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QUESTION I.—Who compose this Conference?

ANS.—WILLIAM SAMUEL PASCOE, President of the Conference of 1882;
JAMES JOSEPH RICE, Secretary of the Conference of 1882.

J. Harris, Sup't of the	P. E. Island	District.
*A. Clarke, "	Cobourg	do.
W. Kenner, "	Bowmanville	do.
W. Jolliffe, "	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
W. R. Roach, "	Toronto	do.
**W. H. Butt, "	London	do.
† A. Gordon, "	Manitoba	do.
R. Thomas, "	Cleveland	do.
W. Medland, "	Wisconsin	do.

Representatives sent by their District Meetings.

C. Bryenton,	(District Representative) of the	P. E. I. District.
†J. F. Stewart,	Representative	do.
J. Wade,	(District Representative) of the	Cobourg District.
J. Jewell,	Representative	do.
L. Martin,	do.	do.
†J. Nott,	do.	do.
T. Courtice,	(District Representative) of the	Bowmanville District.
R. Souch,	Representative	do.
W. Bond,	do.	do.
W. Gummow,	do.	do.
Jas. Rundle,	do.	do.
D. Dyer,	do.	do.
J. Clarke,	(District Representative) of the	Peterboro' & Victoria District.
T. Broad,	Representative	do.
J. Bickle,	do.	do.
J. Cullis,	do.	do.
†A. Wilson,	do.	do.
J. Binstead,	(District Representative) of the	Toronto District.
†J. Lewis,	Representative	do.
†T. Burrows,	do.	do.
†G. Atkey,	do.	do.

*Absent through affliction.

**Appointed by the Executive Committee during the year.

†Not in attendance at Conference.

Jas. Pickard,	(District Representative) of the	Exeter District.
R. Babb,	Representative	do.
H. Heal,	do.	do.
D. McInnis,	do.	do.
J. Parsons,	do.	do.
J. Down,	do.	do.
T. C. Pickard,	do.	do.
N. W. Nott,	do.	do.
W. Field,	(District Representative) of the	London District.
G. Hooper,	Representative	do.
W. Garfat,	do.	do.
T. Hunsley,	do.	do.
R. Kennedy,	do.	do.
G. Axford,	do.	do.
R. Prowse,	do.	do.
J. Venning,	(District Representative) of the	Cleveland District.
†W. Hutchings,	Representative	do.
†W. Cobbledick,	(District Representative) of the	Manitoba District.

Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.

	sent by	District.
J. H. Eynon,	Bowmanville	do.
R. Hurley,	Cobourg	do.
J. W. Butcher,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
J. Gale,	Bowmanville	do.
J. Whitlock,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
J. Kenner,	do.	do.
G. Webber,	Exeter	do.
E. Roberts,	Toronto	do.
H. A. Newcombe,	London	do.
G. Dunkley,	Cobourg	do.
W. Ayers,	Bowmanville	do.
J. J. Rice,	Exeter	do.
L. W. Wickett,	London	do.
H. J. Nott,	Bowmanville	do.
R. T. Courtice,	Cobourg	do.
W. C. Beer,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
S. H. Rice,	London	do.
A. Richard,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
R. Allin,	do.	do.
J. H. Collins,	Toronto	do.
J. Archer,	London	do.
J. G. Yelland	do.	do.
G. Smith,	Toronto	do.
W. Quance,	Exeter	do.
R. B. Rowe,	Bowmanville	do.
T. Broad,	Exeter	do.
J. Holmes,	London	do.
J. Veale,	Exeter	do.
G. H. Copeland	Cobourg	do.

†Failed to attend Conference.

District.	M. Metherell,	"	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
do.	R. Mallett, B.A.,	"	Bowmanville	do.
do.	J. Kestle,	"	Cobourg	do.
do.	R. Davidson,	"	Wisconsin	do.
do.	†J. Greenway,	"	Manitoba	do.
do.	†J. M. Tredrea,	"	P. E. Island	do.
do.	W. Limbert,	"	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
do.	S. J. Allin,	"	Cleveland	do.
District.	E. A. Tonkin,	"	P. E. Island	do.
do.	W. Rollins,	"	Wisconsin	do.
do.	H. Moore,	"	Bowmanville	do.
do.	T. J. Sabine,	"	Exeter	do.
do.	J. Pooley,	"	Toronto	do.
do.	D. Williams,	"	Cobourg	do.
do.	F. M. Whitlock,*	"	Exeter	do.
District.	W. Bryenton,	"	P. E. Island	do.
do.	J. A. Dafoe,	"	do.	do.

EDWARD ROBERTS was elected President ; and

JOHN HARRIS, Conference Secretary.

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

A.—

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

† Failed to attend Conference.

John M. Tredrea,
William Lambert,
Samuel J. Allin,
Edwin A. Tonkin,
William Rollins,
Herman Moore,
Richard Thomas,
Thomas J. Sabine,

John Pooley,
Daniel Williams,
Francis M. Whitlock,
William Bryenton,
James A. Dafoe,
James A. Hoskin,
William H. Spargo,
John W. Cannom.

Q. 3—Who are admitted into full Connexion?

A.—Thomas Brown, John S. Lean, Fergus O'C. Jones, Thomas B. Blatchford, B.A.

Q. 4—Who remain on trial?

A.—* Andrew C. Courtice, B.A., S. W. Muxworthy, William Coombe,
William E. Reynolds, Samuel T. Bartlett.

These have travelled *three* years.

Wesley Down,

John H. Oke.

These have travelled *two* years.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted as Probationers?

A.—Frederick Woodger, Samuel J. Thompson, George F. Cannom,
Henry E. Bailey.

Q. 6.—What Preacher has died during the year?

A.—JOHN EDWARDS, who was born in the parish of St. Wenn, Cornwall, England, in the spring of 1800. His early advantages were few, and his condition in life, humble. His parents were simple, honest, industrious, moral people. His father, dying while John was quite young, left the widowed mother to struggle with five dependent children. A few years after, the older brother died, and John, with his three younger sisters, were left to the care of that widowed mother, who struggled bravely to gain for them a livelihood. Early in life, John entered the situation and began to assist in his own support. When he reached the age of manhood, he generously offered his assistance to help in supporting the younger members of the family, ultimately renting a small house, and taking one of his sisters to live with him as housekeeper. Early in life he acquired bad habits, through the influence of profane and wicked companions. To use his own language, he became a swearer, a Sabbath-breaker, a wrestler, a fighter, a dancer, a card-player, a very

wicked man. But in the midst of this sinful dissipation the Spirit of God strove with him, and he was more than once convicted of sin. One evening, while returning home from his work, he heard an unusual noise in the cottage adjoining his own; on entering the house he found his neighbor in deep distress, crying for mercy. Moved by that picture of pleading agony, John Edwards knelt down by her side and joined in prayer with those that were praying for her. Soon his own heart became overwhelmed with grief because of his sins, and in the bitterness of his soul he began to cry for mercy in earnest. Not having found the assurance of pardon, he pleaded on the next day, turning aside several times from his work to wrestle with God. He at last obtained perfect liberty, and was assured of his acceptance with God. Three days after his conversion he received a note of admittance into the Bible Christian Church, April 17th, 1826, from William Runnalls, then Pastor of Truro Circuit. With the Class at Bissick, in the parish of Ladock, he continued in Church

*Bro. Courtice has permission to attend College, and his name is set down in connection with the Prince Albert Station.

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fellowship for nearly five years, until called to a wider sphere. His conversion was clear, and he sought, from the first, to walk before God with a perfect heart. He early commenced to pray for the blessing of full sanctification, as then taught and urged from the pulpit, and soon the Lord answered his prayer, and, in his own language, he found "a blessing so great, so dear, so sweet, so precious" to his soul, that he could believe he was there and then sanctified, and in that state he sought to live, proving all through life the power and efficacy of the precious blood of Christ to cleanse from all sin. Soon after his conversion he was chosen a class-leader. After that he was invited to preach at some week-night services. His first text was from Ezekiel xxxiii. 2. The word was with power, and there was a shaking among the dry bones. He was then placed upon the Local Preachers' plan, and labored for some time in that capacity. In a very pleasant way he was almost unconsciously drawn into the Christian ministry, his scruples and hesitation were overcome, and he consecrated himself completely to the work of the Lord, through the advice and influence of his dear friend and pastor, the sainted Andrew Cory. Mr. Cory engaged him as a supply, then re-engaged him, and afterwards led him into the full work, of which ministry, through God's help, he made full proof. His education was very limited, having been to school but two months in his life. When converted he could scarcely read a chapter in the Bible, nor could he write; but by diligence and the help of others he became a fair scholar, and did his work with credit, though it must not be forgotten that his eminently spiritual character, his sound judgment, his tender-heartedness, and his Christ-like spirit were the chief features of his success.

He entered the ministry of the Bible Christian Church at the Hicks Mill Conference, 1831—the same Conference as founded the North American Missions. His first appointment was at the Scilly Islands, and his first pastor was John H. Eynon, the father and founder of Canadian Missions. His second appointment was to the Falmouth Circuit, with his friend and counsellor, Andrew Cory, for his pastor. He was afterwards appointed to the Forest of Dean; then to Taunton; then to Tenderden and Elham; then to London; then to Elham a second time, from which

mission he left for Canada, sailing from Cardiff in South Wales, June 26th, 1839. After narrowly escaping shipwreck—he being taken with the passengers and crew from a sinking vessel in mid-ocean—he landed at Quebec at the end of August, and reached Cobourg Sept. 3rd, 1839.

When John Edwards arrived in Canada, John H. Eynon and John Kemeys were his only fellow-laborers, and the Minutes show that, with his colleagues, he was set down for the large circuit of Upper Canada. A division of labor was made in some measure the next and following years, but nothing like a circuit limitation was made for some three years, until Philip James and Robert Hurley arrived. Then they began to outline circuits that embraced fields as large as most of our Districts today. During the thirty years of Mr. Edwards' active ministry in Canada, from 1839 to 1869, he labored in Mariposa, Peterboro', Bowmanville, Cobourg, Belleville, Pickering, Clinton, Exeter, Dereham, and Uxbridge Stations. In every place he was made useful in leading some souls to Christ, but in some places he was eminently useful in leading many souls to Christ. His health, usually good, was twice seriously impaired by over-exertion in protracted meetings, and the disease which ultimately led him to the grave was unquestionably incurred amid the strain and exertion of special revival services. He was superannuated at the Conference of 1869, and remained for fourteen years on that honorable list, till 1883, God terminated the superannuation and gave him back his life again, young, vigorous, manly, beautiful, glorious, immortal, in His own kingdom with Himself.

John Edwards, as a minister, was singularly gifted in a remarkable degree. His preaching was expository and textual; his expositions of truth clear, forcible, and exhaustive. His mind was original and prolific. As a preacher he had few equals in Canada, for lucidness of exposition, for power of appeal, for mastery over an audience. He was, in the best sense, an able preacher. As a pastor, he was remarkably painstaking and devoted, visiting from house to house, praying much with and for the people. As a Christian man, he had few equals for pureness, for nobleness, for unselfish goodness, for unhesitating consecration to the service of God. He lived in the spirit of prayer. Of him it

may be said, most truly, he prayed without ceasing, and he had power in prayer, and prevailed. His possession and enjoyment of Scriptural holiness no one doubted; he will ever rank as one of the truest, purest, and best of men that have adorned the ministry of the Bible Christian Church in Canada. After a long, honored and useful life, John Edwards was taken home, at the age of 88, March 10th, 1883. His dis-

ease, Cancer,—had brought him years of suffering and exhausting weakness, but there was no complaining, not even a murmur; he was always happy, always patient, always hopeful, always resigned. He lived so near to God that Heaven seemed but a little way off, and God was all about him, and when the end came, it was not death, but TRANSLATION. He passed so peacefully, so suddenly, so triumphantly, to the paradise of God.

THE STATIONS.

Q. 6—How are the Preachers stationed?

A.—As follows:—

I. P. E. Island District.

1. CHARLOTTETOWN—S. H. Rice.
2. UNION—J. M. Tredrea.
3. VERNON RIVER—J. Ball.
4. MURRAY HARBOR—W. E. Reynolds.
5. WHEATLEY RIVER—W. Bryenton.
6. SUMMERSIDE—J. A. Dafoc.
7. * WEST CAPE—To be supplied.

S. H. RICE, *Superintendent.*

J. BALL, *Church Secretary.*

J. M. TREDREA, *S. School Secretary.*

II. Cobourg District.

8. COBOURG—J. J. Rice.
9. CAMBORNE—W. Coombe.
10. WELCOME—R. T. Courtice, A. Clarke, (supernum.) R. Hurley, (supern.)
11. PORT HOPE—G. H. Copeland, T.R. Hull, (supern.)
12. HUNTINGDON—T. Brown.
13. CAMPBELLFORD—G. Dunkley.
14. BELLEVILLE—D. Williams, G. Bodle, superannuated.
15. PERRYTOWN—S. J. Thompson.

J. J. RICE, *Superintendent.*

D. WILLIAMS, *Church Secretary.*

G. H. COPELAND, *S. School Secretary.*

III. Bowmanville District.

16. BOWMANVILLE—J. Harris, A. Richard, S. T. Bartlett; H. J. Nott, Editor; P. Robins and J. Gale, superannuated.
17. HAMPTON—J. Whitlock, J. H. Oke.
18. COLUMBUS—H. Moore.
19. OSKAWA—G. Webber.
20. PRINCE ALBERT—W. Kenner, A. C. Courtice, B.A., J. Langdon, superann'd.

G. WEBBER, *Superintendent.*

A. RICHARD, *Church Secretary.*

H. MOOKE, *S. School Secretary.*

* The Preacher at West Cape is to labor under the direction of the Summerside Preacher.

21. PETE
22. LITT
23. LAKE
24. FENE
25. LIND
26. MAN
27. ASHE

28. TORO
29. HAMI
30. PICKI
31. UXBR
32. SUTT
33. PALM
34. WIAR

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40. BETH
41. CLINT
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IV. Peterboro' & Victoria District.

21. PETERBORO'—W. Jolliffe ; J. W. Butcher, Superannuated.
22. LITTLE BRITAIN—W. C. Beer, R. Mallett, B.A., F. Woodger.
23. LAKEFIELD—R. Allin.
24. FENELON—M. Metherell.
25. LINDSAY—W. Limbert.
26. MANVERS & CARTWRIGHT—E. A. Tonkin, W. Down.
27. ASHBURNHAM—To be supplied.

W. JOLLIFFE, *Superintendent.*
 W. LIMBERT, *Church Secretary.*
 M. METHERELL, *S. School Secretary.*

V. Toronto District.

28. TORONTO—E. Roberts.
29. HAMILTON—J. H. Collins.
30. PICKERING—W. R. Roach.
31. UXBRIDGE—J. W. Cannom.
32. SUTTON—J. Pooley.
33. PALMERSTON—G. Smith.
34. WIARTON—H. A. Newcombe.

E. ROBERTS, *Superintendent.*
 J. H. COLLINS, *Church Secretary.*
 G. SMITH, *S. School Secretary.*

VI. Exeter District.

35. EXETER—W. S. Pascoe, T. Broad, supernum. ; J. H. Eynon, superan.
36. MUCHELL—W. Ayers, J. Williams, superannuated.
37. FULLARTON—J. Kestle.
38. USBORNE—W. Quance, G. F. Cannom.
39. CREDITON—J. VFALE.
40. BETHESDA & HENSALL—W. H. Spargo.
41. CLINTON—J. Kenner. One wanted.
42. COLBORNE—T. J. Sabine.

W. S. PASCOE, *Superintendent.*
 W. QUANCE, *Church Secretary.*
 J. KESTLE, *S. School Secretary.*

VII. London District.

43. LONDON CENTRE—W. H. Butt.
44. LONDON SOUTH—T. W. Blatchford, B. A.
45. LONDON EAST—L. W. Wickett.
46. LAMBETH—J. G. Yelland.
47. ST. THOMAS—J. Holmes.
48. TALBOTVILLE—S. J. Allin.
49. DEREHAM—J. Archer.
50. INGERSOLL—R. B. Rowe.

W. H. BUTT, *Superintendent.*
 S. J. ALLIN, *Church Secretary.*
 J. HOLMES, *S. School Secretary.*

VIII. Cleveland District.

51. CLEVELAND—F. M. Whitlock.
 52. ORANGE—F. O'C. Jones.
 53. CHAGRIN FALLS—R. Thomas ; J. Chapple, Superannuated.
 54. NEWBURG—To be supplied.

R. THOMAS, *Superintendent.*
 F. O'C. JONES, *Church Secretary.*
 F. M. WHITLOCK, *S. School Secretary.*

IX. Wisconsin District.

55. PALMYRA—W. Medland.
 56. LISBON.—J. S. Lean.
 57. YORKVILLE—W. Rollins.
 58. LITTLE PRAIRIE—R. Davidson, G. Haycraft, superannuated.
 59. BURLINGTON—To be supplied.

W. MEDLAND, *Superintendent.*
 W. ROLLINS, *Church Secretary.*
 J. S. LEAN, *S. School Secretary.*

X Manitoba District

60. CRYSTAL CITY—J. Greenway.
 61. ALEXANDRIA—A. Gordon.
 62. GRAND VALLEY & SOURIS.—J. Hoskin.

A. GORDON, *Superintendent.*
 J. GREENWAY, *Church Secretary.*
 J. HOSKIN, *S. School Secretary.*

Stations unconnected with Districts.*

63. WINDSOR—T. Mason.
 64. COLCHESTER—S. W. Muxworthy.

* The Missionary Secretary sustains the same relation to these Stations as Superintendents of Districts do to the several stations in their Districts.

Q. 8.—

A.—As

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STATISTICS.

Q. 8.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

A.—As follows—

MISSIONS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	From Other Circuits.	Admitted in the year.	On Trial.	Members.	Total.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Wheatley River.....	1	1	2	1	2	1				72	72	2	15	115
Sturgeon.....			2	2		18			3	18	21	3	14	100
Summerside.....	1	1	1	1		5	2			47	47	1	8	56
Port Hope.....	1	2	1	1	1	4	4	25	17	100	117	1	13	113
Campbellford.....	2	2	4	2	1	2	2		3	98	98	4	20	182
Belleville.....	2	2	3			5	5		5	51	54	1	9	44
Prince Albert.....	2	2	5		6	5	5			127	128	3	17	108
Perrytown.....	1	1	3		1	2				33	33			
Peterboro'.....	1	6	3		1	20	9			133	132	1	12	111
Lindsay.....	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	4	2	65	67	1	7	90
Fenelon.....	1	4	5	1	1	8	8		8	106	114	2	17	102
Manvers and Cartwright..	2	4	6	3		27		24	11	207	218	5	35	252
Ashburnham.....	1	1	1			1	1			36	36	1	2	14
Toronto.....	1	1	1			12	1	3	5	75	80	1	12	140
Hamilton.....	1	1	1			6	4	10	4	40	44	1	17	217
Pickering.....	1	6	6			16	2	2	10	100	110	4	24	205
Uxbridge.....	1	4	3			6	6	10	3	65	68	1	9	50
Sutton.....	1	4	4	1		12	8	5	5	52	57	5	22	179
Palmerston.....	1		2		1	12	5	3	2	58	60	2	13	120
Wisarton.....		5	3	2	1	5	2	19	19	87	106	3	23	164
Clinton.....	2	8	4	1		8	15	52	41	183	224	3	38	277
London South.....	1	1	1		2	3	5	5	4	65	69	1	9	85
London East.....	1	1	1		1	7	7	1	2	80	82	1	16	105
Lambeth.....	1	1	3		1	5	6	9	9	89	98	2	12	88
Talbotville.....	1	2				7	2	3	3	49	52	2	15	95
Ingersoll.....	1	4	2		2	13	9	22	11	93	104	2	16	144
Windsor.....	1	1	1			10	1	18	13	50	63	1	14	112
Colchester.....	1	3	1	2	1	5	5			57	57	2	13	76
Newburg.....	1	4	1			3	2	5	3	41	44	1	7	45
Little Prairie.....	1	1	1	1		3			2	42	44	1	7	40
Burlington.....	1	1	1	2						59	59	2	19	130
Crystal City.....	1	1	1	3		3	2	4	1	37	38	1	7	40
Alexandria.....	1	1	1	2			5	6		22	22	1	5	27
Grand Valley & Souris...	1	2	5				21	6		27	27			
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Charlottetown.....	1	5	1				11	1		98	98	15	186
Union.....	1	7	4	1	10		4		16	112	128	35	205
Vernon River.....	1		3				3			64	61	1	30
Murray Harbor.....	1		2	1	1				6	70	76	25	174
West Cape.....	1		5		13		3			13	103	116	23
Cobourg.....	1	1	1		4	1	10	1	4	76	80	13	121
Camborne.....	1	3	2		6		1			93	93	14	81
Welcome.....	2	8	5		17	1	25		12	161	173	23	162
Huntingdon.....	1	3	5	3	25	1	8		52	116	168	30	190
Bowmanville.....	7	3	8		44	9	48	11	36	512	548	73	598
Hampton.....	2	11	6		31	9	14	5	6	261	267	45	309
Columbus.....	1	2	3		20	2	14		5	98	103	19	108
Oshawa.....	1	3	1		2	2	2		2	160	162	16	179
Little Britain.....	2	13	9		19	1	17	4	9	398	407	63	565
Lakefield.....	1	6	5		8	1	9	2	2	176	176	34	214
Exeter.....	1	4	2		32	2	22	14	20	250	270	37	498
Mitchell.....	2	1	2		11	2	8	2	10	163	178	24	237
Fullerton.....	1	5	3		11	1	19	3		157	157	20	148
Uaborne.....	2	3	7		8	2	26		8	204	212	53	294
Crediton.....	1	7	5		26	2	20	4	16	207	223	37	264
Bethesda & Hensall.....	1	3	2		26		15	6	11	120	131	18	156
Colborne.....	1	3	4		2		24	5		138	138	22	131
London Centre.....	1	3	1		9		6	9	2	82	84	5	115
Dereham.....	1	2	4				3	1	11	74	85	11	95
Cleveland.....	1	4	1				5		9	95	104	16	120
Orange.....	1	1	2	1	39	1	2		11	110	121	11	65
Chagrin Falls.....	2	1	1		9	2	3		3	62	65	10	105
Pe'myra.....	1	3	4	1	8	1	13		7	78	85	30	207
Lisbon.....	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	96	97	22	175
Yorkville.....	1	5	4	1	28	1	4	1	28	115	143	29	166
Totals.....	42	111	104	9	389	42	344	70	298	4454	4752	784	5994
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Grand Totals.....	79	168	181	39	660	65	580	181	480	6918	7398	1251	9624
Grand Totals for 1882.....	81	167	185	40	905	90	596	177	724	6307	7531	1244	10091

Q. 9.—Who are the Conference Officials?

A.—E. Roberts, President; J. Harris, Conference and Corresponding Secretary; H. J. Nott, Editor; A. Richard, Financial Secretary; J. Kenner, Secretary and Treasurer of Preachers' Fund; R. T. Courice, Missionary Secretary; J. Kenner and R. Souch, General Treasurers; W. Quance, General Church Secretary; W. H. Butt, General Sabbath School Secretary; W. C. Beer and W. Field, Auditors; W. S. Pascoe, Corresponding Secretary with England.

Q. 10.—Who Compose the Executive and Missionary Committees?

A.—The President, Secretary, Editor, Missionary Secretary, General Treasurers, Superintendents of Districts, Chairman of Examining Committee, Financial, Sabbath School, and Church Secretaries, J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, J. Whitlock, W. Kenner, W. R. Roach; LAYMEN, T. Courice, J. Hull, Jas. Rundk, T. Bowden, Jas. Pickard and W. Field.

SUB-COMMITTEES—(EAST)—President, Secretary, G. Webber, H. J. Nott, J. J. Rice, T. Bowden, and R. Souch.—(WEST)—W. S. Pascoe, J. Kenner, W. Quance, and Jas. Pickard.

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A.—The President, Secretary of Conference, Superintendents of Districts and District Representatives, Editor, Missionary and Financial Secretaries, and J. Kenner, Treasurer.

Q. 12.—Who are the Examining Committee?

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

Q. 13.—When and where shall the Committee Meetings be held?

A.—The first meeting at Bowmanville at the call of the President; second meeting at Toronto in January; the third meeting at Bowmanville, the Friday preceding the Conference.

Q. 14.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—On the first Wednesday in June, 1884, in the Bible Christian Church, Bowmanville. The Preparatory Committees to meet at the same place, on the previous Friday, at 9 a.m.

Q. 15.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—P. E. Island, at Charlottetown; Cobourg, at Port Hope; Bowmanville, at Ebenezer, Hampton Circuit; Peterboro' & Victoria, at Little Britain; Toronto, at Pickering; Exeter, at Holmesville; London, at London South; Cleveland, at Chagrin Falls; Wisconsin, at ———; Manitoba, at Snowflake. These Meetings must be held not later than the third Wednesday in May.

Address to the Societies.

DEARLY BELOVED:—Assembled once more in Annual Conference, we are forcibly reminded of the flight of time, and the lessening of the number of our opportunities for carrying on the work of our Great Master among men. Many whom we addressed in this way last year, have passed into eternity, and, as we are glad to believe, to the eternal rest and perfect service of heaven. Among them is to be numbered a venerable brother, John Edwards, at a ripe old age, after several years of painful affliction, during which time, until nearly the end had come, he continued to render his best service to the Master, by preaching from time to time as opportunity offered. "He was a good man and feared God above many." Those who knew him best alone knew how complete his consecration to God was, and how abundant and satisfying his religious enjoyments were.

As we look around us we see how time is bowing our aged brethren, once strong and faithful men, who did well much pioneer work, the advantages of which we enjoy to-day. They exhibit signs that

they too will soon be taken from our midst. We greatly rejoice that in the evening of their lives, they so abundantly realize that God's great grace is sufficient for them. We shall do well if we follow them as they have followed Christ, by emulating their piety, their tireless zeal, and their consecration to their Master's service. May they feel, as the evening shadows deepen into the night of death, that "though their outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

The responsible positions held by our sires are now to be filled by us, and the question that should fill your minds and ours should be, "How shall we best fill them?" As time flows on, we doubtless shall have external advantages which our fathers never had. Our membership may be larger and wealthier; our sanctuaries may be more costly and large, and our ministers may be better educated; but if the triumphs of the past are to be repeated and multiplied in proportion to our means and opportunities, we must be "a holy people unto the Lord." Personal religion of the highest type must be cultivated. Our pulpits must

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28	35	205
51	1	30
76	25	174
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76	34	214
70	37	428
78	24	237
57	20	148
12	53	294
23	37	264
31	18	156
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utter no uncertain sound; a full and free gospel must be ceaselessly proclaimed; nothing that God has spoken must be kept back. The social means of grace must be prized and constantly attended. Temporal things must be held in subordination to things spiritual, and care must be taken to "redeem the time" by filling up the entire sphere of daily toil with Christian activities.

Ours must be a practical religion. The divine law which defines our obligations has never been repealed, and never will be. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Love of God is the motive of all holy service; love of the brotherhood is a distinguishing mark of genuine Christianity, and love "seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." If this love existed more fully amongst us, would not all of you be engaged in holy enterprises for God and souls? Yes! Every tongue should give its witness for God clearly and constantly, and every hand be engaged in the building up of our Zion.

In past Confederal addresses you have been urged to practice family religion. So important is this, that we again direct your attention to it. That in any home there should be no family altar, or that the worship of the family should be engaged in in a hurried and perfunctory manner must be ever cause for regret. Care should be taken by the heads of families that in their religion there should be no lack of sunshine, lest all de-

votion to sacred things be regarded by our young people as a sour-visaged and gloomy thing, whose voice is harsh and whose burden is too heavy to bear.

How soon would a brighter era dawn both for the church and the world, if we all sought and obtained another Pentecost, and all the Lord's people lived in intimate fellowship with Him. And why should not this be so? "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Let us plead the promise with persistent entreaty and mighty faith, taking care the while to "put away sin far from our tabernacles."

The question of Methodist Union, which has been before you during the year, has been before this Conference with the result that we have endorsed the Union movement by a large majority, and by the same majority relegated the question to the English Conference with the view of obtaining their consent to the severance of the tie which has so long and beneficially existed between the English Conference and ourselves, and to break which will be one of the most painful events of our lives. May the Great Head of the Church guide us into the right way and bring us more and more into union with Him and with each other.

And now, brethren, "we commend you to God, and the word of His grace," in the hope that we shall be partners in the consummation of a greater and more abiding union in heaven.

EDWARD ROBERTS, *President*.
JOHN HARRIS, *Secretary*.

Address to the English Conference.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD:—Your last year's address, breathing a spirit so truly evangelical and brotherly, has deeply affected our hearts and evoked our admiration. Your touching allusion to the removal by death of so many standard-bearers—yours and ours—has struck a tender chord in our hearts; and, while bowing, with you, in submission to the will of Him who cannot err, we cultivate implicit faith in God's ability to carry on His work, even though effective fellow-laborers fall asleep. This year our active ministerial ranks have not been further depleted by death but in the removal of our valuable

superannuated Brother—John Edwards—whose obituary will appear in the proper place—we lose from fellowship and counsel a good wise man of God, whose life has been a benison to multitudes, but who, long and painfully afflicted, has at length found that rest which, anticipated by himself as a priceless boon, it were wrong in us to wish him longer kept from. The brethren Tonkin, Daise, and Richard have been called to sustain losses in the death of dear children during the year, and the only child of the late Bro. Price has also passed away. These bereft ones, and all others who have borne affliction, have our

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fullest sympathy. Our universally esteemed and respected Brother, Archibald Clarke, Supt. of Cobourg District, has recently been stricken down suddenly in the vigor of his manhood and in the midst of weighty official and ministerial duties; and, while at the opening of this Conference his life was despaired of, nevertheless, in answer, as we believe, to earnest and unceasing prayer in his behalf, he is now convalescent, and his condition such as to inspire hope of speedy and full recovery.

In keeping with the record of all our past years, the statistical return shows no substantial gain commensurate with the capital invested and work performed; and this is owing, not so much to lack of success as to the constant drain upon our membership by removal to points beyond our operations—thus, as for years past, the product of our toil and liberality, lost to us, is augmenting the membership and resources of other denominations.

Our acknowledgment is due you for the interest taken in us last year at the time of our need of men for the stations, in the setting down of an efficient Brother for the Canadian work; and although he subsequently found himself unable to come to our help, we still appreciate both your good will and his original purpose, in view of our then necessities. This year we are in a position to supply the stations without seeking aid from you—four young men having been accepted as candidates for our ministry—and thus our God is raising up from among us men to supply the place of sainted ones of whom we have been recently bereft.

We are glad to be in a position to appoint a Brother beloved as a member of your forthcoming Conference, and we trust and believe that the Rev. W. S. Pascoe, our ex-President, will receive at your hands that cordial reception and brotherly treatment which has been accorded to all our representatives by your Conference in the past, while you, as well as we, know him to be eminently worthy of the fullest confidence, we shall regard your kindness to him as a favor personally conferred upon every member of this Conference. You will think none the less of him that he comes to you on a special mission, to represent us on the important matter of Methodist Union in Canada. As to this subject, which has occupied so large a portion of time during our Conference ses-

sions, and while you will have it brought before you fully in a regular official way, we cannot but assure you through this, our usual medium of address, of our deep and abiding regard. If we seek now a change in our relation to you, it is only because such change has become an imperative necessity in the interest of still higher than denominational claims. The press, secular and religious, strongly advocates the unification of Canadian Methodism; the people, officials and ministers of the several Methodist bodies demand it as a most desirable thing, and public opinion and conscientious conviction give it emphatic endorsement, and all this with an unanimity we cannot afford to ignore. So widespread has the Union movement in Canada become, that old denominational lines can never again be drawn; and, were you to withhold from us, at this juncture, your necessary assent—which we have no reason to anticipate—such refusal on your part would assuredly result, as to our people, in scattered fragments of congregations without pastors, church edifices and parsonages without desired occupants, isolated adherents without supply, and inability to sustain it even if secured, a depleted missionary exchequer, and hence impossibility of extension. With the general community hostile, and all Canadian Methodism outside ourselves united, and meeting our few and feeble agents everywhere—what could result, but a lingering, though none the less certain death?—a sad *finale* to our glorious past, when and in which, with well defined, distinctive principles no longer in existence to contend for, we worthily lived, and diligently toiled, and heroically endured and contended for the right; and that right, in our hands God has vindicated to the full. With such a condition of things reached, and such prospectively before us, you will certainly do for us—what the Parent Conferences of the Canadian Wesleyan, New Connexion and Primitive Methodists have already done for their people—give your sanction to our requested separation, and bid us God speed—assured that the sacrifices you have made in establishing the cause on this side the Atlantic will be best repaid in the perpetuating of our distinctive principles, to be forever recognized in the polity and operations of a powerful and united Methodism throughout the vast area of this “Canada of ours.”

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While discussion has been unusually full, during this Conference, on subjects on which strong diverse opinions and convictions would inevitably exist, we have had no ebullition of uncharitableness, even in the most heated of our debates, a beautiful spirit of brotherly love has pervaded all our deliberations; and as to our more public gatherings, and even our ordinary devotional exercises, the presence and power of the Holy One have rested upon us, to an extent perhaps never before realiz-

ed throughout the sessions of any Annual Conference. And, with love to you, to each other, and to the sacramental host, as well as with deep compassion for the perishing, we separate, and again commend you to that God who alone can keep us from falling; and we return under Divine baptism to renew the toils and conflicts which certainly await us.

E. ROBERTS, *Pre. lent.*

JOHN HARRIS, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS from the Australian to the Canadian Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As members together of the household of Christ, and sharers in a common faith and baptism, we address you with no ordinary affection, and assure you of our continued interest in your welfare and prosperity.

Though our lot be cast in the Sunny South while you labor in a Northern clime, we cherish the same traditions, inherit a common ancestry, and are stimulated by the same examples of constancy, courage, and devotion to the Master's Service as afforded by those who went before us as the fathers and founders of the Bible Christian Connexion.—“Whose faith follow” say, by God's help, even to the end. Where shall we find a nobler record of self-sacrifice, patience, success and triumph than in the history of our own beloved Church? Our early preachers made up in their own persons what was lacking in the sufferings of Christ to multitudes who by their labors were led to Christ, and will be their crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus. The holy women who labored with them contributed a chapter of moral heroism and spiritual power almost unique in the modern history of the Church. These aspects of the early work are familiar to you in the Dominion, where they were repeated with unvarying constancy and glorious success. The Church of Christ was never intended to wear a dull and colorless robe of uniformity, and we glorify God in the distinctive gifts and even peculiarities of our predecessors, which enabled them to perform the special work which God raised them up to do.

We mark with much interest the wide stretching march of civilization in your

great North-West, and regard with friendly sympathy and solicitude the efforts you are making to sustain a worthy part in Christianizing these new regions. We wish you every success in your endeavors, and shall be glad to hear that you are able to follow the railway line all along until you can look across to us from the Pacific slope.

Our own work in the past year has been fairly successful, for which we praise the Great Head of the Church. Our Conference has been a season of brotherly communion and helpfulness, and the public services were marked by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Our brethren in the adjoining colony of Victoria sent us a visitor—a brother beloved—Richard Warren, whose presence and help were much valued by us. Both the pioneer Missionaries to Australia, James Way and James Rowe, were present on the platform of our Annual Missionary Meeting, and the latter is going on a well-earned visit of two years to England, after thirty years' continuous labor on this continent.

We must not forget the subject of Methodist Union, of which you speak to us. It is not without some pain that we regard the prospect of the extinction of the individual existence of our Church in America. What is treated by you as amalgamation with your sister Churches, takes the form of disruption to us who are left behind. While we recognize your right to do what seems best in the matter, we sometimes think the whole body at home and abroad might have been taken into consideration before decisive steps were taken.

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year, and this be the last time we shall have the pleasure and privilege of addressing you at an Annual Conference, we shall look back on our past intimate relations with a fond regret that they are for ever terminated, but shall hope that though

under different denominations we shall be kept in "the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace."

JAMES STOYEL, *President.*

RICHARD LANG, *Secretary.*

Address to the Australian Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We rejoice in the opportunity of again greeting you in the bonds of fraternal love, for we are, as you affirm, ONE; in the purest, tenderest, holiest, strongest bond of unity we are one; we preach the same gospel, hold the same doctrines, sing the same songs, believe in the same Christ, look for the same blessed hope, and expect the same eternal rewards from the same Divine Master's hand in the same heavenly home; and superadded to this we are members of the same family according to the flesh, (that is the Church), and therein we rejoice, yea, and we will rejoice, and even should we consummate a happy marriage soon, we shall certainly belong to you still, so do not forget who we are and how greatly we shall delight to hear from you under our altered name.

The subject of *Methodist Union* to which you call our attention, has, as you will readily see, been one of deep and absorbing interest during the year. The Committee appointed by our last Conference to confer with the Committees appointed by the several Methodist Churches of this Dominion, met in prolonged and final session in the City of Toronto at the close of November last, and after long and prayerful deliberation matured a Basis of Union, singularly in agreement with all the leading and fundamental principles of our denominational polity, which Basis has been submitted by the several churches concerned to their people, and been endorsed with wonderful heartiness and unanimity; it has been affirmed by our people in an open vote by more than two-thirds majority, and after a long and able debate of three days at our Conference, the Basis has been finally affirmed by the almost unanimous vote of the members of the largest Conference ever held in Canada. In it we believe we see clearly the hand of God, and long to be led of Him in all His ways. We hope, if Methodist Union

is consummated here, as soon as it is fulfilled to see less rivalry and division of labor in these older provinces, and see a grand army of reserve called of God and called out by the Church for the occupation of our new provinces and the fields of heathendom. It may be in a short time the hand of God will lead you to a similar union, if so, then may we hope that, after having spread scriptural holiness throughout your island continent, you will take a prominent part in missionizing the world for Christ, so that our children shall meet before the great and terrible day of the Lord on one of the old continents, or in some isle of the southern seas, to celebrate the completion of the spread of the Messiah's kingdom from pole to pole, and from the river to the ends of the earth, while we from the upper temple shall shout, "Now is come salvation!" and they and us shall join to celebrate the jubilee of the world.

The year, on the whole, has been a successful one with us. Many have been saved, our financial condition is much improved, and there are not wanting signs of prosperity, but we lose heavily by removals, so that our successes do not appear to our account. In trying to follow many of our friends into the great Western Provinces, and assist in reclaiming the land for Christ, we have severely taxed ourselves, but are appalled at the rapidity of the occupation of the new provinces and the enormity of the work we have undertaken. To follow up our openings successfully we need to double and treble our men and means every year for many years to come. God only can give us what we so much need in this undertaking, men, means, and faith unlimitedly.

Among our losses this year we have to record the death of Bro. John Edwards, at the ripe old age of 83, full of days, full of honors, full of the salvation of God. He was one of our first and grandest missionaries,

having come to this country so long ago as 1839. He was a very hard and successful laborer in the Master's vineyard for a long term of service, but now, loved of all, this beloved Apostle, John, has gone home to his reward and mansion above. We hope your own noble Apostle, James—who was so great and true a friend and adviser of John—will have as sweet a translation, after the full day's work is done and Saturday night's end has come,

into the purest and divinest Sabbath. Our Conference was one of much peace and pleasure, brotherly love and spiritual power. God was present indeed, and rich and refreshing seasons were enjoyed. May you and we be long favored with such precious and powerful Conferences, till we meet in the unity of the Spirit, the bonds of love, in the home of God.

E. ROBERTS, *President.*
J. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary again, in presenting his Annual Report, is glad to say that our Church Estates have been liberally supported during the past year.

The total Receipts for the year have been \$23,082.25; Disbursements, \$23,909.13.

The Comparative Statement is as follows: Total Value of Church Property last year was \$387,038.32; present value, \$395,210.84; being an increase for the year, \$8,172.52. The amount returned as improvements is \$7,222.52.

The total debt returned last year was \$59,582.52, though there was an error in the returns from Windsor last year of \$1,000, so that the debt should have been \$58,582.52. The present debt \$55,278.15. The amount of subscription promised is \$2,133.69. Total debt unprovided for \$53,144.46. Decrease of debt, \$3,304.37.

The amount in the hand of the Treasurers over that due the Treasurers is \$895.33.

BOOK-STEWARD'S REPORT.

Your Book-Steward, in presenting his Annual Report, is sorry that he cannot present as favorable a balance sheet as at the commencement of the year he had anticipated. This is largely accounted for by the very small number of Hymn Books sold and the limited amount of profit on works of general literature. The Receipts during the year.....\$1517.67
Disbursements..... 1178.10

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Book-Steward's Salary.....		50.00
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Stock at last Conference....\$ 995.75	Stock now in hand.....	\$ 707.35
Accounts due last year..... 148.83	Account due.....	249.67
Amount due England..... 35.00	Cash in hand.....	289.57
Profit on the year..... 101.01	From Photographs.....	24.00
	From Metherall's life.....	10.00
		\$ 1280.59
Total.....		\$ 1280.59

SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Of all the subjects that should engage the attention of parents and Christian teachers, there is not one more perplexing and harassing in its nature, nor more

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important and far-reaching in its influence and effects, than the religious education of the young. Not only to parents, as it relates to their family connections, and as it affects their domestic happiness, but to the community at large, by which society is more or less affected; and whatever concerns me as an individual, concerns society as a whole, of which I form a part, and through whom it is more or less influenced. Lord Cecil said: "The most common of all human complaints is parents groaning under the vices of their children;" while Locke records the following: "Of all men we meet with, nine parts of ten are what they are, good or evil, useful or not, by education"; thus acknowledging and supporting the truthfulness of Solomon's oft-quoted advice to parents, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." A Jesuit priest, recognizing the same truth, said: "Give me a little child till it is seven, then you may do what you like with him." It will be thus seen that the training of the mind, the developing of sound principles, the moulding of a good character, and the saving of an immortal soul, is a work as great in its importance, and as glorious in its results as can be conceived of. Such is the work of the Sabbath School. An organization, which, though human in its origin, bears the stamp of Divine approval, as thousands of smiling faces and happy hearts attest. And eternity alone will reveal the rich harvest-fruits gathered from the careful and prayerful sowing of the seed of Divine truth—the trophies won for Christ, the Conqueror, in the long, bitter conflict with sin and the devil—the bright sparkling gems of unfading lustre, gathered from the slime-pits of vice and iniquity, and polished to bedeck the Saviour's crown of glory, the trees of ever-green beauty; grown from the tender saplings planted by the water courses of God's sanctuary; the flowers of immortal fragrance, plucked by the Divine hand to bloom in paradise forever, that were watered with the tears and trained by the hand of a loving and sympathizing heart, who thought the gathering in of the street-arabs none too degrading, nor the Christian education of the young none too insignificant for one whose life, and light, and love, and joy, and hope, were the result of simple faith and child-like trust in God's saving power and sustaining grace.

The Sabbath School and the Church should be brought into closer sympathy with each other, because they properly form part and parcel of each other. There is too wide a chasm between the young and the old in our church operations, and the closer each can be brought into contact with the other, the better it will be for both, and the more will be accomplished for the glory of God. In our Church life and work we need the vivacity and energy of youth, and the sagacity and experience of age. These beautifully blended together in Christian love, consecrated to a holy service, directed by the Divine Spirit and operating through legitimate and properly organized channels, will do much to enhance the Church's influence and power for good, and hasten the latter-day glory, when from the ramparts of this conquered earth then shall be heralded forth by twice ten thousand voices this triumphant proclamation, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever."

As a Church we have been second to none in our efforts to reach the young and bring them within the pale of the church, to rejoice in sins forgiven, and exult in the prospect of eternal glory, though we have to deeply regret that more has not been done in this direction during the year, as the following will show:—

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but an increase of 2 teachers and \$65.68 of cash receipts. On the whole, this District is doing well, West Cape especially showing marked advancement.

Cobourg District reports an increase of 4 teachers and 5 scholars, but a decrease of \$146.17.

Bowmanville District shows a decrease all along the line except in finances. There are 1 school, 19 teachers, and 119 scholars less than last year. This large decrease is in part accounted for by no return from Perrytown, which reported 2 schools, 7 teachers, and 65 scholars last year. Still there is a decrease of 54 scholars, which is all the more to be deplored because there was a decrease of 79 last year, and 29 the year before. One redeeming feature is the increase of \$115.21.

Peterboro' and Victoria District sounds a doleful note also, there being a decrease of 18 teachers and 111 scholars. 80 of this decrease is reported from Little Britain Circuit. The financial department shows an increase of \$226.36.

Toronto District shows an increase of 2 teachers and 70 scholars, due to Hamilton's increase of 82. This looks all the better from the fact that it reported an increase of 119 scholars last year. There is, however, a decrease of \$66.07.

Exeter District is, on the whole, the banner District in the Connexion, but even here there is a decrease of 7 teachers and 67 scholars, an increase of \$262.12.

London District also announces a decrease of 4 teachers and 70 scholars, but an increase of \$164.48.

Cleveland District reports a slight increase of scholars to the number of 18, but a decline of \$13.13 in finances.

Wisconsin District shows a decrease all along the line, there being 1 teacher, 80 scholars, and \$69.39 less than last year. This is partly accounted for by the closing up of Waldo Mission, which returned 45 scholars last year.

Manitoba District, created at the last Conference, reports 2 schools, 12 teachers, and 67 scholars. But where money is so plentiful and the people are so wealthy, it is to be deeply regretted that they have not raised more than \$17.37 for School and Mission purposes.

Stations unconnected with Districts.

Windsor reports good attendance, with increasing interest, as shown by an increase of 2 teachers, 20 scholars, and \$10 receipts.

Colchester reports schools about the same as last year.

In summing up the whole there are a few stern stubborn facts that we would do well to seriously ponder and earnestly pray over. There are 354 scholars less reported than last year. The number of conversions has not been so great by 88. The number of scholars members of the church has diminished to the extent of 158. These facts prove that we have not been so aggressive in our work as we should have been, and call for humiliation and prayer before God. The *Ensign* has somewhat increased in circulation, though not to that extent we had hoped for. Some of the circuits have done well in increasing their number of *Ensigns*, notably that of Little Britain, which takes 150 copies more than last year.

The teetotal returns are very defective and wholly unreliable and scarcely worthy of consideration. The immediate prospect of union precludes the practicability of putting in force the suggestion of your Secretary last year, of circulating pledge cards among the children, but this should not hinder the formation of Bands of Hope and Juvenile Temperance Societies.

The tabulated statement is as follows :—

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1882-3.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Officers & Teachers		Scholars in Classes		Teachers.		Lib & Papers		Cash raised.																	
	No. of Preaching Places in the District.	No. of Schools in the District.	Members of B. C. Church.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Infant Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	No. of conversions of scholars during the year.	Scholars members of Church.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	No. of Volumes in Libraries.	Copies of Bibles taken.	Copies of other papers.	For Missions.	For School purposes.	Total.					
Prince Edward Island.....	26	20	98	36	134	104	249	411	376	1036	653	12	62	140	664	764	431	173	292	140	04	326	73	466	77	
Cobourg.....	26	18	111	11	122	109	234	340	310	1083	696	97	165	94	695	719	2195	312	292	32	91	391	62	435	53	
Bowmanville.....	23	18	156	14	170	159	325	634	334	1283	846	29	182	127	776	903	2767	487	340	151	48	670	34	1121	82	
Peterboro' & Victoria.....	35	22	158	41	199	138	385	650	313	1348	885	9	118	141	801	942	24	408	526	16	40	769	48	785	97	
Toronto.....	23	17	92	28	120	97	332	440	299	1071	632	13	81	102	874	9	6	2-86	188	422	65	68	421	07	486	93
Exeter.....	28	25	228	21	249	194	490	971	474	1335	1260	91	312	119	823	942	2859	502	381	81	30	957	82	1039	12	
London.....	15	12	102	8	110	87	209	417	213	839	563	33	96	55	244	299	799	306	356	96	25	364	23	460	48	
Owesland.....	6	5	40	3	43	38	79	203	53	335	251	33	68	27	155	182	600	83	30	7	0	53	474	170	40	91
Wisconsin.....	17	12	90	23	113	83	200	292	202	694	510	10	80	85	491	576	30	7	0	0	0	53	474	170	40	91
Manitoba.....	4	2	2	12	10	8	24	25	18	188	152	6	10	37	67	67	24	30	30	0	0	17	37	17	37	
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TREASURERS' REPORT.

In submitting their Report, the Treasurers express their regret that of the \$1,289.72 balance of subscription promised June, 1882, only \$128.00 have reached the Treasury.

Commencing the year with a balance of \$4,292.53, the Total Receipts for the year, inclusive of that sum, are.....\$18,721.70.
Total Disbursements..... 17,367.22.

Leaving a balance in the Treasurers' hands of.....\$ 1,354.48.
The interest has been paid on all matured claims.
The total amount of money borrowed is.....\$25,323.00.
Interest due on the above to June 4th..... 851.14.

Total.....\$26,174.14.

ASSETS.

Lindsay Old Church.....\$ 750.00.
Peterboro' Church Loan..... 2 600.00.
Note of hand, Manitoba..... 230.00.
Interest on the above to June 4th, 1883..... 88.70.
Balance in Treasurers' hand..... 1,354.48.
Principal paid off since acc. taken..... 824.72.

\$5,847.90.

Balance of Connexional indebtedness.....

\$25,326.24.

The amount of cash borrowed bears the following rates of interest, viz :

At 6 per cent.....\$15 473.00.
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Average interest six and thirty-two one hundredths and a fraction, or a total of.....

\$1,600.88.

There is an additional \$3,000 on which interest was paid for the past two years from proceeds of Book Room, which has to be provided for, and about \$1,200 of the above is only payable during the lifetime of the depositor.

By documents securing a lien on several estates \$17,915, leaving \$2,411.24 to be provided for, together with same premium for the \$3,000 above referred to.

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BENEFICENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.		\$	\$
Charlottetown.....	4 00		
Union.....	2 53		
Wheatley River.....	1 60		
Vernon River.....	2 00		
Murray Harbor.....	1 00		
West Cape.....	1 50		
Summerside.....	2 21	14 84	

COBOURG DISTRICT.

Cobourg.....	2 50		
Camborne.....	2 50		
Welcome.....	8 36		
Port Hope.....	2 31		
Huntingdon.....	3 00		
Campbellford.....	3 50		
Belleville.....	1 52	23 69	

BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.

Bowmanville.....	20 10		
Hampton.....	7 77		
Columbus.....	1 82		
Oshawa.....	2 50		
Prince Albert.....	3 26		
Perrytown.....	1 30	36 75	

PETERBORO' & VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Little Britain.....	6 60		
Peterboro'.....	9 69		
Lakefield.....	6 01		
Fenelon.....	6 31		
Lindsay.....	3 00		
Manvers & Cartwright.....	3 84		
Ashburnham.....	2 15	37 60	

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto.....	3 00		
Hamilton.....	1 25		
Pickering.....	3 00		
Uxbridge.....	1 25		
Sutton.....	1 00		
Palmerston.....	89		
Warton.....	3 23	13 62	

EXETER DISTRICT.

Exeter.....	16 00		
Mitchell.....	8 92		
Fularton.....	4 75		
Usborne.....	8 50		
Crediton.....	3 98		
Bethesda & Hensall.....	7 87		
Clinton.....	7 94		
Colborne.....	3 04	59 10	

LONDON DISTRICT.

London Centre.....	2 26		
London East.....	2 50		
London South.....	2 34		
Lambeth.....	11 11		
St Thomas.....	2 30		
Talbotville.....	3 28		
Dereham.....	5 50		
Ingersoll.....	2 50	31 79	

RECEIPTS (CONTINUED). \$ \$

Windsor.....	1 90		
Colchester.....	2 50	4 40	
Crystal City.....			
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Souris.....			

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.

Cleveland.....	4 50		
Orange.....	4 00		
Chagrin Falls.....	4 71		
Newburg.....	2 32	15 53	

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

Palmyra.....	3 54		
Lisbon.....	5 50		
Yorkville.....	10 20		
Little Prairie.....	53		
Burlington.....	2 00	21 77	

Total receipts.....		\$259 09	
Balance due.....		57 08	

Total.....		\$316 17	
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DISBURSEMENTS. \$ \$

Balance due Treasurer, with Int.	161 17		
Lucy Price's salary.....	28 00		
Mrs. Davis' child's salary.....	28 00		
Mrs. Baker's three children.....	84 00		
J. A. Dafeo's sickness.....	15 00	155 00	

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RECEIPTS.

P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT. \$ \$		TORONTO DISTRICT.	
Charlottetown.....	4 00	Toronto.....	2 50
Union.....	1 00	Hamilton.....	1 25
Wheatley River.....	50	Pickering.....	2 00
Vernon River.....		Uxbridge.....	1 25
Murray Harbor.....	50	Sutton.....	1 00
West Cape.....	50	Palmerston.....	1 00
Summerside.....	1 07	Wiaraton.....	3 07
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COBOURG DISTRICT.		EXETER DISTRICT.	
Cobourg.....	1 80	Exeter.....	12 60
Camborne.....	1 64	Mitchell.....	8 10
Welcome.....	7 20	Fullarton.....	6 00
Port Hope.....	1 55	Usborne.....	7 17
Huntingdon.....	2 50	Crediton.....	5 15
Campbellford.....	3 00	Bethesda & Hensall.....	5 12
Belleville.....	1 72	Clinton.....	5 13
	19 41	Colborne.....	2 42
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BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.		LONDON DISTRICT.	
Bowmanville.....	12 94	London Centre.....	3 00
Hampton.....	9 13	London East.....	1 80
Columbus.....	3 07	London South.....	1 00
Oshawa.....	2 00	Lambeth.....	3 80
Prince Albert.....	1 50	St. Thomas.....	2 80
Perrytown.....	1 77	Talbotville.....	2 50
	30 41	Dereham.....	4 40
		Ingersoll.....	5 50
		Windsor.....	2 25
		Colchester.....	2 50
			4 75
			177 15
		Balance brought forward.....	102 39
		Interest thereon.....	9 91
		Total.....	239 45

CHILDREN'S FUND.

INCOME.

P. E. Island District.....	\$ 146 00
Cobourg.....	173 50
Bowmanville.....	291 50
Peterboro' & Victoria.....	282 25
Toronto.....	124 25
Exeter.....	352 75
London.....	148 50
Windsor & Colchester.....	24 00
Manitoba.....	
	\$1542 75

EXPENDITURE.

P. E. Island District.....	\$ 189 00
Cobourg.....	178 50
Bowmanville.....	336 00
Peterboro' & Victoria.....	147 00
Toronto.....	52 50
Exeter.....	210 00
London.....	241 00
Windsor & Colchester.....	
Manitoba.....	84 00
Balance due Treasurer.....	35 74
Interest thereon.....	2 84
Book & Postage.....	2 25
Balance in Treasurer's hand.....	63 42
Total.....	\$1542 75

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INCOME.

Prince Edward Island	\$ 70 00
Cobourg	80 00
Bowmanville	90 00
Peterboro' and Victoria.....	100 00
Toronto.....	70 00
Exeter.....	100 00
London.....	80 00
Windsor and Colchester.....	20 00

EXPENDITURE.

Balance due Treasurer.....	\$284 42	
Interest on the above.....	22 75	
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Bro. Butcher's Supd. allowance		100 00
FUNERAL EXPENSES.		
J. Edwards.....	20 00	
Lucy Price.....	20 00	
H. A. Newcombe's child.....	10 00	
T. H. Dry's child.....	10 00	
J. A. Dafoe's child.....	10 00	
E. A. Tonkin's child.....	16 00	
A. Richard's child.....	10 00	
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DOCTORS' BILLS.		
H. A. Newcombe.....	7 00	
J. A. Dafoe.....	30 00	
John Kenner.....	19 50	
H. J. Nott.....	12 00	
J. Archer.....	32 25	
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TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO CIRCUITS.		
H. Moore.....	20 00	
Wesley down.....	5 82	
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President, Sec., Fin. Sec., Ch. Sec., and School Sec., each, \$10.....		50 00
TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO COMMITTEE.		
John Clarke, \$5 00; W. Win- datt, \$4 20.....	11 20	
John Kenner, \$14.55; W. H. Butt, \$12.55.....	27 10	
W. S. Pascoe, \$34.00; J. J. Rice, \$21.10.....	55 10	
G. Webber, \$32.50; R. T. Cour- tice, \$6.50.....	39 30	
W. Kenner, \$6.45; A. Clarke, \$5.00.....	11 45	
E. Roberts, \$6.60; H. J. Nott, \$8 90.....	15 50	
W. Jolliffe, \$9.35; W. C. Beer, \$4 40.....	13 75	
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W. R. Roach's visit to Wiar- ton	8 65	
H. Brent, in settlement	8 50	
Gale Bros., printing	6 00	
Book Steward's bill for Bibles, Stationery, etc.....	14 90	
Telegram to England.....	2 50	
Conference Secretary, Sundries	75	
Legal advices, per J. Kenner...	48 75	
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Total Disbursements.....		\$937 19
To Balance.....		\$327 19

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By balance.....	327 19
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RESOLUTIONS.

RES. 11. That we deeply sympathize with Bro. Clarke in his sudden and dangerous illness, we are devoutly grateful to hear that his condition is more hopeful, and we pray that our Gracious Father will sustain and bless him while he shall remain in the furnace of affliction, and that if it be the Master's will, our dear brother may be speedily raised up to continue for many years to come his career of usefulness.

RES. 12. That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the brethren W. S. Pascoe and J. J. Rice, the retiring President and Secretary, for the efficient manner in which their onerous duties as such during the past year have been discharged.

RES. 31. That the thanks of this Conference be and hereby are given to Bro. H. J. Nott, for the able sermon he preached to us last night, and hope that he will see his way to publish it in the *Observer*. We thank God for the gracious aid which our dear brother received from on high, and for the rich influence and ample blessing we experienced during the entire service, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may long continue Bro. Nott's life and usefulness.

RES. 36. That the report of the General Sabbath School Secretary be received and adopted, and the best thanks of the Conference be given to Bro. Butt for his pains taking and able report and services in this department.

RES. 42. That we heartily greet our dear Brother, the Rev. B. F. Austin, M.A., B.D., one of the delegates to this Conference from our brethren of the M. E. Church, and while we regret the enforced absence of his colleague, the Rev. J. Young, we desire, through these brethren, to reciprocate the fraternal love which our M. E. brethren have, through their delegation, expressed to us. We assure our brethren of a desire for a closer union amongst all the Methodists of this Dominion, whatever may be the result of the present negotiations. We hereby thank Bro. Austin for his happy address to this Conference, and pray that the Great Father will long continue to use him as an instrument of increasing good in the interests of the Church of Christ, and that we may meet him in our Father's house at home, and that God will increase and bless the operations of the church whose worthy representative he is.

RES. 43. We the young men ordained at this Conference, desire to place upon record our sincere thanks to the ex-President, Bro. W. S. Pascoe, for his most excellent charge given to us at the time of our ordination. We are resolved to profit by the counsel given, and to treasure up the truths we then heard in good and honest hearts, that in future years, if our lives are spared, it may bring forth fruit unto everlasting life. We would also most respectfully ask that he be requested to publish the same in the *Observer*, that we may secure a copy for our future reference and profit.

RES. 44. That we desire to express our very great pleasure in welcoming Rev. Mr. Herridge and Mr. Trebilcock as a delegation from the P. M. Church to our Conference, and we assure them that we heartily return their fraternal greeting. It is our desire to live on the closest terms of fellowship with all Christians, and especially with the different Methodist Denominations. Whether or not there be brought about speedily a united Methodistism, we shall take a deep interest in the welfare of the P. M. Church, as we greatly admire its zeal and success in the Master's cause.

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RES. 45. That whereas the Committee on Methodist Union, appointed by the Conference of 1882, has met similar committees appointed by the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal and Primitive Methodist Churches in Canada, and have unitedly formulated a Basis of Union, which has been submitted to our respective Societies throughout the Denomination in Canada and the United States; and the votes in favor of Union being more than a two-thirds majority of those who voted, we heartily endorse the action of said committees, and accept the vote of the people as an expression of their desire for the completion of the proposed union; and also, that this Conference appoint delegates to the General Conference, as provided in the Basis, to represent this Conference, and to assist in the consummation of the proposed union of said Churches according to the principles laid down in said Basis.

RES. 46. That we find your committee, appointed by the last Conference, according to Resolution No. 52, met the committees of the other churches interested in the city of Toronto last November, when, after a careful and prayerful consideration of this most important question, amicably and almost unanimously agreed to a Basis of Union,—said Basis, after having been freely circulated, was duly submitted to the different Societies, the result being more than a two-thirds majority voting in favor of said Basis. We would affectionately and earnestly urge upon the friends who voted in the minority to acquiesce cheerfully in the decision of the majority, and go all together, in one solid body, to augment this grand army of the living; and also that the most fraternal spirit be manifested on all sides, every one remembering that we are all "members one of another," so that the union may be perfected in the spirit of Christian brotherhood and love.

RES. 47. That the English Conference be respectfully urged to agree to the immediate union of the Bible Christian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal and Primitive Methodist Churches in Canada, on the basis agreed to by the Union Committees held in Toronto last November, a copy of which is herewith forwarded for your consideration; and that the English Conference, at its next annual session, be affectionately asked, by resolution, to assent to and sanction the same, so that we may be enabled unembarrassed to give effect to the expressed wish of the large majority of our people in Canada; and in doing so, act in harmony and good faith with the other Methodist Churches of this country.

RES. 50. That, in view of the importance of ensuring the consent of the English Conference to our becoming a party to United Methodism in Canada, and the danger of delay, if merely sought by written document, we hereby appoint our esteemed and respected ex-President, Rev. W. S. Pascoe, a member of the English Conference of 1883, and that he be entrusted with the personal negotiation of our union action with that body.

RES. 51. That the report of the editor of the *Observer* and *Ensign* be received and adopted, and that the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered Bro. H. J. Nott for his efforts in his department.

RES. 53. Our Conference experience meeting and sacramental service was indeed a time of great refreshing, coming from the presence of the Lord—a season of special profit and power. The testimonies of the brethren who spoke gave evidence of mingled experience during the past year; multiplied toils and cares and conflicts had weighed heavily on some; but each was enabled to testify to the all-sufficiency of the grace of God. Touching references were

made to the sainted ones, who have recently left our ministerial ranks to join the spirits of the just before the throne of the Great Eternal, and all cherish an assuring hope of final reunion there.

RES. 54. That having duly considered the subject of Sabbath observance, as recommended by the Toronto Ministerial Association, we reiterate our strong unwavering sentiments and orthodox scriptural views, as an ecclesiastical body, regarding the sanctity and claims of the Lord's day upon Christian communities. It is to be deeply regretted, however, that the sacredness of this day is so desecrated and its obligations are so ignored by corporations and companies whose sole object is the making of money at the expense of all moral rights and privileges. The running of railroad and steamboat excursions, and the opening of places of public resort and amusement on the Christian Sabbath are all demoralizing in their character and tendency, and should be universally frowned down by all right-thinking persons. Social visiting and pleasure driving, indulged in by many professing Christians, is but a mild form of Sabbath profanation—interfering with the services of the sanctuary and hindering the salvation of souls. We would suggest that a strict observance of the Sabbath be more frequently enforced from our pulpits, and taught in our Sabbath schools, and duly considered among our families, so that old and young may be led to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We would suggest that the Conference should authorize the Executive Committee to act in concert with committees appointed by other Christian churches for the suppression of the growing evil of Sabbath desecration, as requested by the Toronto Ministerial Association.

RES. 55. That having examined the different columns of our statistical returns, we find the following totals of increase and decrease:—An increase of 3 local preachers, of 3 from other circuits, and of 159 approved members; a decrease of itinerant ministers, 3 churches, 12 removals, 27 deaths, 211 admitted in the year, and 235 on trial, making a total decrease of 76 on the entire membership. We find also a decrease of 54 teachers and of 354 scholars. We notice that, while it is pleasing to find a decrease of deaths and of removals, and an increase of 159 on the approved membership, indicating, we hope, additional church strength, yet it is saddening to find a decrease in the total membership. There is no column in the minutes to enable us to compare the number of Sunday schools last year with this, but we are of opinion that the reported large decrease of teachers and scholars has arisen more from some mistaken Sunday school returns than from real loss. No doubt the agitation of Methodist Union and the severe winter have made against, and largely affected, special effort during the year, causing the falling off in the number of those admitted. We sincerely hope that the coming year will produce a yet larger number in the increase of the approved members, and that the number admitted will be more than equal to that of any previous time.

RES. 56. Upon the important subject of Temperance, we desire to state:—
1. That we gladly discover the existence of an ever-increasing light on the public mind concerning this great question, and, as an inevitable result, a keener appreciation of its vital importance, as affecting every phase and relation of life. With every new development of the "sum of all villainies," as the liquor traffic has been aptly designated, there is an intensified feeling, a deepened conviction, and, in all philanthropic hearts, a proportionably stern resolve to employ every known legitimate force, according to the full ability possessed, in order to minify the enormous mischief wrought by the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. As

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a section of the Church of Christ which has always taken an advanced position on this great question, we are resolved to continue, with unabated energy and full faith in its ultimate complete success, our cordial co-operation in this great and ennobling enterprise. * We hail with pleasure the eminently successful work of the women of our Province, and especially of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which, organized on New Testament principles, is ever originating some important measure; and their petition, now being circulated, praying the Boards of School Trustees to introduce into our public and high schools works of scientific Temperance instruction, we cheerfully endorse,—the same having been successfully introduced, as a regular part of school work, in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh, and other centres of population in Great Britain. We further recognize the valuable services being rendered by the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the liquor traffic. Its circular, received through our Secretary, we hereby acknowledge; and, while we think it desirable, in harmony with the suggestion of the Alliance that an annual statement of the progress of the Temperance movement within the bounds of the jurisdiction of annual ecclesiastical courts should be made, among other official returns; we further recommend, as suggested, that the third Sunday in October, 1883 (or as near that date as possible), be adopted by us, in common with other sections of the Christian Church for a temperance sermon from each of the pulpits of our denomination.

RES. 58. The aspect and tone of the spiritual condition of our societies are variously indicated. Some of our members are represented as being fully consecrated to God, and His service, and who are constantly living in fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and who always at the post of duty are delightfully serving the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. By these all means for religious advancement are appreciated, honored and used, for the end desired and sought. Cheering would it be if this were universal; but we are necessitated to state that a much lower condition of spiritual life also exists among many who compose the membership in our societies, characterized by a lack of appreciation of, and attendance on, the instituted means of grace, a spirit of worldly-mindedness which threatens danger and awakens concern. This can only be remedied by a renewed consecration of heart and life to the service of God. Some of the stations and districts have been visited with rich spiritual influence, and are rejoicing because of numerous conversions; and in connection with this is the cheering fact, that many of these are from the ranks of our Sabbath school scholars. In this we find an argument for earnest, devoted and cheerful labor in this important branch of Christian service. On the other hand, we have unproductive, and comparatively barren fields, on some portions of our work, where sincere toil and labor have not been so richly rewarded, nor sheaves so safely garnered, to say the most, where the ministry of the Word, and other means, have been successful only to a very limited extent. It is cause for thankfulness, however, that our societies are represented to be living in peace. The fact of the necessity of higher attainments in Christian life and experience, is most readily admitted, and we sincerely hope that it may result in more than an expressed wish; but, moved by the Spirit's promptings, may lead to earnest and believing efforts to use every means that may result in an increase of spiritual-mindedness, usefulness, and spiritual power.

RES. 60. That having received a communication from Rev. Wm. Hansford, who was appointed as a fraternal delegation by the General Conference of the

Methodist Church of Canada to this Conference, stating his inability to be with us. We exceedingly regret this, and request Rev. E. Roberts, the President to reply to him.

RES. 61. Whereas we find a difficulty in procuring accurate returns from our Sabbath schools, as to the number of teetotallers or otherwise, while we thankfully recognize the fact that many of our schools have Bands of Hope in connection with their work, making their part of the returns correct, yet, in order to secure a correct return in every case, we resolve that in future each Pastor shall see that the school or schools under his charge keep a Roll Book, with a column marked "Total Abstainers,"—and that term shall be regarded as embracing the Band of Hope pledge, against intoxicants, tobacco and profanity. We advise that this matter be brought before all our schools not less than once in three months, by the Pastor and Superintendent; and any child consenting, shall be enrolled as an abstainer, and returned accordingly. And further, that this resolution appear in the printed minutes for the future guidance of all the brethren concerned.

RES. 66. That the Church Secretary's Report be received and adopted, and that the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to Bro. Quance for his careful and efficient services in this department.

RES. 71. That E. Roberts, J. Harris, G. Webber, J. Kenner, H. J. Nott, W. Jolliffe and J. J. Rice, Ministers; T. Courtice, J. Hull, Jas. Pickard, W. Field, J. Henry, J. Clark and R. Souch, Laymen, be and are hereby appointed members of the United General Conference, and Jesse Whitlock, W. C. Beer, R. T. Courtice, Ministers, J. Parsons, Thos. Gilbard and James Rundle, Laymen, Alternates.

RES. 73. That the Financial Secretary's Report be received and adopted, and the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to Bro. E. Roberts for his faithful services.

RES. 74. That the Treasurer's Report, as presented, be adopted, and that the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to Bro. Kenner for his efficient services.

RES. 77. That the sincere thanks of this Conference be and are hereby given to the Brethren Beer, Quance and Richard, for their valuable services as Examining Committee during the past year.

RES. 78. That when this Conference rise, it shall stand adjourned to meet again at Exeter at the call of the President.

RES. 82. That we find an aggregate increase in the ordinary receipts of the Quarterly, Missionary and Connexional debt funds of \$1,201.93; and an amount of extras on the Missionary receipts of about \$1,600.00. There is an aggregate decrease in the receipts of the Contingent, Beneficent, Church Aid and Children's Funds of \$74.62. At the beginning of the year there was a debt on the Contingent, Beneficent and Children's Funds of \$516.92; and in favor of the Church Aid Fund of \$112.30, leaving a net debt of \$404.62. There is at present a debt on the funds of \$31.40, thus making progress on the year of \$373.22. The Missionary money appropriated on Missions is \$178.75 less than last year; and the general disbursements for the year \$590.75 more than last year. We are pleased to report that the financial condition is more encouraging than for years past.

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Toronto, " and		175 00
Hamilton, " " "		225 00
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Uxbridge, " " and		115 00
Palmerston, " " "		175 00
Sutton, " " "		100 00
Warton, " " "		150 00
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London South, all they can raise, and		100 00
London East, " " "		155 00
Ingersoll, " " "		75 00
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St. Thomas, " " and		175 00
Windsor, " " "		160 00
Colchester, " " "		25 00
Crystal City, " " "		225 00
Alexandria, " " "		300 00
Grand Valley and Souris, " "		150 00

RES. 84. That the Report of the Book Steward be received and adopted ; and that the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered Bro. Roberts for his efficient services in that important department.

RES. 85. That as the increased expenses of living urgently demand an increase of the Preacher's salary, we refer the matter to the deliberate and favorable consideration of the 4th Quarterly Meeting of the current year, and ask an expression of their views as to the minimum amount that should be fixed, so as to guide the next Conference in its discussion on the matter.

RES. 96. That in accordance with one of the provisions of the Basis of Union, a collection be taken up in all our churches towards the expenses of the General Conference, on the 3rd Sunday in August ; and in case Union be not accomplished, the amounts so collected be held in the Treasurer's hands, to be at the disposal of the Conference.

RES. 90. That the sum of \$10 per Preacher be charged for the Contingent Fund, 25 cts. per member for the Children's Fund, and 25 cts. per member to meet interest on Connexional debt.

RES. 91. That we tender our very best thanks to our kind friends in Exeter for the noble and generous manner in which the members of this Conference have been entertained during our stay; and we pray that the Great Head of the Church may feed them with the Bread of Life here, and bless them with Eternal Life hereafter; and that these expressions be made known to them from the pulpit by the Pastor of the church.

RES. 92. That our hearty thanks be tendered Bro. Webber, for the ample provision he has made for entertaining the members of Conference.

RES. 94. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Duplicate, Journal and Minute Secretaries, and Reporters, for the efficient manner in which they have performed their respective duties.

RES. 95. That the heartiest thanks of this Conference be given to Bro. R. T. Courtice, as Missionary Secretary, for the zeal and efficiency with which he has fulfilled the duties of his important office for the past year.

RES. 97. That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Railway Companies, for the customary reduction of fares to Delegates attending Conference.

RES. 100. That henceforth all ordained Ministers among us be allowed to marry, on obtaining the consent of the Executive Committee, provided the ladies chosen as the wives of said Ministers be approved members in some evangelical Christian church. No testimonials, such as has been hitherto required, shall be hereafter demanded.

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PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN OUT.	PREACHERS' RESIDENCES.	NO. OF YEARS ON PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger.....	1868	Lakefield.....	3
Allin, Samuel J.....	1874	Talbotville Royal.....	1
Aroher, Joseph.....	1869	Dereham Centre.....	1
Ayers, Walter.....	1863	Mitchell.....	1
Ball, John.....	1872	Yerron River Bridge, P. E. Island.....	5
Bartlett, Samuel T.....	1880	Tyrone.....	2
Bayley, Henry E.....	1883	Welcome.....	1
Beer, William C.....	1866	Little Britain.....	3
Blatchford, Thos. W., B. A.....	1880	Askin.....	1
Bodle, George.....	1856	Belleville.....	4
Broad, Thomas.....	1874	Exeter.....	1
Brown, Thomas.....	1879	Ivanhoe.....	1
Bryenton, William.....	1877	Wheatly River, P. E. Island.....	1
Butcher, John W.....	1843	Peterboro'.....	2
Rutt, William H.....	1871	291 Horton Street, London.....	2
Cannom, John W.....	1873	Uxbridge.....	2
Cannom, George F.....	1883	Elimville.....	1
Chapple, John.....	1834	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.....	5
Clarke, Archibald.....	1860	Welcome.....	4
Collins, James H.....	1868	Hamilton.....	2
Copeland, George H.....	1872	Port Hope.....	2
Coombe, William.....	1880	Camberne.....	1
Courtice, Andrew C., B. A.....	1880	Prince Albert.....	1
Courtice, Richard T.....	1865	Welcome.....	1
Dafoe, James A.....	1877	Summerside.....	2
Davidson, Robert.....	1872	Little Prairie, Wis., U. S.....	1
Down, Wesley.....	1831	Janetville.....	1
Dunkley, George.....	1862	Campbellford.....	1
Eynon, John H.....	1826	Exeter.....	1
Gale, Jacob.....	1843	Bowmanville.....	14
Gordon, Andrew.....	1850	Alexandria, Man.....	2
Greenway, John.....	1872	Crystal City, Man.....	4
Harris, John.....	1863	Bowmanville.....	1
Haycraft, George.....	1841	Little Prairie, Wis., U. S.....	4
Himes, John.....	1871	St. Thomas.....	3
Hoskin, James.....	1877	Sourisburg, Man.....	2
Hull, Thomas R.....	1865	Port Hope.....	3
Hurley, Robert.....	1834	Welcome.....	9
Jolliffe, William.....	1868	Peterboro'.....	3
Jones, Fergus O'C.....	1879	Barry, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, U. S.....	2
Kenner, William.....	1864	Prince Albert.....	3
Kenner, John.....	1856	Clinton.....	1
Kestle, James.....	1872	Fullarton.....	1
Langdon, John.....	1825	Prince Albert.....	37
Lean, John S.....	1879	Sussex, Waukesha, Wis., U. S.....	3
Limbett, William.....	1874	Lindsay.....	3
Mallett, Richard, B. A.....	1872	Manilla.....	1
Mason, Thomas.....	1873	Windsor.....	3
Medland, William.....	1863	Palmira, Jefferson Co., Wis., U. S.....	2
Metherell, Moses.....	1872	Fenelon Falls.....	4
Moore, Herman.....	1874	Columbus.....	2
Muxworthy, Samuel W.....	1880	Gesto.....	1
Newcombe, Henry A.....	1860	Warton.....	1

Nott, Henry J., Editor	1865	Bowmanville	4
Oke, John H.	1881	Hampton	1
Pascoe, William S.	1853	Exeter	1
Pooley, John	1875	Georgina	3
Quance, William	1869	Elimville	3
Reynolds, William E	1880	Murray Harbor South, P. E. Island	1
Rice, James J.	1863	Cabourg	1
Rice, Stephen H.	1867	Charlottetown, P. E. Island	1
Richard, Alexander	1867	Orono	1
Roach, William R.	1852	Pickering	3
Roberts, Edward	1857	248 Simcoe Street, Toronto	3
Robins, Paul	1823	Bowmanville	9
Rollins, William	1874	Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis., U. S.	3
Rowe, Richard B.	1870	Ingersoll	1
Sabine, Thomas J.	1875	Calrow	2
Smith, George	1869	Palmerston	2
Sparg, William H.	1878	Exeter	1
Thomas, Richard	1873	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.	2
Thompson Samuel J.	1882	Perrytown	1
Tonkin, Edwin A.	1873	Janetville	1
Tredrea, John M.	1873	Charlottetown, P. E. Island	3
Veale, John	1872	Crediton	1
Webber, George	1858	Oshawa	1
Whitlock, Jesse	1848	Hampton	1
Whitlock, Frank M.	1876	20 Henry Street, Cleveland, Ohio, U. S.	1
Wickett, Lewis W.	1864	London East	2
Williams, John	1836	Mitchell	11
Williams, Daniel	1876	Belleville	3
Woodger, Frederic	1883	Oakwood	2
Yelland, John G.	1869	Lambeth	3

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