomas Fox.

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## GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Total Members.	This yr.	Last yr.		
Halifax District,	2250	2233	Increase	17
St. John, do.	1823	4911	Decrease	88
Charlottetown do.	2212	2218	Decrease	6
Fredericton do.	1040	1061	Decrease	21
Sackville, do.	1353	1294	Increase	59
Annapolis do.	1823	1581	Increase	42
Newfoundland do.	2429	2557	Decrease	128
Increase,	12730	12855	Decrease	248
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Net decrease,				125
On trial for Membership,				625

## QUESTION VIII.

What has been collected upon the several Circuits for the Missionary Society; and for the Contingent Fund, the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and the Educational Fund for Ministers' Children?

## ANSWER.

As follows, viz.:

## HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Mis. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Edcn. Fund.
Halifax, N.	£510 6 8½	£129 18 0	£22 17 3½	£3 15 0
Halifax, S.	17 5 6	1 0 0	21 4 2	7 0 0
Dartmouth,	4 10 0	1 3 6	9 10	2 0
Margaret's Bay,	3 3 5	1 0 0	2 0 0	10 5½
Musquodoboit,	47 0 2	2 4 3½	1 17 9½	15 7½
Lunenburg,	31 11 1	9 6	12 1½	8 7
Petite Riviere,	14 4 6	1 5 6	2 6 0	4 6
Mills' Village,	36 13 1	2 4 0	1 2 10½	1 11 2½
Liverpool,	69 7 0½	1 4 0	1 0 0	9 0
Windsor,	71 4 6½	8 6 2	3 15 7½	1 12 3
Newport,	22 0 0	9 2	9 0	5 0
Maitland,				4 10 0
Bermuda, No Returns,				
Ministry's subs.				
	£827 6 0½	£172 8 6½	£57 14 8½	£16 13 7½

## ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

St. John, S.	166 18 5	80 8 7	36 10 9	5 10 0
St. John, N.	42 11 5	1 13 11	1 18 2	17 0
St. John, W.	30 5 6	4 0 0	2 15 0	9 0
St. Andrews,	7 7 6	10 0	6 0	4 3
St. Stephens,	17 6 9	2 10 0	4 7 6	1 15 10
St. Davids,	9 16 3	1 9 5	12 7	10 7
Mill Town,	10 1 3	2 15 0	1 10 0	10 0
Sussex Vale,	35 13 9	2 5 4	1 10 6	15 1
Greenwich,	20 0 6	19 10	9 4	9 11
Upham,		1 3 11½	8 8	5 11
Ministry's subs.				5 0 0
	£320 1 2	£47 19 0½	£52 8 6	£16 7 7

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## CHARLOTTETOWN DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Mis. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Edeta. Fund.
Charlottetown,	£242 1 9	£9 9 1	£6 0 0	£2 8 9
Pownal,	14 6 2	17 1	16 1	11 0½
Bedeque,	62 12 5	1 13 4	1 6 8	13 4
Truro,	36 12 1	2 14 8	1 10 7½	12 5
River Philip, &c.	30 10 11	1 16 5	1 9 8	12 10
Wallace,	32 0 3½	1 15 8	2 2 3½	5 4½
River John,	29 8 5	1 0 0	1 2 2½	1 0 6
Guysboro', &c.	66 11 10½	4 5 1½	3 15 0	15 4½
Sydney, C. B.	28 19 7	14 3	12 9	7 9
Margarie,		5 0	5 0	5 0
Ministers' subs.				4 10 0
	£243 8 6	£24 10 7½	£16 6 3½	£12 2 0½

## FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredricton,	39 10 0	11 18 1½	6 0 0	4 5 7½
Sheffield,	25 12 4	4 5 11	1 7 6	1 14 1
Woodstock,	36 8 6	3 2 0	2 10 5½	2 1 6
Andover,				
Nashwaak,	4 18 11	1 10 0	8 8	16 0
Burton,	12 4 7½	1 5 0	17 6	18 3½
Miramichi,	44 10 1½	3 2 9	11 10½	1 13 11
Bathurst,	13 1 1½	1 7 0½	15 4½	1 5 1
Dalhousie,	3 8 2	5 0	7 0	6 0
Ministers' subs.				2 10 0
	£179 13 9½	£29 15 10	£12 17 11½	£15 10 6

## SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Sackville,	81 15 8	9 12 0½	8 4 1	1 19 0
Point de Bute,	55 10 7	4 5 4	8 17 10	2 0 0½
Moncton,	31 7 2	3 3 0	1 5 7½	15 4
Hopewell,	25 12 9½	2 2 8½	2 4 9½	17 6
Richibucto,	10 0 0	3 10 0	2 4 9	1 5 10
Amherst,	34 7 8½	2 6 8	1 9 7½	11 1½
Parraboro',	40 14 8½	1 9 7	1 8 0½	19 10
Ministers' subs.				4 10 0
	£279 8 7½	£26 9 4	£20 14 9	£12 18 8

## ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Annapolis,	41 10 0	2 10 0	1 0 0	10 0
Bridgetown,	47 19 6	1 19 2	12 1	14 0
Aylesford,	41 0 0	1 13 4	2 12 9	1 10 0
Horton,	64 10 0	1 6 10	19 9	16 8
Cornwallis,	47 12 3	2 3 10	2 7 1½	13 7
Digby & Sissiboo,	26 6 3½	1 7 6	1 0 6	5 6
Yarmouth,	45 0 0	2 9 3	5 6 6	1 14 6
Barrington,	41 8 6½	3 3 7	1 15 2	16 1½
Shelburne,	17 5 0	1 14 11	1 14 6½	16 5½
Ministers' subs.				5 0 0
	£373 11 7	£18 6 5	£17 6 11	£12 10 8

## NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

Saint John's,	222 2 8	20 6 7	15 15 0	14 5 0
Harbour Grace,	49 12 6	2 16 0	3 18 4	3 19 2
Carbonear,	40 7 3	2 5 9	6 18 0	4 9 0
Brigus,	46 1 8	3 19 2	5 0 2	1 10 0
Port de Grave,	12 16 3	1 2 4	16 8	7 2
Black Head,	29 10 0	1 6 0	19 4½	1 9 0
Island Cove, &c.	23 18 9	1 0 0	15 6	10 0

Hants Harbour,	15 1 0	6 7½	10 7	3 1
Bonavista,	50 10 0	3 10 8	4 9 7	15 0
Green Bay,	23 1 8	2 0 0	2 12 0	10 0
Burin,	19 15 3	5 17 1	2 3 0	1 14 0
Grand Bank,	35 3 6	3 0 0	2 4 0	1 14 2
Sound Island,	5 0 3			
Ministers' subs.				5 0 0
	£503 1 3	£46 17 1½	£46 2 7½	£36 5 2

## RECAPITULATION.

Halifax, except } Bermuda, ° }	800 13 9½	172 8 6½	57 14 8½	16 13 7½
St. John,	340 1 2	47 19 0½	52 8 6	16 7 7
Charlottetown,	543 3 6	24 10 7½	16 6 3½	12 2 6½
Fredericton,	179 13 9½	26 15 10	12 17 11½	15 10 7
Sackville,	279 8 7½	26 9 4	20 14 9	12 18 8
Annapolis,	373 11 7	18 8 5	17 8 11	12 10 8
Newfoundland,	593 1 3	46 17 9½	46 2 7½	35 5 2
Total,	£3118 13 8½	£363 9 7	£223 11 10	£122 8 9

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS'  
WIDOWS' FUND.

QUESTION IX.

What does the Conference resolve respecting the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund?

ANSWER.

I. That the following shall be the Standing Rules for the future administration of this Fund:—

(1.) That the committee shall consist of the President, the Co-Delegate, and the Secretary of the Conference, four other Ministers, and four lay-gentlemen, to be appointed annually by the Conference, one of the members of the committee so appointed being designated to the office of Secretary, and two, one Minister and one lay-gentleman, to that of Treasurers of the Fund.

(2.) That each of our Ministers and Preachers on trial, may, at any time before the next Annual Conference, pay, as his first subscription to this Fund, a sum equivalent to a payment at the last Conference of two pounds ten shillings, Nova Scotia currency, for each of the years he may have already travelled.

(3.) That each of our Ministers and Preachers on trial, not being connected with the Annuitant Society of the Parent Conference, shall be required to pay in advance, annually, at the time of Conference, a subscription of two pounds ten shillings, Nova Scotia currency.

° See Erratum.

(4.) That each Circuit shall be considered as responsible for a yearly sum equal, at the least, on a general average of all the Societies included within that Circuit, to sixpence per member, the numbers for the Circuit being taken in all cases as returned at the preceding Conference, and published in its Minutes.

(5.) Every Minister shall at the renewal of the Society tickets, during the September visitation, fully explain to the members the nature and reasonableness of the claims of this Fund upon the justice and liberality of our church. He shall then enter in the class-book the individual annual subscriptions which are to be paid before the ensuing District Meeting.

(6.) That an Annual Public Collection in aid of the Fund shall be made in all our preaching-places in the month of December.

(7.) That an application shall be made to our friends on each Circuit for subscriptions and donations in aid of this Fund.

(8.) The capital stock of the Fund shall consist of the amount of all the monies received by the Treasurers from time to time, until the Conference of 1863, and of the surplus of current income which remains in any subsequent year, after paying the current claims.

(9.) The current income of the Fund for the year 1863, shall be the monies reported at the Conference for that year, as collected under the 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th Rules, and for subsequent years, of such monies, and the interest received upon the capital stock.

(10.) That any Minister becoming a Supernumerary in not less than seven years from the Conference at which his first annual subscription was paid, shall have a claim upon the current income of the Fund, so long as he may remain a Supernumerary in connection with the Conference, for an annuity equal to the sum of all his subscriptions to the Fund; and the widow of any Minister shall have a claim upon the same for an annuity of one half the amount to which her husband would have been entitled, had he been a Supernumerary at the time of his decease: but in case the current income for any year shall be insufficient to meet the claims in full, then they shall be proportionally reduced for that year, by an equal per centage deduction from each.

(11.) That any Minister becoming a Supernumerary before the Conference of 1863, shall be repaid the sum of his subscriptions to the Fund, with interest thereupon; and if any Minister shall die before said Conference, leaving a widow or orphan

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children, the sum of his subscriptions, with interest, shall be paid to such widow or orphans.

II. The Conference observes, with much satisfaction, the encouraging increase in the contributions by our people to this Fund during the year, amounting to £81 8s. 7d., the total amount collected upon the Circuits having been, as above shown, £223 11s. 10d. Thankful for the kind and liberal interest which our Societies have hitherto manifested in this important branch of the economy of our Connexion, the Conference would express its earnest hope that, by due and seasonable attention to the various sources of this Fund, its annual income will be further raised, so as fully to provide in due time for the urgent claims to meet which the Fund was instituted.

III. That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby presented to Wm. B. Hamilton, Esq., of Halifax, as executor for the estate of the late James Hamilton, Esq., for the prompt payment to this Conference of *One Hundred Pounds*, currency, as a legacy to this Fund.

IV. The Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of—

The President, Co-Delegate, and Secretary,

G. T. Ray, Esq., and Rev. James England, *Treasurers*,

Rev. E. Botterell, *Secretary*,

Revs. F. Smallwood, C. Churchill, A.M.,

George H. Starr, Esq., Halifax,

Nicholas Mosher, Esq., Newport,

John Humphrey, Esq., Moncton.

## BOOK AFFAIRS.

### QUESTION X.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the affairs of the Book Room?

#### ANSWER.

1. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Rev. Charles Churchill, A.M., the Book Steward, for his enterprising, diligent, faithful and successful management of the affairs of the Book Room and Wesleyan Conference Office, during the past year.

2. The thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to Matthew H. Richey, Esq., Editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, for the faithful and satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of his office during the year.

3. The General Book Committee shall consist of the President, the Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference,  
 Revs. Roland Morton, *Secretary*, Revs. Henry Daniel,  
 William Temple, Ingham Sutcliffe,  
 Wm. Wilson, J. McMurray,  
 T. H. Davies, E. Botterell,  
 J. G. Hennigar, F. Smallwood,  
 A. McNutt, Jas. England.

### EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

#### QUESTION XI.

What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the Educational Fund for Ministers' children?

#### ANSWER.

1. That every Minister in full connexion shall pay an annual subscription,—to be, for the present, ten shillings,—into this Fund; and that private subscriptions and donations are to be solicited from our more opulent friends, to whom the Ministers are authorized to make application.

2. That a public collection shall be made annually in all our chapels and Sabbath preaching-places, in the month of April, for this Fund.

3. The Rev. James G. Hennigar, of Horton, and John Fraser Esq., of St. John, N. B., are requested to act as Treasurers of this Fund. The Rev. George Johnston is appointed Secretary.

### MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

#### QUESTION XII.

What are the Resolutions of Conference in reference to the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy, Sackville?

#### ANSWER.

1. That the very excellent Report of the Board of Trustees, including ample particulars relating to the literary, religious and financial state of both branches of the Academy, is entirely satisfactory, and that therefore it be adopted.

2. That the very cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. H. Pickard, A.M., Principal of Mount Allison Academy, for the faithful, acceptable and successful discharge of his onerous and diversified duties during the past year.

3. That the most cordial thanks of this Conference be pre-

sented to the Rev. E. Evans, D.D., Governor and Chaplain of Mount Allison Academy, for his faithful, zealous and highly useful services during the year. And this Conference would express its deep regret that those services can no longer be retained, as Providential indications have led Dr. Evans to request to be transferred to the Conference in Canada.

4. The Conference having heard with grateful interest the reported satisfactory educational progress of our Academy in Sackville during the year, resulting from the faithful and energetic discharge of the duties of the Chief Preceptress of the Female Branch, and the other Teachers in both Branches, would express its high appreciation of those services; and hereby presents its thanks to Miss Adams and all the other Teachers, both male and female.

5. Fully persuaded that there is no establishment in these Provinces in which a sounder or more complete literary and christian training can be obtained for the youth of both sexes, than in the separate Branches of Mount Allison Academy, the Conference would respectfully urge on the Members of our Church and congregations, the duty and privilege of seeking for their sons and daughters the many and great advantages of our Sackville Institution.

6. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Academy, for their continued, faithful and successful management of its affairs, and especially to the highly esteemed Treasurer, C. F. Allison, Esq., to whose unremitting care, zeal and devotion to his duties, the continued satisfactory state of its finances, under God, is greatly indebted.

7. That the Conference earnestly requests the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year to direct attention to the important question, to the consideration of which God in His Providence seems to be now calling our Church, i.e., what measures should be adopted for the establishment of a College proper, to comprise a Theological Department, in order that adequate provision may be made to youth of our congregations and others in the colonies, within the boundaries of this Conference, the privilege of securing the benefit and honours of a complete University course of literary and scientific study, and to candidates for our Ministry, a suitable Theological training; and to report to the next meeting of this Conference the results of their deliberations upon this matter.

8. The following esteemed brethren and friends are requested to act as a Committee of visitors for the ensuing year, to attend the Examination and Anniversary exercises, and to notice generally the state of the Institution in all its departments, and

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to present their views both to the Trustees and to the Conference, viz.:

Revs. J. McMurray,	R. Brecken, Esq., Charlottetown,
C. Churchill, A.M.,	Geo. R. Anderson, Esq., Halifax,
J. R. Narraway, A.M.,	Wm. H. Harrison, Esq., St. John,
Wm. McCarty,	W. K. Dudman Esq., Yarmouth,
R. Alder Temple,	Jos. Salter, Esq., Moncton.

9. The following persons are appointed Trustees for the ensuing year, viz.:

The Rev. the President of Conference, or, in his absence, the Co-Delegate; the Secretary of the Conference; the Principal of the Academy; the Governor and Chaplain;

Revs. Wm. Temple,	John H. Anderson, Esq.
J. G. Hennigar,	Gilbert J. Ray, Esq.,
A. McNutt,	Geo. H. Starr, Esq.,
T. H. Davies,	Mariner Wood, Esq.,
Charles F. Allison, Esq.,	Stephen Fulton, Esq.,
	Hon. Charles Young, L. L. D.

## MISSIONARY AFFAIRS.

### QUESTION XIII.

What is the judgment of the Conference respecting our Missionary Affairs?

#### ANSWER.

1. The Conference affirms the judgment of last year, in fixing the Constitution of the Society, with this addition, that a Secretary shall be annually chosen by the Conference, on the first day of its session, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Society, whose duty it shall be to prepare the Report of the Society for publication immediately after the Conference, and make all necessary preliminary arrangements for the Annual Meeting at the Conference following.

2. The following are the Committee for the ensuing year:

The President of Conference, who is the General Superintendent of Missions, and the Treasurer of the Society,

The Co-Delegate,

The Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. Roland Morton, Secretary,

Martin G. Black, Esq.,

Gilbert T. Ray, Esq.,

Hon. Judge Wilmot,

Robert Salter, Esq.,

N. Moses, Esq.,

George H. Starr, Esq.,

Ralph Brecken, Esq.,

John H. Anderson, Esq.,

Charles F. Allison, Esq.,

Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

## SABBATH SCHOOLS.

## QUESTION XIV.

What does the Conference resolve respecting our Sabbath Schools?

## ANSWER.

1. That, with a view to promote the increase and efficiency of these Institutions, a Committee be appointed to consist of, at least, one Minister from each District, whose business it shall be to collect and preserve the statistical and other Reports of the Sabbath Schools of our Church, and to report thereon to the Conference.

2. That the Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of  
 Revs. James England,                      Revs. John Prince,  
       Thos. M. Albrighton,                James R. Narraway,  
       Ingham Sutcliffe,                    William Wilson,  
   Rev. John S. Peach.

3. The Statistics of this Institution of our Church, as reported in the Minutes of the several Districts for the last year, are as follow, viz.:

Districts.	No. Schools.	No. Teachers.	No. Scholars.
Halifax,	21	238	1491
St. John,	23	285	1825
Charlottetown,	37	185	1540
Fredericton,	19	67	711
Sackville,	25	119	935
Annapolis,	22	141	1031
Newfoundland,	30	206	2036
Total,	177	1241	9569

## THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

## QUESTION XV.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Children's Fund?

## ANSWER.

1. That the especial attention of the Chairmen of Districts be called to the Resolutions of the last Conference, as absolutely to be observed, in order to an early accomplishment of the design of the Children's Fund.

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2. That the Conference observe with regret that in some of the Districts there appears to have been an indifference manifested in respect to this Fund, which the Conference is indisposed to attribute to any other cause than a want of acquaintance with the benefits resulting from its provisions; and would urge upon the Chairmen of Districts, and the Superintendents of Circuits, to give a vigorous attention to the matter.

3. That the respective Financial Secretaries be imperatively required to furnish, immediately after their several Financial District Meetings, a list of the children who in their Districts have claims on the Children's Fund, to the Secretary of that Fund, for the current year.

4. It being ascertained on comparing the number of children with the number of Members in Society in this Connexion, that sixty-four members will have to provide the allowance for one child, the following statement has been drawn up, determining the number of children's allowances to be provided by the several Districts in the year 1857-8, and to be allotted, at the Financial District Meetings, to the Circuits respectively, according to rule:

Districts.	No. of Children.	No. of Members.
Halifax,	35½	2250
St. John,	28½	1823
Charlottetown,	34½	2212
Fredericton,	16½	1040
Sackville,	21	1353
Annapolis,	25½	1623
Newfoundland,	38	2429
Total,	199	12733

5. The Committee for the ensuing year shall be—

Rev. H. Pickard, and Chas. F. Allison, Esq., *Treasurers,*

Rev. William Temple, *Secretary,*

Revs. R. Morton, J. H. Anderson, Esq.,

H. Daniel, G. H. Starr, Esq.,

Chas. Churchill, A.M., G. T. Ray, Esq.,

E. Botterell, John Fraser, Esq.

## CONTINGENT FUND.

### QUESTION XVI.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Contingent Fund?

## ANSWER.

1. That the Rules adopted at the last Conference, respecting this Fund, and which were published in the Minutes are hereby re-affirmed.

2. That in each year, before the close of the Conference, the Committee for the year then ensuing shall meet, and having estimated the probable prospective income of the Fund, shall apportion to each District what may be deemed, after due examination and consideration relative to the anticipated income and expenditure of each Circuit, a fair proportion of the amount so estimated.

3. That at the several Financial District Meetings the amount apportioned shall be subdivided with due regard to the relative claims of each claimant Circuit.

4. That such division, first to the Districts and secondly to the Circuits, shall be considered final for the purposes intended, unless it shall be found that a mistake has in some case been made.

5. That the Committee for the ensuing year shall consist of—

The President, or Co-Delegate,

The Secretary of the Conference.

The Treasurers and Secretary of the Children's Fund,

The Financial Secretaries of the respective Districts,

Revs. E. Botterell,

Revs. George Johnston,

Wm. Wilson,

A. McNutt,

Thos. H. Davies,

T. Angwin,

Wm. Smithson,

John McMurray,

Rev. Charles Churchill, A.M.,

with two gentlemen, members of our Church, from each District, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting in May.

John H. Anderson, Esq., and Rev. F. Smallwood are requested to accept the office of Treasurers, and the Rev. H. Pickard, A.M., is appointed Secretary.

6. That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented to Wm. B. Hamilton, Esq., of Halifax, as Executor of the Estate of the late Jas. Hamilton, Esq., for his kindness in promptly paying to this Conference, *One Hundred Pounds*, as a Legacy to this Fund.

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

## I. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

*Resolved*,—That our esteemed brethren, Rev. Humphrey Pickard, A.M., the Secretary of the Conference, and Principal

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of Mount Allison Academy, and the Rev. Charles Churchill, A.M., the Book Steward, be appointed our Representatives to attend the British Conference, which is to meet in Liverpool, Wednesday, July 29th, 1857.

## II. THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT, CO-DELEGATE, &C.

*Resolved*.—That the Conference begs to unite unanimously in sincere thanksgiving to Almighty God for the health and ability with which it has pleased Divine Providence to bless our beloved President, in the discharge of the varied duties of his onerous and responsible office during the past year, much advantage having been experienced through a large portion of the Conference bounds from his labors in visiting and ministering the Word of life to many of our most important departments of ministerial labour. This Conference begs to tender its unanimous expression of affectionate confidence and gratitude to the Rev. Dr. Richey for his past services, and to pray that he may long continue to enjoy more vigorous health, and high spiritual prosperity, to fit him for the duties which Providence and the Church have combined to impose upon him, and respectfully to request his re-appointment as the President of our Conference for the ensuing year.

(2.) That the Conference expresses its devout gratitude to Almighty God for the continued health and vigour vouchsafed to our beloved brother, the Rev. Dr. Knight, while engaged in his duties as the Co-Delegate, and tenders to brother Knight its cordial thanks for the assiduity and effectiveness with which he has discharged those duties during the past year, and respectfully requests that he may be continued in office the ensuing year.

(3.) That in consideration of the long continued and valuable services of our esteemed brother, the Rev. Wm. Temple, for many years as District Secretary, and for the past two years as Secretary of this body, the Conference having received from him an intimation that, in consequence of indistinctness of hearing, he declined being put in nomination for the office which his brethren would otherwise have gladly continued to confer upon him, tenders its sincere thanks to Brother Temple for his past services, trusting that he may continue for years to come to benefit us by his presence and counsel.

## III. DEPUTATION TO THE CANADA CONFERENCE.

The Conference, having heard with much interest the statements of the Rev. Drs. Knight and Evans respecting their visit to Canada, as a Deputation from this to the Conference of that land, unanimously

*Resolved*,—That it cordially welcomes these brethren on their return, and offers thanksgiving to the God of Providence for their preservation amidst the dangers incident to their journey, and presents them its grateful acknowledgements for their services rendered on this occasion; and also records, with much satisfaction, the affectionate and honorable reception which was given them by the sister Conference, and hails these interchanges of fraternal salutations, not only as indications of continued Christian friendship, but as affording the opportunity of interchanging the expression of mutual wishes, which may facilitate the more intimate union of the two Conferences in a federal relation.

#### IV. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROPERTY.

(1.) That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Committee appointed in relation to Conference Property, for the faithful and satisfactory manner in which the duty assigned has been performed.

(2.) That the thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Hon. Charles Fisher, of Fredericton, and to S. L. Shannon, Esq., of Halifax, for the valuable assistance so kindly rendered to this committee of the Conference during the past year.

(3.) That the Rev. M. Richey, D.D., Rev. R. Knight, D.D., Rev. H. Pickard, A.M., the Chairmen of the several Districts, Revs. C. Churchill, A.M., J. England, H. Daniel, S. W. Sprague, I. Sutcliffe, H. Pope, Jr., and J. Brewster, be a committee to secure the enactment of suitable acts of incorporation in the several Provinces included within the bounds of the Conference, and provide, as early as possible, a model Deed, for the settlement of all Property which shall hereafter be acquired for the use of the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America.

#### V. RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING THE REMOVAL OF REV. DR. EVANS AND OTHERS.

(1.) *Rev. Dr. Evans.* *Resolved*, That the Conference, having heard from our esteemed Brother, Dr. Evans, an expression of desire for a transfer from this Conference to that of Canada, and the domestic and other reasons by which he is influenced in seeking to return to that, his former field of honourable toil, and that the way for his re-entrance upon the Canadian work is now open, feels obligated, by a consideration of the respect due to Dr. Evans, and also in the conviction of the reasonableness of his request, under existing circumstances, to grant to him a letter of transfer to the Canadian Conference: that the

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Conference hereby expresses its unfeigned and deep sense of the loss our work in Eastern British America will sustain by the removal of so valuable a brother as Dr. Evans, one who has rendered us such efficient service in the different positions he has so honourably and usefully sustained during his nine years' residence in these Provinces, not only more recently in his connexion with our Academic Institution, but also while filling the chair of a large and important District. The brethren cannot allow Dr. Evans to separate from them without their unanimous expression of their high appreciation of his christian character, and his effective ministerial and business-like capabilities, as evinced in the prudent counsels and invaluable aid afforded by him in our new position as a Conferential organization; and while the ties between him and them, as members of the same Conference, are now to be severed, their earnest prayers will follow him to his intended destination, that in that sphere of labour, and wherever in future his Providential lot may be cast, he may still be extensively useful in the work of the Lord,—that every blessing both of Providence and grace may richly rest upon him and upon his beloved family,—and that when the toils of earth are past, we may all have the ineffable delight of greeting him, and all of his, in the heavenly rest.

(2.) *Rev. J. H. Starr.* A letter from Brother J. H. Starr, desiring a transfer to the Canadian work, and giving reasons, on the ground of health and domestic circumstances, for seeking this change in his Conference relation, having been read, it was  
*Resolved*,—That Brother Starr's request be granted, and that

the brethren deeply regret the loss to our work in these Provinces of a young man giving such promise of usefulness and acceptability, and pray that his removal to Canada may result in the realization of his expectations in the establishment of his health, and that he may in that country be rendered exceedingly useful as a labourer in the Lord's vineyard.

(3.) *Brother Thomas B. Smith.* A communication from Brother Smith, who has travelled three years, having been read, expressing his wish, for reasons which seem to himself sufficient, to suspend his connexion with our Conference, and asking a certificate of his standing and a recommendation to the authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Conference, while regretting even the temporary loss of the services of so acceptable, useful and promising a candidate for our ministry, cannot refuse to accede to his request.

## VI. APPLICATION FOR BOOKS.

Whereas it has been deemed advisable to depute the Rev. H. Pickard, A. M., the Principal of our Academy and Secretary of our Conference, and the Rev. Charles Churchill, A. M., our Book Steward, as the Representatives of this Conference to the British Conference to commence in Liverpool, Wednesday 29th July, and having understood that that Conference has generously granted a copy of its connexional publications to a Collegiate Institution in the United States of America, as well as to Educational establishments in connexion with the Canada Conference; therefore,

*Resolved*,—That this Conference instructs its Representatives to the Parent Conference to request that venerable body to extend a similar act of benevolence to the Library of the Academical establishment of our Conference at Sackville, by a grant of connexional and other publications to such an extent as in its kind consideration it may think proper.

## VII. THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

That the Conference would record its thankful appreciation of the value of its official organ, the "Provincial Wesleyan."—It has learned with satisfaction that this paper is increasing in circulation and eliciting general approbation in various parts of the Provinces, and confidently expresses its hope that the fearless defence of our peculiar doctrinal views which it has presented, its advantages as a medium for conveying official Connexional information, and giving publicity to the spiritual progress of the work of God within the bounds of the Conference, as well as its presenting a public record on which may be preserved biographical reminiscences of the faithful who "die in the Lord," entitle it to the warmest sympathies, and the earnest efforts for its distribution, of every lover of our Zion.

## STANDING ORDERS.

## I. DISTRICT MINUTES.

The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure *three* complete copies of the Minutes of the several Annual and other Meetings of the District Committees, financial and ordinary, duly signed by the Chairmen and Secretaries. One of these copies shall be inserted in the District Records; the second shall be reserved for the use of the Conference; and the third shall be delivered to the sub-Secretary for preservation in the archives of the Connexion. Furthermore it is required that the last mentioned copies shall be handed in on the forenoon

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of the day on which our first preparatory Committee meeting may be appointed to be held, that the Secretaries may prepare classified lists of all matters which are to come before the Conference, and thereby expedite business.

## II. QUARTERLY SCHEDULES.

*Resolved*,—That the practice of our Connexion in England respecting Quarterly Schedules of the state of every Class and Society upon the several Circuits, be adopted by this Conference, and that the Schedules, duly filled up, shall be annually produced in the District Meetings to be examined and considered.

## III. CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

The usual Conference Collections shall be made in all our Sabbath preaching places, and being paid to the Chairmen of the several Districts be brought by them to the Conference.

### QUESTION XVII.

When and where shall our next Conference be held?

#### ANSWER.

On the fourth Wednesday in June, A.D., 1858, at Halifax, N.S.

Signed on behalf, and by order, of the Conference,

**MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D.,** President.

**HUMPHREY PICKARD, A. M.,** Secretary.

## TIME FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

Contingent Fund, Public Collection,	in August.
Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.	
(1.) Collection in the Classes.	September.
(2.) Public Collection.	December.
Contingent Fund, yearly collection in classes.	March.
Educational Fund for Ministers' children,	
Public Collection,	April.
The Conference Collection,	May.

## ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1858.

The Committees preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in Halifax, as follows :—(subject, however, to any changes of the particular order, days, or hours, here specified, which the *President*, giving due notice to the parties concerned, may find it expedient to make,) viz. :

1. *Stationing Committee*.—Thursday, June 17th, at 9 A. M.
2. *Contingent Fund*.—Friday, June 18th, at 9 A. M.
3. *Supernumerary Ministers' and Minister's Widows' Fund*.—Saturday, June 19th, at 9 A. M.
4. *Book Committee*.—Monday, June 21st, at 9 A. M.
5. *Board of Trustees of the Mt. Allison Wesleyan Academy*.—Tuesday, June 22nd, at 9 A. M.
6. *Auxiliary Missionary Society Committee*.—Tuesday, June 22nd, at 7 A. M.

N. B. 1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Halifax on Wednesday, June 16, for the purpose of preparing for their several Committees the accounts of their several departments.

2. The Assistant Secretaries are directed to attend at the same time, for the purpose of compiling, from the District Minutes, various lists, &c., which will facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the subsequent Conference.

3. *Special Notice to Chairmen of Districts*.—They are particularly required to bring, in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds, on Wednesday June 16th, the necessary copies of the District Meetings, the Circuit accounts of each Circuit in their respective Districts, and the Minutes of the Financial District Meetings.

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## THE PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST  
CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

As the collective pastorate of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church of Eastern British America, assembled in this our third Conference, it becomes our pleasing duty in our accustomed Annual Address to you, the flocks placed by the Great Shepherd under our spiritual oversight, to express the high sense we entertain of the importance of the sacred relation we sustain to you, to assure you that we cherish toward you the warmest Christian affection, and that our deepest solicitude is for your advancement in all holiness and usefulness to the glory of our Redeeming Lord, and that every one of you may be presented faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy.

We are unfeignedly thankful for the tokens of the Divine blessing granted unto us as a Connexion during the year past, in the general peace and prosperity of our Societies, and in the visitations of the Divine Spirit with which many of our Circuits have been favoured, and which have resulted in the increase of membership in those Societies, in the quickening and restoration of numbers who were previously in a state of coldness and declension, in the edification and spiritual growth of our people, and by which we trust many of our members have been stimulated anew vigorously to press after the enjoyment of their full privilege of loving God with all their heart and soul, and mind, and strength. It is with us matter of unaffected congratulation, and of devout thankfulness before the Lord, that there are reasonable grounds for believing that both the ministry and membership of our Church are, in some good degree, alive to the momentous importance of maintaining the possession of vital,

earnest, spiritual and practical religion, in contradistinction from every system of mere empty profession and cold formalism; and that the aggressiveness of our holy christianity is felt by us to be one of her essential characteristics. Never may we forget that the great design of Providence in raising up Wesleyan-Methodism is the spread of scriptural holiness throughout the earth. Never may our Church so far lose sight of her high vocation as to be found unworthy of the estimate formed of her by one who was confessedly a competent and impartial judge of her true character, who designated Methodism as being "*Christianity in earnest.*" As the importance of spiritual religion and of personal holiness cannot be over-estimated, suffer us, then, dear brethren, to plead with you for the maintenance of a religion of gracious life, of saving power, and of holy privilege. Claim and maintain the constant testimony of the Spirit of God to your adoption; and, as essentially and inseparably connected with the possession of Christ in the heart, let there be the earnest care in the practice of all holy duties, and in the culture to maturity of all spiritual graces, to exemplify in your whole character Christ in the life, that becoming inwardly and outwardly conformed to the image of God's dear Son, the great design of your church privileges may be fully answered. Among the most Divinely instituted means for effectuating the purpose of the Most High in enstamping upon you His likeness, we call your devout consideration to the high importance of the exercises of the closet. Amid the multifarious anxieties of life, and the numerous topics of an exciting character coming up before the public mind, and in view also of the various plans of Christian enterprize demanding attention, is there not great danger to be apprehended that the paramount claims of Christian retirement may be overlooked, or but imperfectly appreciated. We earnestly remind you, therefore, of the rich advantages to be gained from a faithful and systematic attention to the sacred duties of secret prayer and the devotional reading of the Scriptures in the closet, not as merely formal services, but as marking such seasons as being those of hallowed and unspeakable privilege. Such have they ever been esteemed to be by the excellent of the earth; nor can there be any exercise more essentially identified than these with the Christian's advancement in gospel holiness and spiritual enjoyments, nor more nearly related to the possession of the grave requisite for the right and efficient discharge of useful services in the cause of our Divine Master. Let it, then, be felt by you as being indispensable to your spiritual existence, habitually to be found by private devotion in near approach to the Great Fountain of all our supplies. As a means of sanctification, let the Word of the Lord be prized by

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you, and dwell in you richly in all wisdom, in agreement with the prayer of the Divine Intercessor in behalf of His Church, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." Prayerfully study the holy Scriptures, that by therein beholding the glory of the Lord you may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

While devoutly thankful for the measure of holy influence with which many of our Circuits have been favored, and while we rejoice that brethren who went forth weeping, bearing precious seed, have come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them; and while it is a pleasing feature of the present state of our work, that a very considerable number of souls have quite recently been given to us in the several Districts, as the fruit of our Ministerial toil, and who are returned as being on trial, yet it has been with us matter of humiliation before God, and as demanding a very searching inquiry, that the whole number under our pastoral care exhibits but a small increase as compared with the returns of the preceding year. Deeply realizing our solemn responsibility under these considerations, and feeling the necessity of a more general and abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our societies and congregations, we on this solemn occasion would deeply humble ourselves before Him whose servants we are. But we would at the same time urge upon our people the duty of close self-examination, combined with earnest intercessions at a throne of grace, with the view of obtaining from the Great Source of all blessing such measures of the power of the Spirit of God as will result in the more general quickening and sanctification both of Ministry and membership, so that the year now commencing may prove one of great success in our high and holy work. To this end we for ourselves solemnly renew our pledges before the Lord, to be more diligent in the study of His holy Word—to be more faithful in the discharge of the trust committed to our keeping as servants of Christ, and more abundant in prayer for the gifts and unction of the Holy Spirit, which alone can render us efficient and able Ministers of the New Testament. May this one act of consecration anew unto the Lord, be accompanied by a more complete devotement to God on your part, so that by our mutual faith and prayer, as workers together in the Lord's service, we may soon be cheered by signal tokens of the Divine presence and blessing.

We ever desire unspeakably to appreciate the admirable system of ecclesiastical polity and discipline bequeathed to us by our divinely honored Founder, the Rev. John Wesley: for possession of the doctrines of the Gospel in truth and purity, and for the scriptural and spiritual ordinances of our Church

we render our homage of sincere gratitude before the Lord ; but our dependence for success in the edification of believers and the salvation of souls is not upon any one or all these, but solely upon the accompanying power of the spirit of grace, without which

"The best concerted schemes are vain,  
And never can succeed."

Regarding the great want of our Church, and of other evangelical churches at the present period, as especially being the richer effusions of the Holy Spirit,—and having the warrant of God's word for expecting this gracious bestowment upon the Church in these latter days—let us be unceasing and importunate in our prayers for this great gift copiously to descend upon all our heritage: then shall the ancient promise be fulfilled, "I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall be as the Olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon;" and then shall Ephraim say, "What have I to do any more with idols."

We would direct consideration to the high importance of caring the spiritual interests of the rising youth of our congregations, and of maintaining with all faithfulness the religion of the household. The advantages to be gained by us as a Church, and by the families of our Church, from a more general effort for the benefit of our youth, by means of Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, and Catechetical instruction, are worthy of our most deliberate and earnest regard. To care for the spiritual interests of our young people with deepest anxiety is but aright to feel with regard to an important part of the trust which the Lord hath committed to our keeping, and which can be discharged only by our most assiduous efforts in training them up in an intelligent and enlarged apprehension of the treasures contained in the lively oracles of Divine truth. It is our comfort to believe that in the general your households are governed in the fear of God, and that upon all the assemblies and dwelling places of our Zion the Lord does create a cloud and a smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night, and for all, the glory shall be a defence; but we long with intense desire for the salvation of the youth of our beloved people, that instead of the fathers there may be the children. We accordingly urge upon you with all solemnity not only the maintenance of domestic worship in the offering up of the morning and the evening sacrifice, to be conducted with unflinching punctuality and with becoming interest and seriousness; not only that your youth and children should be instructed in the great truths of our holy Christianity; not only to enforce upon them a regular attendance upon divine ordinances; but with all the

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rest, to seek with all perseverance and tender solicitude, for their conversion to God. Let your heart be set upon the attainment of this end, and let their religious instruction be pursued as a means under the effectual blessing of the Lord for securing this object, an object infinitely more momentous than any secular advantage that can be conceived.

The public ordinances of divine worship, we are happy to believe, are not by you lightly esteemed. Evidences are not wanting of your regard for Sabbath privileges, and your delight in the services of the sanctuary. May your love for these increase yet more and more, and our ministry prove increasingly worthy of your high estimation. But we feel it to be especially needful to call your attention to our established arrangement for Christian fellowship. While indisposed to charge you in general with a decline of zeal or of affection in regard to our rules and usages, we think it is incumbent upon us to urge most faithfully the duty and privilege of regularly attending not only upon our public services but also upon our more private means of grace. The weekly Class-meeting will be valued by the spiritually minded of our people, as it ever deserves to be, as a very precious privilege, not to be by them disregarded without incurring serious spiritual loss. We are not unmindful of the hindrances to a regular attendance upon this privilege in our more scattered villages and country settlements, but perhaps these obstacles for most part may be overcome by self-denying effort, and, as we believe, in all such instances with greatly augmented prosperity to the candidates concerned, and to the Church. Surely amid the manifold cares and temptations of the world we need the help of every means that will tend to strengthen and invigorate our Christian graces, and that will facilitate our advancement in the divine life. The primitive Churches continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrines, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. For-sake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhort one another daily, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. Let your narrative of religious experience not be a mere form or custom, but a free conversation pertaining to the kingdom of God in your hearts. Your leaders, as those who earnestly desire your continued steadfastness and growth in grace, are seeking to enrich their weekly advices to you by drawing from the treasury of God's word, and from the biography of the sainted dead.—They long that with themselves you may go from strength to strength into full salvation and eternal life; but it may be they are often disappointed with regard to the result of their prayers and efforts. Seek, then, by a manifest appreciation of their anxieties, to strengthen

their hands and to encourage their hearts in this their service for the Church of God. Emulate the saints of old, who spake often one to another, believing that still the Lord hearkens and hears the communings of His people, and that a book of remembrance is written before Him for them that fear the Lord, and also think upon His name.

We again commend to the patronage of our societies and congregations our Educational Establishment at Mount Allison, Sackville, N.B., which we are happy to say, as regards both its male and female Branches, fully sustains its previously attained high reputation, as being one of the most efficient Academical Institutions in these Provinces.

Our Conference Organ, *The Provincial Wesleyan*, we regard as becoming increasingly worthy of the favour of our people, as being an able auxiliary in the service of our Church.

Under the able management of our indefatigable Book Steward, the Rev. CHARLES CHURCHILL, A. M., our Book Room is vigorously conducted, and affords opportunity to our people to secure for personal and family reading, at the lowest prices, the best publications of England and the United States. We trust this institution of our Church will receive liberal encouragement from Wesleyans and others interested in the diffusion of a healthy, useful and Scriptural literature.

Numerous and pressing calls from various portions of our work have reached us for additional ministerial help, for the occupancy of places heretofore but partially supplied with Divine ordinances. It is therefore highly gratifying to us that the Lord of the harvest is raising up labourers to enter His vineyard. Young men giving promise of usefulness have been accepted as candidates for our work, and appointed to appropriate spheres; though we deeply regret that we have been compelled to allow several other fields presenting encouraging hopes of fruitfulness to remain unoccupied, because of a paucity of men to furnish the desired supply. Nine of the young brethren, having usefully fulfilled their probationary course, and having afforded satisfactory evidence of their Divine call to the sacred office, have been received into full connexion, and set apart by the imposition of hands as overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood.

We cannot, dear brethren, refer to your liberality in the support of the cause of God among you, and to your contributions for the spread of the Gospel throughout the earth in other terms than those of commendation; and yet we could bring to your most serious consideration whether in many of our Circuits, and in numerous individual instances, much more might not be accomplished, both for the foreign and home work, by a

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due regard to economy in the enjoyment of our earthly substance, and by a deeply-cherished feeling of our privilege in the right employment of the means placed at our disposal by the Giver of all good—prompted by an earnest sense of obligation to Christ and to His cause—in consideration of our immense indebtedness for religious immunities incalculably great, and for Providential favors conferred upon us in profusion. May the important enquiry, “How much owest thou unto my Lord?” be answered by each of you with all fidelity, in the contemplation of the near approach of the solemn scenes of judgment and eternity!

We invite your liberal consideration in behalf of our other Connexional Funds. We regret to observe that in the general out annual public collections and contributions in the classes toward the sustentation of our Contingent and Supernumerary Funds, have not received that amount of attention from our congregations and societies which their importance demands. We are aiming at the establishment of these funds upon a permanent basis, and we venture to bespeak for them not only the generous and liberal donations of our more opulent friends, but also the cheerful, willing-hearted contributions of our members in more humble life, as offerings to Him who looketh at the heart, and who has promised that even a cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple, shall in no wise lose its reward.

While convened together the reminiscences of the year have affectingly reminded us that “all flesh is grass.” Some, who were with us at our last Conference, have since then been called to join the General Assembly and Church of the First-born. Four of our beloved and honored brethren whose names were on our last Minutes have, during the year, been removed from the scenes of their toils and trials, and gathered to their heavenly rest. While their removal is solemnly admonitory to us who are yet in the vineyard of the Lord to work while the day lasts, yet we rejoice that by their dying testimony, as well as by the memory embalmed in our hearts of their unquestioned piety, and unblemished holiness of example, they being dead yet speak to us in tones of high encouragement.—While, therefore, we mourn the loss we have sustained, we glorify God in them, that His grace was magnified in their life and in their death.—We give thanks on behalf of these our sainted brethren, and also for others of our beloved Christian friends, who during the year past departed this life in the true faith of God’s holy name. May the same blessed testimony which our fathers and brethren were enabled to bear in the hour of life’s latest conflict, be borne by us and by our dear people; and may the same abundant entrance be ministered to us all into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have many things, dearly beloved in the Lord, to say to you, but upon which we cannot venture without risk of extending this Pastoral letter to an undue length. You will, we are sure, gladly unite with us in thanksgiving to our God that His smile is graciously resting upon our honoured Methodism in the parent land, and also upon the several affiliated conferences in connexion with the British Conference, and that promise is given, in the healthy vigour of our own young connexion, that a great work is to be accomplished by us in these Provinces, and that in that work an extended measure of success will be our divinely conferred privilege. May we never prove recreant to our sacred trust! And now, brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, who is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference,

**HUMPHREY PICKARD, A.M., Secretary.**

Sackville, N. B., June 30th, 1857.

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## ADDRESS

OF THE

**BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN EASTERN  
BRITISH AMERICA.**

**VERY DEAR BRETHREN:**

"GRACE to you, and peace, from GOD our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." We commence our intended series of Addresses to you in the words of the Apostle Paul, and would pray for the same blessings to rest upon you, that the inspired servant of the Lord asked for "all that were in Rome, beloved of God." We are impressed by the consideration, that this is our first opportunity of addressing you as an affiliated Conference; and we trust that, among other advantages of your new position, an important one will be, that, under the blessing of God, these annual recognitions of your connexion with us will be made the medium of imparting unto you "some spiri-

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tual gift, to the end ye may be established;" and that from your own welcome communications we "may be comforted together with you, by the mutual faith of you and us." As the Apostle commenced nearly all his Epistles with some ascription of praise "for the grace of God which was given by Christ Jesus" to the believers whom he addressed, it is our privilege also to make known our gratitude to God for the success which has attended your efforts, and those of your honoured predecessors, in proclaiming the truths, and exercising the discipline, that have been so signally owned of the Lord; in many instances making even "the wilderness" to be "glad," and "the desert" to "rejoice and blossom as the rose." There are names connected with the establishment of your churches, and with their subsequent edification, to which you and your children may refer with holy exultation, as belonging to men "in labours more abundant," whose example you will do well to follow in all that is earnest in zeal, and estimable in purity of character.

As your first address did not arrive in time for our Conference of last year, both your Addresses were read in our present assembly, and were received with much satisfaction, as an earnest of "the glad tidings of good things" we hope to hear from you in many future years. We receive with peculiar pleasure the record of your acceptance of the plans proposed for your government; not only as made known to us when these plans were brought before you in general terms, but as expressed to us even more emphatically after you have ascertained their adaptation to your circumstances. Nor is it the least of our sources of joy, that you are enabled to tell us that your Societies also "have entered most heartily into the plan of your present organization, and have nobly supported it throughout the year." We regard these expressions of attachment and approval as the acceptance of a covenant, by which we are now mutually pledged, and which will be respected, in its primitive integrity, through future ages.

You have already been taught an impressive lesson in the removal by death of your first President, the Rev. John Beecham, D. D. We cannot doubt that you anticipated, as you most reasonably might, great assistance in years to come from his accurate acquaintance with your circumstances, from the services he has long rendered you as one of the Secretaries of our Missionary Society, from his untiring endeavour to promote your interests, and from the confidence you could repose in the solidity of his judgment, the extent of his information on all questions connected with our peculiar economy, and the kindness of his heart. It must be your consolation, that you had the full advantage of his latest experience and his maturest piety. On

listening to the expressions of your thankfulness for his appointment as your President in your first Address, it was affecting to us to remember that he of whom you spoke was then with God; and again, when we heard the words of your regret for his decease, our tears were mingled with your own, as his removal is a deep affliction to us also, and a loss to the universal church.

When our common forefathers wrote and spoke, or suffered unto the death, for the advantages we now enjoy, they little thought that the institutions they sought to establish would arise, with all their inestimable privileges, to bless so many millions as are now found in our colonies, or in the native states that have been brought under our control; but we have evidences, everywhere, that the social and religious movements of the past are exercising a mighty influence upon the present. Of this we have been reminded, among other facts, by the extent and efficiency of your Mount Allison Academy, whereby you are enabled to convey to your youth all that is most valuable in the science and literature of the world. We rejoice with you in the talent and piety of your Professors; and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which has been recently experienced, we have evidence that the sanction of the great Head of the Church has been given to your establishment in an eminent degree. Of equal importance with the education of your youth is the diffusion of a healthy and scriptural literature. Let the mind of your sons and daughters in colleges and schools be imbued with the high and holy principles of the word of God. When their scholastic instruction has terminated, be prepared to place within their reach a course of attractive reading and study, distinctly recognising, and everywhere presenting, the glorious doctrines by which you yourselves have been brought to a knowledge of "the truth as it is in Jesus." So shall you become a prosperous people, upon whose dwellings will rest a blessing, abundant as the dew of Hermon, with prosperity rich as the fruits of Eshcol. Having so constant an intercourse both with the old world and the new, great caution will be required lest error, rife in both hemispheres, should exercise an evil influence on your reading population; there being great danger from this source to minds that are addicted rather to the speculations of philosophy than to stern and practical truth. We have to lament that there is so wide a departure from the essential doctrines of the Gospel in much of the popular literature of our day, the more dangerous as it consists in an utter forgetfulness or denial of the atonement, whilst social virtues, though they can rise from no other source, are held up to high admiration, as meritorious and independent. The hand of the cunning workman is everywhere attempting to hew out cisterns; but

they are broken, and can hold no water,—a mockery to the thirsty. Be it your determination to guard the fountain of life; and in simple strains, like those of Wesley, Fletcher, Benson, Watson, and other holy men, cry aloud to the perishing sinners around you, that they may go and drink of the living water, and live forever.

We are aware that there are dangers peculiar to your own position, against which you will be called upon to warn "the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers;" and you will discover that common temptations, under new forms, may exert the most malignant influences. With Popery you will have to wage constant battle; showing, in this inevitable conflict, the superiority of your profession by the meekness of your spirit and the holiness of your life. It is to be uncompromisingly set forth in every place where the ministry of Wesleyan Methodism is established, that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God;" and that the sanctification of the Lord's day is an ordinance of the Lord, necessary to the well-being of man, the brightest gem that remains from the forfeited treasures of paradise, and the clearest anticipation of the rest of heaven.

We are glad that you are alive to the importance of sustaining your church upon a permanent basis. Faithfulness will be required in carrying out your plans for the support of the ministry. This should be presented to your people as a privilege; but likewise, in all kindness, insisted upon as a duty. The precept, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things," (Gal. vi. 6,) is too plain to be misunderstood. There are other arrangements of a pecuniary character that will equally require your attention. Any carelessness now, in this early stage of your existence, might cause you to fall into inextricable difficulties hereafter. The continuance of an earnest and affectionate ministry will scarcely fail to secure a grateful and liberal people. The fields of the earth were never more white unto the harvest than at the present moment; and there are everywhere loud calls for the utmost liberality of the Church of God.

The past year has been one of increase and returning prosperity to ourselves. Whether we look at our financial or our spiritual condition, at the state of our funds or the outpourings of the Spirit with which we have been favoured, we see reason to "thank God, and take courage." The withering consequences of strife are now so clearly apparent to our people, that we may reasonably hope for a period of repose; and the consentaneous voice of all experience confirms the attestation, that, wherever Methodism is allowed the free exercise of its power, it is aggressive, expansive, and mighty. The present

Conference has been marked by great earnestness and harmony. We have had many tokens of the presence and favor of God; and we shall return to our accustomed labours with still greater confidence in each other, and in the efficiency of the institutions we have pledged ourselves to maintain.

The presence of Dr. Hannah, and his beloved colleague, the Rev. Frederick J. Jobson, at your last Conference, would have been a great privilege to you; but, after the duties connected with their official visit to the Methodist Episcopal Church of America were concluded, important measures that required their immediate attention in Britain obliged them to decline the invitation to attend your sittings. The able presidency of the Rev. Dr. Richey, and the visit of the Rev. William Ryerson and his companions from Canada, must have strengthened your hands; and we trust that the advices and admonitions of these respected Ministers will be to you a permanent advantage. In compliance with your request, we have appointed the Rev. Dr. RICHEY to preside over your next Conference, and the Rev. RICHARD KNIGHT, Co-Delegate.

We shall continue to watch your course with solicitude and hope; and our prayers will be unceasing that, in the exercise of your ministry, the general character of your periodical literature, and the spirit pervading the entire mass of the publications issued from your important Book Room, the distinctive truths of which you are appointed the conservators may be rendered a great blessing to the people among whom you live; and that the members of your Church, whether resident around your noble harbours, or inhabiting your inland towns, or isolated in your forests, or rocked upon the ocean and exposed to the perils attendant on your extensive fishery, may be examples of righteousness to your varied populations; whilst in the regularity with which they attend the class-meetings, the readiness with which they can testify the personal enjoyment of the witness of the Spirit, and the holy ardour with which they seek the blessing of entire sanctification, they give proof of their intention to maintain the unity of the faith, and the identity of our institutions, as received from our fathers in the Gospel. No longer the members of separate Districts, but confederated in one policy, remember that in this unity will consist your strength. If there are interests that appear to be local in their character, let them be the means of calling forth a spirit of greater forbearance; and, as you "kindly for each other care," this very diversity will throw a deeper interest into your proceedings, and invest them with a greater importance. As you are the youngest of the offshoots from the parent stock of Methodism, which is still striking its roots more deeply in the land of its nativity,

constantly seek, even in an agony of earnestness, to be the most flourishing and fruitful. We shall then continue to rejoice over you before God, as we see from the distance the spreading of your branches, and hear from among them the same strains that have often echoed the music of our own hearts, when it was well with us in the way of the wilderness, and there rested on us the blessing of the Lord.

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,

ROBERT YOUNG, *President.*

JOHN HANNAH, *D. D., Secretary.*

Bristol, August 10th, 1856.

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CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST  
CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,

TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

REVEREND FATHERS AND MUCH-LOVED BRETHREN,

HAPPILY convened in our principal ecclesiastical Assembly, we rejoice again to approach you with filial and fraternal salutation. Having survived the toils, the trials and the vicissitudes of another year, our spirits have been greatly refreshed, our mutual affection deepened and strengthened, and the grand aims and purposes of our life purified and exalted by the interchange of brotherly sympathies, the prayerful consideration of the solemn responsibilities which rest upon us, and the soul-chastening, heart mingling influences of holy fellowship in blessings flowing in upon us from the throne of supplication, the sacramental altar and the expiatory cross, during our Conferential session.

Your first address to us in our new relation, the precursor of many others equally wise and weighty, yet to reach us, through coming years, was received with the reverential regard which a document emanating from such an honoured source, and containing counsels so appropriate and paternal, will ever command from us. We have carefully pondered its truths, faithfully treasured up its admonitory cautions, and trust to exemplify its well-tested principles in our private and public life.

Conscious of the many evils which surround us, aware of the malignant agencies tirelessly at work to arrest the mighty march of Divine truth and neutralize its glorious success, yet do none of these things move us,—they have all been foreseen—all been provided against. The eye of the prophet of old time afar off beheld them, and his life-portraying pen vividly described them. New names may decorate them—new draperies adorn them, but they are the early foes of the cross, smitten down before on many a well fought field; and in this latter, this final conflict, however fiercely contested, the issue is neither doubtful nor dangerous. Jesus “must reign till He hath put all enemies under

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his feet." Animated by these views, we seek no new inventions; we betake ourselves to the ancient arsenal of the Church to put on the whole armour of God, implore from the fount of blessing, the heart of quenchless love, the tongue of pentecostal fire, the spirit bathed in the copious libations of celestial energy, poured forth from on high. Thus hope we to "fight the good fight of faith."

It hath afforded us much happiness to learn that the work of the Lord has been extensively revived among you—that your wounds are healing, your desolate places being inhabited—that your days of darkness, discord and decrease, are succeeded by times of enlargement, blessedness and power. Scarcely did the exiled children of Judah turn more fondly or tenderly toward the sepulchres of their fathers or the city of their God, than do we toward the ancestral homes of our common Methodism, the scenes of triumphant manifestations of heavenly mercy. The voices which are lifted up around the *family* altar of our Church, whether in tones plaintive or joyful, will ever waken responsive echoes in the bosoms of its affectionate sons. Not a warm, fresh gush of life-blood throbs in the Methodist heart, but renewed vitality is speedily felt in the distant extremities of the Wesleyan system.

Nor have we been deprived of gracious tokens of the pity and regard of our Great Master. Fertilizing showers of grace have descended upon Christ's heritage within our bounds, and many heretofore barren wilds have bloomed as the garden of God. On every side our view is widening and the fields, white unto the harvest, are waving invitingly before us. We pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust out labourers into His vineyard.

All our Connexional Funds have been increased during the year; and we believe that as our people grow more and more familiar with the equities and excellencies of our financial institutions, that increase will be greatly more commensurate with the demands of our vast field of labour.

Our Book Room, under the able management of our enterprising Book Steward, the Rev. Charles Churchill, A. M., is fulfilling our expectations, and giving rich promise of great advantage to our cause in these Provinces, by the wide diffusion of sound scriptural literature among our societies and congregations.

Our weekly periodical, *The Provincial Wesleyan*, is still pursuing its useful course, is conducted with dignity and discretion, is becoming increasingly popular, and doing excellent service on the side of evangelic truth.

Our Educational Institutions at Mount Allison, notwithstanding the severe pressure of the times, have been largely patron-

ized; and having been conducted with the same zeal and ability as in former years distinguished their management, have fully sustained the high reputation previously won, of being among the most efficient Academical Institutions in British North America.

Startling and impressive lessons have been conveyed to us through the ravages which death has made in our ranks during the year. Reminded in the most affecting manner that our life is "even as a vapour," and that there is but a step between us and death, we desire to consecrate all our powers to the great work given us to do. Four brethren numbered with us this time last year, are now no longer on earth. Three of these were advanced in years, and had for a considerable period been unable to discharge the full duties of their holy office. Among them was that meek and most gentle-hearted Christian man, Albert DesBrisay, whose sweetly fragrant piety will be fresh in the memory of those who knew him, for many years to come; and Richard Williams, a man of sound understanding, high character, and unflinching attachment to our denominational usages. One of those devoted servants of God was cut down in the high noon of life, and in the midst of a most energetic and useful career. When we reflect upon these bereavements, those of us who have passed the meridian of our terrestrial course, around whose enfeebled forms the shadows of the grave are lengthening and deepening, feel strongly admonished to set our house in order, to fill up our vessels and retrim our flickering lamps on the near approach of our coming Lord; and such of us as are yet in the vigor of our days, perceive the overwhelming importance of unsleeping vigilance at our post of duty, and unwearied diligence in our Master's cause. May it be ours to die as safely and triumphantly as we believe these lamented Brethren to have died!

We have also to regret the loss we are about to sustain by the removal of Dr. Evans to Canada, whither he deems his path of duty leads him. His remarkably clear and comprehensive understanding, combined with an unusual degree of financial tact, in connection with his most devoted and enlightened attachment to the doctrines and polity of Methodism, have enabled him to render invaluable aid to our work during his stay in the lower colonies. He is accompanied by our warmest love and esteem to his former field of labour.

We are greatly comforted under our several bereavements by the number of young men "baptized for the dead," whose names come before us for the first time as candidates for admission into our Ministry. We have received nine on probation, and appointed them to appropriate spheres of labour: nine

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young brethren, also, having honourably completed their probationary course, and given proof by gifts, by graces, and by fruits, of a Divine call to the duties of the Christian pastorate, have been cordially admitted into full connexion with us, and eight of them solemnly set apart to their great work by ordination.

We have deputed our esteemed and excellent brethren, H. Pickard, A. M., our Secretary, and Principal of Mount Allison Academy, and C. Churchill, A. M., our Book Steward, to represent us at your approaching Conference. They will give you full information of all that concerns our position and prospects.

It is our unanimous desire that our highly esteemed President, Dr. Richey, in whom the varied qualities of the Christian scholar, the Christian orator, and the Christian gentleman, are so finely blended, be re-appointed to fill our Presidential chair for the ensuing year. His services during the past year, in visiting our Circuits, expounding the principles of our ecclesiastical economy, and enforcing the duties of our holy religion, have been very valuable; while his conduct in the chair has been marked by dignity, ability, impartiality, and most attractive affability.

We also desire the re-appointment of Dr. Knight as Co-Debate, an office which his matured experience, his practical sagacity, and his inflexible integrity, admirably qualify him to fill.

Venerated Fathers, well-beloved Brethren, we again fervently solicit your frequent remembrance of us in the audience-chamber of heaven, that the sacred interests of Christ's holy Church, as identified with the Wesleyan section of the universal Christian brotherhood, may never suffer in our keeping; and that with yourselves, we may attain unto a crown of life which fadeth not away—a crown radiant with the glory of refulgent stars, ransomed spirits, sainted and immortal, through our feeble instrumentality brought back from their wanderings to revolve in splendour and harmony around the glorious Sun of Righteousness forevermore.

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,

H. PICKARD, Secretary.

Mount Allison, Sackville, New Brunswick, July 2nd, 1857.

# AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

## MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL

IN CONNEXION WITH

### THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

\*\*\* The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister commenced his ministry, as ascertained and fixed at the Conference this year, 1857.

	Yrs.		Yrs.
1836 Addy, John S., <i>Liverpool, N. S.</i>	1	1830 Daniel, Henry, <i>St. John's, Nfld.</i>	1
1851 Albrighton, Thos. M. <i>St. John's, South, N. B.</i>	2	1824 Davies, Thomas H., <i>Point de Bute, N. B.</i>	2
1836 Alcorn, Wm. <i>Upham, N. B.</i>	2	1852 Des Brisay, Alexander <i>McL., Pownal, P. E. I.</i>	1
1840 Allen, Wm., <i>Sussex Vale, N. B.</i>	2	1837 DeWolfe, Charles, A. M., <i>Pt. de Riviere, N. S.</i>	1
1843 Allison, John, A. B., <i>Principal Female Branch, Mount Allison Institution.</i>	2	1855 Dove, James, <i>Burin, Nfld.</i>	1
1831 Angwin, Thomas, <i>Aylesford, N. S.</i>	2	1853 Duncan, Robert, <i>Halifax, North, N. S.</i>	1
1854 Avery, Samuel, <i>Shelburne, N. S.</i>	1		
1837 Barratt, Geo. M. <i>Bedeque, P. E. I.</i>	2	1837 England, Jas. <i>Halifax South, N. S.</i>	2
1835 Beale, W. C., <i>Bathurst, N. B.</i>	2	1856 Fox, Thos., <i>Hants Harbor, Nfld.</i>	2
1800 Bennett, William, <i>Super., Halifax, N. S.</i>	2	1851 Gaetz, Thos., <i>Grand Bank, Nfld.</i>	1
1838 Bent, Jos. F., <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	3	1853 Gaskin, Chas., <i>Ship Harbor, N. S.</i>	1
1851 Black, Alex. B., <i>Mill Village, N. S.</i>	1	1833 Harris, Thos., <i>Bonaville, Nfld.</i>	1
1834 Botterell, Edmund, <i>St. John, N. B.</i>	2	1826 Hart, Jos., <i>Kempt, N. S.</i>	1
1848 Brettle, Elias, <i>Black Head, Nfld.</i>	1	1826 Hennigar, Jas. G., <i>Horion, N. S.</i>	2
1845 Brewster, Jno., <i>Fredericton, N. B.</i>	2	1837 Holland, Henry, <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	1
1837 Brown, Wm. O., <i>Woodstock, N. B.</i>	1	1837 Howie, John, <i>Guyaboro, N. S.</i>	1
1836 Brownell, John B., <i>St. Stephens, N. B.</i>	2	1846 Huestis, Geo. O., <i>Guyaboro, N. S.</i>	1
1836 Buckley, Jas., <i>Parraboro, N. S.</i>	3	1830 Johnson, Geo., <i>St. Andrews, N. B.</i>	2
1853 Burns, Jas., <i>Greenwich, N. B.</i>	1	1837 Johnson, Richard, <i>Truro, N. S.</i>	1
1856 Butcher, Geo., <i>Fredericton, N. B.</i>	1	1837 Jost, Jeremiah V., <i>St. David's, N. B.</i>	2
1834 Cardy, Wm. T., <i>Bermuda</i>	2	1816 Knight, Richd., D. D., <i>Co-Delegated, Sheffield, N. B.</i>	1
1856 Cassidy, John, <i>Bermuda</i>	2		
1837 Chapman, Douglas, <i>Wallace, N. S.</i>	1	1855 Lathern, John, <i>Cornwallis, N. S.</i>	1
1837 Churchill, Charles, A. M., <i>Book Steward, Halifax, N. S.</i>	2	1843 Lockhart, Christopher, <i>Barrington, N. S.</i>	3
1855 Comben, Chas., <i>Western Shore, Newfoundland</i>	1		
1840 Crane, Robert, E., <i>River Philip, N. S.</i>	2	1845 McCarty, Wm., <i>Amherst, N. S.</i>	2
1810 Croscombe, Wm., <i>Super., Windsor, N. S.</i>	2	1853 McKeown, Hezekiah, <i>Barton, N. B.</i>	2
1853 Currie, Duncan D., <i>Richibucto, N. S.</i>	1	1853 McKinnon, Wm. C., <i>Bedeque, P. E. Island.</i>	2
		1834 McMurray, John, <i>Truro, N. S.</i>	1
		1828 McNutt, Arthur, <i>Newport, N. S.</i>	2

LIST OF MINISTERS, &c.

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1816 Marshall, Jno. Super, <i>Truro, N.S.</i>		1898 Shenstone, Wm. E. <i>Carbonear, Newfoundland</i>	3
1854 Milligan, Geo. S., A. M., <i>River John, N. S.</i>	1	1897 Smallwood, F., <i>Annapolis, N. S.</i>	2
1817 Miller, George, Super, <i>Bridgetown, N. S.</i>	1	1827 Smith, Wm., <i>Miramichi, N. B.</i>	2
1851 Moore, Fred, W., <i>Sydney, C. B.</i>	1	1835 Smith, Thos., <i>St. John's, Nfld.</i>	1
1841 Morton, Roland, <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	3	1842 Smith, Richard, <i>St. John's, West, N.B.</i>	1
1841 Narraway, Jas. R., A. M., <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	1	1857 Smith, Thos. W. <i>Aylesford, N.S.</i>	1
1850 Nicolson, Alex. W., <i>Island Cove &amp; Perican, Nfld.</i>	1	1825 Smithson, Wm., <i>Milltown, N. B.</i>	2
1822 Nightingale, Adam, <i>Port de Grace, Nfld.</i>	3	1819 Snowball, John, <i>St. John's, North, N. B.</i>	2
1853 Payson, George B., <i>Margaret's Bay, N. S.</i>	2	1832 Spongie, Jno. L., <i>Liverpool, N.S.</i>	1
1840 Peach, John S., <i>Island Cove and Perican, Nfld.</i>	1	1838 Sprague, Saml. W. <i>Brigus, Nfld.</i>	2
1856 Perkins, Wm., <i>Nashwaak, N. B.</i>	2	1852 Steward, Charles, <i>St. John's, South, N. B.</i>	3
1857 Perkin, Wm., <i>Guyboro', N. S.</i>	1	1813 Strong, John B., Super, <i>Charlottetown, P. E. I.</i>	1
1851 Phinney, John S., <i>Harbor Grace, Nfld.</i>	2	1831 Sutcliffe, Ingham, <i>Charlottetown, P. E. I.</i>	1
1837 Pickard, Humphrey, A. M., (Secretary of the Conference.) <i>Principal Mount Allison Institution</i>	14	1857 Sutcliffe, Joseph, <i>Musquodoboit, N. S.</i>	1
1827 Pickles, Michael, <i>Yarmouth, N.S.</i>	3	1846 Taylor, Jas., <i>Cornwallis, N.S.</i>	2
1814 Pope, Henry, Senr., Super, <i>Haltifax, N. S.</i>	1	1846 Todd, Stephen, T., <i>Margaria, N.S.</i>	1
1844 Pope, Henry, Junr., <i>Little York, P. E. I.</i>	1	1820 Temple, Wm., <i>Moncton, N. B.</i>	1
1859 Prestwood, Paul, <i>Green Bay, Newfoundland</i>	2	1849 Temple, Robt. A., <i>Wallace and Pugwash, N. S.</i>	2
1846 Prinoa, John, <i>Woodstock, N. B.</i>	2	1850 Tuttle, Geo. W. <i>Digby, N. S.</i>	2
1857 Read, John, <i>Andover, N. B.</i>	1	1851 Tweedy, Wm., <i>Montland, N.S.</i>	2
1831 Richey, M., D. D., President, <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	1	1853 Tweedy, Robt., <i>Moncton, N. B.</i>	2
		1855 Tweedy, Jas., <i>Sussex Vale, N. B.</i>	1
		1857 Wasson, Robt., <i>Woodstock, N. B.</i>	1
		1839 Weddall, Richd., <i>Hopewell, N.B.</i>	2
		1820 Wilson, Wm., <i>Bridgetown, N. S.</i>	2
		1856 Winterbotham, John, <i>Dartmouth, N. S.</i>	2

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On page 8, under "Eastern Shore," for Halifax South, read Halifax North.

On page 14, note a discrepancy in the amount of Missionary Money in Halifax District, when compared with the detailed account on page 12;—the former is correct. The amount of Missionary money from Dartmouth was included in the Halifax amount, and repeated under the head of Dartmouth. The total amount is correct on page 14.

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