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MINUTES

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Question 1. What Ministers are received into full Connection.

Answer. Dunning Idle, John W. Robinson, William C. Allen, Robert McKee, George H. Thompson, John F. Ockley, Benjamin J. Brown, Goram A. Gifford.

2. What Preachers remain on trial, and how long have they travelled?

(a). These have travelled three years.—John S. Corcoran, Thomas Boyd, Robert Thompson, Charles Mattenly, Joshua Dyke and James Ferguson.

(b). These have travelled two years.—John Dennis, Edward H. Sawers, William Nixon, Nathaniel Wellwood, Henry Parrish, Thomas Simms, George J. Reeves and Benjamin Reeves.

(c). These have travelled one year.—James E. Moore and William H. Dean.

3. What Preachers are received on trial.

William Hanson, John Dobson and Charles Lazenby.

4. What Preachers are received on the Reserve List?

David Lewis and James Cates.

5. What Ministers are Superannuated this year?

William Rowe, William Lomas and John R. Swift.

6. What Ministers have resigned this year?

R. Toye, A. Wilson, H. Wallace, G. Day, W. Pyke and W. J. Tarrant.

7. *How are the Ministers Stationed for the year?*

TORONTO.—William Bee, General Missionary Secretary and Book Steward; Thomas Guttery, Editor of the *Christian Journal*.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

TORONTO FIRST—Thomas Guttery, J. Davison, sup., D. Lewis, Conference Student.
 “ SECOND—James Edgar, W. Lyle, sup.
 “ THIRD—Thomas Griffith.
 “ FOURTH—George Lewis, B.A., J. Ockley, one to be obtained.
 MARKHAM—J. Goodman, C. O. Johnson.
 PICKERING—W. C. Allen.
 BOWMANVILLE—G. Clarke.
 SCARBORO’—J. Markham, J. Hanson.
 REACH—Thomas Amey, J. Dennis, T. Foster, sup.
 SANDFORD—W. Newton.
 BRUCE MINES—E. Middleton.

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

BRAMPTON—T. W. Jolliffe, T. Sims.
 ETOBICOKE—J. Garner, N. Wellwood.
 MALTON—J. Smith.
 ALBION—J. W. Gilpin, B. Reeve, W. H. Dean, M. H. Matthews, sup.
 LASKAY—W. Reid, J. G. Reeve, W. Nixon, student.
 ORANGEVILLE—J. Milner, and J. Simpson, sup.
 ROSEMOUNT—G. F. Lee.
 AMARANTH—B. J. Brown, W. Lomas, sup.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

HAMILTON—R. Cade.
 “ WEST—H. Parrish.
 GRAND RIVER—Luke Hall.
 WALPOLE—James Thompson.
 BLENHEIM—R. McKee.
 BRANTFORD—J. P. Bell, J. Towler, sup.
 FALKLAND—One to be obtained.
 WALSINGHAM—D. Idle.
 WOODSTOCK—T. Natrass, J. Cheetham, sup.

GUELPH DISTRICT.

GUELPH—G. Wood, T. Adams.
 PEEL—R. Hassard.
 HAWKSVILLE—James Walker, I. Ryder, sup.
 MINTO—D. Simpson.
 BRANT—T. G. Scott.
 KINCARDINE—G. Watson.
 JUBILEE—W. Thornley, J. Dobson.
 ARTHUR—G. A. Gifford.

LONDON DISTRICT.

LONDON—W. S. Hughan, J. Dyke, J. R. Swift, sup., J. Natrass, sup.
 BOSANQUET—W. Cook, C. Mattenly.
 MCGILLIVRAY—R. Paul, J. S. Corcoran.

WEST BRANCH—T. Boyd.
 STRATFORD—C. S. Willis.
 MITCHELL—A. Knapp.
 PLYMPTON—W. Huggins.
 CHATHAM—W. Herridge, E. H. Sawyers, J. S. Boyes, sup.
 CARADOC—R. Anger.
 WOODHAM—J. J. Haylock.
 DOVER—J. Ferguson.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

KINGSTON—J. F. Porter.
 PORTLAND—A. Heyworth, R. Thompson, J. Lacey, sup.
 NAPANEE—G. Nixon.
 COLLINSBY—J. E. Lidstone.
 HINCHINBROOK—J. E. Moore.

BARRIE DISTRICT.

BARRIE—R. Boyle, President of Conference; T. Crompton, sup.
 ORO—J. Burdge.
 BRADFORD—G. H. Thompson, M. Nichols, student.
 OSPREY—E. Whitworth.
 COLLINGWOOD—T. Bryant.
 ARTEMESIA—J. W. Robinson.
 MUSKOKA—R. Pattison, C. Lazenby, J. Cates, whose labours shall be chiefly confined to Three Mile Lake.
 DURHAM—T. Dudley.
 ORILLIA—H. Harris, Secretary of Conference; R. Stephenson, sup.
 Rev. W. Rowe, returning to England.

8. *What is the Numerical State of the Church?*

Number of Ministers.....	91
Local Preachers.....	270
Class Leaders.....	269
Connexional Churches.....	196
Other Preaching Places.....	121
Parsonages.....	31
Value of Church Property.....	\$218,037 00
Church Debt.....	\$25,190 00
Sabbath Schools.....	136
Sabbath School Teachers.....	1170
Sabbath School Scholars.....	8260
Church Members.....	6669
Number who have died.....	93

9. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*

In Toronto, if the Officials wish it: if not in Toronto, at Guelph; and shall commence at 9 o'clock, a.m., on Friday, June 5th, 1874.

10. *When and where shall the next District Meetings be held, and who shall be the General Committee Delegates?*

District.	Where held	Date	G. C. D.
TORONTO	Bowmanville	May 13th	T. Griffith.
BRAMPTON	Albion	"	J. W. Gilpin.
HAMILTON	Brautford	"	T. Natrass.
GUELPH	Bethel, Peel ct	"	G. Wood.
LONDON	Stratford	"	R. Paul.
KINGSTON	Sydenham	"	A. Heyworth.
BARRIE	Bradford	"	E. Whitworth.

11. What Committees shall be held before the Conference ?

The Ministerial Association, on Wednesday, 3rd June, at 9 a.m.; the Primitive Methodist Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, at 3 p.m.; and the Preparatory Committee, at 7 p.m. The Finance and Stationing Committees shall meet on Thursday, June 5th, at 9 o'clock, a.m.

District General Committee Delegates shall send all District Meeting Notices, properly arranged, for publication in the "Christian Journal," in sufficient time to have not less than two insertions.

12. What Connexional Officers shall attend next Conference?

The President by virtue of office; Henry Harris, as General Committee Delegate; Thomas Guttery, as Editor; Wm. Bee, as General Secretary and Book Steward; R. Walker, as General Treasurer; W. S. Hughan, as Friendly Society's Representative.

13. Who compose the Committees ?

(1.) GENERAL COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference.

J. Davison	R. Walker
T. Crompton	D. McLean
T. Guttery	W. Daniels
J. Smith	D. Fitzpatrick
J. Garner	J. Higginbotham
W. Herridge	I. Wilson
J. Goodman	R. Ward
W. Reid	W. Lund
R. Cade	D. Parks
G. Lewis	S. Nicklin
C. S. Willis	W. P. Lacey
J. Milner	E. Crompton
R. Paul	C. D. Maginn
T. Natrass	G. Flint
G. Wood	J. Baker
T. Griffith	J. Murray
J. Edgar	L. Walker
W. Newton	W. Marshall
T. W. Jolliffe	J. Green
	R. Amy
	R. Easton

William Bee shall be Secretary.

(2.) THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Shall be composed of the same persons as the General Committee; Wm. Bee shall be their Secretary; and both Committees shall meet at the same time and place.

The Quarterly Meeting of these Committees shall be held in Toronto, on Thursday, the 7th of August, and Thursday, the 6th of November, 1873; Thursday, the 12th of February, and Thursday, the 7th of May, 1874.

(3.) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, J. Davison, J. Garner, Thomas Guttery, R. Walker, D. McLean and J. Bugg; William Bee, Secretary, who shall be Convener.

(4.) BOOK COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, J. Davison, T. Guttery, R. Walker, D. McLean and William Bee, who shall be the Secretary.

(5.) DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

TORONTO.	T. Guttery, J. Markham, W. Newton and T. Griffith.
BRAMPTON.	T. W. Jolliffe, W. Marshall and L. Walker.
HAMILTON.	R. Cade, D. Parks and — Johnson.
GUELPH.	G. Wood, R. Hassard and L. White.
LONDON.	J. Natrass, R. Paul, C. S. Willis and W. Treblecock.
KINGSTON.	J. F. Porter, A. Heyworth, L. Purdy and J. Baker.
BARRIE.	H. Harris, R. Boyle and E. B. Crompton.

The first named Brother, in each case, shall be Secretary.

(6.) CENTRAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

T. Guttery, J. Markham, W. Reid, C. S. Willis, G. Lewis, B.A. and J. Smith, who shall be the Secretary.

(7.) DISTRICT BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

TORONTO.	J. Markham, T. Griffith, W. Newton and G. Lewis.
BRAMPTON.	J. Garner, J. Milner, J. W. Gilpin and W. Reid.
HAMILTON.	T. Natrass, J. P. Bell and R. Cade.
GUELPH.	R. Hassard, W. Thornalcy and G. Wood.
LONDON.	R. Paul, C. S. Willis, W. S. Hughan and W. Herridge.
KINGSTON.	J. F. Porter, J. E. Lidstone and A. Heyworth.
BARRIE.	T. Crompton, R. Pattison and H. Harris.

The last named Brother, in each case, to be the District Secretary.

(8.) GRANT AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE.

The Business of this Committee shall be done by the Executive, for the present year.

14. *What new Rules are now made?*

1. That in future any Station may, at the February Quarterly Meeting, invite the Minister or Ministers they may desire to labor with them the ensuing year, and if agreeable to the parties and to Conference, such arrangement shall be made final. N.B.—Invitations not to be sent previous to the General Committee Meeting in February.

2. That any Station wishing to retain a Minister a fourth or fifth year shall be permitted to do so, but no Minister shall be stationed a fourth or fifth year, who has not been requested by the Station, nor if the work is not prospering.

3. That the Salary of Annual List Single Ministers shall be \$350 a year, on first class Stations, if they be Superintendents; and on Missions, \$200.

4. That Rule 58, Page 13, of the Discipline be repealed, so far as it relates to Secret Societies,

5. That in future a Minister in each district shall be appointed by Conference as General Missionary Committee Delegate, who shall visit any of the Missions in his District, to advise and assist, under the direction of the Missionary Committee.

6. That in future the General Committee Delegates shall be appointed by the Conference, instead of the District Meetings.

15. *What Arrangements are made for the 'Christian Journal'?*

1. That in future the "Journal" Financial Year shall end on the 30th of April, and that the Accounts be balanced at that time.

2. That the Contract for publishing the "Journal" be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

3. That the Salary of the Editor of the "Journal" be \$150, and that the General Secretary receive \$50 for his services in connection with the Paper,

4. That 20 per cent. be allowed to those who obtain Advertisements for the "Journal," and that it be paid when the Cash for the Advertisement is paid.

16. *Superannuation of Ministers.*

1. That Brother W. Rowe's Application for Superannuation be granted.

2. That we hereby express our sympathy with our esteemed Bro. Rowe, in the trying circumstances which compel him to apply for superannuation, and we sincerely pray that our Heavenly Father may, in His goodness, restore him to health, so that he may again be permitted to enter upon the work in which, by God's blessing, he has had both happiness and success. The Conference also has pleasure in expressing its appreciation of the ability with which our Brother has filled the offices of General Missionary Secretary, Book Steward, and Editor of the "Christian Journal."

3. That the application of Bro. William Lomas for superannuation be granted, and we express our sympathy with Brother Lomas in his affliction, and in being obliged so early in life to retire from the active work of the Ministry.

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4. That we approve the action of the General Committee in recommending the English Conference to grant Bro. J. R. Swift's application for superannuation, and fully endorse the Committee's regret that Bro. Swift should thus be laid aside from the regular work of the Ministry, and while we give expression to our sympathy with him in his affliction, we also express our hope that he may yet be so far restored to health as to be able to return again to the great work of preaching Christ's Gospel.

17. What changes are made relative to Stations ?

1. That the name of Kirkton Station be changed to Woodham.
2. That Paris Town be given up, and that the remainder of the Station be known as Falkland Mission.
3. That Orillia, having been taken up by the Missionary Committee, it be recognised by this Conference as one of our Stations.
4. That the Conference kindly requests Pickering Station, in view of their freedom from Church Debt and prosperous state, in which we greatly rejoice, and also in view of increased claims of the Mission Work, to become an independent Circuit.
5. That all Town Stations be recognised as first class Stations That McGillivray and Bosanquet be at once made into second class Stations; and that Peel Circuit be requested to become a second class Station a year from this Conference.

18. What changes are affected relative to Church Property ?

1. That the Trustees of Bervie Church have permission to sell two of the vacant Lots, and use the proceeds in finishing the Church.
2. That the Officials of Jubilee Station and Trustees of Howard's Church have liberty to sell the Church and Lot, and use the proceeds in the erection of Wingham Church.
3. That the Trustees of Bethel Church, on Brant Station, have liberty to deed back to John Wilson, the original owner of a piece of land, two rods wide and the whole length of the burying ground.
4. That the pledge of Conference, given some time since to Walpole and Walsingham Stations, for aid to their Parsonages, be redeemed by giving to each \$50.
5. That the proposal of the Trustees of Galt Church Funds, through the Guelph District Meeting, to loan said Funds to Bervie Church Trustees at low interest, be confirmed, and that the Bervie Trustees shall annually pay the interest to the General Missionary Secretary, for the time being, and that it shall annually be placed to the credit of the Galt Trustees, and shall be re-paid to them whenever the way opens for the erection of a new Church in Galt.

19. *What Miscellaneous Resolutions are passed?*

1. That the arrangement for the Ordination Services of next Conference be left with the General Committee.

2. That Parchment Certificates of Ordination be given to all the Ministers in full standing, and that a Committee composed of Revs. R. Boyle, J. Edgar, W. Bee and T. Guttery prepare the forms.

METHODIST UNION.

3. That we desire to cultivate the closest Fraternal Fellowship with all bodies of Christians, but this Conference is of opinion that there is no prospect of our Organic Union with any other body, and the Conference therefore affectionately requests all our preachers and societies to avoid any further agitation on the subject.

FRATERNAL LETTERS AND DEPUTATIONS.

4. That the fraternal greetings of the Conference be conveyed to the Presbyterian Synod in connection with the Kirk of Scotland; to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference; to the New Connection Methodist Conference; to the Bible Christian Conference; and to the Congregational Union, all of which are now in assembly.

5. That Bros. Guttery and McLean be a deputation to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, conveying to them the fraternal greetings of this Conference.

6. That the Conference has heard with the greatest satisfaction the fraternal deputation appointed by the Presbyterian Church of Canada; and we hereby tender the deputation our hearty thanks for their welcome presence, and excellent addresses.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

7. That the 18th of October be a day of thanksgiving, and that our people be strongly urged to hold public service, at least in one of their principal churches.

ENGLISH DELEGATES.

8. That our Representatives to the English Conference of 1874 be the Rev. S. Antliffe, Mr. J. Beckworth, of Leeds, and Mr. James George, of Wolverhampton.

VOTES OF THANKS.

9. That the Thanks of the Conference be given to Markham Circuit, for their generosity in making the Relief Fund a present of \$24 00, the amount of their claim.

10. To the different Railway Companies, for their kindness in conveying our Ministers and Delegates to Conference at reduced fare.

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11. To our Toronto friends, for so cordially entertaining the Conference.

12. To the President, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Conference; to the Vice-President; to the Secretary and his Assistants; to the Letter Writers; and to the General Committee Delegates, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties.

13. To the ex-President, for the Ordination Charge, and Conference Sermon he delivered.

14. To the Editor of the "Christian Journal."

15. To the General Secretary and Book Steward.

16. That the sexton of Alice Street Church receive \$10 00 for his services during Conference.

20. *What Reports are received by the Conference.*

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TO THE CONFERENCE OF 1873.

Grace, Mercy and Peace.

During the year now ending, your Committee have had an unusual amount of work, and all that can be done in this report is to make a very short reference to the most important portions of that business.

In August the health of Bro. Roffe failed, and he was obliged to give up his station. Bro W. C. Allen was sent to supply the Pickering Station, and by God's blessing he has succeeded. After considerable correspondence and the appointment on three occasions of a Deputation to Woodstock, the difficulty there was settled. Permission was given to Guelph to build a parsonage on a plan submitted by themselves, which it is hoped will be successful. The application of Bro. Harris for the time he travelled in England has been granted by the English Conference. Rev. W. Rowes' health not being restored, he resigned the Editorship of the Journal, and Rev. T. Guttery was appointed to the office.

The difficulty between Bro. Lomas and the Hawksville friends was amicably settled by Mr. Walker going as a deputation to advise them upon the matter. The case of difficulty between Bros. Knapp and Idle in Kincardine Station was investigated by a deputation, and it was found that the former had over reported the members, and failed to have the Roll Book signed, and the latter had improperly left members names off the Book.

During the year Orangeville Circuit was found to be in difficulty, and was in a measure taken under the charge of your Committee. Bro. Lomas' health having failed, a young man was sent to supply, and Bro. Lomas was relieved from active labour.

After some correspondence with your Committee, and advice having been given, the Trustees of Galt Church sold the property there, to the Young Men's Christian Association, and a Temperance Society, which was done to the entire satisfaction of your Committee. Last Conference decided that Mr. Campbell should have four years in which to pay his indebtedness to the Book Room, to be paid in four equal annual instalments. He cannot pay the first instalment now, but will pay the whole in the four years.

While regretting the state of health which justifies Rev. J. R. Swift in applying for superannuation, your Committee recommended the English Conference to grant the application. Your Committee recommend that in future all notices in reference to District Meetings, shall be sent by the General Committee Delegate of the District to the "Christian Journal," so as to secure order and punctuality.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BEE, *Secretary.*

GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE CONFERENCE OF 1873.

Last Conference left Mitchell without a minister, and your Committee was expected to make the best arrangements it could. Considerable difficulty was experienced in making arrangements suitable to all parties. For a time it was partly supplied by your Committee, and partly by themselves. After this Mitchell was connected with Stratford, but this was found not to work well. Ultimately Sebringville was taken from Stratford, and connected with Mitchell, the two being worked distinctly, which has done very well. Bro. R. Thompson, who had been withdrawn from Clifford, was stationed at Mitchell. By last Conference Clifford was taken from Brant, and made a separate mission. When Bro. R. Thompson, who was stationed at Clifford, arrived there, he found no home, and unfortunately he could not find a convenient one. He gave a very discouraging account of the prospects of the place. The Committee decided to give up Clifford, and withdraw Bro. Thompson. When he returned from the committee meeting to his station, the people wished him to remain, and promised to find him a home, and pay his salary, but he was directed to abide by the arrangement of the Committee. They then wrote a pressing letter to the Committee; Bro. Angur also wrote, holding out inducements. At the February committee meeting, Bro. Boyd reported his restoration to health, and was ready to take a station; and as the Committee had not a suitable place for him, it was decided that he should be sent to Clifford. He found matters about as Bro. Thompson did when he went there, and after some little correspondence with the Committee, he left the Station.

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Kirton, Walsingham, and Walpole Stations all pressed for the fulfilment of what they thought a Conferential promise to render assistance in paying their parsonage debts. The Committee decided they had no authority to grant anything, but resolved to present the two latter to the favorable consideration of Conference. A few friends of Toronto First Circuit kindly satisfied the claim of Kirton.

Early in the year it became evident that Ravenshoe Mission, formed from Bradford at last Conference, was not at all likely to support the preacher stationed to it; whether from a want of ability, or what else, your Committee did not know. By an understanding between Bradford and Ravenshoe, it was proposed to the Committee to reunite them, withdraw Mr. Mattenley, and work the station with two ministers. The Committee confirmed this. But shortly afterwards the Bradford officials strongly urged the propriety of sending a third preacher to them, as with two they could not work the station. The Committee did not comply with this, because they had not time to try sufficiently their own plans, and there was not a man to send. Your Committee is strongly of opinion that greater care should be taken by the Conference in dividing stations. Early last fall, Bro. Boyd of the Dover Mission lost his health, and as, according to medical testimony, his future health might be endangered by remaining at Dover, he was therefore allowed to leave the station. At the February meeting he gave notice that he was again prepared to take a station, and was stationed as previously referred to. It was decided that in addition to the two dollars per week from the Relief Fund, he should be paid one dollar per week from the Mission Fund, from the November to the February Quarterly Meetings. Bro. Mattenley was stationed at Dover, and he has remained there since that time. Previous to Bro. Mattenley being sent to Dover, the work was supplied with much difficulty.

There being pressing requests from Orillia to commence a mission in that town, the prospects being so good, the November meeting decided to send Bro. Parrish to begin the work. He succeeded very well for three or four months; an exchange was then effected between him and Bro. Dyke, who has done well. They have a membership of 17, and the quarterly income is \$34 91c.

Previous to the February meeting, Mr. Tarrant of the Arthur Mission tendered his resignation, because he had decided to get married, stating that he would retire at once, or remain and labour till Conference. He left his station to get married, and remained away until the station was in a very disorganised state. A visit of the Missionary Secretary at that time helped to strengthen confidence, as it showed them that the Committee felt an interest in them. Bro. G. A. Gifford having resigned his agency of the S. S. M. U., requested a station, and was sent to Arthur. Bro. A. Wilson of Scarboro Circuit having given in his resignation, and having been pledged by your Committee, Bro. Hanson, a local preacher recently out from England, was called out and appointed to the above-named circuit.

Muskoka having applied for a third preacher for the coming year, and your Committee thinking there are good openings beyond the bounds of that station, recommended the application to the favorable consideration of Conference, if the funds are sufficient. On account of the very low state of Paris Mission, your Committee recommend the town be given up, and Bensville and Cathcart united to Blenheim Mission, with an additional young man. As several members have removed to St. Thomas from Hamilton, London, and other places, and as it is quite a growing town, your Committee thought it might be a good opening, and appointed Bro. Hughan to visit the place, and try to ascertain the prospects of opening a mission. Your Committee recommend the appointment of District Chairman or Missionary Superintendents.

WM. BEE, *Secretary.*

BOOK ROOM REPORT.

Last year's report recommended larger premises being occupied. This matter was left by last Conference in the hands of your Committee. Just on the close of Conference, Mr. C. A. Backas, of 107 Yonge Street made us an offer of his establishment, and after considerable negotiation, an agreement was entered into, by us accepting of his lease, extending to 1st July, 1874, and purchasing of his stock to the amount of \$3455 84; also the fixtures and furniture, for which we pay \$822. This was a weighty responsibility to assume, and yet it was thought that if possible we should extend our Book business. In that we have succeeded, the business done during the past year being much larger than ever before. Still, the success of the undertaking is yet a trial, as our expenses are unavoidably much larger now than in the past. Were it not that there are so many pressing claims just now, an effort to pay the debt on the stock by subscription would be a proper step. And thus, free from the payment of interest, the Book Room would be in a position to aid the other funds of the Church. One thing our people can do, and in speaking to their representatives in Conference assembled, we are indirectly speaking to themselves. Our people can purchase their books, stationery, etc., of their own bookroom. By so doing they could put beyond question the success of the establishment. Many of our people purchase their Sabbath School Books at the Book Room, and for this we thank them; but why not their Day School Books as well? All we want is a little thought, and a good share of patriotism. Patriotism is a grand thing, and with a reasonable amount of it we should succeed beyond any doubt.

WM. BEE, *Book Steward.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee have bestowed considerable care upon the state of the finances, and matters which have come before us. We much

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regret that their should be a decrease in the Missionary money of, as near as we can ascertain, about \$100, when on account of the increased expenditure we need an increase of not less than a thousand dollars, and a thousand more, in view of the new openings we have before us.

It is to be hoped that another year will be more fruitful than the present.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE.

Resolved, 1. That we recommend Conference to redeem its pledge, made to Walpole, and Walsingham Stations, in regard to their Parsonages, in giving to each Station, the sum of \$50. The Conference to say from what fund the said amount to be paid.

2. That we recommend Conference to kindly ask the authorities of the Pickering Circuit to allow themselves to come off the list of Mission Circuits.

3. That we direct the attention of Conference to the fact, that not more than one half of the Missionary returns were in the hands of the General Secretary at the time specified by rule; and thereby greatly inconveniencing the Finance Committee.

4. That in view of the embarrassed state of the Funds, we cannot recommend the Conference to entertain any appeals for deficiencies.

CHILDREN'S FUND.

1. We recommend the Conference to deduct \$5 from the amount appropriated to Dover Station last year, inasmuch as the amount given to Chatham and Dover was unusually large.

2. That we recommend that a record of the names and ages, of all our Ministers' Children, be kept in the General Secretary's Office. And that the said information be furnished previous to the next Quarterly Meeting.

"CHRISTIAN JOURNAL."

Your Committee having duly considered the various matters connected with the "Christian Journal," beg to submit the following for your consideration.

1. That it would be of advantage to have the "Journal" printed in Toronto, near the office of publication.

2. That in view of the proposed advance of 15 per cent in the present Printing Office, we propose a change to Toronto if possible.

3. That if we can have the "Journal" printed in Toronto at a reasonable rate, even in advance of what we are now paying, we recommend such a change to be made.

4. That in view of such a change and increased cost in printing, it will be desirable, in fact absolutely necessary, to increase the number of Subscribers to 1,800 or 2,000.

WM. WILKINS, *Chairman.*
JAS. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Committee desire to submit the following:—

We have carefully examined the Reports of the Stations, and find that we have 898 Officials returned for the year; of these 617 are Total Abstainers, giving a balance of 336 Temperance Men, and a gain of 18 increase for the Year.

We recognize with pleasure the earnest efforts of our Ministers, Officials, and Members, in the work of Temperance, and desire to urge and encourage, to a resolute continuance in the conflict with the giant evils of Intemperance.

We also consider that the time has come, when not only our Ministers and Officials, but *all* our Members, should feel it their duty to discontinue the use as a beverage, of a luxury of such doubtful character, and such vicious tendencies, and productive of such fearful results; and we further feel persuaded that as a part of the Church of the Living God, we can no longer afford to compromise with sin, nor suffer the inconsistency of being at all identified with the perpetuation of a custom, and usage, so corrupt in its nature, so ruinous in its end, and so utterly at variance with our doctrines, and the Purity and Charity of Truth.

We desire to state that our strong convictions and hearty sympathies, are with the various measures, both moral and legal, put forth for the abolition of our drinking usages; for the Prohibition of Importation and Manufacture, and the entire extinction of the unholy traffic.

And we rejoice that the advancing spirit of the community, the conscientious sentiment of the Church, the enlightened understanding, and corrected judgment of men are getting nearer, earnestly moving nearer the true idea of Temperance, the Temperance of the New Testament.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the "Ontario and Quebec Temperance and Prohibitory League," and assure this Society of our desire for their success, and our sympathy and co-operation, in their efforts to secure the suppression of the Liquor Traffic by Legislative enactment.

We would also recommend that a deputation be appointed to attend the Annual Sessions of the Higher Courts of the several Orders of Temperance in Ontario.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. LOMAS.
JOHN LAW.
GEORGE FLINT.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In reaffirming our earnest decision in reference to the maintenance of the Lord's Day for strictly religious purposes, we would express our unanimous regret that in some cases the sacred institution is still violated against the Law of God and of the land, both in the case of companies and individuals. We nevertheless rejoice in the fact that the Churches have taken action in the matter; and in appealing to the several Railway Companies on the subject, have elicited courteous replies in all cases, indicating a disposition, as far as possible to circumscribe all labour on the Lord's day.

We would also draw attention to the practice at present prevailing, of the masses wandering about the streets, Parks, Cemeteries, and other public places, to the great dissipation of the mind, and the sad estrangement of the soul from the purposes of public worship.

To assist in the reformation of these practices, we advise that all our ministers preach, at least one sermon during the year, drawing emphatic attention to the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

Also that all our people be admonished, by precept and by example, to stand firm in the spirit and letter of the Sabbath, as a day of physical repose, and fellowship with God in His House.

We would further recommend the appointment of a committee, to confer with other committees, on Sabbath observance, as occasion may require during the year.

(SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

That your Committee beg most respectfully to submit that they have most carefully examined the position of our Sabbath Schools and are sorry to have to report a decrease of 18 Scholars, 22 Teachers, and an increase of but two Schools, and that there are three Stations which have no schools, viz., Walsingham, Orillia, and Collingwood.

Your Committee beg to recommend, that the attention of the Ministers and Officials, be called to the fact, that there are many of our preaching appointments without Sabbath Schools, and that they be earnestly requested to establish one wherever practicable, and that the brethren appointed to said Stations, having no Sabbath Schools, make it their first work, to establish Schools at some point of their work.

That as we have to report a decrease of Teachers and Scholars, we recommend that there be a searching enquiry into the position and mode of working our Schools, which may lead to greater efficiency and success.

That we strongly recommend the adoption of the International and uniform Lessons, now being used so largely in the Dominion and in the United States, and which next year is to be adopted by the London S. S. Union, England, with the prospect of being adopted by all the Sabbath School workers in the World, and as the Lessons are published in the "Christian Journal," we recommend all our S. S. Teachers to subscribe for it; and as an additional help to those who can afford it, the "Sabbath School Times."

ORDINATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report of this Committee has never come to hand, and was never seen by the compiler of these minutes, and consequently cannot be inserted.

Name

Name

Adams, T.
 Auger, R.
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 Boyle, R.
 Boyes, J. S.
 Bee, W.
 Bell, J. P.
 Brown, B.
 Burdge, J.
 Boyd, T.
 Bryant, T.
 Crompton,
 Cheetham,
 Cook, W.
 Cade, R.
 Clark, G.
 Corcoran,
 Cates, J.
 Davison,
 Dean, W.
 Dudley, T.
 Dennis, J.
 Dyke, J.
 Dobson, J.
 Edgar, J.
 Ferguson,
 Foster, T.
 Garner, J.
 Gifford, G.
 Gilpin, J.
 Goodman,
 Griffith,
 Guttery,
 Hassard,
 Hall, L.
 Haylock,
 Harris, J.
 Herridge,
 Heywort,
 Hughs,
 Huggins,
 Hanson,
 Idle, D.
 Jolliffe,
 Johnson,
 Knapp,
 Lacey, J.
 Lee, G.
 Lewis, G.
 Lomas,
 Lyle, W.
 Lazenby,
 Markham,
 Matthee,
 McKee,
 Milner,

Names, Ages, and Addresses of P. M. Ministers
in Canada—1873-4.

Name.	Age.	Years Trav- elled.	Time on Stat'n	Where Stationed.	Post-Office.
Adams, T.	64	36	Sup.	Galt, Sup'd 1865	Galt
Auger, R.	35	10	1	Caradoc	Strathroy
Amev, T.	33	8	2	Reach	Manchester
Boyle, R.	48	28	1	Barrie	Barrie
Boyes, J. S.	32	9	Sup.	Chatham, Sup'y 1871	Charing Cross
Bee, W.	45	17	2	Toronto, Book Steward	Toronto, drawers 890
Bell, J. P.	39	8	1	Brantford	Brantford
Brown, B. J.	25	4	2	Amaranth	Laurel
Burdge, J.	29	7	1	Oro	Laurel
Boyl, T.	23	3	1	McGillivray, West	Park Hill
Bryant, T.	41	17	2	Collingwood	Clarksburg
Crompton, T.	56	36	Sup.	Barrie, Sup'y 1872	Barrie
Cheetham, J.	59	12	..	Woodstock, Sup'd 1871	Woodstock
Cook, W.	37	16	2	Bosanquet	Wilder
Cade, R.	44	2	3	Hamilton	Hamilton
Clark, G.	27	5	1	Bowmanville	Bowmanville
Corcoran, J. S.	27	3	2	McGillivray	Falkirk
Cates, J. ....	..	..	1	Muskoka	Bracebridge
Davison, J.	74	44	Sup.	Toronto, Sup'd 1866	Toronto
Dean, W. H.	26	1	1	Albion	Tallamore
Dudley, T.	52	22	1	Durham	Durham
Dennis, J.	19	2	1	Reach .....	..
Dyke, J.	23	3	1	London	London
Dohson, J.	21	..	1	Jubilee	St. Helens
Edgar, J.	48	27	3	Toronto, Second	Yorkville
Ferguson, J.	28	3	1	Dover	Oungah
Foster, T.	62	16	Sup.	Reach, Sup'd 1865	Epsom
Garner, J.	50	29	2	Ellobicoke	Humber
Gifford, G. A.	24	4	1	Arthur	Arthur
Gilpin, J. W.	35	8	2	Albion	Albion
Goodman, J.	40	12	1	Markham	Victoria Square
Griffith, T.	29	9	3	Toronto, Third	Toronto
Guttery, T.	35	16	3	Toronto, First	Toronto
Hassard, R.	35	11	1	Peel	Pentland
Hall, L.	31	10	3	Grand River	York
Haylock, J. J.	28	6	1	Woodham	Woodham
Harris, H.	41	15	1	Orillia	Orillia
Herridge, W.	50	15	1	Chatham	Chatham
Heyworth, A.	34	13	1	Portland	Loughboro
Hughan, W. S.	39	14	3	London	London
Huggins, W.	35	7	3	Plympton	Wyoming
Hanson, J. ....	..	..	1	Scarboro .....	..
Idle, D.	28	6	1	Walsingham	Pleasant Hill
Jolliffe, T. W.	31	6	1	Brampton	Brampton
Johnson, C. O.	21	2	1	Markham	Gornley
Knapp, A.	48	9	1	Mitchell	Mitchell
Lacey, J.	73	26	Sup.	Portland, Sup'd 1865	Loughboro
Lee, G. F.	37	13	1	Rosemont	Rosemont
Lewis, G. B. A.	39	7	1	Toronto, Fourth	Toronto
Lomas, W.	45	23	Sup.	Amaranth, Sup'd 1873	Waldemar
Lyle, W.	78	31	..	Yorkville, Sup'd 1855	Yorkville
Lazemb, C. ....	..	..	1	Muskoka	Bracebridge
Markham, J.	42	19	3	Scarboro	Wexford
Matthews, M. H.	32	13	Sup.	Albion, Sup'd 1871	Mount Hurst
McKee, R.	28	4	1	Blenheim	Drumbo
Milner, J.	43	19	1	Orangeville	Orangeville

Names, Ages, and Addresses of P. M. Ministers in Canada—Continued.

Name.	Age.	Years Traveled.	Time on Stat'n	Where Stationed,	Post-Office.
Middleton, E.	31	6	1	Bruce Mines	Bruce Mines
Mattenly, C.	29	3	1	Bosanquet	Widder Station
Moore, J. E.	22	1	1	Hinchinbrooke	Deniston
Nattrass, J.	44	20	Sup.	London, Sup'd 1869	London
Nattrass, T.	41	18	1	Woodstock	Woodstock
Newton, W.	53	22	3	Sandford	Sandford
Nixon, W.	24	2	1	Laskay	Maple
Nixon, G.	29	5	2	Napanee	Napanee
Nichols, M.	22	1	..	Bradford	Malton
Ockley, J. F.	23	4	2	Toronto, Fourth	Albion
Paul, R.	45	22	3	McGillivray	Laskay
Pattison, R.	34	10	2	Muskoka	Orangev
Farrish, H.	25	2	1	Hamilton West	Rosemont
Porter, J. F.	27	6	1	Kingston	Amaran
Reeve, G. J.	22	2	1	Laskay	Hamilton
Reeve, B.	23	2	1	Albion	Albion
Roffe, C. ....	..	..	..	..	Grand R
Reid, W.	31	11	3	Laskay	Laskay
Robinson, J. W.	30	4	1	Artemesia	Markdale
Ryder, J.	67	14	Sup.	Hawksville, Sup'd 1865	Blenhe
Scott, T. G.	33	5	1	Brant	Brantfo
Simpson, D.	37	10	1	Minto	Falklan
Simpson, J.	49	10	Sup.	Orangeville, Sup'd 1863	Walsin
Smith, J.	39	17	1	Malton	Woodst
Stephenson, R.	50	11	Sup.	Osprey, Sup'd 1864	Guelph
Sims, T.	23	2	1	Brampton	Peel ..
Thornley, W.	33	9	3	Jubilee	Hawks
Thompson, G. H.	25	4	1	Bradford	Minto
Thompson, R.	26	3	1	Portland	Brant
Thompson, J.	27	5	2	Walpole	Kincar
Towler, J.	57	16	Sup.	Brantford, Sup'd 1853	Jubile
Walker, J.	36	10	1	Hawksville	Arthur
Watson, G.	51	16	1	Kincardine	London
Whitworth, E.	38	10	1	Osprey	Bervie
Willis, C. S.	36	15	1	Stratford	Hawks
Wood, G.	47	21	3	Guelph	Bosanc
Wellwood, N.	25	2	1	Etobicoke	McGill

Addresses of the Stations for 1873-4.

Stations.	Names.	Post-Office.
President of Conference	Rev. R. Boyle	Barrie
Secretary of Conference	" H. Harris	Orillia
Editor of "Christian Journal"	" T. Guttery	Toronto, Drawer 899
Missionary Sec'y & Book Steward	" W. Bee	Toronto, do.
General Treasurer	R. Walker, Esq.	Toronto
Toronto, First	Rev. T. Guttery	Toronto
" Second	" J. Edgar	Yorkville
" Third	" T. Griffith	Toronto
" Fourth	" G. Lewis, B.A.	Toronto
Markham	" J. Goodman	Victoria Square

Addresses of the Stations for 1873-4—Continued

Stations.	Names.	Post-Office.
Pickering	Rev. W. C. Allen	Claremont
Bowmanville	" G. Clarke	Bowmanville
Scarboro	" J. Markham	Wexford
Reach	" T. Amey	Manchester
Sandford	" W. Newton	Sandford
Bruce Mines	" E. Middleton	Bruce Mines
Brampton	" T. W. Jolliffe	Brampton
Etobicoke	" J. Garner	Humber
Malton	" J. Smith	Malton
Albion	" J. Garner	Albion
Laskay	" W. Reid	Laskay
Orangeville	" J. Milner	Orangeville
Rosemont	" G. F. Lee	Rosemont
Amaranth	" B. J. Brown	Laurel
Hamilton	" R. Cade	Hamilton
West	" H. Parrish	Hamilton
Grand River	" L. Hall	York
Walpole	" J. Thompson	Selkirk
Blenheim	" R. McKee	Drumbo
Brantford	" J. P. Bell	Brantford
Falkland	"	Falkland
Walsingham	" D. Idle	Pleasant Hill
Woodstock	" T. Natrass	Woodstock
Guelph	" G. Wood	Guelph
Peel	" R. Hassard	Elora
Hawksville	" J. Walker	Hawksville
Minto	" D. Simpson	Newbridge
Brant	" T. G. Scott	Walkerton
Kinairdine	" G. Watson	Bervie
Jubilee	" W. Thornley	Bluevale
Arthur	" G. A. Gifford	Arthur
London	" W. S. Hughan	London
Bosanquet	" W. Cook	Widder
McGillivray	" R. Paul	Falkirk
West Branch	" T. F. Boyd	Park Hill
Stratford	" G. S. Willis	Stratford
Mitchell	" A. Knapp	Mitchell
Plympton	" W. Huggins	Wyoming
Chatham	" W. Herridge	Chatham
Carleton	" R. Auger	Strathroy
Woodham	" J. J. Haylock	Woodham
Dover	" J. Ferguson	Oungah
Kingston	" J. F. Porter	Kingston
Portland	" A. Heyworth	Loughboro
Napanee	" G. Nixon	Napanee
Collinsby	" J. E. Lidstone	Collinsby
Hinchinbrooke	" J. E. Moore	Denison
Barrie	" R. Boyle	Barrie
Oro	" J. Burdge	
Bradford	" G. H. Thompson	Bradford
Osprey	" E. Whitworth	Feversham
Collingwood	" T. Bryant	Clarksburg
Artemesia	" J. W. Robinson	Markdale
Muskoka	" R. Pattison	Bracebridge
Durham	" T. Dudley	Durham
Orillia	" H. Harris	Orillia

Missionary Deputations for 1873-4.

Stations.	Dates.	Deputations.
Toronto, First	Feb. 15, 1874	*Revs. J. Goodman, *G. Clarke
" Second	Dec. 7, 1873	" *J. Markham, *R. Cade
" Third	Dec. 7, 1873	" *J. Markham, R. Cade
" Fourth	Feb. 15, 1874	" *J. Goodman, *G. Clarke
Markham	Dec. 15, 1873	" J. Edgar, W. H. Hanson
" " " "	Jan. 5, 1874	" G. Clarke, J. Dennis
" " " "	Jan. 12, "	" J. Goodman, J. F. Ockley
Pickering	Jan. 11, "	" *T. Guttery, G. Lewis, B.A.
Bowmauville	Dec. 29, 1873	" T. Amy, C. O. Johnson
Scarboro	Jan. 5, 1874	" W. Newton, J. F. Ockley
" " " "	Oct. 6, 1873	" W. Newton, W. Hanson
Reach	Oct. 13, "	" J. Goodman, W. C. Allen
" " " "	Jan. 19, 1874	" J. Markham, W. C. Allen
Sandford	" " " "	" R. Boyle
Bruce Mines	Jan. 5, 1874	" R. Cade, T. Griffith
Brampton	Jan. 12, "	" J. Garner, B. J. Brown
" " " "	Oct. 27, 1873	" J. W. Gilpin, T. Sims
Etobicoke	Nov. 3, 1873	" J. Smith, B. J. Roeve
" " " "	Oct. 20, "	" J. Garner, J. Milner
Malton	Jan. 5, 1874	" J. Milner, T. Sims
Albion	Jan. 12, "	" G. F. Lee, B. J. Reeves
" " " "	Jan. 12, "	" G. Lewis, B.A., G. H. Thompson
Laskay	Jan. 19, "	" J. Smith, T. Sims
" " " "	Dec. 7, 1873	" *J. W. Jolliffe, B. J. Brown
Orangeville	Jan. 12, 1874	" J. Milner, B. J. Brown
Rosemont	Jan. 5, "	" J. W. Gilpin, G. F. Lee
Amaranth	Oct. 27, 1873	" J. Edgar, T. Griffith
Hamilton	Oct. 27, "	" J. Edgar, T. Griffith
" West	Jan. 5, 1874	" L. Hall, D. Idle
Walpole	Oct. 12, 1873	" R. Cade, J. Thompson
Grand River	Oct. 5, "	" *T. Nattrass, J. P. Bell
Blenheim	Oct. 26, "	" C. S. Willis, H. Parrish
Brantford	Oct. 26, "	" T. Nattrass, R. McKee
Falkland	" " " "	" L. Hall, J. Thompson
Walsingham	" " " "	" *J. Nattrass, J. Dyke
Woodstock	Nov 30, 1873	" R. Hassard, J. W. Jolliffe
Guelph	Jan. 5, 1874	" W. Thornley, J. Walker
Peel	Jan. 12, "	" R. Hassard, J. Dobson
Hawksville	Dec. 8, 1873	" W. Thornley, J. Walker
Minto	Dec. 15, "	" T. G. Scott, A. Knapp
" " " "	Sept. 29, "	" G. Wood
Brant	Oct. 13, "	" G. A. Gifford, J. Dobson
Kincardine	Oct. 20, "	" D. Simpson, W. Thornley
" " " "	Jan. 5, 1874	" R. Hassard, D. Simpson
Jubilee	Jan. 12, "	" J. Walker, G. Watson
" " " "	Dec. 22, 1873	" D. Simpson, T. G. Scott
Arthur	Oct. 5, "	" *W. Herridge, R. Cade
London	Oct. 12, "	" W. Cook, C. Mattenly
Bosanquet	" " " "	" " " "

Missionary Deputations for 1873-4—Continued.

Stations.	Dates.	Deputations.
McGillivray	Dec. 29, 1873	Rev. J. J. Haylock, J. Dyke
"	Jan. 5, 1874	" C. S. Willis
West Branch	Jan. 12, "	" R. Anger
Stratford	Oct. 12, 1873	" J. Haylock, A. Knapp
Mitchell	Jan. 5, "	" C. S. Willis
Plympton	Oct. 6, 1873	" R. Paul, E. Sawers
"	Oct. 13, "	" T. F. Boyd
Caradoc	Jan. 5, 1874	" W. Herridge, T. F. Boyd
Chatham	Jan. 15, "	" W. Huggins, J. Dyke
"	Jan. 19, "	" J. Ferguson
Woodham	Oct. 19, 1873	" R. Paul, W. S. Hughan
Dover	Oct. 12, "	" W. Huggins
Kingston	Dec. 14, "	" A. Heyworth, J. E. Lidstone
Portland	Sept. 29, "	" J. F. Porter
"	Oct. 5, "	" J. E. Lidstone, G. Nixon
Napanee	Oct. 19, "	" J. E. Lidstone
"	Oct. 19, "	" R. Thompson, J. B. Moore
Collinsby	Sept. 22, "	" A. Heyworth, J. F. Porter
Hinchinbrook	Dec. 8, "	" A. Heyworth
"	Dec. 15, "	" G. Nixon
Barrie	Oct. 6, "	" *H. Harris, G. H. Thompson
Bradford	Jan. 5, 1874	" R. Boyle, J. Burdge
Osprey	Dec. 22, 1873	" T. Brvant, T. Dudley
Collingwood	Sept. 29, "	" E. Whitworth, J. W. Robinson
Artemesia	Sept. 22, "	" E. Whitworth, T. Dudley
Muskoka .....	.....	" H. Harris
" .....	.....	" R. Boyle
Durham	Dec. 29, 1873	" J. W. Robinson, G. A. Gifford
Orillia	Dec. 8, "	" R. Boyle, R. Pattison
Oro	Oct. 13, "	" R. Pattison, G. H. Thompson

Children's Fund Apportionment—1873-4.

Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter	Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter
Albion	92 00	23 00	Chatham	46 00	11 50
Arthur	22 00	5 50	Caradoc	50 00	12 50
Artemesia	42 00	10 50	Collinsby	50 00	12 50
Amaranth	36 00	9 00	Collingwood	34 00	8 50
Bowmanville	64 00	16 00	Dover	18 00	4 50
Bruce Mines	40 00	10 00	Durham	24 00	6 00
Brampton	120 00	30 00	Etobicoke	84 00	21 00
Bosanquet	60 00	15 00	Falkland	14 00	3 50
Blenheim	54 00	13 50	Guelph	54 00	13 50
Brantford	55 00	13 75	Grand River	53 00	13 25
Brant	36 00	9 00	Hamilton	44 00	11 00
Barrie	54 00	13 50	Hamilton West	20 00	5 00
Bradford	42 00	10 50	Hawksville	54 00	13 50

Children's Fund Apportionment—1873-4—Continued.

Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter	Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter
Hinchinbrook ..	30 00	7 50	Pickering	44 00	11 00
Jubilee	60 00	15 00	Peel	54 00	13 50
Kincardine	48 00	12 00	Plympton	32 00	8 00
Kingston	58 00	14 50	Portland	64 00	16 00
Laskay	90 00	22 50	Reach	72 00	18 00
London	70 00	17 50	Rosemont	40 00	10 00
Markham	100 00	25 00	Scarboro	80 00	20 00
Malton	55 00	13 75	Sandford	36 00	9 00
Minto	48 00	12 00	Stratford	48 00	12 00
Mitchell	28 00	7 00	Toronto, First ..	150 00	37 50
McGillivray	70 00	17 50	" Second ..	40 00	10 00
Muskoka	44 00	11 00	" Third ..	60 00	15 00
Napanee	48 00	12 00	" Fourth ..	50 00	12 50
Orangeville	40 00	10 00	Woodham	40 00	10 00
Oro	20 00	5 00	Walpole	52 00	13 00
Osprey	44 00	11 00	Walsingham	40 00	11 50
Orillia	20 00	5 00	Woodstock	52 00	13 00
			Book Room	29 00	

Grants to Mission Stations—1873-4.

Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter	Stations.	Amount per Year.	Amount p. Quarter
Artemesia	190 00	47 50	Jubilee	236 00	59 00
Arthur	225 00	56 25	Kincardine	166 00	41 50
Barrie	250 00	62 50	Kingston	248 00	62 00
Blenheim	190 00	47 50	London	330 00	82 50
Bradford	250 00	62 50	Minto	166 00	41 50
Brantford	248 60	62 00	Mitchel	40 00	10 00
Brant	220 00	55 00	Muskoka	427 00	106 75
Bruce Mines	207 60	51 75	Napanee	200 00	50 00
Chatham	209 00	52 25	Orangeville	300 00	75 00
Caradoc	166 00	41 50	Orillia	200 00	50 00
Collinsby	166 00	41 50	Osprey	200 00	50 00
Collingwood	207 00	51 75	Plympton	166 00	41 50
Dover			Portland	232 00	58 00
Durham	200 00	50 00	Rosemont	174 00	43 50
Falkland	50 00	12 50	Stratford	248 00	62 00
Guelph	248 00	62 00	Walpole	188 00	47 75
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Hawksville	150 00	37 50	Woodham	200 00	50 00
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* For a correct Statement of Missionary Money, see Missionary Report, to 1

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Conference Fund.

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To Toronto District	80 35	By Delegates' Travelling Expenses.	254 56
" Barrie	23 90	" Printing	14 00
" Brampton	.....	61 55	" Binding Reports	.....	2 05
" Guelph	.....	35 35	" Ordination Bibles	.....	24 12
" London	.....	37 48	" Telegram, Postage, and Sexton	.....	12 31
" Hamilton	.....	24 12	" Postage for Year	.....	1 00
" Kingston	.....	19 00	" Balance due from last year	.....	8 41
" Balance due Treasurer	.....	34 70			
		\$316 45			\$316 45

Relief Fund.

Dr.		\$ c.	Cr.		\$ c.
To Toronto District	.....	80 35	By Rev. W. Lomas	.....	52 00
" Barrie	.....	23 90	" Rev. W. Rowe	.....	205 00
" Brampton	.....	61 55	" Rev. T. Boyd	.....	34 00
" Kingston	.....	19 00	" Rev. R. Cade	.....	20 00
" Guelph	.....	35 35	" Postage	.....	1 00
" London	.....	37 48	" Balance due from last year	.....	153 21
" Hamilton	.....	24 13			
" Donations	.....	6 98			
" Balance due Treasurer	.....	179 47			
		\$468 21			\$468 21

Children's Fund.

Dr.		\$ c.	Cr.		\$ c.
To Cash from Circuits, Missions, and Book Room	.....	2691 07	By Claims of Circuits and Mis- sions	.....	2916 78
" Cash from Missionary Commit- tee to pay deficiency of Mission Circuits	.....	167 04	" Balance	.....	136 25
" To Balance of last year	.....	194 62			
		\$3052 73			\$3052 73

Examination Fund.

Dr.		\$ c.	Cr.		\$ c.
To Collections from Stations	.....	46 55	By Travel'g Expenses of Examiners	.....	22 60
" Examination Papers sold	.....	0 85	" Printing	.....	13 25
" Balance due Treasurer	34	" Stationery	1 15
		\$49 74	" Balance due from last year	12 74
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Beneficent Fund.

DR.		CR.	
	\$ c.		\$ c.
To Subscriptions from Ministers	74 01	By Annuitants	787 00
" Collections from Stations	190 78	" Exchange	3 43
" Cash from England	589 01	" Postage	2 00
" Balance due Canadian Agent	8 01	" Balance due Canadian Agent from last year	69 38
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"Christian Journal" Account,

For Year Ending 1st June, 1873.

DR.		CR.	
	\$ c.		\$ c.
To Subscriptions & Advertisements	1803 59	By Printing "Journal"	1597 50
" Balance	169 14	" Other Expenses	375 23
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Book-Room Account,

For the Year Ending 24th May, 1873.

DR.		CR.	
	\$ c.		\$ c.
To Invoices	9201 34	By Stock	7720 02
" Stock, 1872	5786 30	" Furniture and Fixtures	900 00
" Rent	220 00	" Sales	8564 80
" Taxes	49 02	" Insurance on Goods lost	464 44
" Light and Firing	33 00		
" Insurance	34 00		
" Freightage and Duties	224 72		
" Postage	14 00		
" Benevolence	7 65		
" Advertising	23 40		
" Miscellaneous Expenses	130 98		
" Interest	174 84		
" Assistants' Salaries	542 95		
" Book Steward's Salary	225 00		
" Balance of 1872	<u>283 96</u>		
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Confidential Address.

*To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church, in connexion with
the Canadian Conference.*

DEARLY BELOVED :

Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We address to you our annual message of congratulation and greeting. You will join with us in devout thanksgiving to God, that so many of us are spared to witness the close of another connexional year. The divine providence has continued to us its protection; we have been saved from sufferings and death; and are permitted to offer our united thank-offerings at the footstool of the King of Kings "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for *He is* good; for His mercy endureth forever." We are the monuments of that mercy. It has watched over our lives; it has defended us from evil; it has been round us like a wall of fire reaching to the ground; rising to the heavens. "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker." We ask you to unite with us, in one sincere uplifting of our hearts to the Infinite Father; let your spirits blend with ours in worship; as you have shared with us in mercies.

We, your representatives, met in annual Conference in the City of Toronto, on the sixth and following days of the month of June. The brethren, into whose hands you had committed the high stewardship of conference delegation, proved themselves worthy of the trust. The business was attended with diligence, and executed under a deep sense of responsibility to God and to the people of our charge. The discussions were sustained with great ability, courtesy and Christian spirit. We entertained different feelings and opinions; but the utterance of these was without bitterness and with Christian dignity. The religious services were well supported. The society, and choir, and officials of the Alice Street Church, manifested the deepest anxieties to make our visit to the city a success—religiously and socially—and they succeeded. The brethren appointed to sustain the various public services, were helped of God; and the exercises were crowned not only with abundant

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blessings to pastors and delegates, but with the conversion of souls to Christ. We are deeply grateful for this. We have longed to witness the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Conferential assemblies. God still hears prayer. He was entreated and He answered.

Some important legislative changes have been affected by this Conference.

The period allowed for a minister's stay on one station has been extended from three to five years. The feeling in favour of this change was so general and so decided in the Conference, that we cannot but regard it as an indication that the Spirit of God has been moving upon many minds, and has led us to this important step. Unless it is felt to be clearly for the best, no station will feel compelled to retain a minister for the full period. The itinerancy is of great value in our churches; and it will be far better for a pastor to change before the five years are up, than for him to stay, if it is believed his staying would not be for the promotion of the best interests of the church. Our ministers are safe in your hands; We doubt neither your kindness nor firmness, May the Holy Spirit be abundantly bestowed upon you in this weighty business.

The Conference, after grave deliberation, has adopted the ministerial invitation system. It will now be your duty at the February Quarterly Conference of your station, to appoint some person to correspond with the minister you desire to secure for the coming connexion year. If he agree, the whole question will be settled, unless there are very serious objections to the arrangements, which would justify the Conference in setting them aside. Generally your decision will be carried out. Whilst this will give you direct access to the pastor you desire to obtain, it is hoped it will avoid the difficulties which usually attend the duties of the stationing committee, and will secure a more hearty co-operation between our people and our ministers.

The question of Methodist Union was fully and ably discussed. After a very calm consideration of the whole question, the conference decided, by an overwhelming majority, that our ministers and people be affectionately requested to avoid any further agitation on this subject. At the present time there is no prospect of any basis being secured which would include the leading principles for which, as a people, we have been distinguished. To agitate the question further is only to disturb, and divide, and weaken our societies. We hope therefore the request of the Conference will be faithfully attended to. Let us return to our great work of saving souls; let us cultivate the holiest fellowship with the Lord's people of other communities; but let our supreme attention be devoted to our work as Primitive Methodists. Let us show that we are not unworthy, either

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of the fathers whom God honoured in raising up the body, nor of the generous aid afforded us by our brethren in England, from year to year; nor yet of that solemn stewardship which the Lord Jesus Christ has so evidently entrusted to us.

We were painfully affected by applications for superannuation from the Revs. W. Rowe, J. R. Swift, and W. Lomas. The first of these brethren has rendered distinguished services to our cause in Canada. He has filled our highest offices with great credit, as pastor, general secretary, and for a short time as editor; he has laboured for many years in our midst. The sudden failure of his health is deeply regretted by the Conference. The other brethren have been equally faithful as ministers of Christ, and they all carry with them into their retirement the most affectionate esteem of the Conference. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

The Book Room, under the management of the Rev. W. Bee, has realized a marked success. The toil and anxiety incident to our removal to larger premises, and the great increase of stock, have been nobly borne by the General Book Steward. We earnestly ask for him your heartiest support. The Conference was abundantly satisfied with his first year's fidelity, let us make his second more fully prosperous.

We heartily commend to all the families of our people the "Christian Journal." The Editor, Rev. T. Guttery, has been re-appointed; and, judging from the unanimous testimony of the Districts and Conference, this measure will yield you complete satisfaction. We hope our people will largely increase the number of subscribers during the present year.

Eight young men, having completed their probation, presented themselves for ordination. The service was one of great solemnity and power. The charge delivered by the retiring president, Rev. J. Markham, was one of rare excellence. We sincerely trust the ministers thus admitted into full ministerial standing, will prove themselves worthy of the Lord's call and the connexion's confidence.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Wesleyan, New Connexion, and Bible Christian Conferences; and we hope ever to cultivate, as we desire you to do, the truest feelings of kindly fellowship towards all who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. T. Guttery and D. McLean were appointed a deputation to convey our congratulations to the Annual Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. In return, two of their ministers visited our Conference, and expressed the warmest regard for us as brethren, and the most ardent wishes for our prosperity as a community. This reciprocation of brotherly sentiments will be as acceptable to you as to us.

We were deeply humbled before God, to find that we had a decrease of members for the year. The declension is but local, being mainly in two or three places; but it is deeply painful to us, to find that the success of our stations, generally, was not quite sufficient to cover these local drawbacks. We deeply need more spiritual power; more attention, undistracted and earnest, to our great work. We must not rest satisfied with merely maintaining our ground. We must be aggressive. Souls are perishing around us. Multitudes are living without God. Society needs leavening with the lofty spirit and principles of the gospel of Christ. Permit us then to urge upon you all the greatest purity in your public and private conduct. Remember that we are called unto holiness.

We solemnly ask you to seek a deeper love to private prayer. The closet should hallow the pew and help the pulpit. When the holy wrestling with God, for souls, is restored to our societies; when we are again in an agony of earnestness to win men for God; when we come to feel that we cannot live, unless the Lord make bare His holy arm in our assemblies: then we shall have abundant prosperity. A superficial religious life will neither glorify God, nor benefit ourselves, nor save others. Brethren, sisters, let us go in tears to God's footstool. Let us call to mind the agony of Gethsemane; the anguish on the cross; the pangs by which souls were redeemed. And then remember how he wept, and prayed, and travailed; let us seek His face; let us lay our failures before Him; let us ask him how it is we do not succeed. The want of spiritual power is a fatal want. It is a want not simply to be talked about, or to be mourned over; it is a matter that should be taken up into our Master's presence. Let us lay the whole case before the mercy seat. There is help there. We say in all sincerity and solemnity to you, the state of the church universal, at this hour, supplies no cause for despair; but abundant cause for profound anxiety, and much enquiry of the Lord. The course we have indicated is that which our fathers followed. No better has been discovered.

"Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way? and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

Peace be with you all.

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