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WILLIAM S. PASCOE, was re-elected President; EDWARD ROBERTS, Secretary. WILLIAM HODNETT was elected Journal Secretary.

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RESOLUTION 1.—That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference be ten-dered to the Brethren, W. S. Pascoe and E. Roberts, for their valuable services as President and Secretary, during the past year.

Q. 2.—Who remain on the list of APPROVED PREACHERS?

Francis Metherall, (superan.) Paul Robins, John Langdon, (superan.) John Hicks Eynon, (do.) Abraham Morris, (do.) John Brown Tapp, (do.) Thomas Greene,

\* These Brethren were also absent.

John Edwards, (superan.) Robert Hurley, John Chapple, John Williams, Cephas Barker, William Hooper, Henry Ebbott, Joseph Hoidge, George Haycraft, (superan.) John Watson Butcher, Jacob Gale, (superan.) Jesse Whitlock, William Woodman, William Roberts Roach, William Samuel Pascoe, Henry Kenner, David Cantlon,

Thomas Raynor Hull, George Bodle, Garrance Tink Colwell, Andrew Gordon, Isaac Ashley, (supernum.) George Webber, Edward Roberts, William Jolliffe. Archibald Clarke, Henry Newcombe, Edward Price, (supernum.) John Kinsey, George Dunkley, Samuel Jolliffe, William Wade, William P. Hunt, (supernum.) Walter Ayers, John Harris, James Joseph Rice, Charles James Pearse, Lewis William Wickett, William Heysett, Thomas William Glover, **Richard Thomas Courtice**, William Hodnett.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into FULL CONNEXION

William Kinley,

William C. Beer.

Q. 4.-Who remain on TRIAL? A.

Robert Baker, James Collins, 1st, Alexander Richard, Stephen Henry Rice. These have travelled Three years.

James Collins, 2nd. Roger Allin, These have travelled Two years.

John George Yelland, Joseph Archer, These have travelled One year. \*George Smith.

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RES. 9.—That we are pleased to hear of the slight improvement in Bro. Putce's health, and desire to assure him and Sister Price, of our deep sympathy with them in their severe and prolonged affliction. And we pray that, if according to the Divine will, our brother may be speedily restored to health, and his loved work in the Ministry.

#### BROTHER I. ASHLEY.

RES. 10.—That Brother Ashley, having located himself in Fenelon, in consequence of an affection of his throat, rendering him unfit for the Ministerial work, and being still incapacitated for the duties of a circuit, we therefore set him down as a super-numerary on Fenelon Station, and affectionately advise him to avoid public speak-ing, beyond what is consistent with his complete restoration to health.

#### BROTHER SAMUEL JOLLIFFE'S BEREAVEMENT.

RES. 11 .- That we deeply sympathise with Bro. S. Jolliffe, in his great bereavement, and sincerely pray that he may be divinely sustained under this severe trial.

#### BROTHER W. P. HUNT'S AFFLICTION.

RES. 12.—That this Conference regrets to hear of the protracted illness of Bro. Hunt, and begs to assure him that, although so far away frem us, he has our sym-pathy and prayers, that a kind Providence may sustain him and Sister Hunt, and that he may be speedily restored to his Pastoral and Ministerial duties.

#### SELF-SUPPORTING STATIONS.

REA. 15.-That we are gratified in learning that Peterborough, Usborne, Lisbon, Orange and Chagrin Falls, are become self-supporting circuits.

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed this year? A .- As follows :

#### I .--- Cobourg District.

1. Cobourg. W. Hooper.

- 2. Port Hope. R. Hurley; E. Price, Supernumerary; J. B. Tapp, Superannuated.
- Peterboro'. J. W. Butcher.
  Lakefield. T. W. Glover.
- 5. Huntingdon. J. Kinsey.
- 6. Hungerford. A. Gordon.
- 7. Seymour. C. J. Pearse.
- 8. Perrytown. J. Archer.
  - W. HOOPER, Superintendent of the District.
  - T. W. GLOVER, Chapel Secretary

#### II .--- Bowmanville District.

- 9. Bowmanville. W. S. Pascoe, C. Barker, L. W. Wickett; J. H. Eynon and J. Gale, Superannuated.
- 10. Hampton. E. Roberts, W. Hodnett; J. Hoidge, Superannuated.
- 11. Oshawa. J. J. Rice.
- Mariposa & Lindsay. J. Whitlock, W. Ayers, R. T. 12. Courtice.
- ers to reside in, and work Lindsay, under the direction of Bro. Whitlock.) (Bro. Ay 13. Pickering.
- 14. Prince Albert. D. Cantlon, G. Nott ; J. Langdon, Super-
- 15. Scott. W. Woodman.
- 16. Fenelon, R. Baker; I. Ashley, Supernumerary.

W. S. PASCOE, Superintendent of the District.

J. J. RICE, Chapel Secretary.

### 0 III .--- Exeter District-

17. Exeter. H. Kenner, S. H. Rice; J. Edwards, Superannutro. PRICE'S ated.

18. Mitchell. A. Clarke, P. Robins.

19. Clinton. W. R. Roach.

20. Grey. T. Greene.

21. Colborne. G. Dunkley.

22. Usborne. G. Bodle, R. Allin.

23. Wiarton. G. Smith, J. Collins, 1st.

W. R. ROACH, Superintendent of the District. P. Robins, Chapel Secretary.

#### IV .--- London and Cleveland District.

24. London. W. Jolliffe, J. Collins, 2nd.

25. Ingersoll, & Dereham. W. Wade, W. H. Quance.

26. Cleveland. W. C. Beer.

27. Orange & Chagrin Falls. J. Harris, W. Kinley.

W. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of the District.

W. WADE, Chapel Secretary.

#### V .--- Wisconsin District.

28. Palmyra. T. R. Hull.

- 29. Lisbon. G. T. Colwell; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.
- 30. Yorkville. H. Ebbott.

31. Little Prairie. S. Jolliffe.

H. EBBOTT, Superintendent of the District.

G. T. COLWELL, Chapel Secretary.

#### VI .--- Prince Edward Island District.

32. Charlottetown. G. Webber, W. Heysett; W. P. Hunt, Supernumerary

33. Ebenezer. J. Chapple; J. Metherall, Superannuated.

34. Vernon River. J. G. Yelland.

35. Murray Harbor & Three Rivers. R. B. Rowe.

36. Grand River.

37. New Bideford. H. A. Newcombe.

G. WEBBER, Superintendent of the District.

W. Heysett, Chapel Secretary.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

RES. 23.—That the following Report of the Auditors be adopted, viz :— "Your Auditing Committee beg to report that they have examined the Books of the Missionary and Financial Secretaries and Treasurer, and find them correct, and in harmony with each other, and have great pleasure in attesting to the satis-factory manner in which the Books are kept by the several officers in charge of these departments. Your Committee are happy to find that the Beneficent and Children's Funds are in an improved condition ; while owing to extraordinary disbursements, the Contingent Fund is in debt to the amount of \$113 41. The Missionary Fund also presents a gratifying improvement."

WILLIAM WINDATT, Auditors.

#### PREACHERS' STIPEND.

Rss. 29.—That the following Report of the Special Committee on Ministers' Salary be adopted, viz :—Having duly considered the resolutions of the several District Meetings on Ministerial Salary, we are pleased to report that there is an unanimous

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desire that our Preachers should receive an increased Stipend, and offer the follow-ing scheme, as the most liberal, just, and equitable, that we can at present recom-mend, viz :- Married men, in Full Connexion, to receive not less than \$400 per year ; any Preacher having more than two children under 16 years of age, shall re-ceive \$28 per year, for each child, until they are 16 years of age. Table allowance, Horse Feed, and Doctor's Bille, be discontinued. Circuits to provide House-tent and Furniture, as heretofore. Married men, on probation, \$500 per year, House and Furniture. Young men, on probation, \$140 per year, with Board Lodgings, and Horse Feed. Unmarried men, in Full Connexion, \$200, Board and Lodging, as benetofore.

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RES, 31.—That the children of married men, born previous to their being received among us, on probation, shall not be reckoned as claimants on the Children's Fund.

#### CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

RES. 41.-That the following report of the Committee on "Christian Experience"

RES. 41.—That the following report of the Committee on "Christian Experience" be received and adopted. About an hour and a half on Monday afternoon, previous to the Anniversary of the Missionary Society, was devoted by the Conference, in presence of a large num-ber of friends from the Bowmanville, and neighboring circuits, to the relation of our Christian Experience, and very delightful was the feeling of Divine love, uniting us to Christ, and to each other. Several spoke distinctly of living in the enjoyment of justification, by faith in Christ, and sanchification, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And surely, all present, must have felt that there is a blessedness, surpas-sing all other good, in the religion of our Saviour, and that, that blessedness is abundantly heightened by an entire consecration to God, and a going into the river of life, till it not only reaches to the ankles and loins; but is proved to be a river to swim in; the depth and breadth of which exceed the power of any one fully to com-prehend. prehen

#### FUNERAL EXPENSES.

RES. 42.—That the sum of \$10 be allowed for every child under 12 years of age, and \$20 for every child over 12 years, or for the preacher or for his wife, as Funeral expenses. The sum to be paid from the Contingent or Beneficent Fund.

#### UTILIZING THE LABORS OF AGED AND INFIRM PREACHERS.

RES. 44.—That to prevent the necessity of superannusting preachers, who, though they cannot do the full work of a Circuit, are able to render considerable assistance, we Resolve,—That such Preachers shall receive for their services, \$200 a year, with house and furniture.

#### MODE OF RAISING FUNDS ON MISSION STATIONS.

RES. 45.—That we respectfully leave to the friends on Mission Stations to adopt such mode of raising funds to meet their expenditure, as to them may appear best suited to the feeling and condition of their people.

#### JOURNALS TO BE KEPT BY PREACHERS ON MISSION STATIONS

RES. 46. That in future each Missionary shall keep a Journal of his labors, and report quarterly to the Missionary Secretary for the information of the Committee, and if they deem it advisable, for publication in the "OBSERVER."

#### STATISTICS.

RES. 49. That having carefully examined the Statistics of the several Circuita and Missions, we feel much pleased to be able to report, that after allowing for 307 removals, 53 deaths, and a great number, whose names have been discontinued for unfaithfunces, we have an increase of 5 churches, 165 accredited members, 2 schools, 7 teachers, and 309 scholars. Praise the Lord.

#### FINANCE.

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RES. 50.—That we feel thankful, that on most of the Circuits and Missions, the regular Quarterly Receipts have been considerably increased ; also, that the Mis-sionary receipts are \$500 in advance of last year, and that the debt on the Mission-ary Society has decreased \$735, a part of which has been voted from the Jubiles Fund. In this, we abundantly rejoice. We also hope that by the increased liberality of the supporters of the Missionary cause, the entire debt will be cancelled the coming year.

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The Beneficent Fund is not in such a prosperous condition as it should be, and therefore we suggest that an enquiry be instituted with a view to ascertain the cause thereof, and also to increase the receipts of the Fund. We are, however, pleased to report that the funds of the Conference, as a whole, present a very cheering aspect.

#### BENEFICENT FUND.

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Whereas we observe with regret, the inadequate amount thus far contributed to ward the Beneficent Fund, and attribute it, in some degree, to the irregular man-ner in which the collections have been taken up. *Resolved*,—That hereafter, each Pastor be instructed to take up the collection for this Fund, at the several places on his station in each year; and that a return there-of be made to the Connexional Committee, in time for their third regular meeting.

#### LAKE SUPERIOR.

RES. 51.—That in view of the history of our cause on Lake Superior, and the present position of our affairs in that region, together with the state of our funds; and the claims of the Dominion upon our labor, we resolve to withdraw our agents from Lake Superior.

#### UNION WITH THE NEW CONNEXION METHODISTS.

Rzs. 61.—That we hereby acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the New Connexion Methodist Conference now in Session in Northport, breathing a very kindly christian feeling, which we most heartily reciprocate. Relative to the question of Organic Union between the two Denominations, we respectfully submit that in view of some difference of opinion, among both Preachers and Laity, here and in England, it is inexpedient, at least for the present, to entertain the question of Organic Union. Nevertheless, our Connexicaal Committee will be instructed to act on this question, as may to them seem desirable, during the coming year.

#### THANKS TO THE GENERAL TREASURER AND SECRETARIES.

RES. 67.— That the very cordial and hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the General Treasurer and the Secretaries for their arduous and successful efforts during the past year, in adjusting the accounts of the several Funds, and presenting them in such a clear and correct manner.

#### TEMPERANCE.

RES. 69.—That we deplore the existence of the many and great evils which still flow from the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating baverages, and we consider that no lover of his God and his kind, can be justified in withholding aid and en-couragement from the great Temperance Reform. We earnestly entreat the officials and members of our Church to exert themselves for the correction of the evils de-9 plored.

#### SPIRITUAL STATE.

BPIRITUAL STATE. RES. 72. - After carefully examining the Reports on the several District Books, we are pleased to find that, in nearly all our fields of labor, the Great Master has been frequently found blessedly near, cheering on his toiling servaris, and in very many instances, vouchasfing to them signal success in leading scules to Christ, and in building up the Church. The Special Services held, during the winter, were not all equally successful. In some instances, a want of co-operation on the part of the Church, militated against the saving of souls. Many conversions have taken place among the children and youth of our Sunday Schools. The attendance on the so-cial means of grace, is by no means so large as it ought to be. Would cur Scotelizes be more punctual, and constant in their attendance on the prayer and class meetings. we have no doubt, but it would promote their spirituality and growth in grace, and make them a greater power for good in the world. The pathy and coldness of the formal, go far toward neutralizing the efforts of the faithful. For the mest part the public services are well attended, penhaps, never batter, and a good spirit. of hearing prevails. We pray for a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole of our beloved Denomination, and upon the world.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING REQUESTS.

RES. 73. — Whereas, out of consideration for the feelings of the Ministerial Breth-ren, some Circuits have, when in fourth Quarterly Meeting assembled, asked for the re-appointment of their preachers, when such request has not been in harmony with the wishes of the people.

Resolved, That the friends on the several stations be, and are hereby requested to be more particular in this matter of petitioning, as in future, the Conference will feel itself bound to comply with all such requests, except when Connectional necessi-tice require a different arrangement. And no Circuit must feel itself aggrieved if its preacher be removed, provided it fail to ask for his return.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rss. 75.—That being convinced of the Divine origin of the Christian Sabbath, and the consequent obligation on all men, duly and righteously, to observe it, we desire to express our full sympathy with the institution, and purpose of the "KING-STON SABBATH REFORMATION SOCIETY."

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The reading of the letter, accompanying the report, kindly placed before this Conference, by Dr. Mair, through the Secretary, has given us unfeigned pleasure and astifaction.

And saturation." This Conference most heartily congratulates the Society on the beneficial results already arising from their efforts, and hopes they will be strengthened to prosecute their work, until a rightly moulded public opinion shall arise in its majesty, and power, to resist and rebuke all attempts at Sabbath desceration throughout our land. That the Legislature, Railway Companies, and all other corporate bodies, who have lent too much sanction to the violation of God's Holy Day, may be constrained to re-member the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. In the accompliahment of so desirable an object, this Conference will, through its executive, be most happy to co-operate.

#### AUDITORS REPORT, No. 2.

RES. 76.—The Auditors report No. 2, on the Book concern, he received and adopted, and the thanks of the Conference be presented to Bro. Robins, for the very efficient services rendered to the Denomination, in the capacity of Book Steward.

#### AUDITORS REPORT, No. 3.

RES. 77.—That the following report of the Auditors (No. 3.) be adopted, (viz. : We beg to report, that having examined the Books of the Printing establishment, we find them in a very satisfactory condition, the accounts correct and in harmony with the Editor's report.

#### THANKS TO THE AUDITORS.

RES. 78.- That the cordial thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Auditors, J. J. Rice, and W. Windatt, for their valuable services.

#### THANKS TO THE EDITOR.

Res. 70.-That we are pleased with the success of the Printing establishment, and do hereby give Bro. Barker our hearty thanks for the able manner in which he has both Edited the OBSERVER, and managed the entire concern.

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#### RATE OF DISCOUNT

Res. 78.—That the rate of Discount with the Wisconsin District, U. S. be and is hereby fixed at 10 per cent, for the next year, in compliance with the request of the friends resident there.

#### COMMITTEES

Q. 7. Who are the Connexional and Missionary Committees ?

A. The President and Secretary of the Conference, Superintendents of Districts, the Editor, the Missionary Secretary and Treasurer, the General Financial Secretary, R. Hurley, J. Whitlock, T. Clarke, S. Vanstone, W. Windatt, and J. Pickard.

E. Roberts, Secretary of the Connexional Committee and General Corresponding Secretary; C. Barker, Corresponding Secretary with England; J. J. Rice, Missionary Secretary; D. Cantlon, General Financial Secretary ; J. H. Evnon, General Treasurer.

C. Barker, Treasurer of the Preacher's Fund.

Q. 8. Who are the Book and Publishing Committee ?

A. The President, and Secretary of the Conference, Book Steward, and J. J. Rice.

Q. 9. Who are the Stationing Committee?

The President and Secretary of the Conference, Super-A. intendents and Representatives of Districts, Editor, Missionary and/Financial Secretaries, and the General Treasurer.

Q. 10. Who are the Connexional Auditors ?

A. Henry Kenner and W. Windatt.

Q. 11. Who are the Examining Committee?

D. Cantlon, W. Jolliffe and A. Clarke. A.

Q. 12. When and where shall the next Annual District Meetings be held ?

A. Cobourg District, at Campbellford ; Bowmanville District, at Prince Albert ; Exeter District, at Clinton ; London and Cleveland, at London on the 3rd Wednesday in May; Wisconsin District, on the 2nd Wednesday in May. Prince Edward Island, to be arranged in the District.

### Q. Where and when shall the next Conference be held ?

A. At Exeter, on the first Thursday in June, 1871, at 9 o'clock A.M. Committees preparatory thereto, to meet as follows :--

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The Connexional, Missionary, and Book Committees, on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

N. B. The Missionary, and General Financial Secretaries, must have their reports ready to lay before these Committees.

The Stationing Committee to meet the same day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Examining Committee the preceding Wednesday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

#### THANKS.

Res. 81.—That the cordial thanks of this Conference, be and are hereby tendered to the friends in Bowmanville, for the very hearty manner in which they have administered to the comfort of its members during the present Sussion, and that a copy of the Minutes be presented to each family, as a mark of respect and token of remembrance.

Res. 82.—That the very cordial thanks of the Conference, be given to the Church Choir, for their efficient services at the public Meetings, in connection with our sttings.

Res. 85.—That the cordial tharks of this Conference, be tendered to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and to C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director, for the special facilities afforded us, in allowing us to travel over their line to and from this place, for a single fare.

Res. 86.—That the thanks of this Conference, are due and hereby given to the Journal, and Duplicate Journal Secretaries, for their valuable and efficient services.

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## ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

DEARLY BELOVED.—" Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, according as his Divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and to virtue." We are earnestly desirous to "provoke you unto love and good works," and we beseech you that "ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love," as is meet and right.

During the Connexional year, now closed, the God of peace has graciously given us peace in all our borders, and on several of our Stations poured out richly of his Spirit upon the churches, to the conversion of some to God, and the building up of others in our most holy faith, and increasing in us an earnest desire to be more useful to our fellow men. It is to be greatly lamented, however, that after another year of earnest labor, so little comparatively, has been done for God. The several stations the members are fewer than were reported 12 months ago. While on the whole, our numbers are 165 accredited members more than the returns then showed. Our Sunday Schools have increased by 7 Teachers, and 309 Scholars; and 53 of our members have, we trust, passed away to God.

While we lament that we cannot show a fairer record, we are convinced that as a people, we were raised up by God; to serve His great purposes among men, and we rejoice that the history of the Denomination has amply proved that the Lord has been with us. That he is with us still, there is abundant evidence to show, and that larger and more encouraging results from the preaching of the Word, ought to have been realized during the past year, the promises of our God sufficiently demonstrate. Why have not those results ensued ? Is there not a cause ? Has there been that entire devotedness to God—that complete consecration to His service, which he demands—that thorough oneness with Him, which He has graciously purposed ? Who is blameless in these matters ?

Let it not be forgotten that, the Church's power for good depends upon the depth, consistency, and increase of personal religion in the Ministry and Membership. Nothing can be a substitute for this,—neither a talented Ministry, nor beautiful and commodious church edifices, nor large and respectable congregations, nor high outward morality, nor large contributions to the church's treasury, nor aught else that is human. The palmiest days of the church are not those in which it is hard to distinguish between the respectably moral and the professedly pious; but those days in which it is the church's glory, that although dis-esteemed and even hated by the world, although called to struggle with difficulties, although engirdled with dangers, the Lord God is unmistakably in her midst, guiding her from victory to victory, and adorning her with all the beauty of holiness. In many things we may learn lessons from the past, and among others, this—that our power to reach men's consciences, to impress their hearts, and win and save their souls, is from God alone, and that the church possesses it in the largest degree, when she is clothed with the spirit of holiness, and of God.

Can the church greatly glory that this is her blessed case in these latter days? Does her zeal know no langour? Is her fine gold undimmed? Is there that marked distinction in spirit and in practice, in aim and life, between the church and the world, that Christ designed should always appear between those who serve him and those who serve him not? We fear not. Alas ! too many are at ease in Zion ; too many of her children fail to walk as children of the light, and consequently fail to honor God, and approve themselves his by " pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness, on the right hand and on the left."

We want, in some things, to return to first principles and primitive christian practice; and that we may do so, we must seek to be "filled with the Holy Ghost." While we freely admit that at no time in the history of the church at large, and our own church as well, as there been realized a state of unmixed good, we are convinced that there have been periods of less worldliness and more holiness, of fewer facilities for the regular and comfortable worship of God, and much more heavenly enjoyment, than are ordinarily known among us to day. When means of grace were fewer, they were, in many instances, better appreciated, and comparatively better attended than they often are now. Time was, when it was thought no great hardship to walk 3 or 4 miles through the woods, guided by blazed trees, to attend a prayer meeting in a log shanty. Now it is sometimes quite an event to see some members of the church in a prayer meeting at all, unless it be under the excitement of revival times ?

This is a busy age. But why allow business to encroach so far upon more important things? Let us be consistent. The Christian professes to be laying up treasure in heaven, and to be dead to the world. But are there not those who make that profession, and yet devote every available moment of their time, and every faculty they possess, to the acquisition of wealth, and others who imitate the most frivolous worldling, in fashion and the pursuit of pleasure, and others, who vie with the penurious and the exacting, in their dealing with their fellow-men? What monstrous inconsistency is theirs? God demands, the chi

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church demands, and the need of a godless, dying world demands, that as nothing is so important as vital godliness, those who profess it shall be consistent, so as that, while none shall be "slothful in business," all shall be "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Let us see to it, that men shall not say of us, that in pleasure, or fashion, or business, or

In science, learning, all philosophy, Men labored all their days, and labored hard, And dying, sighed how little they had done : But in religion they at once grew wise, A creed in print, though never understood ; A theologic system on the shelf, Was spiritual lore enough, and served their turn ; But served it ill."

Must we not admit that a chief cause of speculative infidelity, is the practical infidelity of many, who are the professed followers of Christ? Are not the known inconsistencies of professed Christians, among the greatest obstacles to the successful preaching of the Gospel? Might not, nay, would not, our intimate acquaintances, and the members of our families, more readily embrace Christ, if we were more Christ-like? Ours must be an universal and progressive piety, seen wherever we may be—in our tempers, words, and deeds, and ever increasing in intensity of feeling and power. We need such a piety for our own safety and joy, for if we do not progress in Divine things, we retrograde and die. We need it for the glory of God, and the good of perishing men.

We urge upon you to cultivate, with us, a spirit of devotion. Live much in prayer. By frequent and close communion with God, not only will your own souls be refreshed and strengthened amidst the conflicts and cares of life, but will receive that Divine unction, which, better than all things else, can fit you for labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

Cultivate a living faith in God,—a faith that trusts God always, and for all that he has promised. The church must so trust, in order to secure steady progress and constant prosperity. Lacking this, to a certain extent, we have ceased to expect the salvation of souls at the ordinary preaching of the Word, and are rapidly drifting into the persuasion, that we cannot expect God to save men, except as a result of special revivalistic efforts. We bless God, that such efforts have been repeatedly greatly blessed; but if we always prayed as fervently, labored as devotedly, preached as plainly and pointedly, as we do in times of revival, what might not be done in our midst for God and souls? Lay these things to heart, beloved. We speak as unto wise men, judge ye what we say.

Let us, in the coming year, cry unto God with continued and increasing earnestness, to send down his Spirit upon us in larger measure, and to accompany with his saving power, every sermon preached in our pulpits, and every lesson taught in our schools. If we do this, and at the same time, " put iniquity far from our tabernacles," our confidence is, that, " the Lord will comfort Zion. He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

We desire to reiterate with ever increasing emphasis, the truth that to secure such a result as this, there must be on the part of both ministers and people, entire personal consecration to God. Let us, under a sense of past unfaithfulness, and conscious of our deep unworthiness, cast ourselves at his feet, and let each heart say :

" If such a worm as I May to thy glory live, All my actions sanctify, All my houghts and words receive ; Claim me for thy service, claim, All I have and all I am."

/ The flight of time should lead to increased diligence. Every passing moment hastens the close of the day of labor. Soon, very soon, "the shadows of the evening will be stretched out" upon us, and in the silent night, we shall sleep as do others. Be ye, therefore, faithful in sustaining, worthily, the Christian character, and confessing, at every cost, the Master's name. Live at the very foot of the cross. Depend fully, and always on the merits of Christ for full salvation. Show your love to him by your obedience to his commands, and by your imitation of his example, "for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall, for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ," unto whom be glory for ever and ever.—Amen.

W. S. PASCOE, President. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

# ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

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DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—Not one of the least pleasing of the duties of our Conference, is to send you our annual greeting, and to express anew, our unwavering attachment, our grateful acknowledgements and earnest desires for your indreased and constant prosperity. Some of us can look back to the time, when in our Fatherland, we stood with you, shoulder to shoulder, in the ranks of the Ministry, bore its burdens, endured its hardships, encountered its difficulties, performed its labors, and rejoiced in its triumphs. The remembrance of those

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and glorious victories, still-cheer our hearts, and lead us, dear Brethren, while we cherish your names, to dare, and do, for While others among us, younger in years, can recall to God. mind the days when we were scholars with you, in our Sabbath schools, and were privileged with such pious teachings and counsel, as led to our conversion to God; and to you, as the companions of our youth, we feel strongly attached. Our earliest recollections, our dearest associates, our realization of mercy, our first attempts to labor, as well as the first fruits of our toil, are nearly all connected with our beloved Denomination; attaching our hearts to its name, our sympathies with its interests, our intelligent preferences to its polity and doctrines, and our lives to its extension, prosperity, and honor. Your reply to our Address of last year, so affectionately and eloquently worded, refreshed our hearts; and most earnestly and sincerely do we reciprocate its expressions of esteem and love; and deeply solicitous are we to realize yet more fully, in our experience, the truth of your assertion," That in proportion as we thus experience the power and blessedness of religion in our own hearts, and exemplify its genuineness and reality in our individual lives, shall we be a power in the Church and in the world, a beauty and a praise in the earth, a crown and a diadem for the Lord, a defence and a glory in relation to Christ's Gospel, helpful in multiplying the trophies of the cross, in enhancing the joys of angels, in adding lustre to the crown of Jesus, in intensifying the joy of Christ, and be preparing ourselves for the plaudit, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' Our want, and we fear, the greatest want of the Church to-day is, a more thorough consecration to God, a richer baptism of the Holy Ghost and more individual effort for the salvation of mankind. When we think of the provision God has made for fallen humanity, of the facilities we enjoy of proclaiming mercy to the lost, of the many promises God has given assuring us of his grace, to enable us to discharge sucessfully all our duties, and then review the year, we are constrained to hide our faces in ' seclusion. Although God has blessed our labors, and 730 have been admitted on trial, yet we have 133 less on trial than last year; only 165 more accredited members, with an increase of 32 on the total membership. How small is this success, compared with what we had a right to, and did expect ; and deeply do we feel that we are too unsuccessful in winning souls for Jesus. And those, for whom Christ died, are passing from a probationary state, and from our very midst, unrenewed and unfit for heaven, constraining us to cry,

"O God, arise, maintain thy cause, The fuiness of the Gentiles call, Lift up the standard of thy cross, And all shall own thou died at for all."

In our deep solicitude for the welfare and prosperity of the Church, our attention has been directed to the events that have been transpiring. And as we intrepret them, they have not been without their deep significance, and stirring import. In the free expression of religious sentiment, so indicative of the deep yearnings of the nations after God, we greatly rejoice; for in it we observe evident proofs that down deep in the recesses of the human soul are wants and aspirations that vain philosophy and stupid superstition fail, and must forever fail to meet. Infidelity, formalism, and other developments of the pride and sin of man, boldly challenges and resists our power. Popery, neither with us or with you, is content to be silent. If we give her credit for meaning what she says, she is advancing in arrogance and vanity, as she claims, and attempts to-day what, in the world's darkest period she dared not assert. Some seem to have the strange faculty of seeing everything through an atmosphere of brightness, and surrounding even the darkest prospects with the joy of exultant hope. Looking towards Rome, they see nothing to portend alarm, although the nations hitherto most subservient to her will, are casting off her yoke, and some of her most talented sons have protested against herspirit and pretensions, with a boldness and faithfulness worthy of a Wickliffe, or a Luther. Nor can we view the proceedings of her council without noticing that false are her claims to unity, and in the insult offered to the intelligence and commonsense of humanity, by her dogmas, we see the truth of the adage, "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad." And we indulge the hope that Popery, which has so long resisted all attacks from without, will yet succumb through inherent weakness and division ; and the world be freed from one of the greatest hindrances to its peace, prosperity, and salvation. During the year we have felt the influence of Romanism oneither hand. In the north west our Government has been resisted in taking possession of the country, one of our citizensmost cruelly and brutally murdered. We firmly believe that the whole has originated with a desire on the part of the Church of Rome, to wring from our Government, concessions which would give her the pre-eminence over other Churches, and extend to the West the same system that has hindered, the progress, and cramped the energies of the inhabitants of Quebec, as compared with those of Ontario. Nor do we think that with all that Church's resistance of Fenianism to day, that she is clear of responsibility in that matter; for only men as profoundly ignorant, as stupidly subservient, and as thoroughly inveterate in their hatred against British institutions, and the Protestant religion, as many of the adherents of that Church are known to be, would have again attempted to pollute our soil by another raid. We are thankful, however, that through the

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gallantry of our volunteers, they have been so signally defeated and chastised, as to lead us to hope that they will never again attempt to find their nearest way to Ireland, by an invasion of our Dominion.

We have again to thank the Giver of all mercies, that none of the Brethren have been taken away by death; and our hearts have been made glad, by visits from some of those who have been superannuated. We cannot, nor have we any desire, to forget their work in the past; and, as with silvered locks, diminished strength, and faltering steps, they took their places among us, we rejoiced in their presence, and were thankful that God still sustains and blesses them. We have seen that death has been removing some of the standard bearers from your ranks, and we sympathize with you in the loss of such devoted workers as Brothers Prior, Moxley, and Mountjoy; and pray that the great head of the Church will raise up, and qualify with a double portion of His spirit, men that shall fill their places, and push the battle to the gate. \

During the year, some of the Brethren have been severely afflicted. Our dear Brother Price, whom to know is to love, now lies in so weak and precarious a condition, as to require us to set him down as a supernumerary. And during the Conference we have been informed that Brother Hunt, who, though unknown personally, to most of us, is highly respected, is also very much afflicted, and we have placed him on the list of supernum-The Brethren Roberts, Ayres, Courtice and Collings, eraries. have, during the year, been called to pass through the furnace of affliction, which, we trust has been sanctified to their good. Brother S. Jolliffe has sustained the loss of an affectionate wife; and with him, and the afflicted ones, we deeply sympathize. Bros. Robins and Greene, although aged and infirm, with a disinterestedness and zeal, the most commendable, prefer taking stations, under special regulations, to superannuation ; while Bro. Hoidge, whose health is such, as to render it very unlikely that he will ever take a station again, is recommended to you for superannuation.

We tender to you our thanks, for sending us Bro. S. H. Rice, whom we heartily received, and believe he will be a great blessing to us.

We have, in consequence of the state of our funds, and the present condition of our affairs on Lake Superior, decided to withdraw our agents from that locality.

We are pleased to inform you, that the Book Room and Printing Establishment, which were set on foot with some apprehension, as to their success, have prospered under the able management of the Brethren Robins and Barker, beyond our most sanguine expectations. We have, in compliance with the suggestion of the Book Steward, released him from his duties, which were more than his strength would enable him to perform, and have united the two establishments, under the management of Brother Barker, and we hope this arrangement will secure yet greater prosperity.

During the year, we have watched with no small amount of interest, and we may add, anxiety, the progress of the negotiations between yourselves and the Methodist New Connexion Church, on the subject of Union. Having perfect confidence in your wisdom, and your thorough determination not to sacrifice the Denomination's interests or honor, in any particular, or for any purpose, we have decided to take no action in the matter at present. We have received, during our session, a very friendly communication from the Methodist New Connexion Conference, to which we have made a suitable reply, and have left the subject in the hands of our Connexional Committee.

The Conference is generally looked forward to with feelings of pleasing anticipation. This year, that feeling was mingled with the fear, that as matters on which a diversity of opinion were entertained, and which were of more than usual interest, had to be discussed, there might not be that harmony and blessed concord, which has characterized our former Conferences. But our fears have all been allayed. Although the largest in numbers and influence, that we have ever held, the Conference has been marked by free and open discussions, true brotherly love and forbearance, and such unanimity of feeling and purpose, as have refreshed our spirits, and animated our hearts. The religious services have been well attended and appreciated. The Conference Lovefeast was a time of sweet communion, and will not soon be forgotten.

We return to our Stations, more than ever resolved to live to, and work for God.

We again, Dear Brethren, assure you of our undiminished affection for you all, and earnestly do we pray that, we may continue one in feeling, interest and effort, until the Great Shepherd shall gather us to the fold of blessedness.

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W. S. PASCOE, President. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

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### ALPHABETICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE

### ITINERANT PREACHERS.

PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN OUT.	WHERE STATIONED.	No. of yr on pres'n Station
Allin Roger	1868	Usborne	1
Archer, Joseph	1869	Perrytown	1
Ashley, Isaac. Ayres, Walter	1856	Supernumerary	
yres, Walter	1863	Mariposa	1
Saker, Robert	1867	Fenelon	
Barker, Cephas.	1838	Editor and Book Steward	
Barker, Cephas	1866	Cleveland	
Bodle, George Butcher, John W.	1856	Usborne	
Sutcher, John W.	1843	Peterboro'	3
antlon, David	1855	Prince Albert	9
happle, John	1834	Ebenezer, P. E. I.	0
larke, Archibald.	1860	Mitchell	3
olling James 1.	1987	Wiarton	0
ollins, James, 2	1868	London	
olwell, Garrance T	1865	London. Lisbon, U. S. Mariposa	
ollins, James, 2 olwell, Garrance T ourtice, Richard T.	1865	Maniport	
Junkley, George	1862	Colhama	
bott Henry	1841	Colborne. Yorkville, U. S	2
dwards John.	1831	Superannuated.	
ynon. J. H.	1826	Superannuated	
ale Jacob	1843	Superannuated.	
ale, Jacob lover, T. W	1866	Superannuated	2
ordon Andrew	1000		1
Thomas Thomas	. 1856	Hungerford	
ordon, Andrew. reen, Thomas. Iarris, John	1829	Grey	1
avonaft Coores	1863	Orange and Chagrin Falls	2
Lawrett William	1841	Superannuated Charlottetown, P. E. I	13
Inductt William	1864	Charlottetown, P. E. 1	1
laycraft, George . leysett, William . lodnett, William . loddge, Joseph .	1865	Hampton	1
William William	1841	Superannuated	1
Iooper, William Iull, Thomas R.	1840	Cobourg Palmyra, U. S	1.
funt William D	1855	Palmyra, U. S.	11
Ingley Robert	1862	Supernumerary	1
unt, William P. Iurley, Robert	1834	Port Hope	1
olliffe Sampal	1808	London Little Prairie, U. S. Exeter. Chagrin Falls, U. S.	2
anner Henry	1802	Little Prairie, U. S.	11
enner, Henry. inley, William insey, John.	1865	Charle F-11. TT C	1
ingey John	1862	Unagrin Falls, U. S	1
angdon, John	1802	Huntingdon	2
letherall, Francis.		Huntingdon Superannuated	
lorris, Abraham		Superannuated	12
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earce C J	1864	Bowmanville	1
rice E	1861	Seymour	3
ascoe, W. S. earce, C. J. rice, E. uance, W. ice, James J.	1801	Supernumerary Ingersoll and Dereham	1
ice James I	1863	Ingersoil and Dereham	1
ichard, Alexander	1000	Oshawa	1
looch William P	1867	Clinton	
aborta Edward	1002	Cinton	3
oach, William R. oberts, Edward obins, Paul.	1858	Hampton	2
owe R R	1823	Mitchell	1
mith, George	1869	Mitchell . Murray Harbor, P. E. I Wiarton	11
ann J B	1829	Willron	2
app, J. B. Vade, W	1870	ouperaunuated	D
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Vebber, G	1858	Charlottetown, P. E. I	1
Vickett T. W	1848	Mariposa	3
Villiama T	1864	Bowmanville	2
Victor, J. Victor, L. W. Villiams, J. Vodman, W. elland, J. G.	1836	Pickering	3
Outline, W	1851 1869	Scott	12

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#### CANADA.

Cobourg-Cobourg. Pott Hope-Port Hope, Peterboro' - Peterboro'. Lakgield-North Douro. Huntingdon-Ivanhoe. Hungerford-Tweed. Seymour-Campbellford. Perrytown-Petrytown. Bowmanville-Bowmanville: 3rd Preach-or Orem.

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UNITED STATES.

Cleveland-176 Orange Street, Cleveland Ohio. Orange & Chagrin Falls-Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Ohio. Palmara-Palmyra, Jefferson Co, Wis. Lisbon-Sussex, Waukesha Co, Wis. Yorkville-Yorkville, Racine Co, Wis. Little Prairie-Little Prairie, Walworth Co, Wis.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown—Charlottetown. Ebenezer—McWilliams' office, Lot 7. Vernon River—Vernon River Bridge. Murray Harbor—Murray Harbor, south New Bideford—New Bideford, Lot 12.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

President—Bowmanville, Editor and Book Steward—Bowmanville Con. & Gen. Cor. See'y—Hampton, Missionary Secretary—Oshawa. Gen. Financial See'y—Prince Albert, General Treasurer—Tyrone,

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Hampton-Hampton ; 2nd Preacher, Columbus. Oshawa-Oshawa. Oshuwa-Oshawa. Mariposa & Lindsay-Little Britsin ; 2nd Preacher, Lindsay. Pickering-Duffins' Creek. Prince Albert-Prince Albert. Scott-Leaskdale. Fendon-Fenelon Falls. Exeter-Exeter. Michell-Mitchell ; 2nd Preacher, Ful-larton larton. Clinton-Clinton Clinton-Olinton. Colorne-Carlow. London-London. Ingersoll and Dereham-Ingersoll; 2nd Preacher, Culloden. Usborne-Elimville; 2nd Preacher, Exeter eter. Grey-Dingle.

