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**MINUTES**

OF THE

**ANNUAL CONFERENCES**

OF THE

**Methodist Episcopal Church,**

**IN CANADA,**

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,

**1844:**



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**MINUTES OF THE NIAGARA CONFERENCE,**

**HELD AT SOUTHWOLD,**

*Commencing, Wednesday, June 18, 1844.*

*Question 1st.*—What Preachers are admitted on trial ?

Samuel Dennett,                      George Lawrence,  
Niram A. Frasier,

*Question 2d.*—What Preachers remain on trial ?

Chester W. Frasier,                  Samuel Morrison,  
E. L. Koyle,                          William Woodward,  
Thomas Robson, (Deacon.)

*Question 3d.*—Who have been admitted into full connexion ?

Lewis P. Smith,                      William Cope,  
George Jones,                        Jacob Pattison,  
John Gibson.

*Question 4th.*—Who are the Deacons ?

Thomas Robson,                      L. P. Smith, \*  
William Cope, \*                      A. R. Roy,  
W. D. Hughson,                      John Gibson, \*

*Note.*—Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

*Question 5th.*—Who are the Elders ?

James Richardson,	J. H. Huston,
Benson Smith,	Emerson Bristol,
Barney Markle,	Caleb Swazey,
James Mitchell,	J. W. Byam,
Francis Bird,	William McKeeby,
Nathan Parks,	David Culp,
Jesse Owen,	Barnabas Brown,
George Turner,	Henry Gilmour,
Charles Pettis,	L. D. Salsbury,

David Griffin,  
George Jones, \*

James Degeer,  
Jacob Pattison, \*

W. T. Cartwright \* E. S. Firman, Andrew Bursee \*

*Note*—Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

*Question 6th.*—Who is the General Superintendent ?

JOHN REYNOLDS.

*Question 7th.*—Who have located this year ?

James Nixon.

*Question 8th.*—Who are the Supernumeraries ?

Caleb Swazey,  
James Mitchell,

Jesse Owen,  
Elijah Harris,

Leonard D. Salsbury.

*Question 9th.*—Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?

J. H. Huston,  
George Turner,

Francis Bird,  
Charles Pettis,

*Question 10th.*—Who have been expelled this year ?

Robert Lyman,

*Question 11th.*—Who have withdrawn this year ?

*Answer*—None.

*Question 12th.*—Were all the Preachers' characters examined ?

*Answer*—This was strictly attended to.

*Question 13th.*—Who have died this year ?

*Answer*—T. G. Simons.

*Question 14th.*—What are the numbers in Society ?

Thames,	249	Howard,	136
Southwold	136	Malahide,	197
London station,	83	London circuit,	350
Oxford,	178	Norwich	236
Blenheim	94	Dumfries,	317
Niagara,	166	Camboro'	400
Barton,	212	Nelson,	500
Toronto,	404	Yonge Street,	250
New Market	190	Whitby,	703

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No. of Members in society brought over—1712 3083

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Preachers,

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Total Members in Society this year,

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Question 15th—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

LONDON DISTRICT.

WILLIAM MCKEEBY, *Presiding Elder.*

Thames Circuit,	Chester W. Frasier,
Howard do	One to be supplied,
Malahide & {	W. D. Hughson,
Southwold, {	David Griffin,
London Station,	Samuel Dennet,
London Circuit	W. T. Cartwright, William Cope,
	James Mitchell, Supernumerary.
Oxford and {	Andrew Burse,
Blenheim {	One to be supplied.
Dumfries Circuit	E. L. Koyle,
Norwich do	N. Parks, W. Woodward,
	Elijah Harris, Jesse Owen, and L. D.
	Salsbury, Supernumeraries.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

DAVID CULP, *Presiding Elder.*

Niagara Circuit,	A. R. Roy, C. Swazey Supernumerary.
Camboro do	L. P. Smith, N. Frasier,
Barton do	B. Markle.
Nelson do	S. Morrison, J. Pattison,
Toronto do	E. Bristol, G. Lawrence.
Yonge St. do	H. Gilmour, J. Gibson,
New Market	T. Robson.
Whitby do	George Jones, J. W. Byam.

James Richardson is Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

James Degeer, and Barnabas Brown, left without appointments at their own request.

Benson Smith, and E. S. Firman, transferred to the Bay of Quinty Conference.

**Question 16th.**—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

**Answer**—At Palermo, to commence on the last Wednesday in August, at 10 o'clock, A. M. 1845.

*Amount of Fifth Collection.*

Southwold,	£1 1 3	London Station,	£0 17 6
London Circuit,	1 10 8	Oxford	1 0 9
Norwich,	0 12 6	Blenheim,	0 15 1½
Dumfries	3 8 0	Niagara,	0 15 0
Toronto,	3 7 9	Nelson,	1 10 7½
Yonge Street,	3 7 9	Whitby,	2 2 10½

Amount of Fifth Collection	£20 9 9½
Conference Collection,	3 7 1

Total Amount,	£23 16 10½
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Which was distributed as follows:

Paid Postage, and travelling expenses of the Bishop,	2 10 0
Paid Widow Seaver,	7 1 8
Paid Widow Simons,	7 1 8
Paid John H. Huston	7 1 8
Paid for Stationery for Conference,	0 1 10½

Total Amount appropriated	£23 16 10½
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*To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in  
Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Conference,*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

“Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The General Conference of our Church, in its last session thought fit to divide the Annual Conference into two, and to order that the Preachers from Circuits and Stations lying West of Port Hope should meet in one, to be known by the name of the Niagara Annual Conference, in the first session of which

we accordingly are now assembled in the Township of South-wold.

It affords us unfeigned pleasure, to be able to congratulate you, Dear Brethren, on the continued favour of Almighty God, so manifest in his Providential dealings with us as a people, and in the effusions of His Grace upon our assemblies, and societies. We may here indeed set up our Ebenezer, and say, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us"—From a weak and scattered remnant, but a few years since, we have become a strong people—now forming two bands.—All glory be to God above.

The labours of the past year, within the bounds of our Conference, have not resulted so much in the accession of members, as in increased stability of mind, and maturity of Christian character, among the members of our Church; and every judicious person will attach more importance to the latter than the former, however desirable it may justly be to see our "*borders enlarged,*" as well as our *stakes strengthened.*

By reference to our Minutes, you will observe that the number of our members, within the bounds of this Conference, is 4,832.

The Financial condition of our circuits, though far from being what we desire to see it, and what it doubtless will become under an improved system, is yet not discouraging: Several of your Ministers, have, indeed, laboured hard, and endured heavy privations with their families, and sore trials of mind, for want of a competent support; yet, they are determined to persevere in hope of better times; being persuaded, that as the people become better acquainted with their *just* claims, they will be the more ready to meet them.

The permanency and usefulness of the Itinerancy depends in a great measure, on a just and competent support for themselves and families being provided; and as your ministers have no other resource than the voluntary contributions of their friends for their support, (nor would they avail themselves of any other if they could,) it follows, as a consequence, that should you fail them, they would have to desist and turn their attention to means of providing for themselves and those dependant on them.—But they are "*persuaded better things of you, Brethren,* though

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they thus speak.—No, you cannot entertain the thought of suffering the work to languish, or the hands of your Ministers to hang down, through lack of the very moderate amount allowed them by the Discipline of our Church—and in confidence we drop the topic.

Those excellent approved nurseries of the Church—Sabbath Schools—continue to share in our attention and Conferential business. A committee has been appointed to inquire into the state and prospects of those connected with our church.—We find some doing tolerably well, and are very desirous that others may emulate and even exceed them. We trust, dear friends, you will be behind none in extending, fostering and maturing those most excellent institutions.

Assortments of valuable and cheap books, adapted to Sunday Schools, as well as other excellent Religious publications, can be had of our Book Agent; to whom we would recommend you to apply—Besides which Sunday School Libraries of more than 100 volumes, well assorted, and exceedingly cheap, can be had at the Depositories of the Religious Tract and Book Societies in our Province. Let efforts be made to supply your Schools with them. Our young people will not only be discharging a pleasing duty in becoming teachers in these Sunday Schools, but they will derive much profit of an intellectual and moral character from such service, as well as impart lasting benefit to their country and the world, in the improvement of the rising generation.

The importance of our Missionary work claims no little share in your sympathies, prayers, and pecuniary aid. A wide uncultivated field lies before us, in the newly formed and distant settlements of our country; as well as among the aborigines. The difficulties, hardships and privations of a temporal nature with which the new settler in our woods has to contend, are of themselves sufficient to sink his spirits; how much more, then, to be deprived of the word of God, and the comforts and helps of a spiritual kind, connected with the preaching of the Gospel, religious ordinances, and Christian associations. Let these, then, be furnished him through your liberality, and it will return with redoubled blessings on your head. To meet these wants and carry on this work, measures are being taken by the Conference to organize Missionary Societies,

and hold Missionary Meetings throughout the sphere of our regular work; and we earnestly solicit your active co-operation therein.

We would also not omit to urge upon you the duty of heartily co-operating with those who are engaged in the Circulation of the Holy Scriptures, by means of Bible Societies; to make ourselves familiar with the Divine Revelation, with which God in his mercy has favoured us, is a paramount duty, and high privilege—and not less so is that of furnishing it to others.—These Societies bring it at an exceedingly low price to our very doors, thereby enabling the most indigent to supply themselves with the sacred treasure. And by means of the various translations, and extended circulation among the nations of the earth they prove a most potent means of removing superstition, and error, evangelizing the world, and subduing it to the Dominion of Christ.

We contemplate with much satisfaction the continued increase and progress of the Temperance cause in our land; and anticipate the most beneficial and happy results from the efforts made to suppress and *root out* intemperance, by means of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; and we cherish the hope that wherever an Episcopal Methodist is to be found, there will be seen a consistent and persevering tee-totaller.

In addition to the duties you owe to the cause of Christ, in common with others, your fellow Christians, of which we have taken the liberty, as above to remind you; we must not forget those which devolve on you peculiarly as Methodists. You know your calling, brethren—Holiness of heart and life—experimental, practical and perfect Holiness—attainable thro' faith, has ever been a prominent doctrine held and taught among Methodists, as it is in the word of God. Never, dear Brethren, lose sight of this. Let it be the end of all your means of grace—your Prayer meetings, and Class meetings, and Love Feasts, are admirably adapted to promote this great work of God in the heart—this essential requisite for eternal happiness; Be therefore, Beloved, admonished, to attend punctually and diligently to all the means appointed for your edification & comfort. Be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and may the God of Love and Peace be with you.

We remain, Dear Brethren, as ever, your affectionate  
Pastors and Servants, for Christ's sake. Signed in behalf  
of the Niagara Annual Conference of the Methodist Epis-  
copal Church in Canada,

JOHN REYNOLDS,

*President.*

Southwold, 17th June, 1844.

JAMES RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

### Obituary Notice.

The subject of the following Memoir, the Rev. Titus G. Simons, son of the late Walter Simons, was born about the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, in the Township of West Flamboro, Upper Canada. We are not able to relate any incidents of his early life, not having any acquaintance with him, until he united himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, in the year of our Lord 1836. In 1837 he was appointed Leader of a Class at Cape Town Chapel, and in the year 1838, he received Licence as an Exhorter on the Dumfries Circuit, and in 1840, he received Licence as a Local Preacher, and was recommended to the Annual Conference to be admitted on trial. He was received and appointed to the charge of Toronto Circuit: the duties of which he discharged with acceptance; and his labour was crowned with the blessing of God to the conversion of precious souls.

The next year he received his appointment to the Niagara Circuit, and such was the esteem in which he was held by his brethren on that circuit, that they requested to have him sent to them the second year.

The next year he was returned to the same circuit, and during his labour there, God blessed him as an instrument in the salvation of souls.

About the first of January, 1843, he became afflicted with a bleeding of the lungs, in consequence of which he was confined to his bed for several days, but in a few weeks, being so far re-

stored as to be able to ride, he visited several of his friends: and by the first of April, he had regained his health, so as to enable him to attend the Quarterly Meeting. Such was his anxiety to labour for the Glory of God in the conversion of souls, that he could not be persuaded, even by the earnest entreaties of his friends, from engaging again in that employment in which he formerly expressed so much delight; accordingly he commenced his tour on the circuit and attended a few appointments, but from the zealous manner of his preaching, it was soon found he was rapidly losing his health, which from this time continued to decline.

During his illness, he was visited by several of his friends, to whom he uniformly expressed his confidence and trust in the God of all grace and mercy; that he would provide for him here and at last receive him to himself. A little before his death, he was visited by his colleague, brother Brown, who, in conversing with him on the hope of his acceptance with God, was satisfied that his hope was well founded; having his anchor cast into that which is within the veil. On the Sabbath two days previous to his death, he was visited by brother Pattison, to whom he evinced much interest in the concerns of the Church, and affection for his brethren in the Ministry, by the inquiries which he made concerning the transactions of the Conference, and the satisfaction he manifested from the answers given. In conversation, brother Pattison said, "I never expect to see you again in this world, as I see you are fast going to your grave"—with a smile he answered, "I suppose not, but when our labours close, I trust we shall meet in Heaven." On Monday he appeared much better, but about two o'clock on Tuesday morning, a visible change had taken place for the worse. His wife, alarmed at his situation, expressed her desire to send for some of their friends; but he objected by saying, he would soon get better, and not until about day-light, would he consent to have them sent for, and on the arrival of his friends, although it was evident that death was fast doing his work, he would reach out his hand and receive them with a smile. On some one saying, "brother Simons you are dying"—he replied, "do you think so?" Being answered in the affirmative, well, said he, "then it will soon be over with me," and with this same composure of mind he left this world of sorrow, for a place of rest, where his work shall follow him.

There are many things which he said about the time of his departure, which constrains us to say with one of old, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

On the Friday following his body was committed to the grave, and an appropriate discourse was delivered on the occasion, by the Rev. James Richardson, from Psalm xxxvii, 37, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BARNABAS BROWN,

*Chairman.*

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## APPENDIX.

*Names and standing of the Local Preachers in connexion with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.*

*Dumfries Circuit*—Morris Hendershot, Benjamin Lawrence Charles Odell, Daniel Drake, Charles Manson.

*London Circuit*.—John E. Waldron, Rolf Morden, William Brown, Simon P. Swarts, Andrew Banghart.

*Howard Circuit*.—Ira Bentley, Deacon ; Isaac Richardson, Stephen Lyman.

*Norwich Circuit*.—Elijah Mudge, Deacon ; Caleb Taylor, Elder ; John Bouchere.

*Camboro' Circuit*—Leonard Haney, Elder ; Amos Bradshaw, Deacon ; Jeremiah Cutler, Nathaniel Roy, Abel Rogers, Gilbert Lane, Deacon ; John Upper, dea. el. George P. Harris.

*Oxford Circuit*.—Thomas B. Brown, Deacon.

*Yonge Street Circuit*.—James Cook.

*Niagara Circuit*.—Daniel Collard, deacon el. Matthias Haun, Jonas Heart.

*London Station*.—James Bailey, deacon ; Daniel Winchall.

*Whitby Circuit*.—James Bradshaw, deacon ; George Fisher deacon ; Jerad L. Sweet, deacon ; William Hill, deacon ; Moses F. Carr, Gardiner Wells, William H. Hilaker, Lucius Thomas, John Campbell, Benjamin F. Perry, Francis Latimore.

*Nelson Circuit*.—Lawrence Hagar, Morris Kennedy, Abraham Parnell, John Tufford, Alexander Anderson.

*Thames Circuit*.—James Shaw, Alfred Scarlett, dea. el. William Campbell, Stephen Lyman.

*Malahide Circuit*.—John Elliott, deacon ; Ranson Dexter, deacon ; William Youkim, Henry Will.

*Barton Circuit*.—John Vanduson, John E. Grant.

*Blenheim Circuit*.—G. F. Hill.



MINUTES OF THE BAY OF QUINTY CONFERENCE,

HELD AT FARMERSVILLE,

Commencing, Wednesday, 4th September, 1844.

*Question 1st.*—What Preachers are admitted on trial ?

Simon Terwillagar,	Daniel Brown,
Peter F. Leroy,	William Williams,
Sheldon Young,	George D. Greenleaf,
Ezra Ossar.	

*Question 2nd.*—What Preachers remain on trial ?

John Pickering,	John Hill,
John Wilson,	John Andrews,
William Brown,	Schuyler Stewart *

\* *Note.*—Transferred to the Niagara Conference.

*Question 3rd.*—Who have been admitted into full connexion ?  
James Gardiner.

*Question 4th.*—Who are the Deacons ?

Christopher Thompson,	James Gardiner *
Philip Waldron,	George D. Greenleaf *

*Note.*—Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

*Question 5th.*—Who are the Elders ?

Philander Smith,	John Bailey,
James McNalley,	Thaddeus Lewis,
Benson Smith,	Michael Davy,
Joseph H. Leonard,	William E. Normon,
William Bird,	Thomas Webster,
E. S. Firman,	Henry Lane, Jr.
Appleton Jones,	Samuel Richardson.

Henry H. Johnson,  
John Sills,  
Robert Earl,  
Luman Hulbert,\*

I. N. D. West,  
Richard Beal,  
Gideon Shepard,  
Alexander Wright,\*

*Note.*—Those marked thus (\*) were ordained this year.

*Question 6th.*—Who is the General Superintendent?

JOHN REYNOLDS.

*Question 7th.*—Who have located this year?—None

*Question 8th.*—Who have been expelled this year?

*Answer.*—None.

*Question 9th.*—Who have withdrawn this year?

*Answer.*—None.

*Question 10th.*—Who have died this year?

*Answer.*—None.

*Question 11th.*—Were all the Preachers characters examined?

*Answer.*—This was strictly attended to.

*Question 12th.*—What are the numbers in Society?

Hope	Circuit,	135	Boneshire,	Circuit,	81
Sidney,	"	366	Brighton,	"	274
Belleville,	"	302	Thurlow,	"	203
Bay Quinry	"	193	Nappanee,	"	411
Milford,	"	105	Hallowell,	"	275
Long Island,	"	20	Waterloo,	"	300
Elizabethtown,		449	Leeds,	"	143
Augusta,	"	271	Brockville,	"	109
Rideau,	"	165	Matilda,	"	185
			Napean & Hull,	"	60

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Travelling Preachers

4047

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Total,

4087

Question 13th.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?

BAY QUINTY DISTRICT.

JOHN BAILEY, *Presiding Elder.*

Hope	Circuit	Wm. Bird, John Pickering,
Brighton,	"	Thomas Webster, Ezra Ossar,
Sidney,	"	Benson Smith, Sheldon Young,
Belleville,	"	Richard Beal,
Thurlow,	"	Henry Lane,
Tyendinaga,	"	I. N. D. West,
Bay Quinty,	"	George D. Greenleaf,
Nappanee,	"	Luman Hurlbert, John Hill,
Hallowell,	"	John Sills, Daniel Brown,
Milford,	"	Henry H. Johnson,

Edwin S. Firman, left without an appointment at his own request,

Joseph H. Leonard, is our Book Agent,  
 Appleton Jones, Superannuated,  
 Robert Earl, Supernumerary.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

GIDEON SHEPARD, *Presiding Elder.*

Waterloo,	Circuit,	Wm. Brown, Philip Waldron,
Leeds,	"	David Perry,
Elizabethtown,	"	Wm. E. Norman, Thaddeus Lewis, and J. F. Wilson,
Brockville,	"	Samuel Richardson,
Augusta,	"	Philander Smith,
Matilda,	"	Alexr. Wright, one to be supplied.
Rideau,	"	Michael Davy,
Bytown,	"	James Gardiner, Wm. Williams,
Bonshire,	"	John Andrews & Simon Terwilligar,
Long Island,	"	Peter F. Leroy,
Ottawa,	"	Christopher Thompson.

James McNally, Superannuated,

Schuyler Stewart, transferred to the Niagara Conference.

Question 14th.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?

Answer.—At North Port, in the Prince Edward District, to commence on the second Wednesday in September, 1845, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following persons are appointed a Committee of privilege:

Hope	Circuit,	William Tourje, Jehoiada Boice,
Sidney	do,	J. N. Lockwood, Caleb Gilbert, Esqrs.
Thurlow	do,	U. Seymour, Esq., Chalres Haight,
Nappanee	do,	John Gibbard, James Spencer,
Hallowell	do,	John Border, Wm. Henderson,
Waterloo	do,	Joseph Foster, Zach. David,
Brockville,	do,	Matthew Snider, Silvester Skinner,
Augusta	do,	Joseph Bass, A. B. Pardee,
Rideau	do,	Elisha Landen, Esq. Geo. E. Hutton,
Brighton	do,	Bildad Franklin, Chas. P. Wordon,
Belleville	do,	P. G. Seiden, S. Stevens,
Tyendinaga,	do,	James Osborn, Esq., Orlean Heart,
Bay Quinty	do,	Thomas Anderson, Jasen Parks.
Milford	do,	John Dingman, James Vanduson,
Elizabethto'n	do,	Palmer Lee, Esq., Saml. Merriman,
Matilda	do,	Eljah Tuttle, Michael Woolery,
Bytown,	do,	Calvin Goodwin, Enoch Walhley,

Amount of Fifth Collection.

Thurlow	Circuit,	£0	8	3
Belleville	"	1	4	6½
Elizabethtown	"	0	17	4
Waterloo	"	0	19	4½
Nappanee	"	0	4	5½
Hope	"	0	16	6
Sidney	"	0	15	0
Long Island	"	0	0	0
Rideau	"	0	8	0
Augusta	"	0	10	7½
Matilda	"	0	16	2½
Bay Quinty	"	0	15	0
Leeds	"	0	11	4½
Hallowell,	"	0	9	6
Brighton	"	0	0	0
Milford	"	0	1	3
Brockville	"	0	5	7½
Napean & Hull	"	0	10	0
Sabbath Collection	"	2	5	3½
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		£11	18	5

The above has been appropriated as follows:—

To Widow Powley,	£5 0 0
Rev. A. Jones,	4 3 5
Incidental expenses,	2 15 0
Total amount appropriated,	£11 18 5

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

DEAR BRETHREN,

Through the Providence of God, we have been enabled, after another year's toils, to assemble in Annual Conference, to transact the important business of the Church. Our Annual meetings have generally been seasons of great refreshing from the presence of the God of love, whose we are, and whom we serve, and the present session has not been forgotten by Him, who in every place watereth our Zion.

Having finished our Conference business, the time of our departure from this place to our respective fields of labour for the ensuing year, is at hand; but before separating, we wish collectively to present to you our Pastoral Epistle.

Providence has watched over us during the year, so that all the Ministers belonging to this Conference have been preserved from the shafts of death. Some of the private members have, however, fallen by the ruthless hand of the destroyer, but we rejoice that we are enabled to say, that many of them could exclaim, in view of the grave, "thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

While some of our Church Members have been called to the Church triumphant, the ranks of the Church Militant have been filled by others, who have been brought from the kingdom of Darkness, into the kingdom of Christ, through the preaching of the Gospel, and are now bold to declare that, "the Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul," and that "His favour is more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold."

The spirituality of the Church, mainly depends upon the stability of her members, and their stability—under God—depends upon a strict discharge of duty. Private prayer and serious meditation, with a careful perusal of the sacred Scriptures always serves to keep in vigorous exercise a devotional spirit, which universally produces holy living. If these christian exercises are neglected, the sacred intercourse between God and the soul, will be broken off, and a spiritual dearth reign over every faculty of the soul. But by strictly attending to the preaching of the Gospel—to Class and Prayer Meetings—and family prayer, as well as private devotions, you will not only find it much easier to serve God, as individual members of society, but you may be eminently useful in your day and generation. While it is your indispensable duty to contend earnestly for holiness of heart, and for all those amiable qualities which should always distinguish the children of God, from the children of this world, the temporal interests of the Church should not be forgotten. Those who labour with you in word and doctrine, are entitled to the small sum which the discipline allows them for the support of themselves and family. When this is not paid up regularly, the preacher and his family, sustain great inconvenience.

We hope, dear brethren, that Sabbath Schools, the Bible Society, the Missionary Society, the Total Abstinence Society, and our Book Establishment, will receive your warm support, and that, in every possible manner consistent with your other obligations, you will contribute to support these benevolent institutions.

This Conference has determined to establish a Religious Periodical, so soon as 500 paying subscribers shall have been secured. This enterprise, we hope, will meet with your approbation. A religious paper is much required by us at the present time. In consequence of the division of our Annual Conference, such a medium of communication we deem necessary, in order to keep each other properly advised of the true state of the work in both sections of our Church; and to convey from week to week to our societies such general religious intelligence and literary reading, as will, we trust, be interesting and profitable to the Canadian public.

Our book Agent has a good supply of useful books on hand

at the present time. We hope, therefore, our friends, & in particular the members of our Church, will not fail to avail themselves of this means of supplying themselves and their families with these useful publications.

The number in society in this Conference, is 4,087. We have admitted on trial Seven men of promising talents and usefulness, and two located Preachers have been restored and made efficient.

Upon a review of the whole, we feel that we have great reason to thank God, and take courage. Dear Brethren, let us have your prayers, that the spirit of the Lord, may go up, with each of us to his respective field of labour.

“Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.”

Signed in behalf of the Conference,

JOHN REYNOLDS,  
*President.*

GIDEON SHEPARD, *Secretary.*

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## APPENDIX.

*The following regulations were made at the Conference, respecting the Registry of Baptisms.*

Resolved—That in view of its importance, the following Regulations respecting the Registering of Baptisms administered by the Ministers of our Church, within the bounds of this Conference, be observed:

1st. That each Minister keep a regular Record of all the persons whom he may baptize, during each Conference year.

2d. That all the Itinerant and Local Ministers, make regular returns to the Recording Stewards at each Quarterly meeting, of all the Baptisms which they shall have administered during the Quarter.

3d. That a correct list of all Baptisms administered upon each circuit during the year, be reported by the Preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, at the close of each year, to be registered.

4th. That a book of general registry shall be kept by a person appointed for that purpose, and lodged with the Secretary of the Conference.

5th. That the following shall be the form of Registry :

Name of person baptized.	Son or daughter.	Father's name	Mother's Maiden name	when & where born	when & where baptized.	by whom baptized
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*Names and standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Bay of Quinty Conference.*

Hope	Circuit,	John Black, Deacon,
Brighton	"	Joshua Webster, Elder,
Sidney	"	John Waldron,
Thurlow	"	Wm. Sills, Ira Hays, Peter Wright,
Belleville	"	P. G. Selden, Joseph Tapson, Wm. Bennett, Alfred Wood, Deacon,
Nappanee	circuit.	Zebediah Mills, S. D. Shorts, Dea. Benjamin Lewis,
Bay Quinty	"	Augustus Shorts, Elder, George Sills, Elder, Daniel Unger Deacon,
Hallowell,	"	
Milford	"	Wm. Reynus, Dea. John Dingman,
Waterloo	"	Zach. David, Barraclough Atkison,
Long Island	"	Almond Wait,
Leeds	"	Joseph Mallory, James Brooker,
Elizabethtown	"	John A. Rodgers,
		Jabes Bullis, Deacon, Peter Bullis,
		James Booth, Ithamar Knapp,
Brockville	"	Morris Caswell,

Augusta	“	Joseph Bass, John Bull,
Matilda	“	Elijah Tuttle, Benjamin Meeker, Samuel Albrant,
Rideau	“	Elisha Landon, dea. G. E. Hutton.

*John Bailey in account with the Missionary Society of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.*

Cr.		£	S	D
By Rev. G. Turner, from Oxford Circuit		3	11	10½
“ J. Mitchell “ London Station		2	18	9
“ B. Smith “ London circuit		3	11	7
“ R. Beal, from Preachers of Niagara Conference,		1	10	0
By Catherine Frazer,		0	5	0
“ Harlow Beach, from Hallowell circuit,		0	4	3
“ Br. Simkins, Treasurer Tyendinaga,		3	15	7
“ H. H. Van Duzen, from Sidney circuit,		0	7	6
“ R. Scott, Treasurer Colborne Society,		2	3	1½
“ Hezekiah Carter “ Brighton		6	13	9
“ Br. Caverly “ Sidney circuit		1	6	3
“ S. Stevens “ Belleville society,		2	6	3
“ Br. Reed “ Shannonville		0	4	0
“ Peter Vrooman, from Belleville circuit		2	2	0
“ Joseph Johnson, “ Hallowell		0	14	4½
Rev. John Sills “ Augusta Circuit		2	2	6
“ John Hill “ Hallowell		3	6	0½
“ T. Lewis, from Julia Ann Shipman		0	11	3
“ William Brown, from Waterloo Circuit		1	6	3
“ S. Stewart “ Brockville “		3	0	8
“ Wm. Norman “ Rideau “		0	17	6
“ John Wilson “ Elizabethtown “		2	11	6½
2 Shirts, 4 pairs of socks, & 1 pairs of Mittens		0	12	4
Benjamin Francis, from Augusta circuit		1	9	3½
Rev. B. Smith, Sidney circuit,		3	4	3
George Mott, Treasurer Farmersville		0	9	2
Alpheus Howard “ Lansdown		0	6	0½
Farnams		0	3	5½
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		£51	14	7

Brought forward		51	14	7
Palmer Lee	" Old Chapel	0	17	6
J. L. Morrison	" Brockville	2	5	6½
Freeman Woodcock,	Angusta Circuit	1	5	2
A. B. Pardee, Bellamy's		1	5	0
	Rideau Circuit	1	1	9
Collection at Missionary Meeting in Farmersville,		1	2	10½
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		£59	12	5

## The Missionary Society to John Bailey

Dr.	£	S	D
Peter F. Leroy,	26	6	1½
Almond Wait,	4	7	6
H. H. Johnston,	6	5	0
The expense of Ottawa Mission,	9	14	0
Gideon Shepard,	3	15	1½
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	£50	7	9

By balance in the hands of Treasurer,	£9	4	8
In hands of the Treasurer of the Parent Society, Thomas Webster, received from the Niagara Conference Society. }	£4	10	2½

The above is a correct account of the Monies collected and expended the past year. Had the names of the donars been forwarded by the Collectors, and Treasurers of branch Societies, they would have been inserted. It is very desirable that the names of all who contribute to our Missionary funds, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Parent Society, so that they may be published in the Annual Reports, as it may be more satisfactory.

JOHN BAILEY, *Treasurer.*

Belleville, September 24th, 1844.