

# MINUTES

OF THE

## SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

## BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA.

*also 17th Niagara Annual Conference*

COMMENCED AT CANNIFTON, C. W., WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1860.

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## STATISTICS

*Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.*

This Church has two Annual Conferences—NIAGARA and BAY QUINTE. Two Bishops—PHILANDER SMITH, and JAMES RICHARDSON.

Traveling Preachers (Niagara), 100; Bay Quinte, 74...	174
Local " " 114; " 68...	182
Members " 9217; " 8510...	17727

Aggregate membership, including preachers.....18083

### CHURCH PROPERTY

Niagara Conference .....	\$136,280.00
Bay Quinte.....	55,945.00
	\$192,225.00

### CONNEXIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Belleville Seminary, value..... \$40,000.00  
 Rev. G. Shepard, Moral Governor. A. Carman, M. A.,  
 Principal.

U. C. Advocate, Hamilton, value..... \$12,000.00  
 Rev. S. Morrison, Editor.

A monthly Tract Paper is also published at the Advocate Office,  
 with a circulation of 3000.

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## Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

THE BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the M. E. Church in Canada commenced its Seventeenth Session at Cannifton, County of Hastings, Wednesday, May 23rd, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Bishop Smith in the Chair.

James Gardiner was elected Secretary, and J. C. Pomeroy Assistant Secretary.

The following Committees were appointed:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—D. Wilson, S. W. LaDu, G. Shepard, N. H. Howard, J. G. Bull, J. H. Andrews, W. H. Graham, J. Q. Adams—8.

STEWARDS—J. A. Rogers, J. C. Pomeroy, W. A. Sills, N. H. Howard, J. Tuke—5.

MISSIONS—G. Jones, D. Wilson, B. W. Blanchard, A. Hunt, J. H. Rombough—5.

WAYS AND MEANS—W. Brown, B. Smith, J. D. Bell, J. H. Andrews, H. Williams—5.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—G. Shepard, W. E. Norman—2.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—J. C. Burnelle, L. B. Caldwell, W. H. Snyder—3.

TEMPERANCE—A. McLaren, J. Q. Adams—2.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. W. Sills, E. J. Fulford, D. W. Aylsworth—3.

CHURCH PROPERTY—T. Lewis, H. Lane, J. Hill—3.

COURSE OF STUDY—(Announced by Chair)—G. Shepard, S. W. LaDu, C. Manson—3.

EXAMINATION—D. Wilson, Chairman. 1st Year: A. Hunt, D. W. Aylsworth. 2nd Year: S. W. LaDu, J. C. Burnelle. 3rd Year: G. Shepard, R. Earl. 4th Year: Wm. Brown, B. W. Blanchard—9.

QUESTION—1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER—W. G. Hüdgers, Eratus S. Howard, D. Crouter, A. Maybe, H. Hesselgrave, F. B. Stratton, G. S. White, G. French, (re-admitted)—8.

Q.—2. *Who remain on trial?*

A—J. M. Simpson, H. P. Shepard, P. Empey, A. A. Brown, J. Hulin, L. A. Betts, J. B. Smith, A. Anderson—8.

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

A.—A. J. Waite, A. Carman, M. A.—2.

Q.—4. *Who are the Deacons?*

A.—J. Smith, D. Smith, C. W. Lent, J. R. Philips, H. Seymour, W. H. Snider, John Graham, J. Ferguson, A. J. Waite,\* A. Carman, M.A.\*—10.

\*Ordnained this year.

Q.—5. *Who are the Elders?*

A.—J. Gatchel, B. Smith, T. Lewis, H. H. Johnson, W. Bird, D. Perry, W. E. Norman, H. Lane, M. Davy, J. McNally, I. N. D. West, G. Shepard, R. Earl, G. Jones, A. Wright, J. Gardiner, J. F. Wilson, J. Hill, W. Brown, D. Wilson, B. W. Blanchard, H. Williams, E. Orser, S. W. LaDu, J. A. Rodgers, S. Young, C. Manson, J. G. Bull, D. Brown, J. Tuke, N. H. Howard, J. W. Sills, D. Pomeroy, J. P. Sparrow, W. A. Sills, J. D. Bell, Eli Woodcock, J. H. Andrews, A. McLaren, J. H. Rembough, J. C. Pomeroy, J. Q. Adams, J. C. Burnelle, W. H. Graham, I. B. Aylsworth, A. Hunt,\* D. W. Aylsworth,\* L. B. Caldwell\*—48.

Q.—6. *Who are the General Superintendents?*

A.—Philander Smith, James Richardson.

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Q.—7. *Who are the Supernumeraries?*

A.—J. McNally, H. Lane, W. Bird, A. Wright, J. W. Sills.

Q.—8. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

A.—J. Gatchel, H. H. Johnson, Michael Davy, D. Perry, I. N. D. West, D. Brown.

Q.—9. *Who have been expelled?*

A.—None.

Q.—10. *Who have withdrawn from the Connexion this year?*

A.—R. Woolry, resigning his parchment and all claim to the ministry.

Q.—11. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

A.—This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Q.—*Who have died this year?*

A.—None.

Q.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—R. Sanderson.

## NUMBERS IN SOCIETY AND FIFTH COLLECTION.

### BAY QUINTE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Last Y'r	Added.	Remo'd.	Drop'd	Present.	Fifth Col.
Hope,.....	240	49	.....	.....	289	\$20 03
Cobourg,.....	70	45	.....	.....	115	2 40
Percy,.....	266	45	3	42	266	12 01
Colborne,.....	66	98	.....	.....	164	4 48
Seymour,.....	106	71	17	24	116	1 75
Brighton,.....	198	45	3	10	230	4 05
Sidney,.....	470	50	10	42	475	4 42
Stirling,.....	261	330	5	30	411	4 12
Huntingdon,.....	235	111	42	22	219	1 80
Hallowell,.....	222	25	20	30	197	6 25
Consecon,.....	170	.....	5	.....	165	.....
Millford,.....	283	2	2	50	232	1 20
Omeme,.....	.....	10	.....	.....	10	.....
	2587	881	107	240	2889	\$62 51

NUMBERS IN SOCIETY, &c.—(Continued.)

KINGSTON DISTRICT.						
CIRCUITS.	Last Y'r	Added.	Remo'd.	Drop'd	Present.	Fifth Col.
Belleville,.....	49	5	2	....	52	\$1 03
Tyendinaga,.....	490	53	14	18	478	4 08
Napanee,.....	363	131	34	40	420	8 25
Hungertford,.....	194	20	10	....	161	6 00
Camden,.....	314	71	17	24	344	3 20
Kenebec,.....	71	20	3	12	91	2 00
Hinchinbrook,....	104	27	13	12	102	1 10
Waterloo,.....	440	12	6	25	420	7 05
Bay of Quinte,....	210	156	....	....	366	2 22
Kingston,.....	46	2	....	....	48	1 75
Wolfe Island,.....	38	44	....	....	82	1 52
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AUGUSTA DISTRICT.						
CIRCUITS.	Last Y'r	Added.	Remo'd.	Drop'd	Present.	Fifth Col.
Pittsburg,.....	107	24	11	....	120	\$1 00
Elizabethtown,...	221	74	....	....	295	7 90
Brockville,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Farmersville,.....	246	....	....	14	232	3 95
Augusta,.....	292	41	8	43	282	13 05
Leeds,.....	....	72	5	10	119	2 25
Matilda,.....	250	70	8	22	230	3 00
Stormont,.....	125	108	....	....	233	4 00
Winchester,.....	435	45	....	....	480	6 41
Rideau,.....	130	18	6	....	142	4 50
Elgin,.....	200	76	17	9	250	4 00
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OTTAWA DISTRICT.						
CIRCUITS.	Last Y'r	Added.	Remo'd.	Drop'd	Present.	Fifth Col.
Ottawa,.....	123	15	1	2	130	\$5 00
Riceville,.....	80	9	....	....	89	0 54
La Chute,.....	6	23	....	1	28	1 00
Westmeath,.....	108	34	....	10	132	1 20
Renfrew,.....	38	72	....	....	110	....
Madawaska,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fitzroy,.....	....	....	....	....	....	1 10
Templeton,.....	40	2	3	2	35	2 16
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" M. Davy,.....	32 36	" Widow Robinson,.....	16 18
" H. H. Johnson,.....	32 36		
" C. Manson,.....	32 36	Total,.....	\$179 89

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STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGE.	PREACHER.	Claim.	Receipt.	Deficit.
Bay Quate District,...	W. E. Norman,...	\$420 00	\$420 00	
Hope,.....	T. Lewis,.....	300 00	314 00	\$46 00
".....	J. Simpson,.....	340 00	294 00	46 00
Cobourg,.....	W. A. Sills,.....	440 00	440 00	
Percy,.....	S. W. LaDu,.....	400 00	475 00	
Colborne,.....	J. C. Burnelle,.....	482 00	482 00	
Seymour,.....	J. Fergusson,.....	350 00	305 00	45 00
Brighton,.....	J. Hill,.....	485 00	444 95	40 05
Sidney,.....	G. Jones,.....	440 00	204 76	235 24
".....	W. Bird,.....	440 00	226 04	213 96
Sterling,.....	J. P. Sparrow,.....	425 00	425 00	
Marmora,.....	P. Wright,.....	100 00	100 00	
Huntingden,.....	S. Young,.....	388 62½	212 79½	175 83
Hastings,.....	J. R. Phillips,.....			
Milford,.....	E. J. Fulford,.....	360 00	260 00	100 00
Hallowell,.....	D. Wilson,.....	585 00	485 00	40 00
Omemeo,.....	R. Earl,.....		314 00	
Kingston District,.....	J. F. Wilson } P.E.	210 00	145 87	64 13
".....	B. Smith, }	268 80	206 38	62 42
Tyendinaga,.....	B. W. Blanchard,.....	500 00	488 00	12 00
".....	N. H. Howard, ..	500 00	400 00	100 00
Napanee,.....	J. Gardiner,.....	460 00	520 00	
".....	J. Hulin,.....	330 00	364 00	
Hungerford,.....	P. Empey,.....		295 47½	
Camden,.....	J. A. Rodgers,.....	475 00	249 19	225 81
".....	I. B. Aylsworth,...	300 00	120 24	179 76
Kennebeck,.....	J. B. Smith,.....	250 00	200 00	50 00
Hinchinbrook,.....	D. Brown,.....	457 00	265 00	183 00
Waterloo,.....	A. Wright,.....	400 00	400 00	
".....	R. Sanderson,.....	175 00	175 00	
Bay Quate,.....	D. Pomeroy,.....	182 00	149 77	32 23
".....	J. Graham,.....	364 00	287 13	78 87
Kingston,.....	A. Hunt,.....		169 00	
Wolfe Island,.....	A. McLaren, .....	400 00	340 00	60 00
Augusta District,.....	W. Brown, P. E. ....	480 00	343 35	136 65
Pittsburg,.....	J. Tuks,.....	340 00	200 00	100 00
Elizabethtown,.....	J. D. Bell,.....			
Brockville,.....	J. C. Pomeroy,...			
Farmersville,.....	J. W. Sills,.....	450 00	450 00	
Augusta,.....	D. W. Aylsworth,...	384 00	461 75	
Leeds,.....	D. Smith,.....			
Matilda,.....	J. G. Ball,.....	428 00	375 21	
Stermont,.....	A. A. Brown,.....	347 00	277 60	69 34
".....	R. Woolry,.....	141 00	75 00	66 00
Winchester,.....	J. H. Andrews,.....	430 00	430 00	
".....	L. B. Caldwell,...	380 00	380 00	

## STEWARDS' REPORT.—(Continued.)

CHARGE.	PREACHER.	Claim.	Receipt.	Deficit.
Rideau, .....	E. Orser, .....	\$400 00	\$329 50	\$70 50
Elgin, .....	E. Woodcock, .....	440 00	370 00	70 00
Ottawa District, .....	H. Lane, .....	300 00	281 00	19 00
Ottawa City, .....	J. Q. Adams, .....			
" .....	A. J. Waite, .....			
LaChute, .....	C. W. Lent, .....	320 00	270 00	30 00
Westmeath, .....	L. A. Betts, .....			
Renfrew and Eganville	W. H. Graham, .....			
" .....	A. Anderson, .....			
Madawaska, .....	A. Seymour, .....			
Templeton, .....	G. S. White, .....			
Fitzroy, .....	— Bick, .....			

Q—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

A.—

BAY OF QUINTE DISTRICT—W. E. NORMAN, P. E.

Omeme—R. Earl.

Hope—J. Hill, J. M. Simpson, Joseph Gatchell, superannuated

Cobourg—W. A. Sills.

Colborne—J. C. Burnelle.

Brighton—D. Pomeroy.

Percy—B. W. Blanchard.

Seymour—T. Lewis, E. S. Howard.

Sterling and Marmora—J. P. Sparrow. One to be sent.

Sidney—G. Jones, P. Empey, H. H. Johnson, superannuated, A. Wright, supernumerary.

Consecon—I. B. Aylsworth, G. French.

Hallowell—D. Wilson.

Milford—D. Crouter.

KINGSTON DISTRICT—J. GARDINER, P. E.

Belleville—N. H. Howard, G. Shepard, Moral Governor of the Belleville Seminary, A. Carman, M.A., Principal, and Professor of Mathematics, H. P. Shepard, B. A., Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages; W. Bird, supernumerary.

Tyendinaga—S. W. LaDu, J. Hulin.

Huntingdon and Hastings—S. Young, A. Maybe.

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*Napanee*—H. Williams, J. C. Pomeroy.  
*Camden*—J. G. Bull.  
*Tamworth*—John Ferguson.  
*Kennebec*—W. H. Snider.  
*Hinchinbrook*—F. B. Stratton, D. Brown, superannuated.  
*Waterloo and Kingston*—J. A. Rogers, A. Hunt, G. S. White.  
*Bay Quinte*—C. Manson, J. Graham  
*Wolfe Island*—A. McLaren.  
*Pittsburgh*—J. Tuke.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—BENSON SMITH, P. E.

*Leeds*—J. B. Smith.  
*Elgin*—E. Woodcock, H. Heselgrave.  
*Farmersville*—W. Brown.  
*Elizabethtown and Brockville*—J. D. Bell, J. H. Romabough.  
*Augusta*—J. H. Andrews, Henry Lane, supernumerary.  
*Rideau*—E. Orser.  
*Matilda*—D. W. Aylsworth, M. Davy, superannuated; J. W. Sills, supernumerary. One to be sent.  
*Williamsburgh*—L. B. Caldwell.  
*Winchester*—J. Smith.  
*Osnabruck*—A. A. Brown.  
*Roxboro'*—D. Smith.  
*Riceville*—J. McNally, supernumerary. One to be sent.  
*LaChute*—C. W. Lent.

OTTAWA DISTRICT—J. Q. ADAMS, P. E.

*Ottawa City*—J. Q. Adams, A. Anderson.  
*Templeton*—H. Seymour.  
*Fitzroy*—One to be sent.  
*Renfrew and Madawaska*—W. H. Graham, W. G. Hudgins.  
*Westmeath and Egánville*—A. J. Waite, L. A. Betts.  
 Q.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?  
 A.—At Lyn, County of Leeds; to commence the second Wednesday in May, 1861.

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## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

*To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Bay of Quinte Conference.*

DEAR BRETHREN,—“Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” It has pleased God, after the labors of another Conference year, to permit us to assemble again in our Annual Conference. We met in the spirit of christian love, and are about to separate with increased attachment to each other, to you, and to the cause of Christ. It is with a deep sense of our indebtedness to Him, whose we are and whom we serve, and with unfeigned gratitude for all his mercies, that we present to you this, our Annual Pastoral Address. We would also express our gratitude to God that, during the year, death has not been permitted to invade our ranks—our lives have been graciously preserved amid all the toils and dangers which have beset our pathway, and, with few exceptions, our health and strength have been so preserved that we have been enabled, almost uninterruptedly, to prosecute the work of his grace committed to our hands. Let us unitedly praise him for his sustaining mercy and abounding grace, which have been manifest in every place, and with which he has so abundantly crowned our work of faith and labor of love.

The past year, like most of its predecessors, has been one of varied conflicts, labors, and successes. On most of the Circuits there have been gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, resulting in the conversion of hundreds of precious souls, and the increase of vital godliness in the Church. Our hearts have been greatly cheered and encouraged by these tokens of Divine favor, so graciously vouchsafed us; and we feel more than ever resolved to consecrate ourselves anew to his work, and more earnestly and perseveringly to supplicate the effusion of his Holy Spirit upon our congregation and societies, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, and that our labors may be still more abundantly blessed in bringing souls to Christ.

We rejoice that while the Lord has been watering our Zion with refreshing showers of divine grace, we have been permitted to carry the blessings of salvation into the more remote and destitute portions of our land, ministering the bread and water of life to large numbers of hungry and thirsty souls. Our borders have been enlarged, the altars of God have been erected in the wilderness, and isolated settlements of men brought into close connexion with the hopes, the joys and the worship of the universal Church.

It is a most interesting fact that as God in his providence is opening up new fields of labor, he is also raising up the

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men to occupy them, and is putting it into your hearts to supply the means for carrying into effect this noble object. Large and extensive fields for religious and moral culture are constantly opening up before us, inviting our occupancy; if we keep the end of our calling constantly in mind, if we live under the deep impression of the spiritual and moral wants and dangers of our land, and of the worth of souls, we shall scarcely fail to unite, with our efforts to spread the savor of the knowledge of Christ, the most ardent co-operation of every true friend of this holy cause.

"You have nothing to do but to save souls," is the admonitory language of our excellent Discipline: this, we trust, is the motto we have individually inscribed upon our banner; and we do most sincerely and unreservedly give ourselves anew to this, the only true object of the christian ministry. Let us have your earnest prayers, your zealous co-operation, that by common efforts in every place, our societies may be built up in the faith, and established in holiness, and the work carried into every neighborhood to which men of this earnest and fervent spirit can gain access. As a Church we exist for this purpose, and if there was ever a time when our aim should fix itself with firmness upon great and elevated purposes that time is the present.

The present session of our Conference has been characterised by an unusual degree of kindly feeling, unanimity of sentiment, and oneness of aim in all the deliberations and discussions which have engaged its attention. Our ranks have been strengthened by the addition of several young men of much promise, who have been admitted on probation. The past year has been one of considerable success, the returns from the various Circuits and Stations showing an increase of 710 within the bounds of this Conference. These successes of the past afford a safe guarantee for the future; and, depending upon your prayers, your faithful co-operation, and the efficient aid of the Holy Spirit, we feel determined to devote ourselves exclusively to the work committed to our charge.

Brethren, much depends upon you. Permit us, therefore, to point out more specifically, a few of the more important interests which claim your serious consideration and vigorous support.

1. *An adequate support for your ministers.* The duty of providing this is enjoined by the highest authority. Christ says, "The laborer is worthy of his hire;" and Paul declares (alluding, probably, to these words of our Lord) that "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Would you have your ministers come to you in the fullness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ;

would you have them unshackled from the world and wholly devoted to the work of saving souls, it will be necessary for you to place them above temporal embarrassment. If their minds are continually perplexed, and their hearts oppressed by financial difficulties and cares, it will greatly unfit them for their work. Ministers and their families, like all others, require food and raiment, and other necessaries and comforts of life; when these are supplied they are then free to devote all their time and talents to the great duties of their calling.

2. *The Mission work.* This department of our field of labor is becoming more important every year. Already large tracts of newly settled and destitute parts of our country have been occupied by our Church, and hundreds of homes made happy, and thousands of hearts gladdened, by the coming of the devoted Missionary of the Cross. But, unhappily, the severe commercial depression of the times, for two or three years past, has materially lessened the contributions to this cause, producing much privation and temporal embarrassment to those engaged in this work, notwithstanding the most rigid economy on their part. The Missionary treasury is not merely empty, but some \$600 in debt. This fact is mentioned with the full conviction that, once known, your increased liberality, in the coming year, will more than make up the deficiency, and enable the Society to liquidate all proper claims upon its funds.

3. *Our Connexional Paper.* From various causes, principally the limited circulation of the paper, the high prices of labor and living, and the heavy losses arising from the failure of large numbers to pay their subscriptions, the Concern has become somewhat embarrassed. We regard the *Advocate* as of vital importance to our interests, as a Church, and do therefore most cordially recommend it to your favorable consideration and liberal support. We have endeavored to adopt the best means for its relief within our reach, among which is a more extended circulation of the paper. In order to effect this object we have individually pledged ourselves, and we look with strong confidence to you to aid us in this laudable effort. From the number of our membership—now nearly 18,000—the number of copies taken by members of other churches, and the large adhering population, we submit, that instead of 2,000—the present number of subscribers—it should have, at least, 10,000. The most efficient way in which you can lend your aid in the present emergency, is, to become subscribers, paying, of course, in advance. Thus the required relief will be furnished, while you will be amply remunerated by having the advantages of a good religious and family paper in your domestic circle.

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4. *The Belleville Seminary.* Relative to the importance of this Institution, both to the Church and the community, we need say nothing; upon this subject there can hardly be two opinions. Unhappily, however, as most of you are already well aware, the Institution is involved in a heavy amount of debt. Two questions demand your attention:—First shall the debt be paid? and secondly, shall the Institution be sustained? Confiding in your intelligence, and known liberality, we have no fear as to the result. The deep interest every where felt and expressed, by all classes, as well as the zeal and earnestness with which you have entered into the plan of relief submitted to you, are a pretty sure guarantee of final success.—Upon the question of sustaining the Institution we are fully persuaded that, among the many thousands of our Israel, to say nothing of the liberal patronage bestowed by other denominations, a sufficient number of students can, with proper effort, be obtained to make it self-sustaining. In this we are all equally interested,—the Church and the public are interested,—and we trust that interests so important will receive from you that attention which their magnitude demands.

We commend to you the Bible, Tract, Sunday School, and Temperance Societies, as among the great agencies of the day for promoting religion, and the best interests of our race.

It is expected of you that you will be fruitful in good works, lending your aid to every benevolent enterprise, ever striving, by every means in your power, to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the land.

And now, dear brethren, we commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up in faith, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified. After having largely and seriously conferred on those subjects in which we have with you a common interest, we are about to separate and repair to our several Circuits to re-commence our labors. We entreat you to give earnest attention to personal religion; strive for that holiness of heart which is so essential to usefulness of life, and without which none shall see the Lord. Give attention to family religion—the great security for domestic felicity. See that daily prayer is offered, and the Scriptures read, in the family circle. So will the minds of your children and domestics be impressed with the beauty and excellency of religion, and be led by your example, and the influence of your piety, to give their hearts to Christ.

Finally, brethren, “suffer the word of exhortation.” Ye are in our hearts to die and live with you. We trust to come to you in the name of the Lord, and that we shall be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and us.

Let us "stir up the gift that is within us," and strive to be more strictly "blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation," that we may "shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life." The times and the seasons more especially call us to be decided in our religious character, diligent in our attendance upon all the means of grace, particularly the public worship of God, private and family prayer, the prayer and class meetings, the study of the scriptures, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Let us renew our strength by waiting upon God, and redouble our efforts to instruct the ignorant, to reclaim the wanderer, and to make manifest in every place the savor of the knowledge of Christ. Let us follow more closely the footsteps of our Divine Master, having our conversation in heaven. Let us imbibe more of the spirit of those above, following them as they followed Christ. We hope soon to join their ranks, and with them view the "full glories of the Lamb." Ten thousand voices call us to holiness of heart and life, so that when our pilgrimage is o'er we may be counted worthy to stand in his presence, and minister in his sanctuary the offerings of exalted praise and eternal love "The love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

P. SMITH.

JAS. RICHARDSON.

J. GARDINER, *Secretary.*

## CONFERENCE REPORTS.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred this subject feel incompetent to present anything which has not already been presented. Nevertheless, your Committee believe that the Sabbath is desecrated in our country by public companies running railway trains, steam and other vessels, and by keeping open such establishments as deprive those connected therewith of the privileges of the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship. Also, your Committee believe that the Sabbath is profaned to a considerable extent by what is usually termed Sabbath idling, and unchristian visitation. In view of which your Committee submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved 1st:* That the institution of the Sabbath is a divine arrangement, sacred to holy purposes, and involves the highest good of mankind—physically, intellectually, and morally; and

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that its claims are universal and unexceptional, except in those cases for which the Bible makes provision, as "works of necessity and mercy."

*Resolved 2nd:* That the desecration of the Sabbath by public organizations, which are open for the transaction of business on the Lord's Day, and private establishments which deprive those employed therein of the privileges of the Sabbath, and that scenes of profane recreation, such as theatres, fashionable saloons, &c., &c., have a strong tendency to captivate the youth of our country, impair their health, corrupt their morals, and thereby sap the foundation of the hope of the christian church, and our nation. And while we deprecate the wrath of God, who has been justly provoked by our nation's sins, we recommend the exertion of every proper influence which may be employed to bring into existence and force such regulations as will protect the Sabbath, as far as it may be done, by the enactment of civil law.

*Resolved 3rd:* That whereas the prosperity of a nation, religiously, civilly, or politically, depends to a great extent upon its rigid adherence to the biblical injunction with reference to the Lord's Day, and the success of the christian church is intimately connected with the sacredness of the Sabbath, we, as a body of christian ministers, composing the Bay Quinte Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and representing a respectable proportion of the inhabitants of Upper Canada, do protest against Sabbath desecration in any form, and will exert ourselves collectively against this public evil, and particularly against Sabbath visiting, except in cases of necessity.

*Resolved 4th:* That we are truly thankful for the privileges which we enjoy in connection with the christian Sabbath, and we hail with delight every approximation of our Government toward that protection which civil law alone can afford, such as the late Parliamentary Act with reference to the closing of taverns, saloons, &c., and the late postal Act. And we pray the Lord of the Sabbath that the time be not far distant when the soft gush of the Sabbath morning will not be ruffled by the hoarse muttering of machinery, and the artificial thunder of iron wheels will cease to herald our nation's sins; and that the Sabbath, the holy Sabbath, shall be enjoyed as a respite from the toil throughout our entire country, "from the rivers to the ends of the earth," and its heavenly calm shall only be broken by the sweet accents of worship.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. BURNELLE,  
L. B. CALDWELL, } *Committee.*  
WM. H. SNIDER, }

## REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY ON EACH CIRCUIT.

Brighton.....	\$2450.00	Augusta.....	4000.00
Hope.....	2000.00	Matilda.....	1400.00
Cobourg.....	2000.00	Rideau.....	1400.00
Colborne.....	1100.00	Brockville.....	200.00
Sterling.....	1600.00	Kingston.....	2400.00
Seymour.....	900.00	Percy.....	1800.00
Hallowell.....	4206.00	Sidney.....	3600.00
Milford.....	800.00	Wolfe Island.....	495.00
Consecon.....	800.00	Kennebec.....	
Waterloo.....	2000.00	Fitzroy Miss.....	
Westmeath.....	200.00	LaChute.....	400.00
Hinchinbrook.....		Bay Quinte.....	4500.00
Stormont.....	1200.00	Belleville.....	4500.00
Napanee.....	4800.00	Madoc.....	2000.00
Farmersville.....	3500.00		
Elgin.....	3000.00		\$55,945.00
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. LEWIS, }  
 J. HILL, } *Committee.*  
 B. SMITH, }

*Ordered,* That the P. E. of each District do, at the last Quarterly Meeting Conference of each year, lay the matter of Church Property before said Conference, in order to obtain their estimate value of Church Property within the bounds of the Circuit, and that he present the same to the ensuing Annual Conference.

## REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that after reviewing the returns of Sabbath Schools from the several Circuits and Stations in our work, for the past year, we are gratified to learn that to some considerable extent God has blessed our labors in endeavoring to keep up this important institution of our church. Nevertheless, in view of the efficiency of the Sabbath School, as a means of evangelizing the youth of our land, your Committee deeply regret that more general and systematic efforts are not being put forth by our ministers and people to promote the interests of this nursery of the christian church. Therefore, your Committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

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*Resolved 1st:* That the Sunday School is an institution, not only worthy of our confidence, and to be sustained on the ground of expediency, but an indispensable auxiliary to the prosperity of the church.

*Resolved 2nd:* That, involving as it does all gospel agencies, it presents a combination of moral and spiritual influences, which render it eminently adapted to the great work of conversion, moulding the heart and mind of our youth in the stamp of virtue and religion.

*Resolved 3rd:* That we recommend increased effort on the part of the ministry and membership of the church in promoting this great interest.

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Elgin,.....	3	12	60	100	Union Schools.
Huntingdon,.....	4	25	150	400	
Ottawa City,.....	1	4	25	100	Union Schools.
Cobourg,.....	2	17	98	200	
Hallowell,.....	3	15	210	600	Union Schools.
Augusta,.....	3	15	120	370	
Waterloo,.....	2	20	200	400	Union Schools.
Stormont,.....	3	18	90	300	
Rideau,.....	1	6	40	100	Union Schools.
Winchester,.....	1	6	30	237	
Napanee,.....	2	13	108	200	Union Schools.
Tyendinaga,.....	4	10	70	400	
Colborne,.....	2	10	150	100	Union Schools.
Percy,.....	5	20	140	300	
Westmeath,.....	3	20	150	200	Union Schools.
Farmersville,.....	4	16	90	100	
Camden,.....	3	15	35	100	Union Schools.
Wolfe Island,.....	1	6	212	800	
Belleville,.....	6	72	20	100	Union Schools.
Sidney,.....	1	8	80	150	
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Twenty-one charges have not reported.

J. W. SILLS,  
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report, that your Committee think it to be very desirable to keep the temperance question of reform before the country, and our own people especially, by all those proper methods of agitation, by lectures, sermons, and such temperance organizations as tend to enlighten the public mind, and to form a wholesome and correct public opinion upon this reform. If ever we succeed in extirpating, or even in lessening and curtailing the nefarious traffic in intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, with all the incidents of the same, we must, by the moral force of our reiterated protest against it, and a well-defined position taken and retained upon all the great issues of this most important reform, do all that God, the Church, and our country, for the present and posterity, may demand, until final success crowns our efforts. When we consider the many fully ascertained and deplorable crimes committed against our laws and religion, the grievous wrongs inflicted upon universal society by the intolerable, although yet tolerated and cherished license system, which is equally opposed to, and subversive of, both the social welfare, and commercial prosperity of the country, we are astonished at the want of political prudence and public morality manifested by the country at large; at the want of union and understanding among religious denominations upon the duty and feasibility, not only of the present, but also of the ultimate issue of the reform—the passage of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law. These crimes being committed against the majesty of both human and divine law, in most instances procured by the sanction and patronage the civil law itself (in the license systems) affords to the inhuman and destructive merchandise made of the bodies and souls of men; these crimes and wrongs being committed against the sober, industrious, and producing classes, by the most insufferable and unmitigated tyrannies that ever cursed our race—a despotism the most active and stubborn (for cupidity and lust have all the most virulent elements of human depravity for support), that any reform ever had to encounter; these wrongs are perpetrated by the vicious upon the harmless, by the socially depraved upon the innocent and socially elevated. We are engaged in a conflict with disciplined forces, always united and active, because all the interests of a numerous and unprincipled class are concerned. In a conflict of this nature, if the cause of humanity and religion is not supported by the union and persistent resistance of all concerned for its success, punctually and prudently put forth at all times, we cannot hope to succeed. Therefore, we recommend and submit the following resolutions:

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*Resolved 1st:* That this Conference recommends to all the preachers more unitedly and frequently to preach, lecture, &c., as circumstances may require, at least one discourse at each appointment in a year, or more frequently.

*Resolved 2nd:* That we recommend to the preachers to form total abstinence societies where and whenever practicable and convenient, and to associate with any who may be endeavoring to promote the common cause.

*Resolved 3rd:* That we recommend to our people not only the personal and connexional adherence to the "General Rule," but also an active and persevering effort to drive this great evil from our land, as well as from our midst, and to pray for his blessing upon this blessed cause, this handmaid of religion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. McLAREN, } Committee.  
J. Q. ADAMS, }

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#### THE COMMITTEE

*To act in concert with the Presiding Elders in behalf of the Belleville Seminary.*

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KINGSTON DISTRICT—H. Williams, C. Manson, S. W. LaDu.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT—W. Brown, J. H. Andrews, D. W. Aylsworth.

OTTAWA DISTRICT—W. H. Snider, A. J. Waite.

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*Within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference.*

## BAY QUINTE DISTRICT.

*Hope*—J. Lent, deacon ; P. Holmes.  
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*Stirling*—L. Johnson, A. Hardy.  
*Sidney*—William Dafoe.  
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*Winchester*—B. Meeker, deacon ; J. S. Johnson, deacon elect.  
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*Augusta*—A. B. Pardee.  
*Elgin*—Wm. Brown, elder ; Philemon Pennock, Chester Stewart.  
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*Leeds*—A. Sweet, G. Holloday.  
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*Riceville*—J. C. Jeffers, and John Pickering.  
*Fitzroy*—Thos S. C. Bick.  
*Westmeath*—John Putnam.  
*Eganville*—A. F. Ailwood.

*Ordered, That all the Preachers do canvass throughout their Circuits for "Life Members," with a view to pay the debt on the Missionary Treasury.*

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Crouter, D.	Milford.	Shepard, H. P.	Belleville.
Davy, M.	Matilda.	Sills, W. A.	Cobourg.
Earl, R.	Omeme.	Sills, W.	Matilda.
Empey, P.	Belleville.	Simpson, J. M.	Baltimore.
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Graham, J.	Morven.	Smith, J. B.	Leby's Bay.
Graham, W. H.	Renfrew.	Smith, B.	Farmersville.
Heselgrave, H.	Elgin.	Snider, W. H.	Kennebec.
Hill, J.	Baltimore.	Sparrow, J. P.	Sterling.
Howard, E. S.	Seymour.	Stratten, F. B.	Moscow.
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