

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FIFTH  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF  
THE METHODIST CHURCH,

HELD SEPTEMBER 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1898,

IN THE  
METROPOLITAN CHURCH, TORONTO, ONT.

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH,

FORMED IN 1883, BY UNION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA (COMPOSED OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST AND NEW CONNEXION METHODIST CHURCHES, UNITED IN 1874), THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL, PRIMITIVE METHODIST AND BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

### SESSIONS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	PLACE.	GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.	SECRETARY.
1883	Belleville ..	{ Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D. .... } { Rev. A. Carman, D.D. .... }	Rev. J. C. Antliff, M.A., D.D.
1886	Toronto ...	{ Rev. A. Carman, D.D. .... } { Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D. }	Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.
1890	Montreal ..	Rev. A. Carman, D.D. ....	Rev. S. F. Huestis.
1894	London ....	Rev. A. Carman, D.D. ....	Rev. Principal Shaw, LL.D.
1898	Toronto ...	Rev. A. Carman, D.D. ....	Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., D.D.

At the Session of the General Conference begun in Belleville, September 5th, 1883, for the organization of the United Church, REV. J. A. WILLIAMS, D.D., was President, and REV. F. B. STRATTON, Secretary.

#### Committee on Publication of Journal.

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MEMBERS  
OF THE  
General Conference of 1898.

*According to the Certified Lists furnished by the Presidents and Secretaries of the Annual Conferences of 1898, nine places being filled by Alternates.*

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not in attendance.

**TORONTO CONFERENCE.**

MINISTERS.

A. B. Chambers, LL.B., <i>President.</i>	A. Brown.	C. E. Manning.
A. Langford, D.D.	J. Potts, D.D.	F. H. Wallace, M.A., D.D.
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A. Sutherland, D.D.	H. S. Matthews.	H. M. Manning.
J. E. Lanceley.	W. R. Parker, D.D.	A. C. Crews.
	G. J. Bishop.	

LAYMEN.

J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., D.C.L., Q.C.	Major R. G. Campbell.	J. B. Willmott, D.D.S.
Hon. Senator Cox.	J. T. Moore.	W. T. R. Preston.
Hon. E. J. Davis, M.P.P.	B. Allen.	R. Brown.
Sheriff Bettes.	H. L. Lovering.	Sheriff Drury.
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	N. W. Rowell.	

**LONDON CONFERENCE**

MINISTERS.

W. Rigsby, <i>President.</i>	J. C. Antliff, D.D.	G. W. Henderson.
W. Williams, D.D.	E. N. Baker, B.D.	J. Edge.
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J. Hannon, D.D.	J. W. Holmes.	J. Livingstone.
J. R. Gundy.	C. T. Scott, B.A.	T. T. George.
N. R. Willoughby, D.D.	J. Wilson, M.A.	J. Philp, B.D.
G. Jackson.		

## LAYMEN.

W. J. Ferguson.  
W. M. Gray.  
G. A. Proctor.  
N. H. Shepley.  
B. Hopkins.  
T. B. Carling.  
John Joynt.

C. E. Naylor.  
J. W. Waterworth.  
T. McKittrick.  
H. L. Rice.  
W. H. Kerr.  
\*W. Bowman.

Capt. Sullivan.  
F. Leeson.  
T. B. Shillington.  
M. Braithwaite.  
H. E. Huston.  
E. S. Hunt.

## HAMILTON CONFERENCE.

## MINISTERS.

R. W. Woodsworth.  
F. E. Nugent, *President*.  
W. Kettlewell.  
J. S. Williamson, D.D.  
J. Wakefield, D.D.  
J. S. Ross, D.D.  
W. S. Griffin, D.D.

J. G. Scott.  
W. C. Henderson, D.D.  
D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.  
J. Kay.  
G. H. Cornish, LL.D.  
W. F. Wilson.  
T. A. Moore.

J. H. Hazlewood.  
A. E. Russ, M.A.  
T. W. Jackson.  
J. E. Howell, M.A.  
G. Richardson.  
G. W. Calvert.  
F. A. Cassidy, M.A.

## LAYMEN.

J. Mills, LL.D.  
W. J. Fawcett.  
J. George.  
J. Gibson.  
T. Hilliard.  
A. J. Donly.  
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M. Forster, M.D.  
R. Kelly.  
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J. Ellis.  
J. B. Grafton.  
S. F. Lazier, Q.C.  
C. A. Birge.  
L. A. Cummer.

## BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE.

## MINISTERS.

T. W. Jolliffe, *President*.  
S. J. Shorey.  
W. R. Young, B.A.  
W. J. Crothers, D.D.  
T. M. Campbell.  
N. Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D.

N. A. McDiarmid.  
W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L.  
T. Manning, M.A.  
W. P. Dyer, B.Sc., D.D.  
E. Roberts.  
C. Parker.

O. R. Lambly, D.D.  
D. N. McCamus.  
G. C. Workman, Ph.D.  
J. P. Wilson, B.A.  
W. Johnston.

## LAYMEN.

S. P. Ford, M.D.  
E. D. O'Flynn.  
J. M. Smith.  
W. Johnston.  
W. E. Tilley, Ph.D.  
Judge Dean, M.A.

W. F. Hall.  
R. W. Clarke.  
J. Shier.  
G. D. Platt, B.A.  
D. J. Bonter.  
T. Wickett.

T. Courtice.  
J. A. Holgate.  
R. J. McLaughlin.  
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**MONTREAL CONFERENCE.**

## MINISTERS.

E. B. Ryckman, D.D.	F. Chisholm.	S. G. Bland, B.A.
W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D.	J. E. Mavety.	F. G. Lett.
T. G. Williams, D.D.	D. Winter.	W. J. Hunter, D.D., Ph.D.
A. C. Courtice, D.D.	W. Timberlake.	W. Bleir, B.A.
T. Griffith, Ph.D. <i>President.</i>	J. Elliott, B.A.	W. H. Sparling, B.A.
S. P. Rose, D.D.	W. H. Emsley.	W. Pearson.
W. Jackson, D.D.	T. J. Mansell.	M. Benson, D.D.
H. Cairns.		

## LAYMEN.

J. Torrance.	W. A. Whitney, M.A.	*J. H. Carson.
S. Finley.	*J. R. Lavell, B.A.	*H. Hughes.
*C. Morton.	Judge Deacon.	J. W. Knox.
A. Shaw.	W. W. Stumbles.	J. A. Tomkins.
M. Lavell, M.D.	*W. H. Lambly.	S. J. Carter.
B. M. Britton, B.A., Q.C.,	W. Glidden.	W. Anglin.
M.P.	W. W. Dalgleish.	W. R. Allison.
J. Bissell.	J. Trenaman.	

**NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.**

## MINISTERS.

A. D. Morton, M.A., <i>Pres.</i>	W. Dobson.	W. Brown.
S. F. Huestis.	W. H. Langille.	G. J. Bond, B.A.
W. H. Heartz, D.D.	J. A. Rogers.	E. E. England.
D. W. Johnston, M.A.		

## LAYMEN.

Judge S. A. Chesley, M.A.	I. Longworth, Q.C.	G. O. Fulton.
J. Caldwell.	A. M. Bell.	H. E. Jefferson.
A. J. Fuller, M.D.	W. V. Vroom.	J. E. Hills.
W. B. McCoy, LL.B.		

**NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.**

## MINISTERS.

R. Brecken, D.D., <i>Pres.</i>	G. Steel.	R. W. Weddall, B.A.
H. Sprague, D.D.	C. Stewart, D.D.	W. W. Lodge.
G. M. Campbell.	E. Evans, D.D.	R. Wilson, Ph.D.

## LAYMEN.

J. R. Inch, LL.D.	F. O. Petterson.	W. D. Baskin.
L. L. Beer.	J. L. Black.	J. D. Chipman, M.P.P.
D. Allison, LL.D.	J. E. Irvine.	L. E. Prowse, M.L.A.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

MINISTERS.

L. Curtis, B.A., President. W. Swann. M. Fenwick.
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A. J. T. Newman.

LAYMEN.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson. W. F. Burns, M. D. A. G. Hudson.
R. K. Bishop. J. E. Peters.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE.

MINISTERS.

A. Stewart, B.D. J. McLean, Ph.D. T. Ferrier.
J. W. Sparling, D.D., Pres. T. Argue. J. M. Harrison.
J. Woodsworth. G. W. Dean. T. C. Buchanan.
L. Gaetz. T. Lawson. F. B. Stacey, B.A.

LAYMEN.

J. A. M. Aikins, M.A., Q.C. J. Benson. \*J. Wilson.
\* W. H. Cushing. J. Graham. S. E. Clement, B.A.
F. G. Lewis. Hon. J. W. Sifton. J. Dunfield.
Thos. Nixon. J. M. Fee. W. H. Ditch.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

MINISTERS.

J. F. Betts, President. C. Ladner. J. Hall.
T. Crosby.

LAYMEN.

D. Spencer. A. E. Bolton, M.D. A. C. Wells.
G. R. Ashwell.

JAPAN CONFERENCE.

MINISTERS.

D. Macdonald, M.D., Pres. M. Takagi, B.D.

LAYMEN.

\*H. Muramatsu. \*H. Satoh.

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## OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE.

REV. A. CARMAN, D.D., Toronto, Ont., *General Superintendent.*  
REV. J. S. ROSS, M.A., D.D., Guelph, Ont., *Secretary.*  
REV. G. STEEL, St. John, N.B.,  
R. W. CLARKE, Esq., Mill Brook, Ont., } *Asst. Secs.*  
S. E. CLEMENT, Esq., B.A., Brandon, Man., }  
REV. W. JACKSON, D.D., Montreal, Que., *Journal Secretary.*  
REV. G. H. CORNISH, LL.D., *General Conference Statistician.*

## FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, *Sept. 1st, 1898,*

THE FIFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH met in the Metropolitan Church Toronto, Ont., on Thursday the 1st day of September, 1898, at ten o'clock, a.m., pursuant to the decision of the General Conference Special Committee. Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent, in the chair.

The President gave out hymn, 388; the Secretary, Rev. **Opening** W. I. Shaw D.D., LL.D., read part of the 6th chapter of Deuteronomy, after which Rev. T. Griffith, Ph.D., and the Hon. J. J. Rogerson, led in prayer. Hymn 192 was then sung, part of the 12th chapter of Romans was read, and prayer offered by Mr. T. Nixon and Rev. W. H. Hartz, D.D.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., Secretary of the last General Conference, laid upon the table the certified lists of the ministers and laymen elected by the Annual Conferences as members of the General Conference.

On motion the roll of each Conference was then called in **Roll Call** the following order:—Toronto, Hamilton, London, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia, and Japan, and one hundred and twenty-one ministers and eighty-two laymen answered to their names. In subsequent enrolment made by order of Conference seventy-two additional names were reported, making the total attendance two hundred and seventy-five.

## Alternates

The following changes in delegations were reported by the respective Presidents of Conferences: Mr. E. S. Hunt, substituted for T. McCormick, of the London Conference; Mr. W. Anglin, for Col. Moorehouse, and Mr. W. R. Allison, for Mr. J. M. Oxley, (Mr. E. Seybold, the first reserve, being unable to attend), of the Montreal Conference; Mr. H. E. Jefferson, for W. P. Chittick, and J. E. Hill, for A. P. Black, of the Nova Scotia Conference; Rev. M. Fenwick, for Rev. H. C. Hatcher, and Mr. A. G. Hudson, for Mr. H. B. Woods, of the Newfoundland Conference; Mr. W. H. Ditch for Mr. P. H. Clarke, Mr. W. H. Monkman, the first reserve, being unable to attend; Rev. J. Hall, for Rev. E. Robson, of the British Columbia Conference.

## Secretary

On the ballot being taken for election of Secretary, the Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., D.D., was elected.

## Nominating Committee

Moved by Rev. W. J. Crothers, D.D., seconded by Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L.,—That the Committee of Nominations be composed as follows: Two ministers and two laymen from each of the following Conferences: Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Manitoba and North-West; and one minister and one layman from each of the following Conferences: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, British Columbia and Japan. The said Committee to nominate the various committees of this Conference. That the President of each Conference call the Conference Delegation together for the purpose of electing the members of said committee.—*Carried.*

## Rules of Order

Moved by Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., seconded by Rev. J. C. Antliff, M.A., D.D.,—That until otherwise enacted the Rules of Order be those of the last General Conference as printed in the Discipline.—*Carried.*

## Thanks

Moved by Revs. H. S. Matthews and E. H. Dewart, D.D.,—That the best thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., the retiring Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries, for the marked ability and correctness shown in the records of Conference. We express the hope that their useful lives may long be spared to bless the Church.—*Carried.*

## Committees

Moved by Revs. W. Kettlewell and A. B. Chambers, LL.B.,—That it be an instruction to the Nominating Committee to nominate the following Committees, viz:

- Missions.
- Education.
- Superannuation Fund.
- Supernumerary Fund.
- Sabbath Schools and Epworth League.
- Statistics and Schedules.
- State of the Work.
- Discipline.

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Book and Publishing  
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 Finance.  
 Conference Boundaries.  
 Sustentation and Children's Fund.  
 Church and Parsonage Aid.  
 Course of Study.  
 Union Church Relief.  
 Sabbath Observance.  
 Church Union.  
 Systematic Beneficence.  
 Deaconesses.  
 Connexional Fire Insurance.  
 Business.

That it be a further instruction to the Nominating Committee to arrange the committees (except the Business Committee) in their groups, to be known respectively as Groups A, B, C, and that each member of the General Conference be placed on at least one committee in each group.

That, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, each Group of Committees shall meet at a separate hour, such hour to be fixed from time to time by the Business Committee.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L., and Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.: That the motion be referred to the Nominating Committee to consider and report. *Carried.*

Election of  
Officers of  
Committees

Moved by Revs. T. W. Jackson and G. Richardson: That the Nominating Committee appoint a convener for each Committee and that the committees on convening call the roll and elect a Chairman and Secretary by ballot, a majority being present. *Carried.*

Moved by J. Mills, LL.D., and W. McGibbon: That the Chair nominate a Special Committee to consider the question of the General Conference Fund and report to this Conference, with a view to the payment of the expenses of the present meeting, the liquidation of the debt, and the making of provision by allotment or otherwise for the travelling expenses, board and lodging of delegates at the next meeting of the General Conference.

At this stage an adjournment was moved.

On motion of Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m., and the several Conference delegations were ordered to meet at 2 p.m. and elect their representatives to the Nominating Committee.

The Presidents of the various Annual Conferences appointed places of meeting for their delegations.

Conference adjourned at 12.10 p.m., the benediction being pronounced by the President.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 1st.

Conference re-assembled at 2.30 o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, the Secretary read the Scriptures, and Rev. Dr. Dewart led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from the Prisoners' Aid Association, asking for an opportunity to present the work of the Association before the Conference.

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L., this communication was laid on the table until the proper Committee was appointed to receive it.

The members of the Nominating Committee were reported as follows :

Nominating  
Committee

*Toronto Conference.*—Revs. A. B. Chambers LL.B., and A. Langford, D.D., and Messrs. J. T. Moore and J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L.

*London Conference.*—Revs. W. Rigsby and J. R. Gundy, and Messrs. W. J. Ferguson and Capt. J. D. Sullivan.

*Hamilton Conference.*—Revs. J. Wakefield, D.D., and R. W. Woodsworth, and Messrs. H. P. Moore and S. F. Lazier, Q.C.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*—Revs. T. W. Jolliffe, B.C.L., and W. R. Young, B.A., and Messrs. Judge Dean and S. P. Ford, M.D.

*Montreal Conference.*—Revs. T. G. Williams, D.D., and E. B. Ryckman, D.D., and Messrs. M. Lavell, M.D., and S. Finley.

*Nova Scotia Conference.*—Rev. S. F. Huestis and Judge S. A. Chesley.

*New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.*—Rev. G. Steel and Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D.

*Newfoundland Conference.*—Rev. L. Curtis, B.A., and Mr. R. K. Bishop.

*Manitoba and North-West Conference.*—Revs. J. W. Sparling, D.D., and J. Woodsworth, and Messrs. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., and J. Benson.

*British Columbia Conference.*—Rev. J. Hall and A. E. Boulton, M.D.

*Japan Conference.*—Rev. D. Macdonald, M.D., and Mr. H. Muramatsu.

Notice of motion was submitted by Rev. J. Potts, D.D., re the Twentieth Century Million Dollar Fund.

On motion, it was ordered that the discussion of this question be the Order of the Day for Monday afternoon, immediately after the reading of the minutes

Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent, then delivered an address to the General Conference, reviewing

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the history and progress of the Church during the past quadrennium, and submitting various proposals for the action of the Conference.

Moved by Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., seconded by Rev. G. J. Bishop, that this Conference would hereby express its great indebtedness to the General Superintendent for his able and comprehensive address, and inasmuch as it contains many valuable suggestions and recommendations eminently pertinent to the vital questions demanding consideration and legislation during our sessions, the President is respectfully requested to select and place at the disposal of this Conference such parts of this address as contain these points that they may be relegated to the respective committees, where they may be calmly and duly considered.—*Carried.*

On motion of the Secretary, the Conference appointed Rev. G. Steel and Messrs. R. W. Clarke and S. E. Clement, B.A., Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. W. Jackson, D.D., Journal Secretary. **Assistant Secretaries**

On motion of Revs. S. F. Huestis and G. Richardson, it was ordered that a Register be opened for the registration of delegates and visitors, as required by the railway companies *re* return tickets. **Register for Delegates**

On motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L., the Nominating Committee was allowed to retire.

Moved by Revs. J. W. Sparling, D.D., and J. F. Betts, that a Committee of three be appointed to get into leaflet form at the earliest moment that part of Dr. Carman's address bearing on Prohibition and the Plebiscite, and that they inquire into what arrangements can be made for the publication of the same, and report.—*Carried.*

In accordance with the above the President named the following: Revs. J. W. Sparling, J. E. Betts and S. Bond, which nomination was accepted by the Conference.

On motion of Rev. T. M. Campbell, the resolution of the last General Conference *re* form of Journal was re-affirmed (see page 119 Journal of 1894). **Form of Printed Journal**

On motion, the hours of session were fixed as follows: 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 5.30, and 8 p.m. to adjourn on motion.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

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#### THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept. 1st.*

Conference resumed at 8 p.m., the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, a portion of Scripture read, and Rev. T. Crosby led in prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Mr. J. T. Moore, Secretary of the Nominating Committee, presented Report No. 1, which was, on motion, adopted.

## MEMORIALS.

The following Memorials were presented and referred to the committees named :

*Toronto Conference.*

## Memorials

- Re* General Conference Fund,—Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.
- Re* Registration of adherents,—Committee on State of the Work.
- Re* Composition of General Conference,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Auditing of Quarterly Board Funds,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Epworth League pledges,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.
- Re* University Degrees,—Committee on Course of Study.
- Re* Local Preachers' Examination,—Committee on Course of Study.
- Re* Assessment of salaries of Conference evangelists,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.
- Re* Auditing Conference Funds,—Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.
- Re* Sustentation Fund,—Committee to be appointed.
- Re* Sabbath Observance,—Committee on Sabbath Observance.
- Re* Examination of Ministerial character—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.
- Re* Conference Minutes,—Book and Publishing Committee.
- Re* Circuit Schedules,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.
- Re* Date of Conference Year,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Minutes of District Meetings,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Annual Conference Lay Delegates Special Session,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Admission of Women as Members of Conference,—Committee on Memorials.
- Re* Circuit Assessment for Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.
- Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

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mittee on Discipline.

*Re* Indian Missions,—Committee on Statistics and Sched-  
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*Re* Two Stewards at each Appointment (two memorials),—  
Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Division of Missionary Funds,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Discontinuing publication of Missionary Lists,—Com-  
mittee on Missions.

*Re* Footnote to General Rules,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Law respecting Appeals,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Length of Time of Chairmanships,—Committee on  
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*Re* Method of Electing Delegates to General Conference  
(two),—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Study of Catechism,—Committee on Sunday Schools  
and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Substitution of Card of Membership (two),—Committee  
on Discipline.

*Re* Revision of List of Members,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Central Board of Examiners,—Committee on Course of  
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*Re* Regulations of Degrees (two),—Committee on Course  
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*Re* Paragraph 140, Sec. 4 of Discipline,—Committee on  
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*Re* Length of Ministerial Term (three),—Committee on  
Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Constitution of Stationing Committee,—Committee on  
Discipline.

*Re* Invitation System (two),—Committee on Memorials.

*Re* Power of District Meetings respecting Circuits,—Com-  
mittee on Discipline.

*Re* Temperance Committee in Quarterly Boards,—Commit-  
tee on Temperance and Prohibition.

*Re* Division of Superannuation Fund,—Committee on  
Superannuation Fund.

*Re* Change of Paragraph 237,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Requiring Three-fourths of Funds for Church Building,  
—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

*Re* Examination of Probationers,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Constitution of Examining Board (two),—Committee on Course of Study.

*Re* Union Church Relief Fund,—Committee on Union Church Relief.

*Hamilton Conference.*

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*Re* Public Meeting respecting Plebiscite at this Conference,—Business Committee.

*Re* Pastoral Term (two),—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Probationers as Members of District Meeting,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Special Cases under Trial,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Missions,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Equal Lay Representation at District Meetings,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Time Limit of Transfers,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* District Treasurer for Missionary Money,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Price of *Guardian*,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Re* Epworth Leagues,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

*Re* Women as Delegates to Annual and General Conference,—Committee on Memorials.

*Re* Harmonizing Discipline respecting Sunday School Management Committee,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Transferred Chairmen,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

*Re* Superannuation Fund Assessment,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

*Re* Union with German Evangelical Association,—Committee on Church Union.

*Re* Limiting Time for Disposal of Church Property,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Transfer of Cataract Appointment from Toronto to the Hamilton Conference,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

*Re* Change of Ritual respecting Infant Baptism,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Returns to Include Ministers,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Publication of District Ledger,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

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*Re* Change of Certificate of Probationers for the Ministry, **Memorials**  
—Committee on Course of Study.

*Re* Probationers' Term,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Church Members and Quarterly Tickets,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Educational Loans,—Committee on Education.

*Re* Paragraph 158, Adding Questions,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Central Board for Examination of Probationers,—Committee on Course of Study.

*Re* Amendments to Discipline and Model Deed,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Changes respecting Sunday School Schedules,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

*Re* Changes respecting Epworth League Schedules,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

*Re* Publication of Minutes of Conference,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

*Re* Systematic Giving,—Committee on Systematic Beneficence. **Memorials**

*Re* Foreign Degrees,—Committee on Course of Study.

*Re* Precedence of Clergy,—Committee on Memorials.

*Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

*Re* Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* *Christian Guardian*,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Re* Changes respecting Epworth League,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Constitution of General Conference,—Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.

*Re* Candidates for the Ministry,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Central Stationing Committee,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Number of Copies of Minutes,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Re* Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

*Re* Stationing Committee,—Committee on Discipline.

*Montreal Conference.*

*Re* Transfer of Tamworth and Napanee Districts,—Committee on Conference Boundaries. **Memorials**

*Re* Transfer of Nipissing and Sudbury Districts,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

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- Re* Public Reception of Catechumens,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Kneeling Attitude in Prayer,—Committee on Memorials.
- Re* Rent of Parsonages on Missions,—Committee on Missions.
- Re* Salaries of Missionaries,—Committee on Missions.
- Re* Returns of Church Membership,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Baptismal Register,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Appointment of Heads of Colleges,—Educational Committee.
- Re* Transfers (two),—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.
- Re* Four Years' Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.
- Re* Three Years' Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.
- Re* Superannuation Fund (two),—Committee on Superannuation Fund.
- Re* Sabbath School Training of Theological Students,—Committee on Course of Study.
- Re* Additional Questions at District Meetings,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.
- Re* St. James' Church, Montreal,—Laid on Table *pro tem*.
- Re* Election of Conference Officers,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Division of Educational Funds,—Educational Committee.
- Re* Stanstead College,—Educational Committee.
- Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.
- Re* Order of Precedence of Clergy,—Memorial Committee.
- Re* Church Trials,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Ministers going to United States Churches without Credentials,—Memorial Committee.

*New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.*

- Re* Board of Trusts,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* Cost of Hymn Book,—Book and Publishing Committee.
- Re* Stewards,—Committee on Discipline.
- Re* The Word Layman in Discipline—Memorial Committee.
- Re* New Catechism,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.
- Re* Chairmanship of Quarterly Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

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*Re* Sustentation Fund,—Committee to be appointed.

*Re* Secretary and Treasurer of Sunday Schools,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Composition of Stationing Committee (two),—Committee on Discipline.

*Newfoundland Conference.*

*Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

*Re* Division of Missionary Fund,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Manitoba and North-West Conference.*

*Re* Legislation respecting Property in the Territories,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Elimination of Certain Parts of Discipline, Sec. 110,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Price of *Guardian*,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Re* Decisions of Court of Appeal,—Committee to be Appointed.

*Re* Course of Study (two),—Committee on Course of Study.

*Re* Returned Missionaries,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Representatives to District Meetings and Annual Conferences,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Circuit Register,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

*Re* Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

*Re* Appointment of Wesley College Board,—Educational Committee.

*Re* Membership Sunday School Committee,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Amendment of General Rules,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Revision of Membership Roll,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Assessment for Church Work,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Circuit Schedules,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

*Re* Agent for Indian Work,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Missionary Superintendent,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*British Columbia Conference.*

*Re* Payment of Superannuation Claims,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

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*Re* Method of raising Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

*Re* Status of Women in Church Courts,—Memorial Committee.

*Re* Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Representation of Ladies' Aid in Quarterly Board,—Memorial Committee.

*Re* Class Tickets,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Distribution of Missionary Money,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Appropriation of Missionary Funds,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Formation of Indian Work,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Indian Affairs,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Ordination of Lay Agents,—Committee on Missions.

*Japan Conference.*

*Re* Extension of Pastoral term (two),—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Betts—The Special Course of Study for Missionaries in Indian Work, ordered by the last General Conference, and which has been prepared, was referred to Committee on Course of Study.

Conference adjourned, to meet at 9 a.m. Friday, the President pronouncing the benediction.

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SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 2nd.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., of the Nova Scotia Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of Thursday evening's session were read and approved.

Dr. Parker introduced the subject of a memorial from Toronto Conference, which had been sent to the wrong Committee. Rev. W. Kettlewell moved that the memorial be sent to the Committee on Memorials instead of to the Committee to which it had been sent yesterday, *Carried.*

On motion, Mr. W. McGibbon was granted leave of absence for four or five days.

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## MEMORIALS.

Memorials on the following subjects were presented, and Memorials referred to the committees indicated :

*Toronto Conference.*

*Re* Freemasonry,—Memorial Committee.

*London Conference.*

*Re* Division of Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

*Re* Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

*Nova Scotia Conference.*

*Re* Invitations from Quarterly Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Term of Itinerancy,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* Word "Layman" in Discipline,—Memorial Committee.

*Re* General Conference Delegation,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Ritual in Hymn Book,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Re* Apostles' Creed,—Sabbath Schools and Epworth League Committee.

*Re* Cheaper Edition of Hymn Books,—Book and Publishing Committee.

*Re* Sustentation Fund,—Committee on Sustentation Fund.

*Re* Membership Tickets,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Membership Schedules,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

*Re* Admission of Women to District Meetings,—Memorial Committee.

*Re* Rent of Parsonages on Missions,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Special Committee.

*Re* Revision of Baptismal and Burial Service,—Committee on Discipline.

*New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.*

*Re* Sustentation and Contingent Fund,—Committee on Sustentation Fund.

Moved by Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., seconded by Rev. J. F. German, D.D., That the time for receiving memorials shall cease on September 7th, at 12 o'clock. *Carried.*

Rev. W. P. Dyer, D.D., presented two memorials from Albert College, which were referred as follows :

*Re* Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

*Re* Educational Fund,—Educational Committee.

Quadrennial  
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Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., presented the statistical report for the Quadrennium. On motion it was referred to Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

Report of  
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Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., presented report of General Conference Special Committee.

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., the report was referred to the Business Committee for distribution to the appropriate committees. *Carried.*

Invitation to  
Industrial  
Exhibition

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., then introduced J. J. Withrow, Esq., President of the Industrial Exhibition, who extended an invitation to all the members of the Conference to visit the exhibition on Saturday afternoon, September 3rd.

On motion the invitation was accepted.

Reports for  
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Rev. J. Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West and British Columbia, presented his report. On motion, it was referred to Committee on Missions.

On motion, the report was made available for the use of the editors of the Connexional journals.

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., Book Steward, presented the report of the Book Committee, which was taken as read, and on motion was referred to the Book and Publishing Committee.

Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary of Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues, presented the report of the Board.

On motion the report was referred to Committee on Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., presented reports as follows :

1. Statement of attendance and expenses of members of General Board of Missions.

2. Quadrennial report of General Board of Missions.

3. Executive Committee's report.

All of which were, on motion, taken as read, and referred to Committee on Missions.

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved that a sufficient number of copies be printed so as to furnish one to each member of Conference.

Rev. J. Woodsworth moved in amendment, That the report of the Committee on Missions be printed and circulated among the members of Conference.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved that both be printed. The original motion prevailed.

Mr. T. Hilliard moved that the Secretary be authorized to secure the services of two pages. *Carried.*

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Rev. J. F. Betts presented the following report :

"Your Committee appointed to extract from the Quadrennial Address of the General Superintendent that portion referring to the Dominion Prohibition Plebiscite begs leave to report as follows :

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"The Dominion Alliance office will print and distribute to all parts of the Dominion, as this Conference shall direct, a four-paged folder at the following prices: First 10,000 for \$7.00, and each additional 10,000 for \$3.50.

"Your Committee recommends this Conference to direct the ordering of 100,000 copies, which will cost \$38.50, to be paid for by the Temperance Fund of the Conference.

"J. W. SPARLING, *Chairman of Committee.*"

The report was adopted.

Rev. C. O. Johnson read a statement of pulpit supplies for September 4th.

Secretary of Conference made an announcement respecting signing of railway certificates.

After singing, the Conference adjourned, the President pronouncing the benediction.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 2nd.*

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. F. E. Nugent, President of the Hamilton Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A., D.D., and W. E. Tilley, Ph.D.: That the subject of a record of attendance of delegates from day to day be referred to the Business Committee, to report as to the most satisfactory plan to secure such registration —Carried.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials were presented and referred as follows :

*Toronto Conference.*

*Re* Ritual for Deaconesses,—Committee on Deaconess' Memorials Movement.

*Re* Canteens at Militia Camps,—Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

*Re* Sustentation Fund,—Committee on Sustentation Fund.

London Conference.

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Re Victoria Street Church, Goderich,—Committee on Union Church Relief.

Work of several departments of Conference,—Business Committee, to be distributed.

Hamilton Conference.

Re Woman's Missionary Society,—Committee on Memorials.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

Re Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Montreal Conference.

Re Nipissing District Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Presentation of Reports

Rev. J. Potts, D.D., presented Financial Statements of Treasurers of Victoria College and of the Educational Society,—Referred to the Educational Committee.

Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., presented report of Victoria University,—Referred to Educational Committee.

J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., presented report of Wesley College,—Referred to Educational Committee.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., presented report of Wesleyan Theological College,—Referred to Educational Committee.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., presented report of Treasurer of Superannuation Fund,—Referred to Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Notices of Motion

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows :

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J. J. Maclaren, Q.C.	Missions of Gen. Board and W. M. Society.	Discipline.
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" "	" 106	Discipline.
" "	" 128	Gen. Superintendency.
" "	" 121	Discipline.
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" "	" 364	Missions.
" "	" 416	Superannuation Fund.
" "	Board of Trustees	Discipline.

Rev. F. H. Wallace, M.A., D.D., gave notice of motion in favor of Arbitration and Disarmament.

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" W. C. Henderson, D.D.	Par. 208 of Discipline.	S. S. and Ep. Leagues.	
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" " " " " "	Art. 6, Par. 221 . . . .	S. S. and Ep. Leagues.	
" J. S. Williamson, D.D.	Membership Tickets . . . .	Discipline.	
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J. Mills, LL.D. . . . .	Par. 80 . . . . .	"	
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Rev. T. M. Campbell . . . .	Time of Notice of Appeal . . . .	"	
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" W. J. Crothers, D.D.	Par. 99, Art. 176 . . . .	"	
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" J. Elliott, B.A. . . . .	Children of late Rev. J. Holmes . . . . .	Superannuation Fund.	
" T. G. Williams, D.D.	Par. 162 . . . . .	Discipline.	
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Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L.	Par. 140, Art. 2 . . . .	Discipline.	
" W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D.	" 115, " 11 . . . .	Educational.	
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" S. F. Huestis . . . . .	165 . . . . .	Discipline.	
" J. Woodsworth . . . . .	Supervision of Work in North-West . . . .	Missions.	

The Secretary of Conference called attention to the printed reports of the official visit of the General Superintendent to Japan, which were for the use of members of Conference and were now ready for distribution.

The motion of which Dr. Mills had previously given notice was laid on the table until the report of the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund was received.

Mr. J. T. Moore presented Report No. 2 of the Nominating Committee. On motion, the section referring to the Superannuation and Supernumerary Fund Committee was re-committed. On motion, with the exception above-mentioned, the report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. Rigsby, it was resolved that when Conference adjourns it does so till 8 o'clock, when the report of the Nominating Committee would be received.

On motion of Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., the Nominating Committee was instructed to appoint a Committee on Sociological questions, composed of one minister and one layman from each Conference.

**Committees**

On motion, the Nominating Committee was instructed to appoint committees on the following subjects: Sustentation Fund, Fraternal Delegations, Judicial Committee, and Ecumenical Conference.

On motion, the Nominating Committee was allowed to retire.

On motion, the Nominating Committee was requested to regard favorably the addition of the following names to committees:—

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., to the Book and Publishing Committee.

Rev. D. McDonald, M.D., to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. C. Ladner, to the Committee on Insurance of Connexional Property.

Rev. T. Griffith, Ph.D., to the Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid.

Rev. A. Stewart, B.D., to the Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Walford Green, representative of the Wesleyan Conference (England), expressing his inability to be present on account of illness and his deep regret because of enforced absence from the General Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Fraternal Delegations was directed to send a suitable reply.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

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FRIDAY, EVENING, *Sept. 2nd.*

Conference resumed at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. W. Rigsby, President of the London Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. T. Moore presented Report No. 3 of Nominating Committee.

On motion, the name of Rev. G. Richardson was substituted for that of Rev. T. W. Jackson on the Committee on State of the Work.

On motion the name of Rev. E. Evans, D.D., was transferred from the Committee on State of the Work to the Committee on Discipline; and that of Rev. R. Wilson, Ph.D., from the Committee on Discipline to the Committee on State of the Work.

On motion, the name of Rev. W. H. Langille was placed on the Committee on Discipline.

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Rev. S. Bond moved that the composition of the Judicial Committee be recommitted to the Nominating Committee, with a view to increasing the number. Judicial Committee

Judge Chesley moved in amendment that the Judicial Committee be not appointed; but that the reports of the Conference Special Committee and Court of Appeal be referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., moved in amendment to the amendment that the motion to appoint a Judicial Committee be reconsidered.

Rev. W. Rigsby raised the point of order that notice must be given to reconsider a motion passed at a previous session.

The President ruled the point well taken, and the amendment to the amendment out of order.

The Amendment was submitted and lost—82 for, 101 against.

Mr. N. W. Rowell and Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., moved, in amendment, that the report be laid on the table, to be taken up for consideration after a motion to reconsider the motion appointing the Committee may be legally considered. Amendment carried.

On motion, Rev. W. Timberlake was made convener of the Union Church Relief Committee, in place of Rev. M. Benson, D.D.

On motion, the following changes were made in the composition of committees:—

Rev. E. Evans, D.D., transferred from Sustentation Fund to Book and Publishing. Changes

Rev. R. Wilson, Ph.D., placed on Sustentation Fund.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., placed on Missions.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., placed on Education.

Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, placed on Deaconess Movement.

Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Rev. C. Stewart, D.D.

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### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept. 3rd.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair.

Rev. L. Curtis, B.A., President of the Newfoundland Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:—

1. From A. J. Donly, Esq., explaining the cause of his absence. Communica-  
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2. From Rev. Dr. Lathern, Fraternal Delegate to Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.

3. Telegram from Rev. J. Bond, Representative of the British Wesleyan Conference, announcing his intention of being present on Monday. On motion, the Secretary was directed to telegraph him with a view of securing his services to-morrow morning.

4. Rev. Dr. Shaw, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Congregational Missionary Society, and the Baptist Union.

5. From the Presbyterian Church, asking when Conference would receive a delegation from that body. Referred to Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

6. From the New Connexion and Bible Christian Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates, with a view of being read at a public meeting when the Fraternal Delegates are being received.

7. From J. J. Withrow, Esq., President of the Provincial Industrial Exhibition, giving information to visiting members of the General Conference.

**Memorials**

The following memorials were presented, and referred to the committees named.

*Toronto Conference.*

*Re* Revision of the Covenant Service—Committee on Discipline.

*Hamilton Conference.*

*Re* Plebiscite,—Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

**Reports of Colleges presented**

Mr. D. Allison, LL.D., President of the Mount Allison University, presented report of that institution. Referred to Committee on Education.

**Rev. Dr. Coke Smith, Fraternal Delegate**

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., introduced Rev. Dr. Coke Smith, Fraternal Delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who appropriately replied.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., presented report of Alma College. Referred to Committee on Education.

Rev. W. P. Dyer, D.D., presented report of Albert College. Referred to Committee on Education.

Mr. J. T. Moore Secretary of Nominating Committee, reported that some committees had not yet organized. Permission was given to the members of those committees to retire and organize.

Rev. L. Curtis, B.A., presented the report of St. John's Methodist College, Newfoundland. Referred to Educational Committee.

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Rev. S. F. Huestis, Book Steward, presented report of Eastern Section of Book Committee. Referred to Book and Publishing Committee.

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows: **Notices of Motion**

Rev. G. Jackson, *re* Change in paragraph 234 of Discipline, —Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, *re* par. 145 of Discipline,—Com- mittee on Discipline.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, *re* Stationing Committee,—Com- mittee on Discipline.

Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D., *re* Church Membership,—Com- mittee on Discipline.

Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., *re* Ministerial Candidates, —Committee on Discipline.

The following memorials were presented through Rev. **Memorials** W. I. Shaw, D.D., and referred to the following com- mittees :

Toronto Young People's Union, *re* more space in the *Guardian*,—Book and Publishing Committee.

London Conference Examining Board,—Committee on Course of Study.

Napanee District Meeting, *re* Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

St. Thomas District Meeting, *re* Board of Examiners,— Committee on Course of Study.

Grace Church, St. Thomas *re* Superannuation Fund,— Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Nipissing District, *re* District Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

On motion, it was decided that the Secretary should call the names of the committees from the table, so that they might report organization. **Organization of Committees**

This was done, and the following committees with their officers were reported :

<i>Committee.</i>	<i>Chairman.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
Missions .....	Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D.	J. R. Inch, LL.D.
Education .....	J. Mills, LL.D.	Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D.
Statistics and Schedules .....	W. Johnston	Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D.
Discipline .....	Rev. S. Bond	Judge Chesley.
Temperance and Prohibition .....	Hon. J. W. Sifton	Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.
General Conf. and Finance .....	Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D.	W. T. R. Preston.
Sustentation and Children's .....	Rev. R. Wilson, Ph.D.	J. E. Hills.
Course of Study .....	Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D.	Rev. F. H. Wallace, M.A., D.D.
Superannuation .....	W. J. Robertson, LL.B.	Rev. W. Kettlewell.
Sabbath School and Ep. L. .....	Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D.	Rev. T. A. Moore.
State of Work .....	Rev. R. Wilson, Ph.D.	Rev. G. C. Workman, Ph.D.
Book and Publishing .....	Rev. W. H. Hertz, D.D.	A. Shaw.
Memorial .....	Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.	W. Johnston.
Conference Boundaries .....	Rev. S. F. Huestis	C. A. Birge.
Church and Parsonage Aid .....	Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D.	W. W. Stumbles,
Union Church Relief .....	Rev. H. S. Matthews	Rev. J. Kay.
Church Union .....	Rev. G. Richardson	Rev. F. G. Lett.

<i>Committee.</i>	<i>Chairman.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
Fraternal Delegates	Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D.	J. T. Moore.
Itinerancy and Transfers	J. R. Inch, LL.D.	Rev. W. J. Crothers, D.D.
Systematic Beneficence	Rev. J. Edge	R. M. Hazlewood.
Church Insurance	Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D.	J. T. Moore.
Sabbath Observance	Rev. G. J. Bishop	Rev. G. W. Dean.
Sociology	Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D.	Rev. S. G. Bland.
Ecumenical	Rev. W. Briggs, D.D.	Rev. E. N. Baker, B.D.
Deaconesses	Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B.	Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.
Business	Rev. J. R. Gundy	H. P. Moore.

Mr. J. T. Moore moved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday; and that Group A meet at 9 a.m. on Monday; Group B at 8 p.m. and Group C on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved, in amendment, That when we adjourn, we do so till Monday at 2 p.m.; that Group A meet at 9 a.m.; and Group B at 10.30 a.m.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment, That Group A meet at 9 a.m. on Monday; and that Conference meet at 2 p.m.

The Amendment to the amendment prevailed.

Mr. C. A. Birge gave notice of motion *re* Billeting General Conference.

After singing the Doxology, Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Dr. Coke Smith.

#### FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 5th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the President in the chair.

Rev. J. F. Betts, President of the British Columbia Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and confirmed.

Rev. J. Bond, Fraternal Delegate

Rev. John Bond, fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, was presented to the President by Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., who presented him to the Conference.

Twentieth Century Fund

The Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the motion of Rev. J. Potts, D.D., *re* the Twentieth Century Fund, was next proceeded with.

After debate the motion was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., moved the appointment of a Special Committee to consider details of the proposed Twentieth Century Fund, with instructions to report with all convenient speed as to the best method of giving effect to the resolution already adopted by this Conference, the time when the appeal shall be made, the objects to which the fund shall be devoted, and any other matters respecting the fund which

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Rev. B. Clement moved, in amendment, That the subject be discussed in open Conference.

Rev. N. R. Willoughby D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment, That the subject be referred to a Committee of ten ministers and ten laymen to consider and report to the Conference.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

On motion, the appointment of the Committee was referred to the Nominating Committee.

On motion of Rev. W. Kettlewell, the order of business was suspended, and on motion of Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., a memorial from the St. James' Church, Montreal, was referred to the Memorial Committee.

Permission was given to the Nominating Committee to retire, in order to nominate the Committee ordered on the Twentieth Century Fund.

Communications were read and referred as follows :

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From Women's Christian Temperance Union, *re* Canteens at Militia Camps,—Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

From Mr. W. A. Douglass, *re* Christianity and Social Questions,—Committee on Sociology.

#### Memorials.

Memorials were presented and referred as follows :

Memorials

Rev. J. Potts, D.D., *re* Order of Public Worship,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Recital of the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed at Communion Service,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D. from Rev. J. A. Ferguson, *re* Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Rev. J. McLean, Ph.D., *re* Twentieth Century Fund,—Committee on Twentieth Century Fund.

Rev. J. McLean, Ph.D., *re* Court of Appeal,—Committee on Discipline.

#### Reports.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented, and referred as follows :

Reports of  
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Rev. W. Kettlewell, Report No. 2 of the Superannuation Fund Board, *re* Constitution of the Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Mr. W. Johnston, Committee on Catechism,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Reports of  
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Mr. J. N. Lake, *re* Union Church Relief Fund,—Union Church Relief Committee.

Permission was given to the Business Committee to retire.

Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., Fraternal Delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly, presented his report. Referred to Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

On motion of Rev. S. Bond, the section of Rev. Dr. Sutherland's motion, *re* the Twentieth Century Fund, was adopted by the Conference, and referred to the Committee on that fund.

On motion of Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., two memorials were transferred from the Committee on Statistics and Schedules to Committee on Discipline and State of the Work.

Also, on motion of Rev. F. H. Wallace, M.A., D.D., one memorial was transferred from the Memorial Committee to the Superannuation Fund Committee.

The Secretary of Conference read a telegram from the General Conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at London, containing greetings, and asking at what time their delegation could be heard. Referred to Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

Mr. J. T. Moore reported the nomination of Committee on Twentieth Century Fund, which was adopted by the Conference. (See List of Committees.)

On motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., all resolutions and memorials on the Twentieth Century Fund were referred to the above committee.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 1 of the Business Committee, as follows:

That committees in Group "B" meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

That committees in Group "C," excepting Church and Parsonage Aid, meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

That a session of Conference be held at 2 p.m.

That Mr. B. Allan, of Owen Sound, be allowed leave of absence. Report adopted.

Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by the President.

*FIFTH DAY.*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 6th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. R. Brecken, D.D., President of the New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Monday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

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Rev. A. B. Chambers, L.L.B., presented a report from the Committee on Fraternal Delegations as follows :

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1. A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, stating that the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Torrance, supported by Rev. Dr. Caven, would convey the greetings of the Assembly to the General Conference, and asking that a time be named for their reception.

2. Your Committee recommends that a telegram or letter be sent to Rev. Dr. Torrance, informing him that this Conference will be happy to receive the delegation on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m.

3. Your Committee recommends that Thursday evening of this week be set apart for the reception and addresses of the representatives of the British Wesleyan Conference and the M. E. Church, South.

The report was adopted.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., presented a communication from Chief Joseph Benson, acknowledging with gratitude the good services of the Methodist missionaries to his tribe.

The chief was present, and was invited to the platform to address the Conference, which he did in a few words.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., presented the following :

1. Memorials from General Board of Missions, *re* Contributions for Missions,—Referred to Committee on Discipline ; and from Japanese ministers, *re* Rev. D. MacDonald, M.D. Referred to Committee on Missions.

Memorials

2. Resolution from General Board of Missions, *re* Publishing of Reports of Society.

3. Quadrennial Report of Income and Expenditure of General Board of Missions. Referred to Committee on Missions.

Rev. J. J. Hare, M.A., Ph.D., presented report of Ontario Ladies' College. Referred to Educational Committee.

The General Superintendent presented portions of his address, which, on motion, were referred as follows :

*Re* Order of Precedence,—Committee on Rights and Privileges, yet to be appointed.

Reference  
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*Re* Catechism,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

*Re* Course of Study,—Committee on Course of Study.

*Re* Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

*Re* State of Union Church Relief Fund,—Union Church Relief Committee.

*Re* Changes of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Missionary Matters,—Committee on Missions.

*Re* Land Titles in Manitoba and North-West,—Committee on Church Property, yet to be appointed.

*Re* General Conference Fund,—Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.

**Memorials**

Memorials were received and referred as follows :

Toronto Conference, *re* State of the Work,—Committee on State of the Work.

Napanee District, *re* Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Montreal Conference, *re* Statistics and Schedules,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

**Notices of Motion**

Notices of motion were given and referred as follows :—

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., *re* Paragraphs 86, 133, 138, 145, 158 (13), 218, 239,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. H. S. Matthews, *re* Quorum of Quarterly Official Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. A. Langford, D.D., *re* Order of Public Worship,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. C. E. Manning, *re* Payment of Missionaries,—Committee on Discipline.

**Notices of Motion**

<i>Mover.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>
Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D.	Invitations . . . . .	Itinerancy & Transf'rs
" "	Pastoral Term . . . . .	" "
" "	Transfers . . . . .	" "
" "	Election of Gen. Conference Officers . . . . .	Discipline.
" G. J. Bishop . . . . .	Election of S. S. Officials . . . . .	S. S. and E. Leagues.
" S. Bond . . . . .	Pars. 4, 121, 139, 109, 218, 219, 220. . . . .	Discipline.
" G. H. Cornish, LL.D.	Publication of Annual Conference Minutes . . . . .	Book and Publishing.
" J. S. Ross, D.D . . . . .	Time of Appeals . . . . .	Discipline.
" "	Changes in General Principles . . . . .	"
" W. Kettlewell . . . . .	Par. 389, <i>re</i> Constitution of Superannuation Fund . . . . .	Superannuation Fund.
" "	Social Questions . . . . .	Sabbath Observance.
" "	Course of Study . . . . .	Course of Study.
" "	Pars. 115, 116, 117, 114 . . . . .	Discipline.
" J. Kay . . . . .	Candidates for the Ministry . . . . .	"
" T. M. Campbell . . . . .	Medical Examinations of persons recommended for Superannuation . . . . .	Superannuation Fund
" W. R. Young, B.A . . . . .	Graduates in Arts . . . . .	Course of Study.
" O. R. Lambly, D.D . . . . .	Educational Board . . . . .	" "
" J. Wakefield, D.D . . . . .	Superannuation Fund . . . . .	Superannuation Fund.
" T. T. George . . . . .	Par. 157, and others . . . . .	Statistics & Schedules.
" J. W. Holmes . . . . .	Constitution of Epworth League . . . . .	S. S. and E. Leagues.

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Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D.	Term of Probationers	Discipline.	
" W. S. Griffin, D.D.	Par. 133	"	
" A. D. Morton, M.A.	Pars. 158, 161, 158, Sec. 13	"	
" "	Publication of Circuit Record Book	Book and Publishing.	
" "	Time and Place of Annual and Financial Dist. Meetings.	Discipline.	
" "	Par. 146	"	
" W. H. Heartz, D.D.	Order of Pub. Worship	"	
" D. W. Johnson, M.A.	Composition of Missionary Board	Missions.	
" G. Steel	Revision of Covenant Service	Discipline.	
" W. Swann	Reception of Married Men	"	
" J. McLean, Ph.D.	Members on Probation	"	
" S. G. Stone, D.D.	Verbal Changes in Discipline	"	

On motion, the members of the Court of Appeal were allowed to retire.

On motion, Rev. T. Argue was added to the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance, and Rev. G. M. Campbell to the Committee on the Sustentation Fund.

Mr. W. Johnston presented Report No. 1, from the Memorial Committee.

Report of Memorial Committee

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved in amendment,—That it lie on the table until the report of the Twentieth Century Fund Committee is received.

—Amendment adopted.

On motion, the Business Committee was allowed to retire.

A Memorial was presented from Rev. G. W. Hewitt,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On motion, the Nominating Committee was instructed to nominate Committees on Civil Rights and Privileges, and Church Property, and all matters pertaining to these subjects were referred to them for action.

Committees

The motion *re* Arbitration and Disarmament, of which notice had been given, was taken from the table, and was moved by Rev. F. H. Wallace, M.A., D.D., seconded by Rev. J. Henderson, D.D.,—That this General Conference of the Methodist Church, Canada, representing nearly a million of loyal British subjects, desires to record its gratitude to Almighty God for the peace and prosperity of the vast empire to which, in the providence of God, it is our happy lot to belong, for the ever-increasing tendency to substitute arbitration for war in the settlement of international differences, and for the dawning hope of a movement in favor of disarmament and universal peace among the great powers of

the world; that we hail with profound satisfaction the amicable relations and deepening sympathies which now exist between the British Empire and the United States of America; that we regard a close and cordial union of these two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race as the best guarantee for the spread of liberty, righteousness, and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world, and that we invoke the divine blessing upon the effort now being made to settle all differences between Canada and the United States on terms of mutual advantage, respect and good-will.—*Carried.*

Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., moved that the Nominating Committee be instructed to add the names of ten ministers and ten laymen to the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund.

Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., raised the point of order that this could not be done without a vote for reconsideration.

The President ruled the point well taken; whereupon Rev. W. R. Young gave notice that he would, at a future session, move for the reconsideration of the report of the Nominating Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund.

**Report Court  
of Appeal**

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., read the quadrennial report of the Court of Appeal, which was, on motion of J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., LL.D., received and ordered to be printed in the JOURNAL.

On motion, the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund was allowed to retire.

**Business  
Committee**

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 2 of the Business Committee, as follows:

Your Committee recommends:—

1. That the committees in Group "A" meet this evening at 8 o'clock, excepting the Committee on Statistics and Schedules.
2. That committees in Group "B" meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
3. That a session of Conference be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
4. That the Committee on Ecumenical Conference meet at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, during the session of Conference.
5. That the place of meeting for the Committee on Missions be changed to the Lecture-room of the Elm Street church, and that the committee meet there to-night.
6. That a public Prohibition meeting be held in this church next Monday evening, and that the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition be requested to present their report on that evening.

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7. That leave of absence be granted to Rev. W. P. Dyer, D.D., on Wednesday and Thursday; Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., on Thursday; Rev. G. W. Henderson, until Wednesday.

Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D., moved to amend the report, and that the place of meeting of the Committee on Missions be the church parlor.—*Amendment carried.*

The report as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D., a communication from Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, was referred to Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the Secretary.

### SIXTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 7th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. T. Crosby, of the British Columbia Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

Communications were read and referred as follows:—

1. From Mrs. A. D. Rutherford, of the Dominion W.C.T.U., conveying greetings and asking when Conference would receive a delegation. Referred to Business Committee. Communications

2. From Mr. F. S. Spence, of the Dominion Alliance, conveying greetings and asking when Conference would receive a delegation. Referred to Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

3. From Mr. G. E. Henderson, *re* Reading Sermons from the Pulpit. Referred to Memorial Committee.

On motion of Rev. A. Langford, D.D., the reference of Mr. F. S. Spence's communication was re-considered, and referred to the Business Committee.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., Treasurer, presented the Quadrennial report of General Conference Fund. Referred to Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance. Reports for Quadrennium

Also, Quadrennial report of Parsonage Aid Fund. Referred to the Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid.

The Quadrennial report of the Woman's Missionary Society, by Mrs. Strachan, Secretary. Referred to Committee on Missions.

Rev. B. P. Raymond, D.D., President of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., U.S., the Fraternal Delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented to the President by Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., who presented him to the Conference. Rev. Dr. Raymond, Fraternal Delegate

**Judicial Decisions**

On motion it was ordered that the Committee on Discipline have access to the Report of the Court of Appeal and the Judicial decisions of the General Superintendent.

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., the report of the Judicial decisions of the General Superintendent were ordered to be printed in the JOURNAL.

**Report of Committee on Temperance and Prohibition**

Rev. D. L. Bréthour, D.D., presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, as follows:—

Your Committee respectfully requests that the Conference reconsider its action taken yesterday afternoon, *re* the Prohibition Mass Meeting, with a view to giving full authority to the Committee to arrange a programme for said meeting, in the line of having at least three speakers, who shall move, second and support their report, after which the subject will be open for general discussion.

The point of order was raised that notice of motion must be given to reconsider a motion passed at a previous session.

The President ruled the point well taken.

The report was then laid on the table, and Rev. H. S. Matthews gave notice of motion for reconsideration of the item of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, *re* the public meeting on Monday evening next.

On motion the Business and Ecumenical Conference Committees were allowed to retire.

**Reports**

Reports were presented as follows:—

No. 1, of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, by Rev. J. H. Hazlewood.

No. 1, of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers, by Rev. J. Philp.

No. 2, of the Memorial Committee, by Mr. W. Johnston.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Dean, a Memorial *re* Social Questions was transferred from the Committee on Sabbath Observance to that of Temperance and Prohibition.

**Motions**

Motions of which notice had been previously given were called for.

Messrs. N. W. Rowell and J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., moved—

1. That the name of the Judicial Committee be changed to that of the Committee on Judicial Decisions.

2. That the duties of the Committee be to collect and codify the important decisions of the Presidents of Annual Conferences, the General Superintendent, and of the Court of Appeal during the past quadrennium, and report to this Conference for publication in the JOURNAL of the Conference. —*Carried.*

On motion the Committee on Fraternal Delegations was allowed to retire.

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Moved by Messrs. J. A. M. Aikins, Q. C., and N. W. Rowell, That the part of the Nominating Committee's report relating to the Judicial Committee, along with the resolution just passed, be referred to the Nominating Committee, with instructions to report to the Conference.—*Carried.*

On motion, the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken off the table.

**Report of  
Committee on  
Systematic  
Beneficence**

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was read and its adoption moved.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., and Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., in amendment, That this item be referred back to the Committee for amendment:—

1 To eliminate that part which makes tithing obligatory.

2 That the wording be so changed that the action be merely recommendatory, and not legislative.

On motion the above was divided.

The first part was put and lost.

The second part was put and carried.

On motion, the Nominating Committee was allowed to retire.

On motion of Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., the order of business was suspended in order to receive the report of the Business Committee.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 3 of the Business Committee, as follows. Your Committee recommends:—

**Business  
Committee**

1. That Committees in Group "C" meet this evening at 8 o'clock, with the exception of the Committee on Connexional Fire Insurance.

2. That Committees in Group "A" meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

3. That the Conference assemble at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and that the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church be heard, as ordered, at 2.30 o'clock, and the Delegations from the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Dominion Alliance, follow.

4. That Conference adjourn at 4 o'clock, and that the committees in Group "B" then assemble.

5. That Conference meet as ordered, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, to receive the addresses of fraternal delegates.

6. That the Memorial of T. R. Parker, as to the reorganization of the Church, be referred to the Committee on Discipline.

7. That leave of absence be granted to A. J. Fuller, M.D.

The Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., the order of business was further suspended to receive report of the Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

Reception of  
Delegates.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., presented Report No. 2 of Committee on Fraternal Delegations, as follows:--

Your Committee respectfully recommends that Tuesday evening, 13th inst., be appointed for the reception and address of Rev. B. P. Raymond, D.D., President of the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., U.S., fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church to this General Conference.

Report was adopted.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

## SEVENTH DAY.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 8th.*

Conference opened at 2 o'clock, the President in the chair.

Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Field Secretary of Woman's Missionary Society, re proposed amalgamation with the General Missionary Society, — Referred to Committee on Missions.

Reports  
Presented

Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., presented the quadrennial report of the Standing Committee on Temperance, — Referred to Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

Rev. F. G. Lett presented report of the Committee on Church Union, — On motion, the report was laid on the table, *pro tem.*

Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., B.D., presented report of the Committee on Ecumenical Conference, — On motion, the report was laid on the table, *pro tem.*

Reception of  
Fraternal  
Delegates

The Order of the Day, viz., the Reception of the Fraternal Delegates, was taken up. The Rev. N. Burwash, D.D., introduced the Rev. Dr. Torrance, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Rev. Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Torrance then addressed the Conference, conveying the greetings of the Presbyterian Church, and concluded by presenting the President with the Year Book of the Church. The Rev. Dr. Caven also addressed the Conference.

Moved by Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., seconded by J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C. That we hereby record our great satisfaction in listening to the honored representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in so ably presenting to us the Christian greetings of the said Church. We now declare that in such

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fraternal fellowship we find more than a mere interdenominational courtesy. Our cordial esteem for the Presbyterian Church amounts to warm Christian love. We recognize that under the sovereignty of God and, as we believe, the guidance of the Great Head of the Church, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Canada are being rapidly assimilated in thought, spirit and method, and we are convinced that in such approximation of the two leading Protestant churches of our Dominion there is an encouraging guarantee of the continuance of an active evangelical influence which must result in the highest development of Christian intelligence and morality.

We beg to assure the Rev. Dr. Torrance, Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, of our loving esteem for themselves personally and for the great Church which they so worthily represent, and of our prayerful desire that the Presbyterian Church of Canada may increase a thousand fold more, not only in numbers, but in that devotion to God and truth based upon intelligent conviction, which has been the glory of Presbyterianism through its entire history.

Carried unanimously by a rising vote.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., introduced Mrs. Rutherford, President of the Dominion W. C. T. U., and Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom.

Mrs. Rutherford addressed the Conference and conveyed the greetings of the Union to the Conference.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., also introduced Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Toronto; Major Bond, of Montreal; and Rev. P. C. Parker, of Toronto; as a delegation from the Dominion Alliance.

Each of these gentlemen addressed the Conference, conveying the greetings of the Alliance.

Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., presented two reports of Committee on the subject of Connexional Fire Insurance, which were referred as follows:

Reports  
Presented

Report of Commission, and Report of Board of Directors,—  
Both to Committee on Connexional Fire Insurance.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion of Rev. J. R. Gundy, the time was extended in order to receive reports from the Nominating Committee, the Business Committee and an item in the report of the Temperance and Prohibition Committee, which had been previously laid on the table.

Mr. J. T. Moore presented Report, No. 3, from the Nominating Committee.

The report was adopted.

**Business  
Committee**

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 3 of the Business Committee, as follows :

Your committee recommends—

1. That committees in Group "C" meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow, excepting Conference Boundaries.

2. That Conference meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

3. That Conference adjourn at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and that there be no session of either Conference or committees to-morrow evening, so that the members of the General Conference may have the opportunity of accepting the hospitality of the Methodist Social Union, and attend the banquet to be given them in the Pavilion at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

4. That committees in Group "A" meet at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

5. That L. E. Prowse, M.L.A., Charlottetown, P.E.I., who is called home on important and pressing business be granted leave of absence.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Rev. H. S. Matthews moved the motion of which he had given notice yesterday, *re* the Speakers to move, second and support the Report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

A motion to reconsider the Report of the Business Committee respecting the appointment of speakers at the Temperance meeting next Monday night was carried.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Gundy, the request of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition was granted.

**Notices of  
Motion**

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows :

*Re* Salaries of Ministers,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Paragraphs 31 and 86 of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

*Re* Paragraph 173 of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., presented a communication respecting the Union Church Relief Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Union Church Relief Fund.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept. 8th.*

Conference resumed at 8 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., of the London Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

**Reception  
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The President announced that this session was being held under special order, for the reception of fraternal delegates

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from the British Wesleyan Conference and the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The Secretary read the addresses from the British Wesleyan Conference and the Irish Wesleyan Conference to this Conference.

Rev. John Bond, representative of the British Wesleyan Conference, was introduced by the President, who addressed the Conference.

The evening being advanced, the address of the Rev. A. Coke Smith, D.D., representative of the M. E. Church South, was deferred, at his own request, until another time.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. A. Coke Smith, D.D.

### EIGHTH DAY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 9th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. C. Stewart, D.D., of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon and evening's sessions were read and confirmed.

The President introduced Mr. C. D. Massey, who made an announcement *re* the Banquet to be given to the Conference by the Toronto Methodist Social Union, this evening. **Social Reception**

Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., presented report of the fraternal delegate to the British M. E. Church of Canada,—Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates. **Reports of Fraternal Delegations**

The Secretary presented report of Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., fraternal delegate to the Methodist Conferences of England and Ireland,—Referred to Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

The Secretary presented the Quadrennial report of the meetings and attendance of the Alma College Board,—Referred to the Educational Committee.

The Secretary presented report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society,—Referred to Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Civil Rights and Privileges reported organization, with Rev. W. Dobson, chairman, and Mr. T. Wickett, secretary.

Reports were presented and laid on the table as follows: **Reports Presented**

General Conference Fund and Finance.

Twentieth Century Fund.

Missions No. 1.

Church and Parsonage Aid.

Discipline No. 1.  
Deaconesses.  
Sustentation Fund.  
Systematic Beneficence.

Dr. Wood, of Southport, England, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion, a Memorial *re* Transfers of Ministers from the Bay of Quinte Conference, was transferred from the Committee on Discipline to that of Itinerancy and Transfers.

On motion of Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., the order of business was suspended.

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Moved by Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., that the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund be authorized to obtain a loan sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of members of the General Conference.—*Carried.*

Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D., of Baltimore, Md., was introduced to the Conference.

On motion the Business Committee was allowed to retire.

Report of  
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On motion the report of the Committee on Twentieth Century Fund was taken from the table and considered item by item.

Item 1, Sub-sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were read and adoption moved.

Rev. N. R. Willoughby, D.D., moved, in amendment, that the item be laid on the table, to be taken off on Monday afternoon after the reading of the minutes. Withdrawn by consent of Conference.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion the time was extended.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., moved the adjournment of the debate.—*Carried.*

Judge Dean moved, That the continuation of the debate on the report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund be the first Order of the Day on Saturday morning.—*Carried.*

Report of  
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Committee

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 4 of the Business Committee.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved the suspension of rule requiring notice of motion to be given to reconsider the action of a previous session.—*Carried.*

On motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., the item in the report of the Business Committee of yesterday ordering the meeting of committees in Group "A" at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, was reconsidered.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, it was ordered that Conference meet at 9 a.m. Saturday.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., it was ordered that committees in Group "A" meet at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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On motion of Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., the report of the Business Committee was referred back to the Committee for amendment.

Report No. 4, of Business Committee as amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

That leave of absence be granted to—J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C.; J. D. Chipman, M.P.P.; G.O. Fulton and J. Gibson. Also temporary absence to Revs. W. Williams, D.D., and J. R. Gundy.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

### NINTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept. 10th.*

Conference opened at 9 a.m., the President in the chair. Mr. W. W. Dalgleish, of the Montreal Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Friday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

Judge Chesley moved,—That the next Order of the Day after the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund be the consideration of the report of the Committee on Discipline.—*Carried.*

On motion of Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., the Order of the Day was suspended.

Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D., moved,—That papers *re* ordination in Manitoba be referred to the Committee on Judicial Decisions.—*Carried.*

Notices of motion were given and referred as follows:

Notices of  
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Rev. A. C. Crews, *re* Constitution of Epworth League; also one from Sunday School and Epworth League Board,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., *re* Par. 207,—Committee on Discipline.

On motion, parts of the address of the General Superintendent, which had not gone to any Committee, were referred to the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.

On motion of the Secretary an account of the expenses of the General Conference was referred to the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.

Conference then proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the discussion of the report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund.

Report of  
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Revs. A. C. Courtice, D.D., and J. Wakefield, D.D., moved, in amendment, That the section of the report relating to the

percentage for missions be amended to read as follows: (2) For missions 25 per cent., to be under the direction of the General Board, to be so used as to give the Society a year's income in advance.

Rev. J. W. Holmes moved, in amendment to the amendment, That 40 instead of 45 per cent. be allowed to education; and 30 instead of 25 per cent. to missions.

The previous question was moved.—*Lost.*

On motion of Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D., the debate was adjourned.

Report of  
Business  
Committee

Mr. H. P. Moore presented report No. 5 of the Business Committee as follows:

1. That committees in Group "B" meet at 9 a.m. on Monday.
2. That Conference meet at 2 p.m. on Monday for general business, and at 8 p.m. for the reception of the report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, as directed by Conference.
3. That committees in Group "C" meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.
4. That Conference assemble at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.
5. That leave of absence be granted to J. M. Smith, Major Campbell and J. E. Hills.

Report adopted.

On motion of Rev. N. R. Willoughby, D.D., the matter of what items are to be allowed delegates for travelling expenses was referred to the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

#### TENTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 12th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L., of the Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and confirmed.

Communica-  
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The following communications were presented by the Secretary.

1. From the Congregational Union, asking when it would be convenient to receive a delegation.
2. From the Bible Christian Conference, England.
3. From the Methodist New Connexion Conference, England.

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By Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., from the Primitive Methodist Conference, England.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., these communications were referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

On motion of Rev. S. G. Bland, B.A., a communication from the Prisoners' Aid Society, which had been laid on the table at a previous session, was referred to the Committee on Sociology.

Rev. C. Ladner announced the disastrous fire which yesterday had destroyed our Church property at New Westminster, B.C.

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows : **Notices of Motion**

Rev. C. E. Manning, *re* Limit of Probationers' term—Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

Mr. W. T. R. Preston, *re* Class meetings—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. G. J. Bishop, *re* Election of Sabbath School Officers—Committee on Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Rev. O. R. Lambly, D.D., *re* Examining Board—Committee on Course of Study.

Mr. T. Nixon gave the following notice of motion: That when the Conference adjourn, the further consideration of the report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund be deferred until to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, so as to permit the laymen to meet together to talk over the allocation of the said fund.

Rev. T. A. Moore presented two rulings of the President of the Hamilton Conference,—Referred to Committee on Judicial Decisions.

On motion, memorials were transferred as follows :

**Transfer of Memorials**

From Committee on Temperance and Prohibition to Committee on memorials.

From Committee on Memorials to Committee on Missions.

From Book and Publishing Committee to Committee on Statistics and Schedules.

From Book and Publishing Committee to Committee on Discipline.

Rev. L. Curtis, B.A., presented a communication *re* St. John's College, Newfoundland,—Referred to Educational Committee.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the further consideration of the report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund. **Report of Committee on Twentieth Century Fund**

Judge Dean gave the following notice of motion: That in case any contributor so desire he may name any object or objects to which his contribution shall be devoted.

Moved by Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., That the report of the Committee be recommitted for reconsideration of the proposed distribution.

Mr. N. W. Rowell gave notice of an amendment as follows : That the following be added to the clause providing for the distribution of the fund : Subject, however, to the right of the Official Board of any church which has a trust debt upon the church property, to apply upon such debt any part not exceeding 50 per cent. of the amount contributed by such church to the Million Dollar Fund, the church to receive full credit in the Million Dollar Fund for the total amount contributed.

Revs. J. S. Williamson, D.D., and S. G. Stone, D.D., gave notice of an amendment as follows : One-half of the amount raised on each circuit to be at the disposal of the Quarterly Board of the circuit, and the remaining half to be forwarded to the officers who may be appointed by this General Conference, and by them to be divided as follows : 30 per cent. for missions, 35 per cent. for educational institutions, 15 per cent. to Church Relief, 15 per cent. for Superannuation and Supernumerary Fund, and 5 per cent. to General Conference Fund.

On motion, it was decided that the vote be taken.

The motion of Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., was carried.

Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., presented a memorial *re* Medical Missionaries,—Referred to Committee on Missions.

On motion, the following names were added to the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund : Mr. E. Gurney and Rev. J. E. Lanceley ; and the name of Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D., substituted for that of J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., who has been excused from the Conference.

On motion, the movers and seconders of amendments and notices of motion were permitted to appear before the Committee and present their views.

Report of  
Committee on  
Discipline

On motion of Judge Chesley, Conference proceeded to the further Order of the Day, viz., the Consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Discipline.

Item No. 1 was read, and its adoption moved.

J. Mills, LL.D., and S. F. Lazier, Q.C., moved, in amendment, That the clause of the report referring to the General Rules be struck out, and the following substituted therefor : The foregoing rules shall be understood as enjoining upon members of the Church whatever is required in the Holy Scriptures, and as condemning whatever is contrary to the letter or spirit thereof.

Rev. Dr. Goucher, President of the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md., was introduced by Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., to the President, who presented him to the Conference.

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Mr. E. Gurney and Rev. N. Burwash, S.F.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment, That these General Rules are to be interpreted in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament, which call for the consecration of our whole life to the service of Christ, and which make the Christian law of truth, purity, justice and charity supreme in the heart of a Christian.

On motion of Judge Deacon the debate was adjourned.

Rev. John Bond, fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, addressed a few parting remarks to the Conference.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. Bond.

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MONDAY EVENING, *Sept. 12th.*

Conference resumed at 8 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. D. W. Johnson, M.A., of the Nova Scotia Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

A communication from Mr. Lyonde, photographer, was read, and referred to the Business Committee.

The Secretary presented the reports of the Woman's Missionary Society *re* Amendments to the Constitution of said Society, — Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition.

Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., Secretary of the Committee, read the report.

Rev. W. Dobson moved, Mr. N. W. Rowell seconded, and Rev. L. Gaetz supported the adoption of the report.

A collection was taken up in aid of the Temperance work.

Mr. W. T. R. Preston moved the adjournment of the debate.

—*Lost.*

On motion the Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.

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ELEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 13th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m. the President in the chair. Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., of the Hamilton Conference conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Monday evening's session were read and confirmed.

Report of  
Committee on  
Temperance  
and Prohibition

**New Westminster Fire**

The Secretary read a telegram from Rev. W. J. Sipprell, Principal of the Columbian College, stating that the college was filled with people who were burned out by the New Westminster fire. The telegram was referred to the Business Committee, along with an appeal that was made yesterday afternoon on the same subject. Mr. A. M. Bell reported that he was collecting for the Rev. J. F. Betts, who had lost heavily by the fire.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Miller, photographer,—Referred to the Business Committee.

**Report of Committee Fraternal Delegations**

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., presented a report of the Committee on Fraternal Delegations recommending that delegates from the British Methodist Episcopal Church and the Congregational Union be received next Friday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. C. E. Manning the Order of the Day was suspended.

**Reports Presented**

Reports were presented and laid on the table as follows :

General Conference Fund and Finance.

Union Church Relief Fund.

Sociology.

Course of Study.

Superannuation.

Memorials No. 3.

State of the Work.

Book and Publishing No. 1.

**Report of Business Committee**

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 6 of the Business Committee as follows :—

1. That the Committee on Missions meet this evening in the Church Parlor at 7.30 o'clock.

2. That committees in Groups "B" and "C," which have not completed their work, meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

3. That the Conference delegations meet at 10.30 to-morrow morning, and that the Superannuation and Super-numerary delegations follow at 11.15.

4. That the elections of Connexional officers be the first Order of Business at the session of Conference to be held on Thursday forenoon.

5. That sessions of Conference be held at 2 and 8 p.m. to-morrow.

6. Your Committee recommends that with a view to facilitating the business of the Conference that the committees which have not completed their work meet, as far as possible, between the sessions.

7. That leave of absence be granted to Rev. G. Richardson, G. A. Proctor, M. H. Shipley, I. Longwood, R. K. Bishop, W. A. Whitney, and W. R. Allison.

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8. That in view of the fact that the Conference is pressed for time, your Committee cannot recommend the request of the several photographers for an opportunity to take a photograph of the Conference.

9. That in response to the motion of Rev. O. R. Lambly, D.D., referred to your Committee, we recommend that a roll call be made on Thursday morning immediately after reading the minutes and before the elections.

10. Your committee recommends that the Finance Committee be instructed to appoint a sub-committee to solicit subscriptions to aid the destitute people of New Westminster who are temporarily sheltered in the Columbian Methodist College.

On motion of Rev. H. S. Matthews the report was amended so that the election of General Conference officers was fixed for Thursday afternoon instead of Thursday morning.

On motion the report was adopted as amended.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Discipline was presented and laid on the table for future action.

On motion of Rev. S. G. Bland, B.A., a communication from the Prisoners' Aid Society was transferred from the Committee on Sociology to the Business Committee, with a view to their reporting to the Conference in regard to receiving a deputation.

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows : **Notices of Motion**

Rev. C. E. Manning *re* Election of Epworth League Officers, —Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Rev. T. T. George *re* Change in Constitution of Epworth League, —Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley *re* Submitting Names of Fraternal Delegates, —Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the further consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Discipline. **Report of Committee on Discipline**

On motion of Rev. H. S. Matthews the vote was ordered to be taken, 128 voted for, 97 against.

Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D., as mover of the original motion, replied.

The amendment to the amendment was submitted.—*Lost*.

Rev. S. G. Bland, B.A., and Mr. W. Johnson moved in amendment to the amendment, That the note to our general rules, comprising Par. 35 of our Discipline, be amended to read as follows : The rule in regard to diversions, while not forbidding anything not forbidden by the letter or spirit of the New Testament is to be understood as strongly discountenancing the dance, games of a gambling character or tendency, the theatre, the circus and the race-course, as proven by experience to be prejudicial to the spiritual life.—*Lost*

The amendment of J. Mills, L.L.D., was submitted and lost.

The original motion was submitted and carried.

Item 2, Sub-item 1 was adopted.

Item 2, Sub-section 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was read and its adoption moved.

Moved in amendment by Revs. W. Kettlewell and J. S. Williamson, D.D., That the following be substituted for the recommendation of the Committee: "The Quarterly Ticket shall be discontinued and an annual ticket substituted therefor."

—*Carried.*

**Annual  
Ticket of  
Membership**

Moved by Revs. W. Kettlewell and G. H. Cornish, L.L.D., that the amendment just adopted be referred to the Committee on Discipline, with instructions suitably to incorporate the same in the Discipline.—*Carried.*

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Discipline was then considered.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

**Report of  
Committee on  
Temperance  
and Prohibition**

The Report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition was taken from the table.

Mr. W. T. R. Preston and Rev. F. Chisholm moved, in amendment, That all references to the alleged sinful character of the License System in this report be expunged.

Moved that the debate be adjourned.—*Lost.*

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion of Rev. W. Rigsby, the time was extended ten minutes.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by Revs. Wm. Williams, D.D., and E. N. Baker, M.A., B.D., That this clause of the report be referred back to the Committee, that it may be so modified as to secure the general concurrence of this Conference. Amendment to the amendment adopted.

**Report of  
Business  
Committee**

Mr. W. Johnson presented Report No. 7 of the Business Committee, as follows:

1. That a session of Conference be held at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

2. That the Conference delegations meet as follows:

Toronto Conference, in the Parlor.

London Conference, in Room I.

Hamilton Conference, in Room J.

Bay of Quinte Conference, in Room K.

Montreal Conference, in Rooms L and M.

Nova Scotia Conference, in Room C.

New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conference, in Room F.

Newfoundland Conference, in Room A.

Manitoba and North-West Conference, in Rooms N and O.

British Columbia Conference, in Minister's Vestry.

Japan Conference, School-room Platform.

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3. That the Western Conferences, meet in the body of the Church. That the Maritime Conferences meet in the Parlor.

Report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. A. Langford, D.D., was made Convener of the Committee on Judicial Decisions.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. A. Langford, D.D.

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TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 13th.*

Conference resumed at 8 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. W. Williams, D.D., of the London Conference conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Before proceeding to the Order of the Day, Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., and Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., moved, That this Conference has been greatly interested and gratified by the fraternal sentiments and inspiring information contained in the addresses from the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England and the Methodist Church of Ireland. We desire to record an expression of the great delight afforded us by the eloquent and edifying address and other services of the Rev. John Bond, the honored representative from these Churches.

*Motion re Rev.  
J. Bond,  
Fraternal  
Delegate*

We heartily rejoice in the evidences of spiritual life and aggressive energy, which continue to be manifested by the Mother Church of the dear Old Land beyond the sea; and we earnestly pray that the Methodism of Great Britain and Ireland may abound more and more in zeal "for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and in spiritual power and usefulness.

At the present time, when the hearts of Britons, on both sides of the Atlantic, are being drawn more closely together and the ties of kinship between England and Canada are being recognized as never before, we desire our esteemed Brother Bond to convey to our British brethren the assurance of our undying loyalty to British connection, and of our profound sympathy with the earnest and successful Christian work of the Churches he so worthily represents.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Order of the Day was then proceeded with, viz., the reception of the Delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South of the United States.

*Reception of  
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The Secretary read the credentials of the Rev. Dr. Raymond, President of the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Conn., Representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Dr. Raymond addressed the Conference.

Moved by Messrs. J. T. Moore and D. Allison, LL.D., That we, the members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, in session assembled, desire to record :

That we have listened with joy to the fraternal salutation from the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, conveyed to us by the Rev. Bradford P. Raymond, D.D., the gifted and honored representative from that great and prosperous sister Church.

And we beg to assure him that his warm and eloquent greeting is reciprocated with affectionate cordiality ; and that his able and earnest declarations of Christian duty and privilege are welcomed as incentives to greater zeal and consecration in the Master's work.

It is desired that, in returning to his home, he be the bearer to our brethren, across the line, of our unfeigned love for them, and of our assurance as fellow-soldiers in the "good fight" of our devotion to our common standard—the banner of King Emmanuel.

And we would also have him tell our gladness that in national councils a brighter day has dawned wherein Great Britain and the United States stand with flags entwined as comrades-in-arms for the extension, the world over, of the blessings of Christian civilization. Reverently and devoutly we pray that the "Union Jack" and the "Stars and Stripes" may ever float side by side in friendly accord over people who rejoice in that "righteousness which exalteth a nation," until, in "the unity of the spirit," we all come at last to the final congress of nations in the everlasting kingdom of our God.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Secretary read the credentials of the Rev. A. Coke Smith, D.D., representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Rev. Dr. Smith addressed the Conference.

Moved by Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., and A. B. Chambers, LL.B., That this Conference desires to express, in the strongest terms, the warm welcome which is hereby extended to the fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith.

We would assure our beloved brother that his social qualities, his public addresses and sermons, have won for him personally our highest admiration, and that we have listened with profound interest and satisfaction to his comprehensive and eloquent address relating to the achievements of the great Church which he so worthily represents, and we have been greatly impressed with a sense of obligation for the example it has given in the large Christian enterprises it has undertaken, and the self-sacrificing labors by which they have been promoted.

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The expressions of good-will and brotherly love that he has brought to us are highly appreciated, and it is desired that he should convey to his people the assurances of our unabated interest in their great work of building up the Church of Christ as well as our high gratification with the success by which their efforts have been crowned. The brethren of the North send greetings to the brethren of the South, with the affectionate feeling that both are members of the one great Methodist Brotherhood, united by the endearing ties of a common origin, engaged in promulgating the same beliefs, rejoicing in the same Christian experiences, and filled with the blessed anticipations of the same glorious destiny.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

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*TWELFTH DAY.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 14th.*

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the President in the chair.

Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D., of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Tuesday evening's session were read and confirmed.

Communications were presented by the Secretary, and referred as follows: **Communications**

1. From Buffalo District Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church,—Committee on Fraternal Delegates.
2. From Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D., *re* Japan Missions,—Committee on Missions.

Notices of Motion were received and referred as follows: **Notices of Motion**

1. Rev. A. C. Crews *re* Changes in Constitution of Epworth League,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.
2. Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., *re* Printing of the Christian names of Candidates and Probationers for the Ministry fully in the List of Stations,—Committee on Statistics and Schedules.
3. Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., *re* Name of the Church,—Committee on Discipline.

On Motion of Rev. J. Potts, D.D., the Reception and Discussion of the Report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund was made the Order of the Day at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., reported the action of the Conferences in the Western Section *re* the Election of Members of the Board of the Superannuation Fund.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education, which was taken as read, and laid on the table for future action.

Report of  
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On motion the Report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition was taken off the table.

Mr. W. D. Baskin moved, in amendment to Item 20, Sub-item 1, *re* Declaration of Principles, that the words in the original report be restored instead of what has been substituted by the Committee.

Amendment lost.

Item 19, Sub-item 7 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., moved, in amendment, after the words "relentless hostility," That all members of the Methodist Church who possess the elective franchise should use their influence to secure the nomination of municipal and parliamentary candidates known to favor and support prohibition, and use their votes as a solemn trust to elect such candidates.

Judge Dean moved, in amendment to the amendment, That all members of the Methodist Church who possess the elective franchise, be strongly recommended to use their influence to secure the nomination of municipal and parliamentary candidates known to favor and support prohibition, and to use their votes as a solemn trust to elect such candidates.

Amendment to the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., the report was laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Memorials has been received.

Report of  
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Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the Reception and Discussion of the report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund.

Items 1 and 2 were read, and their adoption moved.

Rev. N. R. Willoughby, D.D., moved, in amendment, That 35 per cent. be allowed to Missions; 30 per cent. to Educational Institutions; 15 per cent. to Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds; 5 per cent. to General Conference Fund; and 15 per cent. to Union Church Relief Fund, out of which the Committee is instructed to loan one hundred thousand dollars, or 10 per cent. of the whole, to St. James' Church, Montreal, for ten years without interest.

Mr. T. Nixon moved, in amendment to the amendment, That 20 per cent. be allowed to Educational Institutions; 20 per cent. to Missions; 15 per cent. to Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds; 10 per cent. to St. James' Church, Montreal, as a loan without interest for ten years; and 35 per cent. to Church and Parsonage Indebtedness.

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Moved, in amendment, by Revs. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., and W. Kettlewell, That the report be amended by eliminating for the present the paragraph referring to St. James' Church.

On motion, it was ordered that the vote be taken.

Amendment was submitted and adopted.

Rev. W. Kettlewell further moved, in amendment to the report, That the following be added F.—The St. James' Church, Montreal: "Nevertheless, no funds shall be appropriated to said church other than subscriptions so designated."

—*Lost.*

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., That we hereby express our approval of an earnest effort being made at once throughout the Dominion for the financial relief of St. James' Church, Montreal, and that the representative of said church be authorized to make such effort. That the amounts contributed to this object shall be included in the Twentieth Century Fund. That the other objects mentioned in the report as the beneficiaries of this fund be hereby approved.—*Lost.*

On motion, the report was amended to read, "local church debts," instead of "local church purposes."

Mr. J. T. Moore moved, That the word "local" be omitted.

—*Lost.*

Mr. W. T. R. Preston moved, That the words be amended to read "local church debts and extension."—*Lost.*

On motion, the item as amended was adopted.

Item 2, Sub-items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were read.

Moved, to consider the section item by item.

Moved, in amendment, That it be considered as a whole.

Amendment adopted.

Rev. B. Clement moved, That the item *re* Composition of the Committee be referred back for amendment, by placing more pastors on it.—*Carried.*

Moved, by Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., That the item *re* Size of Committee be reconsidered.—*Lost.*

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved, That the Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of dividing into three sections.

On count the motion was declared carried.

Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C., moved, That the Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of having an executive consisting of five members.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., moved, in amendment, That the Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of having an executive consisting of seven members.

Amendment adopted.

Moved by Revs. S. P. Rose, D.D., and T. Griffith, Ph.D., That we express our profound sympathy with St. James' Church,

Montreal, and authorize the pastor, Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., to canvass the Connexion on its behalf.

Carried unanimously.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., gave notice of motion for a reconsideration of the vote *re* Size of Committee.

The reports of committees on Insurance of Connexional Property, and General Conference Fund and Finance, No. 3, were presented and laid on the table.

Report of  
Committee on  
General  
Conference  
Fund and  
Finance

On motion, all the reports of the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance were taken off the table for consideration.

Report 1.—Items 1, 2 and 3, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Discipline, to be placed in proper order for the Discipline.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Discipline, to be placed in proper order for the Discipline.

Item 6 was adopted.

Item 7 was adopted.

Item 8, Sub-item 1 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., To substitute \$1,400 for Toronto, \$1,450 for Hamilton, and \$1,400 for London Conferences, instead of the amounts proposed by the Committee.

Amendment lost.

Item was adopted.

Item 9 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. T. M. Campbell moved, in amendment, That the item be amended to read "That the several Annual Conferences be permitted to raise their apportionment for this fund as they may choose."

On motion, the debate was adjourned.

On motion, permission was given to the Committee on Missions to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

On motion of Rev. S. Bond, it was decided to reconsider the decision to have a session of Conference this evening.

On motion, it was ordered that there be no session of Conference to-night, but that all committees not yet through with their work meet at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. Kay gave notice, that he would move to suspend the Order of Business to-morrow until the reports of the departments are in.

On motion of Rev. W. Kettlewell, the Business Committee was instructed to decide upon the rooms for the meeting of the committees this evening, and post up the list before 8 o'clock.

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The committee on Church Property reported organization. Rev. J. Woodsworth, chairman, J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., secretary.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

### THIRTEENTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept. 15th.*

Conference opened at 9 a.m., the President in the chair. Rev. C. Ladner, of the British Columbia Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

A motion to change the Order of the Day, which was the calling of the roll, was submitted and *lost*.

Conference then proceeded to the Order of the Day, namely, the calling of the roll, when the following responded to their names:

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| " R. Brown.                      | " Hon. Senator Sanford.    |
| Rev. R. W. Woodsworth.           | Rev. W. Rigsby.            |
| " F. E. Nugent.                  | " W. Williams, D.D.        |
| " W. Kettlewell.                 | " S. Bond.                 |
| " J. S. Williamson, D.D.         | " J. Hannon, D.D.          |
| " J. Wakefield, D.D.             | " N. R. Willoughby, D.D.   |
| " J. S. Ross, D.D.               | " G. Jackson.              |
| " W. S. Griffin, D.D.            | " J. C. Antliff, D.D.      |
| " J. G. Scott.                   | " E. N. Baker, B.D.        |
| " W. C. Henderson, D.D.          | " B. Clement.              |

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The Secretary read a communication from Rev. James Turner *re* Klondike Mission, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Notices of motion were received, and referred as follows:—

Mr. John Mann *re* Yearly Tickets of Membership,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. W. Swann *re* Quarterly Tickets,—Committee on Discipline.

On motion, Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., who was absent at roll call, was marked present.

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., it was decided that all members present at any time during this morning's session, on reporting themselves to the Secretary, be marked present.

Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the resolution of the Conference dispensing with quarterly tickets of membership.

On motion, the report of the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance was taken off the table, and Item No. 9 was read, and its adoption moved.

**Report of  
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Moved in amendment by Revs. W. Kettlewell and G. H. Cornish, LL.D., That each annual Conference be held responsible for the amount allocated, and at its discretion may order a second collection during one or more years of the quadrennium.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., That each Quarterly Board be required to put its apportionment of the General Conference Fund in its estimates for the year.—*Lost.*

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. T. W. Jackson, That the amount be distributed by each annual Conference to the several districts, and at the Financial District meeting further distributed to the circuits, which amount shall be final and binding.—*Lost.*

The amendment was submitted and lost.

The item was adopted.

Items Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 were adopted.

Item No. 17 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., That the number of JOURNALS printed be 300 instead of 400.

Amendment was adopted.

Item No. 18 was adopted.

Item No. 19 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, that it be \$35.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, that it be \$50.

Amendment to the amendment lost.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, that it be \$40.

—*Carried.*

Item adopted as amended.

Moved to reconsider Item No. 18.—*Lost.*

Item No. 20 read and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Revs. T. M. Campbell and W. Kettlewell, That the report of the Committee be referred back for the following purposes :

1. To see if there be a constitution for this fund, and, if not, to prepare one, and submit it to the Conference.

2. To recommend a Board of Management, which shall be responsible to the Conference for the management and disbursement of the fund.

3. To intimate to the Conference such expenses as are legitimate claims on this fund, and to provide for an annual audit.—*Carried.*

Item No. 21 read and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, That lists be opened also in the office of the Wesleyan to aid in the restoration of the church property at New Westminster, B.C.—*Carried.*

The item was adopted as amended.

Item No. 22 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. G. Steel, That the amount be \$150.—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Item No. 23 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, That the item include the Assistant Secretaries and the Journal Secretary.—*Carried.*

Item was adopted as amended.

Item No. 24 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., That this item be laid on the table.—*Carried.*

Moved by Revs. A. E. Russ, M.A., and J. W. Sparling, D.D., That Rev. J. F. Betts have authority to solicit donations for the restoration of our church and parsonage property in New Westminster.—*Carried.*

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On motion of Rev. L. Gaetz, the Order of the Day for Friday afternoon, after reading of the minutes, was made to be the consideration of the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

The following reports were presented and laid on the table: **Reports Presented.**  
Conference Boundaries.

Missions, No. 2.

Judicial Decisions.

Itinerancy and Transfers, No. 2.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Missions was taken off the table. **Report of Committee on Missions**

Item No. 5 (Home Missions) was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. W. Rigsby, That the Conference appoint a second Secretary, and that when at all possible this office shall be occupied by a returned missionary.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., That the name be changed to Associate Secretary instead of Field Secretary.—*Carried.*

Amendment was submitted and lost.

Item was adopted as amended.

On motion of Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., the portions of reports bearing on elections were read.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Education was taken off the table. The Secretary of that Committee stated that there was nothing in it bearing on the elections.

On motion, the report of the Book and Publishing Committee was taken off the table, and the portions bearing on elections were read.

Judge Dean moved the adjournment of the debate.—*Carried.*

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 15th.*

Conference resumed at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. J. Woodsworth, of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Mr. T. Nixon gave notice of motion *re* Paragraph No. 35 of the Discipline.

A motion to refer to the Committee on Discipline was lost.

On motion, it was laid on the table till called for.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues was presented.

Item No. 1 was called up, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Education was called up.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., and Rev. F. Chisholm, That we proceed to the Order of the Day, viz., the election of General Conference officers. That we follow the same order as four years ago, adding Associate Missionary Secretary after General Secretary, and Secretary of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools after the other officers. That the elections be by ballot, without nomination, except where otherwise provided for in the Discipline.—*Carried.*

On motion of the Secretary, the following were appointed scrutineers :

Rev. F. B. Stacey, B.A.	Rev. W. H. Sparling, B.A.
" D. W. Johnson, M.A.	Mr. C. A. Birge.
" T. Manning, M.A.	" J. T. Moore.
" E. N. Baker, M.A., B.D.	" W. W. Stumbles.

Election of  
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Ballots being cast for the election of Book Steward of the Western Section, resulted as follows :

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., 220 ; scattered, 6 ; total votes cast, 226.

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., was declared elected.

Ballots being cast for election of Book Steward of the Eastern Section, resulted as follows :

Rev. S. F. Huestis, 213 ; scattered, 7 ; total votes cast, 220.

Rev. S. F. Huestis was declared elected.

Ballots being cast for election of Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, resulted as follows :

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., 126 ; Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., 70 ; Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., 13 ; Rev. J. E. Lanceley, 13 ; Rev. G. C. Workman, Ph.D., 5 ; scattered, 5 ; total votes cast, 232.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., was declared elected.

Ballots being cast for election of the Editor of the *Methodist Magazine* and Sunday School periodicals, resulted as follows :

Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., 207 ; scattered, 11 ; total votes cast, 218.

Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., was declared elected.

The election of the Editor of *Wesleyan* being next in order, the Conference instructed the Secretary to cast a ballot for Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A. This being done, he was declared elected.

Ballots being cast for the election of Missionary Secretary, resulted as follows :

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., 150 ; Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., 32 ; scattered, 26 ; total votes cast, 208.

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Ballots being cast for the election of Associate Secretary of Missions, resulted as follows :

Rev. James Henderson, D.D., 144 ; Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., 18 ; Henderson (without any distinction) 11 ; scattered, 28 ; total votes cast, 201.

Rev. J. Henderson, D.D., was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was directed to cast a ballot for Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., as Clerical Treasurer and Hon. Senator Aikins as Lay Treasurer of the Missionary Society. This being done, they were declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was directed to cast a ballot for Rev. J. Woodsworth as Superintendent of Missions in the North-West and British Columbia. This being done, he was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was directed to cast a ballot for Rev. John Potts, D.D., as Secretary of Education. This being done, he was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was directed to cast a ballot for Rev. A. C. Crews as Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. This being done, he was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was directed to cast a ballot for Rev. John Potts, D.D., and the Hon. Senator Sanford as Treasurers of the Educational Society. This being done, they were declared elected.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 8 of the Business Committee, as follows :

**Report of  
Business  
Committee**

1. That the Committee on Discipline meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening in Room K.

2. That the Committee on Missions meet at 8 o'clock in Parlor.

3. That all other committees where work is not completed meet at the same hour.

4. That leave of absence be granted to Revs. G. W. Henderson, J. M. Harrison, G. W. Dean, F. B. Stacey and Messrs. J. E. Irvine, W. E. Tilley, Ph.D., W. W. Stumbles, J. W. Knox, H. E. Huston and W. E. Rankin.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. Potts, D.D., the Secretary of the Western Delegations reported the names of those nominated as treasurers of the Superannuation Fund, viz., Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., and Mr. E. Gurney.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was directed to cast a ballot for these brethren as Treasurers of the Superannuation Fund. This being done, they were declared elected.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. Potts, D.D.

## FOURTEENTH DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 16th.*

Conference, opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. N. Burwash, D.D., conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a communication from the Rev. H. F. Bland, respecting the Twentieth Century Fund, and also conveying greetings.

On motion, it was directed that a suitable reply be forwarded.

## Notices of Motion

Notices of motion were then given by Mr. W. B. McCoy, LL.B., *re* Insurance of Church Property.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Connexional Fire Insurance.

Rev. T. M. Campbell, *re* Salaries of General Conference Officers.

## Reports Presented

The following reports, viz., Statistics and Schedules No. 2, Sabbath Observance, General Conference Fund and Finance No. 4, were presented, and laid on the table for future action.

## Report of Supernumerary Widows' Fund.

The report of the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund was presented.

Moved by Rev. R. W. Weddall, B.A., that the report be received and printed in the Journals of Conference, and that the changes reported in the constitution be now confirmed by the Conference and incorporated in the Discipline.—*Carried.*

## Report of Union Church Relief Fund

On motion the report of the Committee on the Union Church Relief Fund was taken off the table and considered item by item.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

On motion, Item No. 7 was reconsidered.

In amendment, it was moved to make the amount \$200 instead of \$100.—*Amendment carried.*

The item, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., moved that the Committee on Missions have permission to retire.

Rev. W. R. Young moved, in amendment, that all day Saturday be given up to Committee work.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved in amendment to the amendment, "That the afternoon and evening be given to Committee work."

Amendment to the amendment was lost.

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Rev. W. Kettlewell moved that the report of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund be taken off the table.

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved, in amendment,—That the report of the Committee on Conference Boundaries be taken off the table.

Amendment was submitted and lost.

Motion carried.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were adopted.

Item No. 11 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., moved, in amendment, "But nothing in the preceding shall be understood to prevent a minister who has rendered forty years of effective service from being placed on the superannuated list at his own request."

Report of  
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tion Fund.

On motion, the vote was ordered to be taken.

Amendment was submitted and lost.

The item was amended by adding the following words: "Or asking for the same" before the words "really worn out".

It was further amended by striking out the word "elected," and using the word "appointed."

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Item No. 12 adopted.

Item No. 13, Sub-item (a) was adopted.

Item No. 13, Sub-item (b) was adopted.

Item No. 13, Sub-item (c) was read.

On motion, it was divided.

First part was adopted.

Second part was adopted.

Sub-items d, e and f were adopted.

Moved, to make an addition to sub-item e.

Rev. T. M. Campbell moved, in amendment,—That it be referred back to the committee.—*Lost.*

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the item be changed to read "the Annual Conference may recommend the suspension of," etc., and that the Superannuation Board of Management shall have power to act upon such recommendation, and the decision of said Board in such matters shall be final.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 were adopted.

Rev. T. W. Jackson moved, to amend the whole report, as follows: Any claimant reaching the age of seventy years shall be considered a permanent claimant. The claim shall not be limited by legislation.—*Lost.*

Rev. T. T. George moved, in amendment to the whole,—That the item referring to payments of only 50 per cent. of personal subscriptions of persons retiring, withdrawing, etc., from our work, shall not apply to probationers or claimants of less than five years.—*Lost*.

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. W. Kettlewell.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 16th.

Conference resumed at 2 p.m., the President in the chair. Rev. G. M. Campbell, of the New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conference conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Report of  
Committee on  
Itinerancy  
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Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

Item No. 1 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. N. R. Willoughby, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the ministerial term be four years, but a minister may be stationed for a fifth year, on condition that the Quarterly Official Board request his appointment by a three-fourths vote of those present.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley moved, in amendment to the amendment, That Item No. 4, Par. 140, Stationing Committee, be made to read: "Shall not allow any minister or probationer to remain more than four years successively on the same circuit, except," etc.

On motion, the vote was ordered to be taken.

Amendment to the amendment was submitted.—*Lost*.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the words in Par. 140, Item No. 4, "In special cases, when the necessity of the work seems to demand it," be expunged.—*Lost*.

Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the report be amended by striking out the words in parenthesis, and inserting the following: "Notice having been given in writing to each member of the Board by the Recording Steward, at the request of the pastor, or any two members of the Board, that the question of the pastoral supply will be considered thereat."—*Lost*.

On motion, that part of the item of the report in parenthesis was adopted.

Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the invitation be given at the third meeting of the Quarterly Board.—*Lost*.

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Mr. J. A. Tomkins moved, in amendment,—That the pastoral term be three years, subject to the conditions that prevailed previous to the last General Conference.—*Lost*.

Rev. N. A. McDiarmid moved, in amendment,—That the vote be taken in the third or fourth quarterly meeting.—*Lost*.

Rev. T. W. Jackson moved, in amendment,—That the report be amended by striking out the words, "or five."—*Lost*.

The item of the report was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the item was lost.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

Report No. 2 was, on motion, read and considered item by item.

Item No. 3 (a) was read, and moved to adopt.

Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., moved, in amendment,—That the words, "with the exception of mission conferences," be added.—*Carried*.

Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., moved in amendment to the item of the report,—There shall be a Transfer Committee composed of the General Superintendent, the President of the annual conferences, except mission conferences, and shall meet annually in the month of April.

On motion, the debate was adjourned.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the reception of fraternal delegates.

Reception of  
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Delegates.

Rev. J. F. German, D.D., introduced a deputation from the Congregational Union, consisting of Rev. J. P. Gerrie, Secretary; Mr. H. O'Hara, President of the Toronto District Congregational Association, and Rev. T. B. Hyde, President of the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, to the President, who introduced them to the Conference. Each of these gentlemen addressed the Conference.

Moved by Revs. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., and J. Wakefield, D.D.,—That this Conference extends a most cordial welcome to the representatives of the Congregational Church. The Conference is delighted with their Christian and fraternal greetings, and with their assurances of sympathy with the Methodist Church in its work. This Conference reciprocates most heartily these sentiments and expressions, and assures the Congregational Church of its earnest desire and prayer for the prosperity of the Congregational Church, and shall rejoice in their continued co-operation in persevering labor in all the fields of religious and moral reform.

Carried unanimously by a rising vote.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., introduced Rev. Richard Hatchett, representative of the British M. E. Church to the President, who introduced him to the Conference.

Rev. R. Hatchett addressed the Conference.

Moved by Rev. A. C. Courtice, D.D., and H. S. Matthews, —That we express our hearty sympathy with the work of God, as promoted among a portion of our people in the Dominion of Canada by the British M. E. Church, and pray for their abundant success in the liberties enjoyed under the power of the Gospel, which brings glad tidings of great joy to all people.

Carried unanimously by a rising vote.

**Report of  
Committee on  
Itinerancy  
and Transfers**

The debate on the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers was resumed.

Rev. T. M. Campbell moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the following be a substitute for the report of the Committee—there shall be a Transfer Committee, composed of the General Superintendent and the Secretary of the General Conference :

1. The Transfer Committee may at any time arrange for the transfer of a minister or probationer from any one Conference to any other Conference of the Methodist Church, Provided: (1) That the man transferred shall consent thereto; and (2) That the President of the Annual Conference into which the transfer is made shall consent.

2. The General Superintendent may, when he deems it expedient, call together any of the Annual Conference Presidents to confer upon the promotion of transfers.

3. The Transfer Committee, or any Annual Conference President, may initiate and promote transfers. Paragraphs Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 to remain as now in the Discipline.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, Rev. C. E. Manning gave notice of motion, *re* Twentieth Century Fund.

Moved by Mr. R. W. Clarke,—That the President of each Annual Conference be requested to furnish the Secretary with a list of the names of all the members of his delegation who have attended this General Conference, and that such names be entered upon the JOURNAL of the Conference.—*Carried.*

**Report of  
Business  
Committee**

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 9 of the Business Committee, as follows:—

1. That a session of Conference be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

2. That all committees meet to-morrow at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., as ordered by Conference.

3. That Conference re-assemble at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

4. That leave of absence be granted to Hon. J. W. Sifton, W. Braithwaite, A. M. Bell, T. McKittrick, A. G. Hudson, J. Graham, J. R. Inch, LL.D., W. H. Kerr, F. G. Lewis, J. A.

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Report was adopted.

On motion, the decision of Conference to have no session on Saturday morning was reconsidered.

On motion, it was ordered that a session be held at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Judge Chesley moved,—That the Order of the Day on Monday afternoon be the consideration of the report of the Committee on Memorials.—*Lost*.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

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FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept. 16th.*

Conference resumed at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. J. E. Mavety, of the Montreal Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Conference resumed the Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

Report of  
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The amendment of Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., was decided to be the same as the item of the report, thus making the amendment to the amendment of Rev. T. M. Campbell the amendment.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the General Superintendent, or General Superintendents, shall have power to transfer ministers from one Conference to another at any time. Nevertheless, no minister shall be transferred contrary to his will, nor without the consent of the President of the Conference into which it is proposed to transfer him.—*Lost*.

Rev. W. H. Hartz, DD., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the Transfer Committee for the next quadrennium shall be composed of the General Superintendent and one representative from each Annual Conference (except Mission Conferences), such representative to be elected by the present conference delegations.—*Lost*.

Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the General Superintendent shall have power to transfer ministers from one Conference to another as, in his judgment, the circumstances of the men and the interests of the work may seem to demand; and shall also have power to station men who are transferred without invitation.—*Lost*.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That further debate on this question be deferred for the present and that the General Superintendent appoint a Committee, consisting of one member from each Annual Conference, to devise and submit to this Conference a new and more comprehensive plan for the transfer of ministers from any one Conference to any other, and for the stationing of ministers so transferred.—*Lost*.

Item No. 3 (a) first part was adopted.

Item No. 3 (a) second part was read and moved to adopt.

Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., moved, in amendment,—That all the words beginning with "except" be struck out.

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the item be amended to read "annually," instead of "in April."

The item was amended to read, "The Transfer Committee shall meet annually, at the call of the General Superintendent."

Item No. 3 (b) was read, and moved to adopt.

Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., moved, in amendment,—That the item be amended by adding the words, "that no minister be transferred without his consent, except by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Transfer Committee present."

Rev. J. R. Grundy moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the majority be three-fourths instead of two-thirds.

Amendment to the amendment was lost.

Amendment was adopted.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Item No. 3 (c) was adopted.

Item No. 3 (d) was adopted.

Item No. 3 (e) was adopted.

Item No. 3 (f) was adopted.

Item No. 4 read, and moved to adopt.

Rev. J. Potts, D.D., moved to adjourn the debate.—*Carried*.

Rev. J. F. Betts made an announcement *re* loss of Methodist Church property in New Westminster.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

#### FIFTEENTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept. 17th*.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., of the Hamilton Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Friday evening's session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a communication from the Victoria, B.C., Financial District Meeting, *re* a change of method in raising funds of Quarterly and Trustee Boards,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

On motion, the rule of order requiring notice for reconsideration of a motion passed at a previous session was suspended.

Rev. J. Potts, D.D., moved a reconsideration of the number of members on the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund Board.—*Carried.*

On motion of Rev. J. Potts, D.D., it was decided to make the number fifty, instead of forty.

On motion, the final report of the Committee on the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund was considered.

Item No. 10 was adopted, and the Doxology was sung.

Moved to adopt the report as a whole and as amended.

On motion, the vote was ordered to be taken.

Report was adopted.

On motion, a notice of motion by Rev. T. M. Campbell, *re* Salaries of General Conference officers, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, *viz.*, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.

Item No. 4 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. W. Swann moved, in amendment,—Provided that an equal number of ministers or probationers may be transferred into the Newfoundland Conference from the Conferences into which ministers of the Newfoundland Conference are transferred.

A motion that the vote be taken was lost.

Amendment was withdrawn.

On motion, the vote was ordered to be taken.

Item was adopted.

Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., moved to further amend Item No. 4, by adding,—That the men transferred into the Newfoundland Conference shall have the right to return after eight or ten years if they so desire.—*Carried.*

Items Nos. 5 and 6 were adopted.

Moved, to adopt the report as amended.

Rev. H. S. Matthews moved, in amendment to Item No. 4,—That, in reference to the transfer of ministers from the Newfoundland Conference, not more than one of the ministers be transferred into any one Conference without the consent of the President of such Conference.—*Carried.*

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Report of  
Committee on  
Conference  
Boundaries

Report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Motions to take the reports of the Book and Publishing Committee and of the Committee on Education were lost.

On motion, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Conference Boundaries was taken off the table.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. A. Rankin moved, in amendment,—That the Nipissing and Sudbury Districts be not now transferred to the Toronto Conference, but that a Committee of one minister and one layman from each of the following Conferences be appointed, viz., Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Hamilton and London, who shall consider the whole question of Conference boundaries and report to the next General Conference. —*Lost.*

Mr. W. T. R. Preston, at this stage, called attention to Paragraph 93 of the Discipline.

It was found that this item required a two-thirds vote. One hundred and forty votes were cast. Necessary to carry, 93—102 for; 38 against.

Item was adopted.

Item No. 3 was adopted.

Item No. 4 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the Kingston District be added to the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the Toronto East District be added to the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Moved by Revs. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., and N. R. Willoughby, D.D.,—That this General Conference understands that the words, "by a vote of two-thirds of its members," in Paragraph 93 of the Discipline, mean "by a vote of two-thirds of its members present and voting."

On motion, the debate was adjourned.

Report of  
Business  
Committee

Rev. J. R. Gundy presented Report No. 10 of the Business Committee, as follows:

1. That committees which have not completed their work meet this afternoon, as ordered.
2. That Conference meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning, as ordered.
3. That the first Order of Business Monday morning be the report of the Committee on Missions.
4. That the first Order of Business Monday evening be the report of the Committee on the Deaconess' Movement.

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5. That after the report of the Committee on Missions, other reports to have precedence in the following order: (1) Education, (2) Book and Publishing, (3) Course of Study.

6. That the request of the Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association for thirty minutes, in order to present the objects of their Association, be referred to the Conference for action.

(7) That leave of absence be granted to Messrs. W. F. Hall, J. Bissell and Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., moved, in amendment to the report, —That the Order of the Day after the report on Missions be the report of the Book and Publishing Committee. *Carried.*

Report as amended was adopted.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. R. Gundy.

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### SIXTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 19th.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. J. W. Holmes, of the London Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Rev. A. Langford, D.D., the rule of order requiring notice for reconsideration of a report passed at a previous session was suspended.

On motion, the item *re* return of ministers from Newfoundland Conference was reconsidered.

Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., moved, in amendment, —That the term of return be eight years.

Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment, —That the term be ten years.

The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

The report, as a whole, was adopted, as amended.

Motions, of which notice had been given, were called for.

Mr. Thos. Nixon and Rev. A. Stewart, B.D., moved, —That **Motions** whereas, this General Conference has decided that the footnote to Wesley's rules of membership be retained as part of the Discipline of the Church, and, whereas, it has been freely stated by ministers and laymen on the floor of the Conference that this part of the Discipline is often and openly violated with impunity; therefore, it is ordered that superintendents of circuits and mission stations be, and they are hereby instructed to administer the Discipline in this behalf,

and remove from the roll of membership the names of all who violate any of the commands or prohibitions contained in said foot-note, as well as those of the regular disciplinary rules of the Church.—*Lost.*

Messrs. W. T. R. Preston and J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved,—That this Conference has learned with regret that the increase in members is smaller than during any preceding quadrennium since the last union, and that there is a small decrease in the number of class-leaders. It is believed that this should give occasion to earnest heart-searching and humiliation before God. It is strongly recommended that earnest efforts be put forth to make our class-meetings more and more attractive and spiritually helpful, and that more importance should be attached to the holding of leaders' meetings, to the preparation and diffusion of useful literature on the subject, and to the holding of class-leaders' conventions or institutes in connection with our Conferences and District meetings and at leading centres.

Rev. G. Jackson moved that this motion be laid on the table till the report of the Committee on State of the Work is received.—*Lost.*

Motion was adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., Rule No. 14 of the Rules of Order was suspended, and it was decided that "five minutes" be inserted instead of "ten minutes" for the remainder of the present Conference.

Rev. C. E. Manning moved the following, of which he had previously given notice: If anyone wishes to contribute forthwith to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund by making a special donation to any of our educational institutions, the Missionary Society, the Superannuation or Supernumerary Funds, or any local church debt, their contribution shall be credited to said Fund.—*Carried.*

Rev. A. Langford, D.D., moved to reconsider the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Transfers.—*Carried.*

On motion, Item No. 7 was adopted.

On motion, the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

**Report of  
Committee on  
Conference  
Boundaries**

Conference then proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the report on Conference boundaries.

The President stated that as to the two-thirds vote in Paragraph 93, while the words may imply that two-thirds of the entire membership be required, former General Conferences have proceeded upon the interpretation that it be two-thirds of the members present when the vote is taken, which therefore stands as the sense of the General Conference in this case.

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By consent of the Conference the amendment and amendment to the amendment were withdrawn.

Report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Notices of motion were given as follows :—

By Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D.,—That on constitutional questions the quorum necessary shall be one-half of the members of Conference present on roll call. **Notices of Motion**

By J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.,—That a committee of seven be appointed to consider what additional safeguards can be devised for the transaction of business regarding constitutional and other important questions requiring more than usual care and deliberation.

On motion of Rev. W. Jackson, D.D., the following Committee was appointed to prepare and present an address to the incoming Governor-General : **Address to Governor-General**

General Superintendent.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D.

“ S. P. Rose, D.D.

“ E. B. Ryckman, D.D.

Hon. G. A. Cox.

Hon. W. E. Sanford.

Judge Deacon.

B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P.

Conference proceeded to the second Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Missions. **Report of Committee on Missions**

Item No. 9, Sub-item 2, was read, and its adoption moved.

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved, in amendment—That the General Conference elect six ministers and six laymen as members of the Board.—*Carried.*

Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., moved in amendment to the report, —That the election of the Missionary Board be by the General Conference, by ballot without nomination.—*Carried.*

On motion of Mr. J. Tait the elections were ordered to take place at the close of the consideration of the report on Missions.

Part of the report was read.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item No. 3 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. Wakefield moved, in amendment,—That the clause be so amended as to read “Not without a three-fourths vote of the Annual Conference.”

Rev. J. F. German, D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That in the report of the Executive Committee of the General Board of Missions concerning the formation of new missions No. 1 be stricken out, and in lieu thereof, the following be substituted, “No circuit which has been self-supporting for a married man shall be placed upon the list of missions without the recommendation of the May District Meeting given by a three-fourths vote, and consented to by a three-fourths vote of the ensuing Annual Conference.”

Amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Item was reconsidered.

Amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Item No. 4 (Home Missions), Sub-item No. 1 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. C. E. Manning moved, in amendment,—That the word "Incidentals," when it applies to a Home Missionary's salary in the Missionary Committee's report, be stricken out.—*Carried.*

Rev. T. T. George moved to amend,—That the term "allowance" do not include horse keep or hire.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Sub-item No. 2 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. W. H. Heartz, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the figures, \$600, \$350 and \$300, be substituted by \$750, \$400 and \$350.—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Sub-item No. 3 was adopted.

Sub-item No. 4 read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, it was amended by adding the words, "At least."

On motion, it was further amended by substituting the words, "limited numbers and scanty means of the membership" for "impoverished membership."

Item No. 5 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., moved to amend after the word "period." And when such notice is given the Annual Conference shall take action thereon, which action can only become final upon a three-fourths vote of the Conference, otherwise the recommendation of the General Board shall be accepted.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

On motion it was decided to have a session of Conference at 2 p.m.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 19th.*

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. D. Winter, of the Montreal Conference conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Rev. C. E. Manning gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of his motion *re* Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, passed at this morning's session.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. W. Sipprell, Principal of Columbian College, B.C., *re* need of additional help

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from the Educational Fund, because of loss by fire at New Westminster.

The nominations of the several Conference delegations to the different Church Boards and Committees were called for, and the following were reported and accepted by the Conference :—

**Conference  
Nominations  
to Church  
Boards and  
Committees**

*Toronto Conference.*

BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—H. S. Matthews, J. Potts, D.D.

*Laymen*—J. W. St. John, L. G. Jackson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—J. E. Lanceley.

*Layman*—W. T. R. Preston.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Mr. N. W. Rowell.

SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD.

*Ministers*—A. B. Chambers, LL.B., A. Langford, D.D.

*Laymen*—R. Brown, J. B. Willmott, D.D.S., D. Graham.

*London Conference*

BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—S. Bond, J. W. Holmes.

*Laymen*—W. J. Ferguson, T. B. Carling.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—J. Edge.

*Layman*—T. B. Shillington.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A.

SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD.

*Minister*—J. Hannon, D.D.

*Layman*—C. E. Naylor.

*Hamilton Conference.*

BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—J. S. Ross, D.D., W. C. Henderson, D.D.

*Laymen*—J. Gibson, T. Hilliard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—R. W. Woodsworth.

*Layman*—J. S. Deacon.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. J. H. Hazlewood.

## SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD.

*Minister*—W. Kettlewell.*Laymen*—W. J. Robertson, LL.B., J. Mills, LL.D.*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

## BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—W. R. Young, B.A., W. J. Crothers, D.D.*Laymen*—G. D. Platt, B.A., W. E. Tilley, Ph.D.

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*Minister*—D. N. McCamus.*Layman*—W. Johnston.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. W. Johnston.

## SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD.

*Ministers*—T. M. Campbell, S. J. Shorey.*Layman*—S. P. Ford, M.D.*Montreal Conference.*

## BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—W. Jackson, D.D., J. E. Mavety.*Laymen*—A. Shaw, J. W. Knox.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—T. J. Mansell.*Layman*—J. A. Tomkins.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. T. Griffith, M.A., Ph.D.

## SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD.

*Minister*—W. J. Hunter, D.D.*Layman*—B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P.*Nova Scotia Conference.*

## BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—W. H. Heartz, D.D., J. A. Rogers.*Laymen*—H. Woodbury, D.D.S., A. M. Bell, W. B. McCoy,  
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*Minister*—E. E. England.*Layman*—T. Woodbury, D.D.S.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.

*New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.*

## BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Ministers*—G. Steel, R. W. Weddall, M.A., R. Wilson,  
Ph.D.*Laymen*—J. L. Black, L. L. Beer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—G. M. Campbell.*Layman*—J. E. Irvine.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Mr. J. M. Palmer, M.A.

*Newfoundland Conference.*

## BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

*Minister*—L. Curtis.*Layman*—W. F. Burns, M.D.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.*Layman*—J. E. P. Peters.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

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*Manitoba and North-West Conference.*

## BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Nixon.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

*Minister*—J. M. Harrison.*Layman*—S. E. Clement, B.A.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. F. B. Stacey, B.A.

## SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD.

Rev. J. Woodsworth.

## British Columbia Conference.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Minister—W. H. Barraclough, B.A.

Layman—R. H. Cairns.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. Joseph Hall.

Report of  
Committee on  
Missions.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Missions.

Item No. 6 (Home Missions), Sub-items Nos. 1 and 2 were read, and their adoption moved.

On motion, the items were amended by substituting the word "probationers" for "candidates."

Sub-items, as amended, were adopted.

Sub-item No. 3 was adopted.

Item No. 7 (Indian Missions).—Preamble read, and its adoption moved. On its being submitted a count was demanded—77 voted for, 48 against.—*Carried.*

Sub-item No. 1 (a). A three-fourths vote was necessary to pass this item. On being submitted, 135 votes were cast—110 for, 25 against. Necessary to carry, 90.—*Carried.*

Sub item (b) was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. G. J. Bishop moved, in amendment,—That the whole scheme be referred back to the Committee for harmonization, and to report back to Conference.—*Carried.*

Sub-item No. 5 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment,—That it be referred to the General Board.—*Carried.* 65 voting for, 48 against.

Sub-item No. 6 was adopted.

Item No. 8 was read, and on motion was taken up item by item.

Preamble, 1 and 2 were adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Gundy, that part of the report *re* Japan was ordered to be printed, and that the report of the Committee on Missions be the first Order of the Day on Tuesday morning.

It was further ordered that the Secretary of the Committee have the printing done.

Report of  
Business  
Committee

Rev. J. R. Gundy presented Report No. 11 of the Business Committee as follows :

1. That Conference meet in session at 8 o'clock this evening as ordered, and receive the report of the Committee on the Deaconess' movement.

2. That Conference meet in session to morrow morning at 9 o'clock for general business.

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3. Leave of absence having been requested by a large number of members of Conference, your Committee deem it unadvisable at this stage of the Conference to take any action in that direction.

Report was adopted.

On motion, it was decided that Miss Scott, Superintendent of the Deaconess' movement, should have ten minutes in which to speak of that work, when the report is brought in at this evening's session.

On motion the Committee on Missions was given permission to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

MONDAY EVENING, Sept. 19th.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. W. H. Langille, of the Nova Scotia Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Communications were read by the Secretary as follows :

From Prisoners' Aid Association,—Referred to Committee on Sociology.

From Executive Committee of the Epworth League, Tilsonburg, expressing pleasure at retention of foot-note to the General Rules,—Placed on file.

Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Deaconess' Movement.

Report of Committee on Deaconess' Movement

Miss Scott, Superintendent of Deaconess' Home, Toronto, Miss Arris, Miss Nablo, Miss Tingley, and Miss McIlhenie, Deaconesses, were introduced by Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., to the President, who presented them to the Conference.

Report No. 2 was read.

On motion, Report No. 1 was taken off the table and its adoption moved.—Carried.

Report No. 2—Preamble was adopted.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Report as a whole was adopted.

Conference proceeded to the next order, viz., the consideration of the report of the Book and Publishing Committee.

Report of Book and Publishing Committee

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

Item No. 10 was read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, it was amended to read, "to report to the Book Committee, which shall have power to act."

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Item No. 11—Sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) were read, and adoption moved.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved to lay on the table.—*Lost.*

After debate, another motion to lay on the table was lost.

Mr. W. J. Robertson, LL.B., moved, in amendment,—That it be amended so as to read, "all the annual Conferences, and to report to the next General Conference."

Mr. N. W. Rowell moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That this be struck out of the report.

Amendment to the amendment was lost.

'On motion it was decided to consider this part of the report item by item.

A motion to adjourn the debate was lost.

A motion to adjourn the Conference was lost.

Sub-item (a) was read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, the whole subject of the amalgamation of the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan* was laid on the table.

Items Nos. 12 and 13 were adopted.

The adoption of the report as a whole was moved.

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved,—That the report be referred back to the Committee to prepare the necessary items for insertion in the Discipline.—*Carried.*

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

### SEVENTEENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 20th.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. J. Hannon, D.D., of the London Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Monday evening's session were read and confirmed.

Report of  
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Education

The report of the Committee on Education was taken off the table.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Item No. 8—Sub-items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item No. 8—Sub-item No. 3 was read, and its adoption moved.

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Mr. A Shaw moved, in amendment,—That Stanstead College be placed among the list of Connexional institutions of our Church, provided that the charter be so changed as to provide for the election of the Governing Board by the General Conference; and, as in case of other Connexional institutions, to be under the control of the General Conference.

The amendment was submitted and a count demanded—58 for, 75 against.—*Lost.*

Items Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were adopted.

Item No. 20 was laid on the table.

Item No. 21 was adopted.

No. 22, Appendix (*re* nominations to Educational Boards) Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Moved to adopt report as a whole.

Moved, in amendment,—That Item No. 3 be reconsidered.—*Carried.*

Item No. 3 was read, and its adoption moved.

Mr. C. A. Birge moved, in amendment,—That the words, "Wherever practicable," be replaced as now in the Discipline.

The vote was ordered to be taken.

The amendment was carried.

Moved to adopt the report as a whole.

On motion, it was ordered that the sub-committee mentioned in the report prepare the items relating to the subject of the General Treasurers, as it will appear in the Discipline, and report to the Conference.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 12 of the Business Committee, as follows:

**Report of  
Business  
Committee**

1. That Conference re-assemble at 2 o'clock this afternoon and at 8 this evening, and that sessions be regularly held at 9 a.m., 2, and 8 p.m., until the business of the Conference is completed.

2. That reports of committees be taken up in the following order, after the report of the Committee on Missions is disposed of:

- Discipline.
- Memorials.
- General Conference Fund and Finance.
- Insurance of Connexional Property.
- Course of Study.
- Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.
- State of the Work.
- Civil Rights and Privileges.
- Sustentation Fund.
- Church Property.
- Church and Parsonage Aid.

Ecumenical Conference.  
 Temperance and Prohibition.  
 Systematic Beneficence.  
 Judicial Decisions.  
 Sabbath Observance.  
 Sociological Questions.  
 Church Union.  
 Statistics and Schedules.

3. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. W. Johnston, Belleville, since last Wednesday, your Committee recommend that leave of absence be granted him.

Report was adopted.

Mr. D. Allison, LL.D., moved,—That after the introductory business, the first Order of the Day this afternoon be the election of fraternal delegates, and that the order of election be the same as at previous General Conferences, viz., by nomination and ballot.—*Lost*.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Delegations,—*Adopted*.

Report of  
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 Missions

The report of the Committee on Missions was taken off the table.

Item No. 7, (Indian Missions) Sub-items (b), (c) and (d) were adopted.

Sub-item (e) was under consideration when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 20th*.

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. W. Swann, of the Newfoundland Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning's session were read and confirmed.

Report of  
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The report of the Committee on Missions was taken up and its consideration continued.

Item No. 7—Sub-item (e) was adopted.

Item No. 7—Sub-item (f) was read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, the vote was ordered to be taken.

Item was adopted.

Sub-item (g) was adopted.

Item No. 7—Sub-section (1). Referred to the General Board.

Item No. 7—Sub section (2), adopted.

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On motion, this section of the report was adopted, as a whole.

Item No. 8 (Medical missions)—Sub-item Nos. 1 and 2 previously passed.

Sub-item No. 3 was adopted.

The vote being challenged it was declared that the item was carried by more than a three-fourths' majority.

Sub-items Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Moved to adopt this part of the report as a whole.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., moved, in amendment: That during the ensuing quadrennium the General Board have power to adopt, if necessary, additional regulations respecting medical missionaries and their work, not inconsistent with the foregoing regulations.—*Carried.*

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved, in further amendment,—That the question of making provision for medical missionaries and their families in case of misfortune, sickness or death be referred to the General Board of Missions, with power to act.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy moved, in amendment to the amendment,—In case of the death or total disability of a medical missionary while laboring under regular appointment on any of our foreign or Indian fields, his wife and children (if any) shall be treated by the Missionary Board in the same way as they would be if he were an ordained minister.—*Lost.*

Amendment by Rev. S. F. Huestis was carried.

Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., moved, in further amendment to the report,—That years of service of medical missionaries after admission to probation for the ministry be accepted *pro tanto* in lieu of the years of probation required in the regular work, provided they pass the prescribed course of study.—*Carried.*

Item No. 9 was read.

Sub-items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Sub-item No. 3 (*e*) was amended by adding the words, "to be referred to these respective Boards to report to the next General Conference."

Sub-item 3 (*e*) adopted as amended.

All other sub-items under No. 3 adopted.

Item No. 10—Sub-item No. 1 was adopted.

Sub-item No. 2 was stricken out.

Sub-items Nos. 3 and 4 were adopted.

Sub-item No. 5 read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. C. E. Manning,—That the subject of this item be referred to the favorable consideration of the Board of Missions.

On motion, the vote was ordered to be taken.

Amendment carried.

Item as amended was adopted.

Sub-items Nos. 6 and 7 were adopted.

Item No. 11 (Japan Missions) was ordered to be considered. clause by clause.

Preamble was adopted.

Section 2, Mission Council.

Item No. 1 and sub-item (a) were adopted.

Sub-item (b) read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy moved, in amendment,—That the words, “or Secretary appointed by the Board,” be stricken out.

This item was under consideration when the time of adjournment arrived.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. D. L. Brethour.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 20th.*

Conference resumed at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. H. Cairns, of the Montreal Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Report of  
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The Order of the Day was taken up, viz., the consideration of the Report of Committee on Missions.

Sub-item (b) was further considered.

Rev. F. Chisholm moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the word “corresponding” be added, so as to read, “or corresponding secretary.”

A motion to take the vote was submitted—65 for, 70 against,—*Lost.*

The amendment was withdrawn by consent of Conference.

Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—The council composed of the missionaries and the superintendent shall meet together at least once a year for mutual consultation respecting the interests of the work on the various fields comprised in the mission.

Amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Item adopted as amended.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., moved,—That this General Conference hereby authorize and direct the General Board of Missions to appoint at the earliest possible date a superintendent of our mission work in Japan.—*Carried.*

Sub-item (c) was read and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment to strike out the words, “or secretary above named.”—*Carried.*

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Rev. W. Rigsby moved,—That this Conference do authorize and direct the Missionary Board to appoint a Superintendent of our Mission Work in China.—*Carried.*

Sub-items (*d*) and (*e*) were adopted.

Sub-item (*f*) was read, and its adoption moved

Rev. A. E. Russ M.A., moved, in amendment,—That the word “may” in the seventh line read “shall.”—*Lost.*

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved, in amendment,—“The executives of the two councils shall meet in joint session when deemed necessary.”—*Carried.*

Mr. N. W. Rowell moved, to amend the item by inserting after the words, “deemed necessary,” “such joint sessions of the council and executive to be held at the call of the Superintendent after consultation with the President of the Woman’s Council.”—*Lost.*

Item as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Gundy, the resolution of Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., was reconsidered.

Mr. E. Gurney moved, in amendment,—“That this General Conference elect the Superintendent of the Mission Work in Japan.”

Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., B.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That we elect a Superintendent for the Mission in Japan, and that the election be the first order of business to-morrow morning.

Amendment to the amendment was lost.

Amendment carried.

Conference adjourned. The benediction being pronounced by Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D.

### EIGHTEENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 21st.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. G. W. Henderson, of the London Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Tuesday evening’s session were read and confirmed.

The Order of the Day was taken up, viz., consideration of the Report of the Committee on Missions. **Report of Committee on Missions.**

Sub-item (*g*) read, and its adoption moved.

Moved to amend, by substituting the word “directions” for “wishes.”—*Carried.*

Item as amended was adopted.

Item (*h*) was adopted.

Item (*i*) read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, the item was amended by substituting, "the missionary shall have" for "he should have."

Also, by substituting "to plan," instead of "to lay plans."

Also, by substituting "shall direct," instead of "should direct."

Item as amended was adopted.

Item (*j*) read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, amended: (1) By striking out the words "of the evangelistic work." (2) By striking out the words, "if" down to "decide." (3) By substituting "Superintendent" for "Council." (4) By striking out the words from "In case" down to "Executive."

Item as amended was adopted.

Sub-item (*k*) was adopted.

Sub-item (*l*) read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, the item was amended so as to read, "the Council . . . a full report of the work and any," etc.

Item as amended was adopted.

Item (*m*) struck out.

Item (*n*) read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, the item was amended by substituting the word "Superintendent" for the words "Corresponding Secretary of the Board in the Foreign Field."

Item as amended was adopted.

Section 3. Superintendent, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Preamble read, and its adoption moved.

On motions amended: (1) To read, "The Superintendent of any Foreign Mission shall be the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Board for such Mission." (2) By striking out the words, "and wishes." (3) So as to read, "all educational institutions," instead of "any educational institutions."

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Sub-item (*a*) read, and its adoption moved.

On motions amended: By striking out the word, "evangelistic" in the first line. By adding the word "to" before the following words: "confer with and advise," "advise with the missionaries," "decide matters in dispute," "open up," "initiate through council."

The words "advise . . . work" were adopted.

" " "decide . . . adjustment" were adopted.

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Amended by substituting as follows: "and in general so to lead and direct the work of the mission as to build up the Annual Conference and the work under its care.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items (b) and (c) were adopted.

Clause beginning "Until such" read, and its adoption moved.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren moved, in amendment,—That "if there be no Superintendent, or in case of his disability or absence from the mission, the General Board," etc.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—“ In case of the death or disability of the Superintendent, or his absence from the field, the General Board or Executive Committee shall designate one of the Foreign Missionaries as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary *pro tem*, who shall discharge the duties specified in Sub-sections (b) and (c) of the Regulations next preceding, except those of Superintendency.”—*Carried*.

Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., moved,—“That in the event of the death or permanent disability of the Superintendent, the General Conference Special Committee shall elect,” etc.

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved, in amendment,—That the provisions of Par. 360, Secs. 7 and 8 of the Discipline, apply to the Superintendents of foreign mission fields.

Amendment carried.

Section *re* Mission Conferences.

Items (a) and (b) were adopted.

Item (c) was read, and its adoption moved.

Mr. N. W. Howell moved, in amendment,—That the clause be amended by inserting between the words "five" and "consecutive," the words "or more"; and by striking out the words "this term" in the second last line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "five years," and that the following be added to the clause, "but in no case shall the term exceed seven years."

Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D., moved in amendment to the amendment, "But in no case shall the same person be appointed to the same field for a longer period than seven years."

Amendment to the amendment was lost.

Amendment lost.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., moved in amendment to the item of the report, "But in no case shall the term exceed seven years."—*Carried*.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Clause beginning with "Your Committee" was adopted.

Clause beginning with "Respecting the Woman's Missionary Society," was adopted.

Sub-item (b) was adopted.

Clause beginning with "Regarding the status" . . . . . to "such a course" was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D., Item No. 2, Sub-item (a) was reconsidered.

Moved by Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D.,—That Sub-section (a) be so amended as to read before the words "when present," as follows: "The Superintendent of Missions shall be Chairman of all meetings of the council when present."—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Moved by Messrs. C. E. Naylor and W. T. R. Preston, regarding the status of missionaries' wives, it is recommended as follows: That the wives of the missionaries appointed by the General Board shall be regarded as missionaries, and shall be expected to devote as much of their time to direct missionary work as their other duties will allow. They shall submit to the Mission Council annual reports of the work under their care, and shall present to the council at its annual meeting, estimates for their work during the year.—*Lost.*

Moved by Mr. C. E. Naylor and Rev. T. T. George, regarding Conference Districts in Japan, it is recommended as follows,—That no section of the field be recognized as a district until it has at least four circuits, and pays one-third of the salaries and other expenses necessary for carrying on the work within its bounds.—*Lost.*

Rev. G. C. Workman, Ph.D., moved,—That in editing the "Discipline," the words "the Women's Missionary Society" be substituted for "the Woman's Missionary Society."—*Lost.*

J. Mills, LL.D., moved,—It shall be the duty of the native chairmen of districts, pastors and annual conferences to cooperate in all possible ways with the missionaries and the Superintendent of the Mission.—*Carried.*

Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

On motion, a memorial regarding the printing of the Missionary Reports, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. D. Allison, LL.D., the Conference decided to proceed to the election of fraternal delegates immediately after the election of members of the General Board of Missions.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 21st.*

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. T. M. Campbell, of the Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning's session were read and confirmed.

The Order of the Day was taken up, viz., the election of six ministers and six laymen as members of the General Board of Missions. **Election to General Board of Missions**

Rev. W. J. Crothers, D.D., moved that the six ministers and six laymen having the highest number of votes be declared elected.—*Lost.*

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., moved that two ballot papers be used—one for the ministers and the other for laymen.—*Carried.*

The names of ministers and laymen elected by the annual conferences, as members of the General Board of Missions, were read by the Secretary for information.

The following were appointed as Scrutineers :

Mr. N. W. Rowell.	Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A.
" J. T. Moore.	" T. A. Moore.
" A. Shaw.	" D. W. Johnston, M.A.

The ballot was cast, and the Scrutineers retired.

Revs. W. Jackson, D.D., and T. G. Williams, D.D., moved, —That whereas, there is in the reports that come before the Conference much that is not needful to enter into the written **Records in Written Journal** JOURNAL. Therefore,

*Resolved.*—That the General Superintendent, Secretary of Conference, and the JOURNAL Secretary, be a Committee to determine what portion shall be admitted to, and what portion excluded from, the written JOURNAL, and that all the original reports be preserved.—*Carried.*

On motion of Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., the following were appointed a Committee to edit the General Conference **Editors of Printed Journal** JOURNAL :

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D.	Rev. G. Steel.
Rev. W. Jackson, D.D.	

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved,—That the General Superintendent nominate a committee in conjunction with himself to edit the "Discipline."—*Carried.* **Editors of Discipline**

In accordance with the above, the General Superintendent nominated the following :

Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D.,	Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D.
LL.D.	" S. Bond.
Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.	Judge Chesley.
" W. Jackson, D.D.	J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.

The nominations were accepted by the Conference.

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., reported the item for insertion in the Discipline, *re* Circuit Registers.—*Accepted*.

On motion, it was decided to reconsider this item in order to consider the first item of the report of the Committee on Discipline on the same subject.

**Report of  
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Conference then proceeded to consider Report No. 3 of the Committee on Discipline.

Item No. 1 was adopted, and was ordered to take the place of the item just reconsidered.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

Item No. 3—Sub-items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item No. 4 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, to strike out the words, "and voting."—*Lost*.

Item was adopted.

Item No. 5—Sub-items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Sub-item No. 3 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved, in amendment, to strike out Questions Nos. 2, 3 and 4.—*Lost*.

Item of report was lost.

Sub-item No. 4 was lost.

Sub-item No. 5 was read, and its adoption moved.

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved, in amendment,—That the phraseology of the First Article be adopted.—*Lost*.

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Item No. 6 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved in amendment,—That instead of "Invocation" it shall be "The Lord's Prayer."—*Lost*.

Item was adopted.

Item No. 7 was adopted.

Item No. 8 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment,—That the part referring to the Missionary Committee be adopted.—*Carried*.

The other parts of the item were lost.

Item No. 9 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. Wakefield, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the word "only" be added.—*Lost*.

Rev. G. W. Calvert moved, in amendment,—That the word "shall" be substituted for "may."—*Lost*.

Moved, that the place of the item in the Discipline be left to the editors of the Discipline.

Rev. J. S. Ross moved, in amendment,—That it be placed in the Discipline after Sec. 134.

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Rev. J. R. Gundy moved, in amendment to the amendment,  
—That it be placed after Sec. 129.—*Lost.*

Amendment carried.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items Nos. 9a, 10 and 11, adopted.

Item No. 12 read, and its adoption moved.

The vote was ordered to be taken, and the chair ruled that a three-fourths' vote was necessary to carry.

Item was lost.

Report No. 1 of the Scrutineers was received, as follows:  
Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., was declared elected.

A second ballot was cast and the Scrutineers retired.

Items Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 were adopted.

On motion, Item No. 16 was reconsidered.

On motion, it was amended so as to read "until the opening of the Conference."

Items Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20 were adopted.

Item No. 21 read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, to amend by striking out the word "paid."—  
*Carried.*

Moved, that it be five days' notice.—*Lost.*

Moved, that it be two days' notice.—*Lost.*

All reference to notice struck out.

Item all lost.

Moved by Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D.,—That the whole clause referring to the employment of professional counsel be struck out.—*Lost.*

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved to amend, as follows:—To add "Except in cases where both parties employ such counsel."

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved, in amendment,—To amend Par. No. 208, by striking out the last sentence and substituting therefor the following, viz, "But such representative shall not be a professional counsel."

Amendment adopted.

Item, as amended, adopted.

Item No. 22 was adopted.

Item No. 23 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. S. Bond moved, in amendment,—That the word "immorality" be struck out, and that the words in the first part of Par. No. 218 be restored.

Report No. 2 of the Scrutineers was received.

Revs. S. F. Huestis and E. B. Ryckman, D.D., and Messrs. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., and Hon. Senator Cox were declared elected.

A third ballot was cast and the Scrutineers retired.  
Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by  
Rev. F. Chisholm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 21st.*

Conference resumed at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair.  
Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., B.D., of the London Conference,  
conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read, amended  
and confirmed.

Elections

Report No. 3 of the Scrutineers, *re* election of Missionary  
Board, was received.

Revs. Wm. Briggs, D.D., and J. Wakefield, D.D., and  
Messrs. W. F. Hall and J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., were declared  
elected.

Report of  
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A fourth ballot was taken and the Scrutineers retired.  
The Order of the Day was taken up, viz., the Report of the  
Committee on Discipline.

Item No. 23 was under consideration.

The vote was ordered to be taken.

Amendment of Rev. S. Bond was adopted.

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved, in amendment,—That  
the Conference do not concur in the recommendation of this  
item in the Committee's report.

Rev. W. Williams, D.D., moved, in further amendment,  
that the words "membership of the church" be left out.

Report No. 4 of the Scrutineers was received.—*No election.*

A fifth ballot was taken and the Scrutineers retired.

Amendment of J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., was adopted.

Item No. 23, second and third parts not concurred in.

Item No. 24—Sub-item No. 1 was adopted.

Report No. 5 of the Scrutineers was received.

Mr. A. Shaw was declared elected.

A sixth ballot was taken and the Scrutineers retired.

Item No. 24—Sub-item No. 2 was adopted.

Sub-item No. 3 read, and its adoption moved.

Judge Chesley moved, in amendment,—That the evidence  
be furnished on paying cost of copying.—*Lost.*

Moved, in amendment, that Conference do not concur.—  
*Carried*—57 voting for, 35 against.

Report No. 6 of the Scrutineers was received.

Rev. L. Gaetz was declared elected.

Item No. 32 read, and its adoption moved.

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Report No. 7 of the Scrutineers was received.

Mr. J. T. Moore was declared elected.

On motion of Rev. John Wakefield, D.D., the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for Rev. John Scott, D.D., as Superintendent of Missions in Japan.

This being done, he was declared elected.

Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., moved that the Conference proceed to elect a Fraternal Delegate to the British Wesleyan, Primitive Methodist, New Connexion and the Bible Christian Conferences.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved to leave out the delegate to England.—*Lost.*

The resolution of Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., was adopted.

Conference proceeded to the election of Fraternal Delegates.

Nominations for Fraternal Delegate to Great Britain and Ireland were made as follows:—

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D.	Rev. J. R. Gundy.
“ E. B. Ryckman, D.D.	“ G. J. Bond.
“ A. Carman, D.D.	“ H. Sprague, D.D.
“ A. Langford, D.D.	

On motion, the nominations closed.

A ballot was taken and the Scrutineers retired.

Item No. 32 was again read, and its adoption moved.

Report No. 1 of Scrutineers *re* Fraternal Delegates was received.—*No election.*

A second ballot was taken.

Rev. W. Rigsby moved the suspension of the rule requiring notice of motion to be given to reconsider the action of a previous session.—*Carried.*

Report of  
Committee  
on Discipline  
resumed.

Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., moved, in amendment to the previous action of the Conference on this subject,—That instead of the quarterly ticket a yearly card of membership be given to each member of the church; but wherever any Quarterly Official Board, by resolution, expresses its desire for the continuance of the present system of the quarterly renewal of the ticket within the bounds of its circuit, it shall be at liberty to arrange for the same.

Rev. S. G. Bland, B.A., moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That Sec. 2 Par. 174 be amended as follows: “To visit the classes quarterly and to renew the tickets quarterly or annually as the Quarterly Official Board may direct.—*Lost.*

Amendment carried.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Scrutineers was received.

Rev. A. Carman, D.D., was declared elected.

Nominations for Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church were made as follows :

Rev. A. Langford, D.D.	Rev. J. Henderson, D.D.
" W. J. Hunter, D.D.	" W. J. Crothers, D.D.
" A. Sutherland, D.D.	" N. Burwash, D.D.

On motion, the nominations closed.

A ballot was cast and the Scrutineers retired.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved that Conference proceed to elect without a ballot.—*Lost*.

Nominations for Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South were made as follows :

Rev. R. Brecken, D.D.	Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B.
" S. Bond.	" S. F. Huestis.
" T. G. Williams, D.D.	" J. S. Ross, D.D.
" E. B. Ryckman, D.D.	" W. R. Parker, D.D.
" A. Langford, D.D.	" J. S. Williamson, D.D.
" W. F. Wilson.	" John Potts, D.D.

A ballot was cast and the Scrutineers retired.

Report No. 1 of the Scrutineers *re* Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church was received.—*No election*.

A second ballot was taken.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. S. G. Bland, B.A.

#### NINETEENTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept. 22nd.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. Mr. H. P. Moore, of the Hamilton Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Wednesday evening's session were read and confirmed.

Report No. 2 of the Scrutineers *re* Election of Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church was presented.—*No election*.

On motion of the Secretary of Conference, the rule of order making five minutes the limit was further suspended, and the word "two" substituted for the word "five."

A ballot for a Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South was called for.

On motion the Secretary of Conference was instructed to cast a ballot for Rev. R. Brecken, D.D., as Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. This being done he was declared elected.

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The Order of the Day was taken up, viz., the Report of the Committee on Discipline. **Report of Committee on Discipline.**

Item No. 25 was lost.

Item No. 26 was adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Scrutineers *re* Election of Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church was presented.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., was declared elected.

On motion of Rev. J. Potts, D.D., the General Conference Special Committee was empowered to elect the other Fraternal Delegates.

Item No. 27—First part was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the latter part respecting "consent," etc., be struck out.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Item No. 27—Second part was adopted.

Item No. 28 was read, and its adoption moved.

Moved to amend,—That \$50.00 be taken off the total amount in each case.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items Nos. 29, 30 and 31 were adopted.

Item No. 33—Sub-items 1, 2 and 3 were disposed of in other reports.

Item No. 34—Amendment by Dr. Antliff in Item No. 32 was substituted therefor.

Item No. 35 was adopted.

Item No. 36—Sub-items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Report No. 4, of Committee on Discipline was presented—Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was read, and its adoption moved.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved, in amendment,—That Par. 128 be amended so that the word "twelve" in the second line be changed to read "fifteen."—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Items Nos. 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item No. 5 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved, in amendment,—That where a Quarterly Board fails to elect a representative to the Financial District Meeting, the Recording Steward of the Circuit shall be such representative.—*Carried.*

Items Nos. 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item No. 9 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. H. S. Matthews moved, in amendment,—That there be

a quorum for each Quarterly Official Board, and that such quorum consist of one-third of the net members as returned to Conference—*Lost*.

Rev. W. Rigsby moved, in amendment,—That all be left out except the President of the Ladies' Aid Societies.—*Lost*.

Item was adopted.

Item No. 10 was adopted.

Item No. 11 was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., moved, in amendment,—That the word "parsonage" be substituted for "churches," in the third and fourth lines of Par. 249, p. 126 of Discipline.—*Carried*.

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 were adopted.

Moved, to adopt the report as a whole, as amended.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved to amend Par 121, p. 58, seventh line from the top, after the words "he shall also" add the words "within sixty days from the date of the appeal," so as to read, "he shall also within sixty days from the date of the appeal hear and determine appeals," etc.—*Carried*.

Also to amend Par. 161, Sub-section 8, p. 89, fourth line from the top, after the word "and" add the words "within sixty days from the date of appeal," so as to read, "and within sixty days from the date of the appeal hear and determine appeals," etc.—*Carried*.

Report, as a whole and as amended, was adopted.

Registration  
Deaconess'  
Costume

Moved by Revs. S. D. Chown, D.D., and W. R. Parker, D.D.,—That the General Superintendent of the Church and Secretary of this Conference have authority to register in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa the distinctive costume now worn by the Deaconesses of the Toronto Conference, as the costume of the Deaconesses of the Methodist Church.—*Carried*.

General  
Conference  
Special  
Committee

The General Superintendent submitted the following nomination of members of the General Conference Special Committee:

MINISTERS.

John Potts, D.D.  
Wm. Briggs, D.D.  
N. Burwash, S.T.D.  
E. B. Ryckman, D.D.  
J. S. Ross, D.D.  
J. S. Williamson, D.D.  
W. C. Henderson, D.D.  
T. Griffith, Ph.D.  
W. H. Heartz, D.D.  
E. Roberts.  
T. W. Jolliffe.  
John Wakefield, D.D.

LAYMEN.

Hon. Senator Cox.  
R. Brown.  
J. T. Moore.  
J. Ellis.  
S. P. Ford, M.D.  
D. Allison, LL.D.  
J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.  
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The General Superintendent nominated the following persons, from whom to elect twelve members of the Court of Appeal:—

## MINISTERS.

W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D.  
W. J. Hunter, D.D.  
S. Bond.  
S. G. Stone, D.D.  
T. G. Williams, D.D.  
A. Sutherland, D.D.  
J. C. Antliff, D.D.  
E. H. Dewart, D.D.  
S. F. Huestis.  
W. R. Parker, D.D.  
T. Griffith, Ph.D.  
J. R. Gundy.

## LAYMEN.

Judge Dean.  
Judge Chesley.  
J. Mills, LL.D.  
N. W. Rowell.  
J. R. Inch, LL.D.  
B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P.  
J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.  
J. S. Deacon.  
W. J. Robertson, LL.B.  
Judge Deacon.  
E. D. O'Flynn.  
S. F. Lazier, Q.C.

The ballot was cast and the Scrutineers retired.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved, that a register of the members of Conference be taken this afternoon.

Rev. S. Bond moved, in amendment,—That there be a roll call at three o'clock this afternoon.

Amendment carried.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., moved,—That the Secretary of the Conference and Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., be instructed to send a reply to the Fraternal Addresses from the Primitive Methodist, the New Connexion and the Bible Christian Conferences of England.—*Carried.*

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., it was ordered that members present at any time during the afternoon session be enrolled, even if not present when the roll is called.

The Report of the Committee on Memorials was taken off the table for consideration.

Report of  
Committee on  
Memorials

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2, having been dealt with in another report, was laid on the table.

Report No. 2—Item No. 1 was adopted.

Items Nos. 2 and 3 were laid on the table.

Item No. 4 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. W. Jackson, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the General Superintendent write a friendly letter to the Board of Bishops *re* this matter.

Amendment carried.

Item No. 5 was adopted.

Item No. 6 read, and its adoption moved.

Mr. A. Shaw moved, in amendment,—That the memorial in the matter of Freemasonry be not considered.—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Item No. 7, having been previously dealt with, was laid on the table.

Item No. 8 was lost.

Item No. 9 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That the time has come when the Methodist Church should so amend its legislation that women may be admitted as members of all Boards, District Meetings and Conferences, on equality with men.

Judge Chesley moved, in amendment to the amendment,—That the words "layman" and "laymen," "lay delegate" and "lay delegates," whenever they occur in the Discipline, shall be held and interpreted to mean and include women as well as men; and further,

That the foregoing clause of this motion be inserted in the Discipline, under the heading of "Interpretation," as the last mentioned section in Part V.

Election  
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The report of the Scrutineers, *re* election of the Court of Appeal, was received.

Revs. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., T. G. Williams, D.D., S. Bond and S. F. Huestis and Messrs. Judge Chesley, N. W. Rowell, J. Mills, LL.D., J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P., and Judge Deacon were declared elected.

A second ballot was taken for the remaining two ministerial members.

The vote on Item No. 9, Report No. 2, of the Memorial Committee, was ordered to be taken.

Amendment to the amendment lost.

Amendment lost.

Item was adopted.

Report No. 3—Item No. 1 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. G. Jackson moved, in amendment,—That the Memorial of Mr. T. R. Parker, of the London Conference, be committed to the charge of Revs. J. C. Antliff, D.D., and W. I. Shaw, D.D., to be reported on by them at the next General Conference.—*Lost*.

Item was adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Scrutineers, *re* election of Court of Appeal was received.—*No election*.

A third ballot was cast.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

Report No. 4—Items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Report, as a whole, adopted as amended.

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The Report of the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance was taken off the table.

Item No. 24 of Report No. 3 was adopted.

Report No. 4—Item No. 25 was read.

Articles 1 and 2 were adopted.

Article 3 read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, amended by adding, "and manner."

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved, in amendment,—That the provisions of the General Conference Fund Report, providing for an assessment for the purpose of raising the amount required for the fund, shall not take effect till the next meeting of the Annual Conference.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Report No. 3, of the Scrutineers, was received.

Revs. J. R. Gundy and J. C. Antliff, D.D., were declared elected.

Article 4 read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. T. M. Campbell,—That the item of the report be so amended that the Board shall consist of eighteen members, and that the following (being members of the Superannuation Fund Board) be the members of this Board.—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Item No. 25—Articles 5 and 6 were adopted.

Report No. 5—Items 26 and 27 were adopted.

Report as a whole and as amended was adopted.

Moved by Revs. J. Potts, D.D., and N. Burwash, S.T.D.,—That in the constitution of the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, the expression "Educational Institutions" be interpreted as giving each donor the liberty to designate the institution to which his contribution shall be applied.—*Carried.*

Moved by Revs. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., and N. Burwash, S.T.D., and Resolved,—

That we desire to place on record an expression of our high appreciation of the service rendered by the Rev. D. MacDonald, M.D., on the Japan Mission field, from 1873 to the present.

**Complimentary resolution to Rev. Dr. MacDonald**

We are devoutly grateful for the kind Providence which has preserved him during these years and enabled him, among "labors more abundant," to serve the Church for the long term of a quarter of a century in Foreign Mission work, with the honor and esteem of his fellow-workers at home and abroad.

Carried unanimously by a rising vote.

**Report of  
General  
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Dr. Cornish's  
Cyclopædia of  
Methodism

Moved by Revs. T. G. Williams, D.D., and J. C. Antliff, D.D.,—That inasmuch as the General Conference of 1890 requested the Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., to publish a second volume of his valuable Cyclopædia of Methodism in Canada; and whereas, the General Conference of 1894 renewed that request, with a recommendation to the Book Committee to publish the same; and whereas, the MSS. has been prepared, but owing to the small number of subscribers the work has not yet been published. This General Conference now requests the author to continue writing up his work until the close of the present century, so as to make it cover the period of 1880 to 1900, and further request the members of the General Conference and others to hand in their names as subscribers for one copy, the cost of which shall not exceed three dollars, in cloth binding, and shall not be paid for until the work is ready for delivery; and further, that the book be published not later than January 1st, 1901.—*Carried.*

On motion, Rev. W. J. Crothers, D.D., was granted leave of absence.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. T. M. Campbell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 22nd.

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. J. Elliott, B.A., of the Montreal Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Report of  
Committee on  
Insurance of  
Connexional  
property.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Insurance of Connexional Property was taken off the table and, on motion, considered item by item.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., and S. Bond moved,—“That the expenses of the Commission on Connexional Fire Insurance, \$441.50, and also the expenses of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Methodist Trust Fire Insurance Company, \$139.85, making a total of \$581.35, be paid by the General Conference Fund; provided, however, that as soon as the company is in a position to re-imburse the fund it shall do so.—*Carried.*

Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

Report No. 2—Item No. 1 was adopted.

Final Roll  
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At 3 o'clock Conference proceeded to the Order of the Day, viz., calling the roll, and the following responded to their names:

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J. Wakefie  
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W. S. Griff  
J. G. Scott  
W. C. Hen  
D. L. Bret  
John Kay.  
G. H. Corn  
W. F. Wils  
T. A. Moor

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J. T. Moore  
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J. Tait.  
N. W. Row  
W. T. R. P  
R. Brown.  
P. Stouffer.

## MINISTERIAL DELEGATES.

A. B. Chambers, LL.B.	J. H. Hazelwood.
A. Langford, D.D.	A. E. Russ, M.A.
M. L. Pearson.	J. E. Howell, MA.
S. D. Chown, D.D.	G. Richardson.
Wm. Briggs, D.D.	G. W. Calvert.
A. Sutherland, D.D.	F. A. Cassidy, M.A.
J. E. Lanceley.	T. W. Jolliffe.
A. Brown.	S. J. Shorey.
J. Potts, D.D.	T. M. Campbell.
E. H. Dewart, D.D.	N. Burwash, S.T.D.
J. F. German, D.D.	W. P. Dyer, B.Sc., D.D.
H. S. Matthews.	G. C. Workman, Ph.D.
W. R. Parker, D.D.	W. Johnston.
C. E. Manning.	E. B. Ryckman, D.D.,
F. H. Wallace, M.A., D.D.	T. G. Williams, D.D.
J. A. Rankin.	A. C. Courtice, D.D.
J. Henderson, D.D.	T. Griffith, Ph.D.
J. F. Ockley.	W. Jackson, D.D.
H. M. Manning.	H. Cairns.
A. C. Crews.	J. E. Mavety.
W. Rigsby.	W. Timberlake.
W. Williams, D.D.	J. Elliott, B.A.
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J. Benson.  
S. E. Clement, B.A.  
J. Dunfield.  
A. E. Bolton, M.D.

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**Report of  
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Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Course of Study was taken off the table.

Items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item No. 3 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A., moved, in amendment,—That there be one examining Board for the five central Conferences, to be composed of two persons elected by each of the Conferences specified.—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Item No. 4 read and its adoption moved.

Rev. D. L. Brethour Ph.D., moved, in amendment,—That the degree of Ph.B. given by Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., U.S., be excepted.—*Lost.*

Item was adopted.

Items Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were adopted.

Item No. 14 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., moved, in amendment,—That in the case of probationers the Secretary of the Faculty send the certificate of standing of each student at college to the Secretary of the Examining Board of the Conference concerned.—*Carried.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 were adopted.

Item No. 19 was struck out.

Item No. 20—Preamble was adopted.

All the items in the course of study were adopted.

Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., moved,—That the French Course of study in the Discipline be edited by the Rev. Principal Pinel, of the French Methodist Institute, Westmount, Montreal.—*Carried.*

Report as a whole and as amended adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., the item in the Report of the Committee on Education *re* the Board of Managers of Alma College was reconsidered.

On motion, the name of Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., B.D., was added to the Board.

Report adopted as amended.

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Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 were adopted.

Item No. 17 read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. C. E. Manning moved, in amendment, to insert after the words "without debate," "and may be elected" at the regular meeting next preceding the annual meeting.—*Lost.*

Items Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 were adopted.

Item No. 24 read, and its adoption moved.

Mr. J. George moved, in amendment,—That the word "six" be substituted for "three."—*Adopted.*

Item, as amended, was adopted.

Items Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 were adopted.

Item No. 37 laid on the table.

Items Nos. 38, 39 and 40 were adopted.

On motion, Mr. Warring Kennedy was appointed Treasurer of the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, and Mr. A. E. Kemp, Treasurer of the Epworth League Fund.

The report, as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the State of the Work, which had been previously read, was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on State of the Work

The Report of the Committee on Civil Rights and Privileges was called for.

No report was presented.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Sustentation Fund which had been previously read was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Sustentation Fund

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Church Property was taken as read and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Church Property

Part of the Report of the Committee on the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund was read, and the balance taken as read.

Report of Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid

The report as a whole was adopted.

On motion the Report of the Committee on the Ecumenical Conference was taken as read and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Ecumenical Conference

The Report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition was taken off the table and considered.

Report of Committee on Temperance and Prohibition

On motion of Rev. W. Kettlewell, the name of the Standing Committee was changed to "Temperance, Prohibition and Moral Reform."

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., the Conference

decided to reconsider one item in the Report of the Committee on Memorials, in order to harmonize the name "Temperance and Moral Reform" with the action above taken.

On motion, the name was so changed.

**Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence** The Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken as read.

An item, which had been referred back to the Committee, was adopted.

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

**Report of Committee on Judicial Decisions** The report of the Committee on Judicial Decisions was taken off the table.

Item No. 1 was laid on the table.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

Item No. 3 read, and its adoption moved.

Moved, in amendment, that the item be referred back to the Committee to prepare a suitable resolution and submit the same at the evening session.—*Carried.*

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved to add to the report the following paragraph :

"On questions of the administration of discipline, appeals on questions of law, and respecting all other unfinished official business, it shall be the duty of the President of the Annual Conference to administer upon such of the above-named questions as may have been left unsettled by his predecessor in office ; and in general the principle of the continuity of the Presidential office from year to year, is hereby affirmed.—*Carried.*

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. F. German, D.D.

THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept. 22nd.*

Conference resumed at 8 o'clock, the President in the chair. Rev. T. J. Mansell, of the Montreal Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

On motion, the item of the Report of the Committee on Insurance of Connexional Property *re* payment of expenses of Commission was reconsidered.

The item was adopted.

On motion of Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., the Audit Committee of the General Conference Fund and Finance was instructed to pay the return expenses of Rev. M. Takagi, B.D., to Japan.

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The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was taken off the table and read.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance

On motion it was referred to the General Conference Special Committee to prepare a suitable deliverance on the subject.

On motion the subject of Civil Rights and Privileges was referred to the General Conference Special Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Sociological Questions was taken off the table and read.

Report of Committee on Sociological Questions

On motion, the item *re* Prisoners' Aid Reform was referred to the General Conference Special Committee.

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Church Union was taken off the table, read, and considered item by item.

Report of Committee on Church Union

Items Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics and Schedules was taken off the table, read, and considered item by item.

Report of Committee on Statistics and Schedules

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

Item No. 10 was struck out.

Items Nos. 11, 12 and 13 were adopted.

Item No. 14 read, and its adoption moved.

On motion it was amended so as to read "Appoint Statistical Secretary."

Items Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 were adopted.

Items Nos. 19 and 20 laid on the table.

Item No. 21 was adopted.

Moved by Rev. S. G. Bland, B.A.,—That in the schedules a place be provided for the record of sums raised for Connexional purposes not provided for in the present schedules.

—*Lost.*

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Judicial Decisions was further considered.

Report of Committee on Judicial Decisions

Item No. 3 was adopted.

Item No. 4 was struck out.

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Rev. W. Jackson, D.D., moved,—That the Book Steward be instructed to prepare a journal exactly like the one at present in use, so that it may be ready for the next General Conference if required.—*Carried.*

New Journal

Moved by Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., and J. B. Grafton, Esq.—That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby heartily given, to all the members of the Billeting Committee for their arduous work in providing homes for the members of the Conference, and so satisfactorily arranging for their entertainment during its sessions.—*Carried.*

Thanks

Moved by Revs. T. G. Williams, D.D., and S. F. Huestis, and resolved,—That the thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church, for their kindness in placing their Church at the disposal of the Conference during the session of 1898.—*Carried.*

Moved by Revs. J. C. Antliff, D.D., and E. B. Ryckman, D.D.,—That this General Conference hereby cordially thanks the Methodist Social Union of Toronto for the banquet provided for the Conference on the evening of Friday, September 9th. We assure the members of the Union that we shall carry away with us most pleasant memories of the delightful evening we spent as their guests.—*Carried.*

Moved by Revs. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., and W. Kettlewell as follows :

The General Conference of the Methodist Church.

*Re Sale of Liquor in Canteens.*

Sale of  
Liquor in  
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*To the Hon. the Minister of Militia, Ottawa :*

Be it Resolved,—That the General Conference has learned with regret that intoxicating liquors are sold at the canteens in connection with the annual militia camps.

We view with alarm the seductive temptations to which the young men belonging to the volunteer forces are exposed. Parents who have encouraged their boys to join the militia have been grieved to find that the camps have been demoralizing in their influence in this regard. We express the profound conviction that our young men should not be exposed to such peril in the patriotic service of their country, and hereby respectfully request the Government to adopt an Order in Council entirely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors at the canteens connected with the militia camps.—*Carried.*

*Re Permits, Yukon Territory.*

Permits for  
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Liquor in  
Yukon  
Territory

*The Hon. the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa :*

Be it Resolved,—That this General Conference learns with regret that the permit system has been adopted and put into force in the Yukon territory, whereby intoxicating liquors freely find their way into the mining districts, thereby exposing the morals, health and lives of those who have flocked into that territory, and largely adding to the natural dangers of the inhospitable climate. We respectfully request the Government to withdraw the permit system, and place the Yukon territory under similar regulations to those imposed on the North-West Territories during the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Be it further Resolved,—That the President and Secretary of this Conference attach their signatures to these resolutions.

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And that a deputation consisting of Revs. S. P. Rose, D.D., Thos. Crosby, Mr. T. Nixon, and Dr. Boulton, present these views to the Dominion Government.—*Carried.*

Revs. A. Langford, D.D., and W. C. Henderson, D.D., **Thanks** moved,—That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members and friends of our Church in Toronto who have so generously opened their homes, and kindly entertained the delegates to this General Conference. We assure our Toronto friends that we appreciate their hearty hospitality at a time when their homes were crowded with many guests. We shall carry from Toronto many pleasant memories, and pray that the abundant blessings of God may rest upon this beautiful and great convention city. And that this be read from the pulpits on Sabbath day.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. G. C. Workman, Ph.D., and L. Gaetz,—That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the representatives of the press for the excellent reports which they have prepared from day to day of our proceedings.—*Carried.*

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., and Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B.,—That the rules, regulations, decisions and resolutions adopted at this Conference take effect forthwith, unless some other time has been expressly or impliedly fixed or provided. **Time of Legislative Effect**

That the former laws and rules of the Church are repealed or amended. (1) In all cases where any action has been taken or provision adopted, having expressly or impliedly that effect. (2) In all cases where such former laws or rules are contrary to or inconsistent with the action of this Conference. Where there is conflict or inconsistency between two or more enactments, the latest shall be the binding one.

Moved by Revs. T. G. Williams, D.D., and John Kay, in amendment,—That the changes in Discipline take place on the first day of January, 1899.

Amendment lost.

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Rev. S. F. Huestis,—That the time and place for holding the next General Conference be referred to the General Conference Special Committee with power.—*Carried.* **Time and place of next General Conference**

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D., moved the resolution of which he had given notice. That the General Conference Special Committee consider what additional safeguards can be devised for the transaction of business regarding constitutional and other important questions requiring more than usual care and deliberation, and to report at the opening of the next General Conference.—*Carried.* **Constitution's Safeguards**

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Moved by Revs. W. Blair, M.A., and S. G. Bland, B.A.,—  
That, whereas, there is good reason to expect that the  
century soon to open will prove to be the most glorious in the  
history of the Christian Church since the century that wit-  
nessed the incarnation of the Redeemer of the world. And,  
whereas, it is fitting that in a Church of the traditions and  
spirit of our own its advent should be signalized, not only by  
a special financial effort, but by a special spiritual movement.

Be it resolved, therefore, that this General Conference  
approves of the inauguration during the opening weeks of  
the year 1901 of an aggressive evangelistic campaign through-  
out all the circuits and missions of our Church.

And, further, that this Conference requests the General  
Superintendent to associate with himself a representative from  
each Conference in our Connexion, with the view of preparing,  
by correspondence or otherwise, a scheme for such a move-  
ment, to be submitted to the annual Conferences in their  
session of the year 1900.—*Carried.*

Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., moved,—That the thanks of  
this General Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to  
Mr. Wm. Gormley, Station Agent of the G.T.R., for his aid  
in making preparations for the reception of delegates to this  
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Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., moved,—That the matter of  
arranging the business of the next General Conference be re-  
ferred to the General Conference Special Committee, with  
power.—*Carried.*

Closing  
Exercises

The minutes of this session were read and confirmed, and  
after singing the 389th hymn, the President pronounced the  
benediction, and the General Conference of 1898 was brought  
to a close.

J. S. Ross, M.A., D.D.,  
*Secretary.*

A. CARMAN, D.D.,  
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Toronto, Sept. 22nd, 1898.

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## II.—FORM OF THE JOURNAL.

It was decided that the regulations respecting the form of the JOURNAL be the same as those of the last General Conference, and which are as follows :

1. That the reports of Standing Committees and Boards be printed in an appendix as presented to the General Conference.
2. That the reports of Committees of this Conference, not Standing Committees, be printed in the appendix of the JOURNAL as adopted, and that the items rejected and the items amended in the consideration of the Report be printed in the body of the JOURNAL.
3. That the Secretaries of the several Committees present their reports so written out that they may be readily used by the JOURNAL Secretary.

## III.—MISSIONS.

### 1. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

With devout ascriptions of praise to the Head of the Church, whose guiding hand has been clearly seen in days both dark and bright, the General Board of Missions presents this Quadrennial Report.

#### FINANCIAL.

When the last General Conference was in session, the country was passing through a period of commercial depression that affected every branch of industry, and made itself felt in all departments of Church finance. In 1894-5 the givings of the Methodist people to Missions, including receipts from legacies, declined nearly \$18,000. Provis-  
 dentially the receipts from miscellaneous sources that year were unusually large, and the gross income was \$3,000. in advance of the preceding year. In 1895-6 there was a further decline in ordinary givings of some \$2,500, and in sundries of over \$9,500; but a marked increase in legacies and miscellaneous items gave a net increase of over \$5,000. In the third year of the quadrennial period the society reached low-water mark in the matter of contributions, the regular income showing a decline of over \$3,000, legacies of \$10,684, and sundries of \$10,127. This was partly compensated by more than \$5,000 from Epworth Leagues and an increase of over \$6,000 from other sources; still leaving, however, a net decrease of \$12,757, and a deficit, as compared with expenditure, of \$8,841. For the year just closed we are glad to be able to report a growing income, though still far below the needs of the work. The income from regular sources shows a gain, as compared with 1896-7, of \$12,580, the Epworth Leagues alone having advanced from \$5,056 to \$9,497; the legacy account amounts to \$9,653; which is \$4,807 less than last year; sundries, \$1,680, or \$261 more than

in 1896-7; miscellaneous income is \$33,650, being an increase of \$5,035. Total income \$243,051; a gain of \$13,069 over the previous year. All this indicates that the period of depression is passing away, and that with returning prosperity we may anticipate steadily increasing contributions for religious and benevolent work.

#### WEST CHINA.

Since the last quadrennial report was presented, our mission in West China experienced a severe check, owing to popular outbreaks, encouraged, there is reason to believe, by Chinese officials, resulting in the destruction of our mission buildings in the cities of Chentu and Kiating.

The missionaries were compelled to fly from the Province, and for nearly a year the work could not be resumed. By the persevering efforts of Rev. Dr. Hart and others, through the British and American Ambassadors, a settlement was obtained from the Chinese Government; the offending officials were punished, an indemnity for property destroyed was paid, and our missionaries were enabled to return and resume their work under more favorable auspices than before. Better and more commodious buildings have been erected both in Chentu and Kiating; good congregations assemble to hear the preaching of the Word; souls have been converted; a printing press has been set up, and information concerning Christianity is being scattered broadcast; two hospitals are in successful operation—one in Chentu and one in Kiating—bringing medical help to thousands of suffering ones, and opening the way for the Gospel among those who had not hitherto so much as heard of Christ. On the whole the prospects of our work in West China are highly encouraging, and should stimulate the Church to increased prayer and liberality in sustaining it.

#### JAPAN.

In Japan the progress has not been all that we could desire. Each year there has been some gain in the membership, but opposing forces seem to dispute every inch of ground, and it is only by patient and persistent labor that any advance is made at all. This state of affairs is not peculiar to our own mission, but is common to all the societies laboring in Japan. The causes are various. The reaction against foreign influence, an intense national spirit, the rapid spread of erroneous doctrines whereby some entire missions have been well-nigh paralyzed, the efforts of Buddhism to regain its ancient prestige, the ready acceptance of materialistic science and agnostic philosophy by the student class, the war spirit resulting from the conflict with China, and last but not least, the opposition of the carnal mind to the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, have all played their part in retarding the progress of the Kingdom of God. But even now there are signs of a brighter day. Native Christians who know the native mind and are competent to speak, are of the opinion that there will be a change for the better in the near future, when the Gospel will spread more swiftly and find more ready acceptance. One thing is certain, the time has not come, nor is it likely to come for years, when the foreign missionary can be withdrawn and the evangelization of Japan be left to the native church. If this view is correct the state of our own

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mission demands serious attention. During the past quadrennium the ranks of the foreign workers have been seriously depleted. Many vacancies have occurred, but they have not been filled owing to the great pressure upon the funds of the Society. This condition of affairs should not be allowed to continue. We should either reinforce the mission at least to the measure of its former strength, or else abandon it altogether. To trifle with interests so vast and momentous is not only unwise, it is sinful.

#### THE INDIAN WORK.

The Indian work has a claim upon the earnest attention alike of the General Conference and the Board. That this department of our work has been in many respects successful, scarcely needs to be affirmed. Whole tribes have been reclaimed from barbarism, and many thousands have been truly converted; but it is questionable if a strong, self-supporting, self-propagating Church can ever be built up among them. Languages and dialects are so various, and the force of immemorial customs so strong, that there seems to be no hope of associating them in large numbers in one locality, or inducing them to pursue any united or continuous line of action. A work so widely scattered, having missions in every Conference from Montreal to British Columbia, and subject to the action of as many Stationing Committees, cannot be administered with anything like uniformity, and in some instances it presents problems which Annual Conferences find themselves unable to solve. This is true especially of British Columbia and the North-West, and in both these Conferences there is a prevailing opinion that the Indian Missions should be grouped by themselves and administered directly from the Mission Rooms. From some points of view this might seem to be desirable, but it cannot be denied that there are serious practical difficulties in the way, and even if these could be overcome it is not certain that the results would be in all respects advantageous. Nevertheless the question is one which deserves the careful attention of the General Conference.

One of the hopeful features of the Indian work is presented by the Industrial Institutes. With the exception of the one at Muncey, Ont., the history of these Schools is too brief to enable us to gauge full results, but enough is known to show that along this line, if anywhere, lies the solution of the Indian problem. During the quadrennium the Industrial work under the control of the Board has been extended. A commodious new building at Muncey supplies much needed facilities, and we have there what is in many respects a model institution. The management of the Institute at Brandon has been assumed by the society on a *per capita* basis, and there are now one hundred pupils in residence. At Red Deer a second building has been erected, doubling the capacity of the Institute. The Morley School shows signs of growth, and an enlargement of the building has become necessary. The Institute at Chilliwack is full to overflowing, and is doing good work. Provision has been made for an Indian Boarding School at Norway House, and the erection of the necessary buildings will at once be undertaken. With these varied appliances the work of training Indian youth for the duties of citizenship will proceed under more favorable auspices.

## MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

The employment of Medical Missionaries in the Indian and foreign fields is a comparatively new feature in the mission work of the Methodist Church, but promises to be an important factor in the work of the future. The time has come when general regulations should be adopted respecting the status of medical missionaries, their relation to District Meetings, Mission Councils and Annual Conferences, their ordination under special circumstances, and the disposition to be made of the fees which they may receive in the course of their practice. This may be done by incorporating an additional Section in the Discipline at the present Conference, or by authorizing the Board of Missions to adopt such regulations as may be deemed expedient.

## THE HOME WORK.

The Home work has been steadily prosecuted, and notwithstanding the discouragements arising from straitened incomes, the missionaries have conducted their work with zeal and fidelity worthy of all praise. In former Conferences reference has more than once been made to the embarrassment caused by the increase of missions and the multiplication of men beyond the real needs of the work. This unwise policy has not been entirely abandoned, though some few steps have been taken in that direction; but as the matter will probably come before the Conference in a memorial from the Executive Committee, it is unnecessary to refer to it further in this report.

## KLONDIKE.

Perhaps the most important step in connection with the Home Work, that has taken place during the quadrennium, is the establishment of a Mission in the Klondike gold fields. The necessity for such an undertaking was too apparent to admit of question, but the pressure upon the Society's resources made it equally apparent that funds to inaugurate the Mission must be sought outside of current income. An appeal was made, therefore, for special contributions, and although the response has not been equal to our expectations, yet enough has been realized to tide over the greater part of the first year's expenditure. Not a few persons, led away by exaggerated report of the enormous richness of the gold fields, were sanguine that a large part of the cost of the Mission could be raised on the spot. Latest advices do not confirm this expectation. Letters recently to hand from our pioneer missionary, the Rev. James Turner, show that by far the greater part of what is necessary for the erection of buildings and the support of the missionaries must come from outside sources. Not only has the richness of the gold fields been greatly exaggerated, but large numbers of persons who went in with the early rush find it difficult to earn their daily bread, while many more will have to be fed or starve. Not a few of those who throng the gold fields are Methodists from the older Provinces, and their circumstances and surroundings constitute a strong appeal for such help as we may be able to give. It is the opinion of the Board that the special fund for the Klondike should be continued for another year, and that an earnest appeal should be made to the Church to sustain it.

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## THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions may be regarded, from a missionary point of view, as one of the important events of the quadrennium. The remarkable growth of the Epworth Leagues made plain the existence of a vast aggressive force, which, if wisely directed, might become an important factor in the evangelistic work of the Church. The effort among the students in our Colleges to turn the zeal and enthusiasm of the young people into the mission work of the Church, came into play at a most opportune time. Among many of the Leagues a disposition to engage in some independent form of mission work was beginning to show itself, but this tendency was not due to lack of connexional loyalty, but only to lack of information. The campaign inaugurated by the students has resulted most beneficially. The young people of the Church are becoming deeply interested in mission work, and have shown the utmost readiness to be guided by the Board and its officers as soon as the necessary information was placed before them. The first practical outcome of the movement was an addition of over \$5,000 to the Society's income in 1896-7 from entirely new sources, and of \$9,497 for the year just closed. The Board commends this movement to the kind sympathy and wise guidance of pastors and people.

A. SUTHERLAND, *General Secretary.*

## INCOME FOR QUADRENNIUM, 1894-98.

	1894-5.		1895-6.	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Subscriptions and Collections	162,069 14	Dec. 12,173 00	161,051 90	Dec. 1,017 00
Juvenile Offerings	23,939 76	" 1,727 00	22,427 65	" 1,512 00
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Legacies	10,144 66	" 3,970 00	25,146 28	Inc. 15,001 00
Indian Department	20,251 97	Inc. 6,216 00	22,567 89	" 2,315 00
Sundries	21,091 04	" 14,996 00	11,546 60	Dec. 9,544 00
Total Income	237,496 57	Inc. 3,342 95	242,740 32	Inc. 5,243 75

  

	1896-7.		1897-8.	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Subscriptions and Collections	158,624 17	Dec. 2,427 00	165,532 52	Inc. 6,908 00
Juvenile Offerings	21,805 78	" 621 00	23,036 64	" 1,230 00
Epworth Leagues	5,056 58	Inc. 5,056 00	9,497 51	" 4,440 00
Legacies	14,461 36	Dec. 10,684 00	9,653 92	Dec. 4,807 00
Indian Department	28,615 46	Inc. 6,047 00	33,650 88	Inc. 5,035 00
Sundries	1,419 44	Dec. 10,127 00	1,680 52	" 261 00
Total Income	229,982 79	Dec. 12,757 53	243,051 99	Inc. 13,069 20

## EXPENDITURE FOR QUADRENNIUM, 1894-98.

	1894-5.	1895-6.	1896-7.	1897-8.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Domestic Missions .....	84,174 35	78,880 77	81,494 68	92,881 44
Indian Missions .....	69,421 57	71,212 49	72,131 21	85,946 56
French Missions .....	7,308 82	7,414 57	7,190 21	6,265 28
Chinese Missions in B.C. ....	4,882 40	4,217 50	3,917 03	3,238 26
Japanese " " .....			690 00	990 00
Foreign Missions—Japan .....	19,179 64	21,421 89	25,237 91	21,455 22
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Special grants for purchase, erection or repair of Mission property and interest on same .....	3,481 98	3,720 80	10,243 88	9,376 92
Special grants for affliction and supply	1,823 95	1,400 99	869 41	1,051 25
Superannuated missionaries .....	4,900 00	3,781 00	3,456 00	3,692 00
District Chairmen's expenses .....	865 46	878 86	966 10	1,117 72
Circuit expenses .....	3,582 77	3,047 49	3,046 76	2,883 06
Annuities .....	1,118 45	1,343 09	1,536 42	1,992 96
Interest, discounts, etc. ....	5,840 87	3,236 73	3,584 94	2,842 21
Publishing charges .....	5,142 49	5,894 70	4,980 98	4,762 87
Travelling expenses .....	1,428 54	2,503 85	1,741 18	3,142 44
Conference Committee's and Treas- urer's expenses .....	755 15	840 29	920 27	873 68
Superintendent of Missions, Man., N.W.T. and B.C. ....	1,600 00	1,600 00	1,600 00	1,600 00
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Rent, postage, telegrams, printing, etc	3,205 51	2,709 31	2,864 33	4,830 91
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Total expenditure .....	238,286 53	229,941 27	238,824 27	263,097 51
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## 2. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The close of another quadrennium furnishes a fitting opportunity to record our gratitude to Almighty God for His continued blessing upon the Methodism of Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia.

The experiences of previous years have, in their principal features, been repeated.

We have been blessed with what we may venture to call uninterrupted, though varying degrees of prosperity.

Your Superintendent of Missions has travelled more extensively than ever before, having covered nearly 90,000 miles (since rendering his report to the last General Conference) in studying the varied conditions of the work and affording help in every way possible as occasion has occurred and opportunity, time, and strength have permitted.

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It is impossible for any one man to give that particular and thorough supervision which is so desirable, if indeed not absolutely necessary, in a work so vast, so new, so rapidly developing and so important in character.

The results which, in part, I have endeavored to tabulate are, under God, in no small degree, owing to the lives and labors of our devoted missionaries and their no less devoted wives.

An intelligent and loyal laity, in sympathetic and active co-operation with the ministry have done their full share in building up our Church in the west.

In the Manitoba and North-West Conference, our membership now numbers 17,692, their having been an increase of 2,486. The growth of our Church numerically, as indicated in a general way, by the increase in membership, is scarcely what might naturally be expected in a new country. It must be borne in mind, however, that the immigration of the last few years, has added but little to our strength; a large percentage of the strangers having come from Central Europe, and belonging, most of them, to either the Greek or Lutheran church.

The Sunday School continues to occupy a prominent place in our Church operation. In 1894 we reported 216 schools and 12,538 scholars. We are pleased to be able now to report 256 schools and 16,489 scholars; being an increase of 18 per cent. in the number of schools and 31 per cent. in the number of scholars.

Very satisfactory progress has been made in church building. In 1894 we reported 141 churches, valued at \$345,874. We now report 181 churches, valued at \$413,249. The debt on church property in 1894 was \$133,199. On the present property it is \$125,390. Though forty churches have been built during the quadrennium and the value of the whole increased by upwards of \$67,000, the debt on the whole is less than it was on the smaller investment four years ago. In some respects the showing of parsonage property is better than that of the churches.

There were in 1894 seventy-three parsonages, valued at \$84,300. There are now ninety-three, valued at \$117,280. The debt four years ago was \$26,965. Now it is only \$16,800.

It will be noted that though our parsonage property is valued at \$32,980 more than it was in 1894, the debt is \$10,165 less; or, in other words, the debt which amounted to nearly 32 per cent. in 1894 has been reduced to 14 per cent. of the value of the property.

We are pleased to report a large increase in the number of self-sustaining circuits. Four years ago we reported sixty-six, this year we report ninety, an increase of twenty-four, or 36 per cent.

The full measure of advance along this line will scarcely be appreciated without further explanation.

For many years it has been necessary to call into our work a large number of untrained young men. It was feared that when these graduated into the married ranks, the cost of maintenance to the Missionary Society would be very great. These fears have not to any extent been realized.

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The large proportion of these probationers have been educated without much expense to the Connexion at large, thanks to the existence and excellent work of Wesley College under the capable management of Rev. Principal Sparling and his associates on the professoriate and directorate, supported and sustained by the liberal and, may we not add, unparalleled generosity of the Methodist people of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

After ordination, the majority of these young men have been provided for by fields that have become self-supporting; and in return these fields have the advantage of the service of a better trained and, in every way, more capable ministry.

In 1894 there were forty-four married ministers on self-sustaining circuits, now there are sixty-six, an increase of twenty-two. Of the thirty additional married men in the Conference twenty-two have been provided for without expense to the Missionary Society.

You will be interested in the following suggestive table of statistics :

	1894	1898	Increase.	Per Cent.
Ministerial Support .. . . . . .	\$55294 00	\$68860 00	\$13566 00	24
Missionary Fund.....	9670 00	14270 00	4600 00	47
Connexional Funds.....	22035 00	29313 00	7178 00	32
For all purposes.....	157405 00	212118 00	54713 00	34

The change in the constitution of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund renders it difficult to present a comparative statement; suffice it to say that the total assessable funds this year is \$88,635, as compared with \$71,198 in 1894. Increase, \$17,435, or 24 per cent.

For years the ardent friends of the North-West have confidently maintained that no more promising field exists for the profitable investment of missionary money than the Canadian North-West.

These sanguine predictions have been amply justified, as is evidenced by the speedy and large returns which have followed a too meagre expenditure.

My last quadrennial report showed that the net cost to the Missionary Society, of maintaining our Domestic Missions is gradually and rapidly decreasing.

During the four years ending 1890, the annual cost was \$7,835; that is after deducting the amount raised for missions from the appropriations for Domestic work.

During the four years following the cost was \$6,427. During the quadrennium just closing, Missionary grants to Domestic missions of this Conference, including removal expenses, grants for affliction and supply, etc., aggregated \$60,313. There was raised in the Conference for Missions, \$44,535 (exclusive of amounts contributed in connection with the Indian work). Deduct the latter amount from the former, and you see that the annual charge of the Domestic Missions upon the society has been \$3,944. Our General Conference Fund assessment has, of course, been paid in full as usual.

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The conditions of our work in British Columbia are different from those that generally obtain east of the mountains. The most marked progress has been made in what is known as "The Upper Country," covered by the Kamloops and Kootenay districts.

We have now a chain of Missions across the mountains.

The far-famed Kootenay country is undoubtedly rich in minerals. The Boom stage has passed.

Although the inevitable re-action has taken place, much that is real, solid and promising remains. Such centres as Rossland and Nelson give promise of continued growth; while smaller towns, such as Trail, Kaslo, Sandon, and others retain considerable vitality and may yet grow to be centres of great importance. There is, however, much of the element of uncertainty in every mining country, which suggests the wisdom of practising the greatest caution in the multiplication of missions, the erection of expensive buildings, or otherwise committing the Church to an expenditure that may involve future embarrassment. At the same time, economical considerations ought not to eclipse the obligations of the Church to preach and live the Gospel among the miners.

Such is legitimate missionary ground. Without the presence of missionaries and churches, life in the mining camp would be intolerable, except to the very worst classes of society.

No careful observer can visit such camps, and make comparisons from time to time, without being profoundly impressed with the wonderful results of the leavening power of Divine Truth.

Our missionaries and their families who labor in such spheres are deserving of honorable recognition, and a much better financial support than the funds of the Society have heretofore been able to afford them. Their work is arduous; their difficulties many and peculiar; yet their successes are neither few nor small. These triumphs cannot be measured by ordinary standards. Many of the people to whom they minister are present to-day and away to-morrow. In such work tables of statistics give a very partial and imperfect exhibit of work done and successes achieved.

Our Mission to the Klondike having been managed by the Executive of the General Board, will undoubtedly be reported on by the General Secretary.

The outlook for the great Canadian West was never so promising as it is at the present time. Its extent and resources are becoming better known and more highly appreciated as the years go by. Confidence in its future is rapidly growing.

Business over its great highways of commerce is rapidly increasing. A second railway across the mountains is in course of construction. In a few years a third will be necessary—one to the north, which will traverse a country including rich valleys in northern British Columbia; wind among mountains and along river banks, rich in silver and gold; pass through great forests of valuable timber; over hundreds of square miles underlaid with coal; and through the immense valley of the Great Saskatchewan—through a country capable of furnishing a local traffic almost all the way (a distance of nearly two thousand miles) from the Pacific Coast to the city of Winnipeg.

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More and more the advantages of the geographical position of the West in relation to other parts of the world are becoming apparent. Travellers from India, Australia, Japan and China find it to their advantage to pass through Canada on their way to Europe.

Trade with the Orient and other parts of the world, together with the development of the rich and varied resources of British Columbia; her mines, her forests, her fisheries and her agriculture will make Vancouver the San Francisco of the Canadian Pacific, as the vast plains east of the mountains will build Winnipeg into a second Chicago.

We confidently expect a development west of the Great Lakes such as the most optimistic prophets of other days never ventured to foretell. What part shall Methodism play in this development? And what will be her status in the day of Western Canada's greatness? Just what we are prepared to make it by our action in these years of early opportunity.

The possibilities of influencing for good the coming millions, and helping to lay the foundation of empire in righteousness, appeals alike to the ambitions of our citizenship and to the holy instincts and principles of our Christianity.

Can we, as a Church, afford at the present stage, with our work but barely begun, to suppress our enthusiasm, relax our efforts, or narrow our policy? No, emphatically No! The successes of the past, the favorable conditions of the present, and the rich promise of the future, should constitute reason sufficient for the adoption of a broader and more vigorous policy, and should be an inspiration to "expect great things from God," while we "attempt great things for God" in the North-Western section of our glorious Canadian heritage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODSWORTH,  
*Supt. of Missions in Manitoba, the N. W. T.,  
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TORONTO, September, 1898.

### 3. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.—1893-1897.

Looking back mentally is sure to awaken varied, if not conflicting, emotions. The history of four years is marked not only by hopes realized, but by hopes disappointed—plans successfully carried out, and plans frustrated—enlargement in some quarters, curtailment in others—new friends added, others, valued and endeared, promoted to the Home Land—bright joyous seasons, and some exceedingly painful.

As individuals and as a society, as missionaries in the field, and as workers at home, we have had all these experiences, but, co-extensive with them, and far exceeding, have been the limitless mercy of our God, His abounding compassion and unchanging love. Through the dark as well as through the light, He has watched over and cared for us, and with gratitude to Him we would present the numerical standing of the society, and the record of some of the work done in His name.

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We have 680 Auxiliaries, increase 143, with a membership of 15,071, increase 1,940. Mission Band membership, 6,476, being a decrease of 164, whereas in the previous quadrennium there was an increase of 3,089. Amount raised during the four years, \$158,068.47. Literature and Publication Department—Average circulation of *Monthly Letter*, 13,000. Issue of miscellaneous leaflets during four years, 147,250.

## JAPAN.

From various causes there has not been as rapid extension in some of our stations as we anticipated or desired, and the hearts of our faithful missionaries have been tried and sorely depressed through seeing depleted numbers and diminished opportunities of reaching the people.

This, however, is only to a limited extent. At some points there has been marked advance, and in *all* our stations the Divine blessing has been graciously manifested in the salvation of souls, and in the enrichment of Christian character.

We still occupy the same four cities—Tokyo, Shizuoka, Kofu and Kanazawa—and within the last few months, not covered by this report, we have entered Nagano.

Among our various lines of work none has proved more valuable than the boarding-school, both in the direct leading of individuals to Christ, and in the development of sterling Christian character through instruction and encouragement to individual effort. Our girls are taught *how* to work, so that on leaving they can be true "helpers" wherever they may go. Many of them are doing noble deeds and witnessing faithfully for their Lord and Master.

One, after graduating, returned to her village, in which she was the only Christian, and, with the permission of her father, gathered some children into her own home week by week and taught them of Christ and salvation. This she has continued at her own expense, and this little Sabbath School may yet be the nucleus of a church in that neighborhood.

Those supported by the society enter into an agreement to give, after graduation, two years of service in some capacity as a return for the tuition and training of perhaps seven years.

Many are thus saving the society an outlay for teachers, interpreters or matrons, and are more satisfactory than could be otherwise secured.

About thirty have graduated from our three schools during the quadrennium. Some twenty-nine pupils have received baptism, and over eighty women, largely instructed by the Bible women and our missionaries who have faithfully visited and held numerous meetings with them.

Great emphasis is laid on the daily Bible lesson which our students are required to attend. This frequent, systematic instruction is most valuable, and with the Normal class, formed of the helpers who teach in the Sunday Schools, gives a training not always available even in our own land.

Some of these girls constitute the most efficient teachers in the Church Sunday Schools, while the numerous little groups gathered and taught by others form additional centres of light and blessing which help largely in promoting a reverence for the Sabbath.

The two Orphanages in Tokyo and Kanazawa are caring for about thirty children, whose conduct and appearance give abundant evidence that they are improving the advantage offered them, and from whom we hope to have many valuable workers.

Some of our day schools in Kanazawa are among people in such poor circumstances that the children have to spend much of the time in industrial pursuits, but an opportunity is gained, through providing work, to implant truth, and they are secured for Sabbath instruction. Some of the little ones have to handle 10,000 matches to earn half a sen.

Among the obligations taught and practised is that of proportionate and systematic beneficence. In Tokyo the pupils have for years maintained a school for fifty poor children, and in addition their contributions extend to our work in China.

A new Home and School building in Shizuoka, at a cost of \$3,500, has added greatly to comfort and efficiency in the work.

An addition has also been made to the building in Kofu, rendered necessary by increased numbers.

Our work extends to five districts in the city of Tokyo, six towns in the vicinity of Shizuoka, some at two hours' distance, and twelve around Kofu.

The detailed reports from the field, and the letters from our faithful, earnest missionaries can alone give an adequate idea of what is being done, and it may truly be said, "The half was not told me," for there has not been a word yet of teaching in the Boys' Schools in Kofu and Kanazawa, of Bible Classes for young men, for soldiers and policemen, besides many other claims, and the study of the language, which all indicate fully occupied time.

According to their best judgment and with a success which cannot be denied, our missionaries have been carrying on their educational and other work in a way and with a purpose to advance Christian life, and so build up the Church.

Working in co-operation with the pastor they have striven to help in prayer-meetings, in Sabbath Schools, in visiting the poor and sick, in training and furnishing workers and in contributing liberally of their means, doing their utmost to advance the cause of God and Methodism.

#### CHINA.

At the last General Conference there was but little to report from China, except the presence of two representatives. Four others have since gone to that land, one of whom, two years from the date of her arrival in Chentu, was called to rest from her labors. Miss Jennie Ford is the first of our Missionary Band who sleeps in a foreign clime awaiting the resurrection morning. She was well adapted and equipped for the work, and her removal caused deep sorrow, but we must believe that the Lord knows best when to call His own.

Our Mission passed through an extremely trying ordeal in the riot of May 28th and 29th, 1895, but none showed more bravery than our own Miss Brackbill and Miss Ford. Leaving all behind, they were obliged to flee and remain in hiding for hours. After a few days, with the rest of the missionaries they were sent down to Shanghai.

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Returning to Chentu the following April (1896), as soon as possible a small day school for girls was opened, about twenty attending.

Property was purchased, possession being given in September, 1896, and with the advantage not formerly permitted, viz., to own rather than merely to lease.

Some native buildings on the premises were altered and fitted up for hospital and dispensary purposes, and then began the erection of a brick wall twelve feet high and nearly five hundred feet in length—school rooms—a home for our missionaries, and dormitories. Thirty day pupils and four little boarders, whose feet have been unbound, are the number reported last year.

Medical work has been carried on to some extent, many availing themselves of the relief furnished through the dispensary and some being treated in their own homes.

As far as possible opportunities have been used to tell of our God and Saviour, tracts have been distributed and meetings held with an attendance of thirty to fifty women and children. One woman, who has been connected from the first with the mission, has been baptized.

A form of work has been opened which could hardly be declined, viz., the care of poor little outcasts, and the establishment of an Orphanage has been authorized, to be called "The Jennie Ford Home." Two little waifs have already been happily rescued.

Coming to our own country, the first point we reach on landing is the Rescue Home for Chinese girls in Victoria, B.C. The work indicated by the name is not as extensive as formerly, but it is not a small matter that since its foundation thirty-five to forty girls have, for a longer or shorter period, been sheltered under its gracious influences, and a kindly Christian oversight still guards those who have married and settled in the city.

Its claims on our humanity and love of liberty, apart from spiritual considerations, should enlist in its favor, at least all Canadian people, and should lead to the enforcement or, if necessary, improvement of the law, without adding expense to the society undertaking this difficult work.

We are thankful to report enlargement in other directions. New homes have been opened up to our missionary, not only in Victoria, but in Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Union, Steveston and Moodyville. A growing acquaintance with the Chinese language, and some familiarity with Japanese, peculiarly fits our representative for reaching the women and children of both these nationalities.

A day school for Chinese, opened February 8th, 1897, has met with encouraging success, and it is hoped will be the open door to many homes and the starting point of many Christian lives.

The weekly prayer meeting attracts many of the former residents of the Home, who are thus kept in touch with its helpful influence, and nurtured in the ways of the Lord.

While there have been disappointments, yet there are many who are trying to carry out the principles they have been taught, and one, as the wife of a Chinese evangelist, is helping to spread the Gospel among her own people.

INDIAN HOMES.

Steady, progressive work has been carried on in the Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson, B. C. The number in residence has not been as great as was hoped, but of late there has been an increase.

The daily routine of school life with practice, under instruction, of domestic duties and sewing, varied by a little music, has left no time for idleness.

There has been growth spiritually, and some have passed to the better land giving evidence of their faith in Christ.

Untiring devotion has characterized our nurses in Dr. Bolton's hospital, and much good has been accomplished in this direction.

The Coqualeetza Home at Chilliwack, founded by the Woman's Missionary Society, has, during the quadrennium, grown into "The Coqualeetza Indian Institute," supported by both societies, about one hundred children being taught and trained in various industrial pursuits. Evidence is abundant that this is the most satisfactory way of dealing with the Indian problem—*training accompanying teaching*.

For two years a small grant has been made to the Rev. Mr. Raley, at Kitamaat, to help him in the support of about thirty Indian children, who are receiving the benefit of a Christian Home with instruction in the day school.

Although not coming in the compass of this report, yet it may be stated that \$300 each were appropriated at the last annual meeting to White Fish Lake and the refurnishing of the McDougall Orphanage.

FRENCH.

During the four years there has been an average attendance of eighty at the French Institute in Montreal, about one-third of whom have been from Roman Catholic families.

Good and faithful work has been done, and not a few have been led to value the word of God and to trust in the "One Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Besides sharing with the General Society the support of this Institute, the Woman's Missionary Society has maintained two prosperous day schools in Montreal and two small ones in the country.

The teachers have also served as Bible women, visiting as far as strength and opportunity would permit, distributing the Word of Life, inviting to the services of the church, and ministering to sick and needy ones.

Baffled at times by an unseen but not an unknown power, they have patiently done what they could, and have not been without the reward of souls led to Christ and freedom.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The children of many a brave fisherman, who has been overwhelmed in the deep sea off Newfoundland, have found shelter in the Methodist Orphanage to which a yearly grant has been given.

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During the four years goods have been distributed to the value of some \$14,000, and this *not* taken from our regular funds.

The past few years have brought much anxiety and deep pain in some relations; the situation many times has been exceedingly trying and the work has seemed imperilled, but through the good hand of our God upon us we continue to this day.

Never, it may be, was a society more blessed with intelligent, faithful, earnest, devoted Christian missionaries than has ours.

To each, it may be said, "Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

In closing this sketch one feeling must have expression, that of humble gratitude, not only for our own exalted position as women contrasted with that of our sisters who know not Christ, but that we have been so honored in being made the dispensers of His bounty, and have been privileged through our representatives to tell the old, old story, to many who otherwise would most likely never have heard it.

To the tender loving Father who accepts the smallest offering given in sincerity, and who has seen the devotion and oftentimes self-denial here represented we commit the work, praying that all which has been unworthy may be blotted out, and that what has been done in "His name" may be accepted.

E. S. STRACHAN.

*Field Corresponding Secretary.*

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Abstract of Treasurer's Report for Four Years from October, 1893, to October, 1897.*

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New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference Branch	20,079 04	
British Columbia Conference Branch	1,469 50	
Manitoba and N. W. " "	1,702 38	
Auxiliaries, etc., not in branches	2,675 84	
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Government grants	\$4,418 83	
Insurance, Chilliwack	3,973 03	
Kanazawa Industrial Work	1,223 58	
Donations	561 60	
Returned travelling expenses from missionaries, etc.	371 09	
Collections at Annual Meetings	22 50	
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By Japan .....		\$64,299 92	
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McDougall Orphanage .....		367 50	
French work .....		18,735 00	
China .....		18,002 61	
Chinese Rescue Home, B.C. ....		6,095 65	
Newfoundland Orphanage .....		2,000 00	
Duty on Kanazawa goods .....		66 45	
Special furlough salary .....		300 00	
Literature, reports, etc. ....		1,445 00	
Expenses (including delegates' expenses, exchange on drafts, etc.) .....		5,736 16	
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Balance in Bank October 18th, 1897 .....			37,524 75
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Total .....			\$186,375 90

MARCELLA WILKES, *Treasurer.*

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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## RECEIPTS.

By bequests .....	\$3,743 43	
Bank interest .....	244 80	
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Balance—Cash in Bank of Toronto .....		\$3,988 23

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## 4. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. We recommend that the quadrennial report of the General Board of Missions be adopted.
2. That the first clause of the report of the Executive Committee of the Mission Board be adopted, viz. :  
"That it is not expedient to recommend to the General Conference a division of the Mission Fund."

## 3. FORMATION OF NEW MISSIONS.

(1) "No circuit which has been self-supporting for a married man shall be placed upon the list of missions without the recommendation of the May District Meeting given by a three-fourths' vote, and consented to by a three-fourths' vote of the ensuing Annual Conference."

(2) No new home mission shall be formed by dividing or detaching appointments from one or more self-supporting circuits or stations unless by a three-fourths' vote of the District Meeting and Annual Conference.

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## 4. HOME MISSIONS.

In order to secure, if possible, a more equitable support for ministers laboring upon Home Missions, and to put an end to those deficiencies which are a serious injustice to the ministers and a reproach to the Church, it is deemed advisable to adopt a definite minimum of allowances. The regulations touching this matter shall be as follows :

(1) The term "allowance" or "allowances" shall be understood as including all the items of a minister's support, such as salary, board, fuel and travelling expenses, but not house rent, horse-keep or hire, or incidentals.

(2) The minimum allowance for a married minister on a Home Mission shall be \$600 per annum, with a free house ; the house to be provided by the mission. For single ordained men the minimum allowance shall be \$350, and for single unordained men, \$300.

(3) In order to reach the results aimed at in these regulations, namely, the payment in full of minimum allowances, the amounts to be raised by the various missions is a matter of prime importance. And as there is great inequality in this respect, it is recommended that a special committee of each Annual Conference shall make arrangements for a visitation of Home Mission fields by a deputation appointed for the purpose.

The said deputation shall meet the official members, and also the congregations, if they judge it necessary ; enquire carefully into the circumstances of the people ; point out the injustice of deficiencies under any circumstances, and the still greater wrong inflicted when amounts actually promised are not paid ; indicate methods of increasing circuit finances, and after careful consideration name the amount which, in their judgment, the Mission ought to raise, obtaining, if possible, the consent of the officials to the same. A written report shall be presented by the deputation to the ensuing Financial District Meeting, and shall be taken into account in recommending a grant from the Missionary Fund for the ensuing year.

(4) When grants to Home Missions are finally determined, the proper authorities shall at once furnish an official statement of such grants to the district chairmen concerned, who shall, without delay, notify the superintendents of the Home Missions within his district. The superintendents shall at once notify their official boards, so that steps may be taken, if necessary, to raise such additional amounts as may be required to pay at least the minimum allowance above indicated.

It is to be distinctly understood that the responsibility of providing the minimum allowance agreed upon, rests primarily with the people upon the mission, not upon the Missionary Board, and that grants from the General Fund are designed to aid, for a time, those fields wherein, owing to the limited numbers and scanty means of the membership, the people are unable to support their own pastors.

5. We recommend that the General Conference elect a General Secretary whose duties shall be chiefly administrative, also an Associate Secretary whose duties shall be chiefly to visit as many of our fields as possible, to give information, and awaken interest and enthusiasm in the mission cause. All other details respecting the staff to be left as at present with the General Board and Executive Committee.

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The General Board may notify Annual Conference authorities when deemed necessary and advisable, that grants to particular missions shall cease, or be continued on a diminishing scale to terminate at a certain period, and when such notice is given the Annual Conference shall take action thereon, which action can only become final upon a three-fourths' vote of the Conference, otherwise the recommendation of the General Board shall be accepted.

#### 6. INCREASE OF MINISTERS.

As the multiplication of dependent fields has been caused, in part at least, by an unnecessary increase in the number of ministers, and the absence of any authority by which probationers for the ministry can be sent to any part of the Connexion where their services are most required, the General Conference is memorialized to enact as follows:

(1) That during the ensuing quadrennium it shall not be competent for any Annual Conference, or officer thereof, to receive any minister or probationer for the ministry from another church or from abroad.

(2) From among probationers received by the Annual Conferences during the ensuing quadrennium, the Stationing Committees shall appoint only so many as are urgently needed to supply existing fields. All others shall be put upon a list of reserve, which shall be placed in the hands of the General Superintendent, and from this list he shall select, on the request of any President, supplies for vacancies that may occur.

(3) It is to be distinctly understood that probationers are received for the ministry of the Methodist Church, and not merely for that of a particular Conference, and therefore shall be under obligation to proceed, when so directed by the proper authorities, to any part of the Connexion where their services are required.

#### 7. INDIAN MISSIONS.

Your Committee recommends that the Indian work in the Manitoba and North-West Conference, and in the British Columbia Conference, be placed entirely under the direction of the General Board of Missions.

We further recommend the following regulations touching the same:

In addition to the general powers conferred by the Constitution of the Missionary Society, the General Board shall have exclusive authority

(a) To regulate the number and boundaries of districts in the Indian work.

(b) To designate the number and extent of missions, and the number and character of the laborers to be employed thereon.

(c) To submit to the Stationing Committees of the Annual Conferences each year a list of proposed stations in the Indian work. The confirmation of such stations to be with the Annual Conferences according to Discipline.

(d) To nominate chairmen for the Indian districts; the final appointment to be with the Annual Conferences according to Discipline.

(e) To recommend to the Annual Conferences concerned the names of suitable persons to be received as probationers for the Indian work, and for ordination for such work. Provided that, whenever practicable, this shall be done through the usual channels of Quarterly and District meetings.

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(f) To authorize the General Superintendent, when deemed necessary, to issue a license, where it can be legally done, under the Seal of the Church, empowering lay workers on isolated stations to solemnize matrimony and administer the ordinance of baptism, such license to be revocable at the pleasure of the Board, and in any case to be surrendered by the person holding it when he ceases to be employed by the Society.— Lay workers so licensed shall not thereby become members of any Annual Conference, nor be entitled to any claim on the Superannuation Fund.

(g) To remove or recall any worker who is found to be unsuitable for an Indian field; and when the worker so removed or recalled is a minister or probationer, to negotiate with any Annual Conference for his employment elsewhere.

(1) It is the opinion of this Committee that it is not advisable, unless in exceptional circumstances, to increase the expense of Indian missions by employing high grade teachers to teach Indian children the elements of a public school education. This was referred to the General Board.

(2) That this Committee recommends the application of the principle of close supervision in the Indian missions, schools and institutions of Manitoba, the North-West and British Columbia, and that the question of the superintendency of Indian missions and the inspection of Indian schools and industrial institutions in Manitoba, the North-West and British Columbia be referred to the General Board of Missions with power to act as the facts and circumstances may require.

#### 8. MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

The appointment of several Medical Missionaries during the past quadrennium, and the possible increase of this class of workers in the future, renders it desirable that regulations should be adopted defining their status and work. Your Committee begs leave, therefore, to recommend as follows:

(1) That the employment of Medical Missionaries shall rest with the General Board which shall have authority to institute all necessary enquiries, prescribe a preliminary course of study, and provide for all necessary examinations.

(2) Medical Missionaries, duly appointed, shall have equal rank with the other missionaries in the field, and their stipends shall be computed on the same scale. Where there is a Mission Council they shall be members thereof, having a voice and vote in all its business.

(3) They shall be members of the District Meeting within the bounds of which they are laboring, and the same questions shall be asked respecting them as are asked concerning other missionaries, except those which strictly pertain to the pastoral office, such as recommending probationers for the ministry, their continuance on trial, ordination, or the like.

(4) Medical Missionaries who are or who shall become probationers for the ministry, shall pursue the course of study prescribed in the Discipline, and shall be subject to the same regulations as other probationers. If deemed expedient the General Board may prescribe a four years' course of study for Medical Missionaries who are not probationers for the ministry.

(5) No Medical Missionary shall be received as a probationer for the

ministry by any Annual Conference, or be ordained for special purposes, except by request of the General Board or the Executive Committee.

(6) Each Medical Missionary who is in receipt of a stipend from the Missionary Fund, shall keep an accurate account of all fees received for medical services, and forward a copy of the same through the Mission Council or Annual District Meeting to the General Board, which shall determine how said fees shall be expended. Where hospitals are established the Medical Missionary in charge shall keep a careful account of income from all sources, and of expenditure for maintenance and medical appliances. A copy of this account shall appear in the annual financial statement from the mission.

(7) Each Medical Missionary shall prepare and forward to the Mission Rooms, through the Mission Council or Annual District Meeting, a report of his work, whether hospital, dispensary or general practice, showing number and character of cases treated, and any other information that may help the Board to understand the extent and value of the medical work as an adjunct to evangelistic effort.

(8) It is to be distinctly understood that all persons employed by the Board are to be, first and foremost, *Missionaries*. While recognizing the value of medical work as a means of relieving physical suffering and prolonging life, its chief value in mission work is to exhibit the humane and beneficent character of practical Christianity, and to prepare the way for the Gospel message. It is expected, therefore, that all Medical Missionaries will keep constantly in view the spiritual needs of their patients, and lose no opportunity of offering Christ, the great Physician, for their acceptance.

(9) That the question of making provision for Medical Missionaries and their families in case of misfortune, sickness or death be referred to the General Board of Missions, with power to act.

(10) That years of service of Medical Missionaries after admission to probation for the ministry be accepted *pro tanto* in lieu of the years of probation required in the regular work, provided they pass the prescribed course of study.

(11) That during the ensuing quadrennium the General Board have power to adopt, if necessary, additional regulations respecting Medical Missionaries and their work, not inconsistent with the foregoing regulations.

#### 9. SUNDRY RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the letter from Rev. James Turner, of Dawson City, which had been referred to the Committee on Missions be transmitted to the General Board, they to take such action as they may deem advisable.

2. That the General Conference elect six ministers and six laymen as members of the General Missionary Board, and that such election be by ballot without nomination.

3. That the following memorials and communications be transferred to the General Board, they to take such action in the several cases as may be decided by them :

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(b) Memorial from British Columbia Conference *re* course of study for Indian probationers for the ministry.

(c) Memorial from Saskatchewan and Lake Winnipeg Indian District *re* appointment of an agent to supervise Indian work.

(d) That we recommend the General Conference to suggest to the General Board the advisability of publishing a missionary manual for the guidance of the agents of the society.

(e) Regarding the motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren for a joint Board for all the mission operations of the Church, and a communication from certain officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, it is recommended that the motion be referred to the General Board of Missions, and to the Woman's Missionary Society for consideration by them, and to report to the next General Conference.

(f) Your Committee recommends that the report of the Woman's Missionary Society be printed in the Journal of this Conference.

#### 10. MEMORIALS.

(1) With regard to a memorial from the Hamilton District, endorsed by the Hamilton Conference, asking that there be but one treasurer of missionary moneys on each district, and that the Chairman of the District be that treasurer.

We recommend concurrence with the prayer of the memorial.

(2) Not adopted.

(3) Respecting a communication from Rev. Geo. W. Hewitt, of Willowdale, Toronto Conference, relating to the maintenance of domestic missions on fields occupied by several denominations together, your Committee reports:

That we have recognized the condition referred to in the communication and have endeavored to arrange with other churches, when possible, to relieve the difficulty, but so far without much success. As the way is still open for the adjustment of these difficulties, it is hoped that more favorable results will be reached in the future.

(4) With regard to a notice of motion for such a change of Par. 136 of the Discipline as would make Conference representatives on the Central Board of Missions members of the Missionary Committee of the conferences to which they belong, your Committee reports non-concurrence.

(5) With regard to a communication from Rev. C. E. Manning, relating to the prompt payment to missionaries on Domestic Missions of moving expenses and salary, your Committee recommends the subject to the favorable consideration of the Board.

(6) A memorial of Rev. Dr. Eby, relating to the revision of our Foreign Missionary policy, was before the Committee. It was read and considered as fully as the time at command would permit, but as many of the suggestions contained therein have been covered in the legislation already recommended, your Committee does not see its way to recommend further action at present.

(7) Several other memorials, etc., were before your Committee on which no action was considered necessary, because they had been dealt with previously, namely:

- (a) A memorial from Montreal District respecting rent of parsonages on Missions ;
- (b) One from Sudbury District, Montreal Conference, relating to stipends of Domestic Missionaries ;
- (c) One from Nova Scotia Conference respecting rents on Missions ;
- (d) One from Wingham District, London Conference, relating to the publication of Missionary subscriptions and collections ;
- (e) And one from the Japan Conference relating to the length of the pastoral term.
- (f) The Financial Report of the Woman's Missionary Society is recommended for publication in the JOURNAL of the Conference.
- (g) The report of the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West is also recommended for publication in the JOURNAL.

### 11. JAPAN MISSION.

Your Committee have carefully considered the recommendations contained in the official report of the General Superintendent, regarding the work in Japan ; also certain memorials and other communications referring to the same matters. Respecting the reinforcement of the Mission and the supervision of the work, the following was adopted :

That we are in sympathy with the recommendation of the General Superintendent that the Japan Mission should be reinforced to the measure of its former strength ; also, that the work should be under wise, aggressive and prudent superintendency. At the same time we recognize the great practical difficulty arising from the straitened condition of the Missionary Fund. We therefore recommend that both points be referred to the favorable consideration of the General Board, with authority to reinforce the Mission and provide for the Superintendency as soon as the condition of the Fund will render it safe and prudent to do so.

Respecting the General Superintendent's second recommendation, to give the Mission Council its place in the Discipline, etc., we recommend that Clause 2 of Section 13 of the Discipline be altered, amended and arranged to read as follows :

#### "2. Mission Council.

"(1) The missionaries sent by the Methodist Church to any foreign field, when not less than five in number, shall constitute a Mission Council, with powers and duties as hereinafter defined. When there are less than five missionaries in the field, they may act as a committee to make recommendations, but shall not possess the powers of a Council. The Council shall be subject to such regulations as the General Board of Missions may from time to time adopt, provided the same be not *ultra vires* of the powers conferred upon the Board by the Discipline of the Church. Subject to this general restriction, the Council shall have authority :

- (a) "To elect a Secretary, who shall keep a true record of the proceedings and decisions of the Council. It shall also be his duty to forward to the General Board, or its officers, all resolutions, memorials, recommendations, or other official action of the Council and its Executive, and all

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(b) "The Council, composed of the missionaries and Superintendent, shall meet together at least once a year for mutual consultation respecting the interests of the work on the various fields comprised in the mission.

(c) "To appoint an Executive Committee to deal with any matters that may arise in the intervals of Council meetings. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Council the Superintendent shall call a special meeting of the Council.

(d) "To designate the particular field of each foreign missionary, and to appoint or re-appoint him thereto; the department of work—whether educational, evangelistic or the like—to be designated by the General Board. Where there is no organized District Meeting or Annual Conference, the Mission Council shall station the native preachers and other workers.

(e) "To consult, when deemed necessary or advisable, on matters of common interest, with native pastors who may be appointed by the Annual Conference for the purpose, with the view of maintaining the fullest confidence and harmony between the native and foreign workers.

(f) "The Council shall meet in joint session, at least once in the year, with the Council of the Woman's Missionary Society, for consultation on matters of common interest, with the view of promoting harmony and co-operation between the agents of the two Societies in the prosecution of their work. If any question arises in regard to which a majority of either Council cannot agree, it may be referred to the Home Boards for final decision, subject to the provisions of Par. 370, Sub-section 2 of the Discipline of 1894. The Executives of the two Councils shall meet in joint session when deemed necessary. A copy of the minutes of all sessions of the Council and Executive, whether joint or otherwise, shall be forwarded promptly to the Mission Rooms.

(g) "To regulate all matters relating to the property of the Society in harmony with the directions of the General Board; also to appropriate any funds granted by the Board when not specified in detail, but not so as to change the object of any such grant.

(h) "To review the work of each year, revise reports from all parts of the field, prepare and revise estimates for the coming year, and make such recommendations to the General Board from time to time as they deem expedient.

(i) "To plan for the evangelistic work of the foreign missionaries, assigning to each a definite centre of operation, with freedom, within limits prescribed by the Council, to plan and develop his work, yet not so as to interfere with the disciplinary duties and powers of native pastors or chairmen of districts. Provided always that the Council or missionaries shall not multiply fields or agents involving increased expenditure, without the consent of the General Board or Executive Committee. The missionary shall have an advisory relation to all the native workers

under the Annual Conference in his field, and shall direct all the laborers raised up under his own care till the fields can be brought under the care of the Annual Conference.

(j) "In case of any difference of judgment or conflict of authority arising between a foreign missionary and a native pastor, regarding the arrangement of their work which they cannot adjust, the matter shall be referred to the Superintendent for his decision.

(k) "Each foreign missionary shall send in a quarterly report of his work to the Board. He shall also present an annual report to the Council, which report may furnish a basis for the Council's recommendations to the Board.

(l) "The Council shall prepare and forward to the General Board, at least annually, a full report of the work and any recommendations touching the same which the Council deems it expedient to make.

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(n) "All instructions or orders from the General Board to individual missionaries may be communicated either directly or through the Superintendent; but in any case such orders or instructions must also be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, to be laid before the Council for information only, and not for review."

Your Committee recommends that Par. 366 and Sub-sections be further amended to read as follows :

### 3. *Superintendent, Treasurer and Secretary.*

The Superintendent of any Foreign Mission shall be the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Board for such mission, and the Executive of the instructions of the Board in all matters not committed to the Mission Council and its officers by the preceding regulations. He shall be a member of the Mission Council, also of the Stationing Committee of the Annual Conference, and of the Board of all Educational institutions under the control of the General Board within the bounds of the mission.

His duties shall be—

(a) "To supervise the entire work of the mission; to confer with and advise the Council respecting the appointment and work of the foreign missionaries, also the Stationing Committee of the Annual Conference respecting the work of the native preachers and evangelists; to advise with the missionaries and native pastors on their fields, regarding methods of organization and work; to decide matters in dispute between missionaries and native pastors, respecting their work, and between agents of the General Board and the Woman's Missionary Society, or refer the latter to the Home Boards for adjustment; to open up, with the concurrence of the Council, new fields of work; to initiate, through the Council or the Conference, methods for promoting self-support; and in general so to lead and direct the work of the mission as to build up the Annual Conference and the work under its care."

(b) "As Treasurer for the Board, to take charge of all funds sent from the Mission Rooms, rent of mission property, if any, and of income derived by missionaries, outside their regular stipends, for teaching in schools or the like; keep the books and make all necessary reports

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(c) "As Corresponding Secretary of the Board he shall report fully to the Board concerning his work as Superintendent, and keep the Board informed of all matters of importance connected with the work; lay promptly before the Council all official communications from the Board or Mission Rooms, and discharge such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct."

In case of the death or disability of the Superintendent, or his absence from the field, the General Board or Executive Committee shall designate one of the foreign missionaries as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary *pro tem.*, who shall discharge the duties specified in sub-sections (b) and (c) of the regulations next preceding, except those of superintendency.

The provisions of Par. 360, Sub-sections 7 and 8, and which are as follows, shall apply to the superintendents of foreign mission fields:

In the event of the death or disability of any of the officers of the Society, the Executive Committee shall appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of the General Board, when such appointment may be confirmed or changed pending the meeting of the next General Conference.

The Executive Committee shall also have authority to suspend any officer of the Missionary Society for incompetence or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and supply his place till the next meeting of the General Board, which shall have authority to fill the vacancy till the next General Conference.

#### MISSION CONFERENCES.

Respecting Mission Conferences in the foreign field, your Committee recommends that the sub-sections to Clause 2, Par. 368, on page 193 of the present Discipline, be arranged and amended to read as follows:

(a) The Conference shall not in any way interfere with the administration of the General Board of Missions, nor with the powers and duties of the Mission Council or the Superintendent of the Mission as elsewhere defined.

(b) It shall elect representatives to the General Conference and the General Board of Missions only when authorized so to do by the General Board, which shall also designate the number of such representatives.

(c) To meet peculiar conditions of the work in Japan the Stationing Committee may appoint a native pastor to the same field for five consecutive years; but any extension beyond this term shall be only by a three-fourths' vote of the Stationing Committee, but in no case shall the term exceed seven years.

Your Committee recommends that Clause 3 of Par. 368, page 193, be rescinded as no longer necessary. We also recommend that Par. 369, with its various clauses, be rescinded for the same reason.

Respecting the Woman's Missionary Society your Committee recommends that Clause 5 of Par. 370, page 195, be amended to read—

"5. Plans for new work by the Woman's Missionary Society or its Council, before being finally decided," etc. We also recommend that subsection (b) of said clause be rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(b) "The Mission Council of the Woman's Missionary Society shall meet in joint session with the Council of the General Missionary Society at least once in the year, for consultation in regard to matters of common interest, with the view of promoting harmony and co-operation between the agents of both Societies."

Regarding the status and rights of returned missionaries, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

"When a missionary who has been transferred to a Mission Conference in the foreign field, returns permanently to the Home Work, he shall be received and stationed by the Conference from which he was sent out. Nevertheless, it shall be competent for the General Superintendent to arrange for his transfer into some other Home Conference when the circumstances, in his opinion, justify such a course."

It is further recommended:

That this Conference authorize and direct the Missionary Board to appoint a Superintendent of our Mission work in China.

That this General Conference elect a Superintendent of the Mission work in Japan.

That it shall be the duty of the native chairmen of districts, pastors and Annual Conferences to co-operate in all possible ways with the missionaries and the Superintendent of the Mission.

T. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

A. M. BELL, *Secretary.*

#### IV.—EDUCATION.

##### 1. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Educational Society has done good service to the colleges during the quadrennium by the grants which it has been enabled to make, amounting to \$44,279.29, and the fees paid for student probationers, amounting to between \$10,000 and \$11,000. The loans for the four years have amounted to about \$14,000, and we have received repayments on account of loans to the amount of \$8,753.49. The notes now held by the treasurers number 753, and aggregate \$38,007.35. The income for the four years has amounted to \$86,002.73.

For the first time in the history of the Society bequests have been made thereto—One, the bequest of the late Rev. W. W. Miller, of Napanee, amounting to \$300, and a similar one from the late Mr. J. Fred. Moore, of Dundas. These sums have been invested, and the interest is placed to the credit of the Bay of Quinte and Hamilton Conferences. The former bequest requires that the interest be credited to the Napanee East Circuit.

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The Equalization Scheme, recommended in my last report and acted upon by the General Conference, has resulted in substantial help to several Conferences, but especially to the Manitoba and North-West Conference. The sums raised by Newfoundland and British Columbia are, by authority of the General Conference, at the disposal of those Conferences.

The notes given by the student probationers read, "payable within ten years." I would respectfully suggest a change either to "within seven years," or that "the amount be paid in annual instalments, dating from ordination." As a rule, nothing is done until the ten years have expired, and at that period family expenses are generally on the increase, so that I believe the men would be benefited by requiring the payment within seven years, or, as I have suggested, in annual payments covering seven years from ordination.

In the last Quadrennial report the attention of the General Conference was called to the importance of interesting the Sunday Schools in the work of Christian education, and two benefits were pointed out: "The Fund would be helped to the extent of several thousand dollars annually, and the young people would be brought into sympathetic and intelligent touch with our educational work, and particularly with the education of the ministry. This plan would be seed-sowing for much harvesting in after years. The Sunday School day for the Educational Society might be the same as the Educational Anniversary for the Church, the minister preaching on behalf of the Society, visiting the school and giving a short address suitable to interest the young people in the educational work of their own Church. The General Conference, acting upon the suggestion of the report, embodied its judgment in the following words: "A special collection for the Educational Society shall, wherever practicable, be taken up in each Sunday School annually, on a Sunday to be appointed by the Superintendent of the circuit, in consultation with the superintendent of the school." I am happy to report that many schools have been acting upon the recommendation, and it is likely that in the near future there will be a general, if not a universal, response which will materially aid the work of the Educational Society.

Conference treasurers render great service to the Society, and yet it seems impossible to have the Educational Society reports and the minutes of Conference exactly harmonize. The lists sent to the office of the treasurers for publication and the minutes differ, sometimes because deputation expenses are deducted and only the net amount reported, whereas, in all cases the gross amounts should be acknowledged to the credit of the circuits. The discrepancies are further accounted for by the fact that the money is sometimes not paid in until after the treasurer's statement is in print.

Following is the financial statement for the respective years of the quadrennium just closed.

JOHN POTTS,

*General Secretary*

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY,  
TORONTO, *September, 1898.*

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF GENERAL TREASURERS  
OF EDUCATIONAL FUND.

(OMITTING ONE-THIRD OF INCOME DISBURSED BY CONFERENCE  
TREASURERS.)

RECEIPTS.

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Nova Scotia Conference	\$545 47	\$764 12	\$558 36	\$720 77
New Brunswick and P. E. I. "	688 48	900 00	866 00	860 44
Montreal "	2,361 00	2,407 17	2,302 35	2,583 27
Bay of Quinte "	1,233 90	1,312 78	981 32	1,107 25
Toronto "	2,911 00	3,035 58	2,467 17	2,564 83
Hamilton "	2,901 21	2,979 08	2,644 27	2,776 67
London "	2,052 17	2,167 95	2,047 28	2,260 76
Manitoba and North-West "	544 89	381 82	732 61	744 67
British Columbia "	113 40	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	\$13,351 52	\$13,948 50	\$12,599 36	\$13,618 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

GRANTS TO COLLEGES.

Mount Allison University.....	\$1,533 41	\$1,626 66	\$1,448 17	\$1,590 87
Wesleyan Theological College ....	1,971 52	2,091 42	1,861 92	2,045 41
Albert College .....	438 12	464 77	413 77	454 54
Victoria University.....	4,709 75	4,996 17	4,447 94	4,886 26
Wesley College.....	1,971 52	2,091 42	1,861 92	2,045 41
Columbian College.....	328 59	348 58	310 32	340 90
Total .....	\$10,952 91	\$11,619 02	\$10,344 04	\$11,363 39

EXPENSES.

General Secretary .....	\$1,250 00	\$1,250 00	\$1,250 00	\$1,250 00
General Secretary, Rent .....	250 00	250 00	250 00	250 00
Office, Commission on Cheques, etc.....	856 66	751 98	711 82	691 02
Travelling .....	41 95	77 50	43 50	64 25
Total .....	\$2,398 61	\$2,329 48	\$2,255 32	\$2,255 27

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2. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TREASURER OF VICTORIA COLLEGE.

The review of the quadrennium is not entirely satisfactory. Educationally, the various institutions have made progress and are doing efficient service. From St. John's, Nfld., to New Westminster, B.C., every College is burdened with debt, and therefore lessened in the progress that would otherwise be made.

In response to an earnest request, the General Superintendent and the Secretary of Education visited British Columbia in the interest of the Columbian Methodist College, holding educational conventions in various parts of the Province. The British Columbia Conference, lay and clerical, came to the relief of the College in a spirit of commendable liberality, and it is hoped that the Columbian College is now on the way to efficiency and permanent usefulness to the Methodism of the Pacific Province.

What is true financially of all our colleges is emphatically true of our chief educational centre, Victoria College. The amount necessary for the efficient working of the institution never was reached, partly because of the divided sentiment of the Church as to its educational policy, but far more largely because of the commercial depression through which the country has been passing of late. There is a brighter outlook, and with returning prosperity it is hoped the colleges of Canadian Methodism shall be made to share the benefits of such prosperity. Several members of the Board of Regents thought that, in view of the hard times, it was not well to push for subscriptions. Things have reached a crisis which demands the serious consideration of the Conference and the Connexion at large. The deficit has caused great anxiety to the Board of Regents and to all the friends of Victoria University.

Since the last General Conference the Board has been able to effect the sale of the old Victoria College property at Cobourg. The property was sold to the Ontario Government for the sum of \$25,000, payable in five annual instalments of \$5,000. Already two instalments have been received.

During the quadrennium, sums amounting to \$13,406.25 have been received on account of old mortgages, and the mortgage held by the Canada Landed and National Investment Co. against Faraday Hall, amounting to \$7,000, has been paid off. A loan of \$3,000 has been effected on good Toronto property. Reductions in rate of interest have considerably affected the revenue of the College.

The most remarkable event in the history of the College during the quadrennium was the bequest of the late Mr. H. A. Massey of \$201,000: \$1,000 to endow two prizes in the English Bible, \$50,000 for a Ladies' Residence, and \$150,000 for Endowment. The principal of the prize money has been received and invested in a debenture bearing interest at 4½ per cent. While Victoria was thus generously remembered, several other Methodist institutions will be largely helped by the will of our munificent friend. Although this sum is in prospect, there is no

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certainty as to the actual time when it may be realized, but the hope is that by the end of the present century, or early in the next, the executors will feel warranted in paying this legacy.

An effort has been inaugurated to establish a Current Income Fund to carry us over four or five years to prevent any serious encroachment upon the endowment. From that source we received in 1897-98 the sum of \$1,105, and we hope for additional subscriptions each year. As all along the history of Victoria, the ministers have been to the front in the movement. One who subscribed to College Federation has also subscribed to the Income Fund at the rate of \$10 a year so long as he is in the active work. There is considerable difficulty in collecting the balance of subscriptions due the College.

The late Dr. C. M. Gould, of Colborne, bequeathed a prize of \$12 per year for five years, and during the quadrennium five Scholarships have been founded—one by Mr. A. E. Ames, of Toronto, of the value of \$60 per year, to be called the William Ames Scholarship—this is in honor of his venerable father, a worthy minister of our Church. Professor Horning and his friends have founded the Nelles Scholarship, worth \$60 per year; Dr. Bell gives a Scholarship of \$60, and Professor Robertson has also given one of \$50. Rev. E. A. Chown, B.D., gives a Scholarship of \$50 a year for a period of five years.

In view of the pressing financial needs of Victoria and of all the other colleges of the Connexion, it is of the utmost importance that this Conference take decisive steps to place the colleges of the Church on a much better financial footing.

Attention has been called in this Conference, and shall be still more emphatically, to the proposed Twentieth Century Fund, which has in it more than a gleam of hope for Christian education. Unless that great scheme be adopted and carried to a successful conclusion, there must be during the present quadrennium many appeals for the colleges, and with perhaps uncertain and limited results. If, however, the Methodism of this land acts like the Mother-Methodism of the world and like the great Methodism of the United States, north and south, it is certain the much-needed help will be forthcoming. Apart, therefore, from the sentiment and the gratitude to God, which should characterize us as a people for the mercies of the century just closing, it will be seen that such an effort is the best way of aiding our colleges which mean so much for the future welfare of Canadian Methodism.

The Treasurers of Victoria University beg to append hereto the Financial Statements for the respective years of the quadrennium :

1895.

REVENUE.

Interest received and accrued .....	\$14,697 94
Fees .....	4,003 00
Educational Society .....	4,958 49
Rent .....	60 00
Prizes .....	65 00
Deficiency .....	8,458 74
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EXPENDITURE.

Interest paid and accrued .....	\$554 12
Salaries .....	27,312 00
Annuities .....	1,000 00
Expense, Printing and Advertising, etc .....	1,684 76
Travelling .....	51 40
Real Estate .....	77 67
Repairs .....	17 00
Insurance .....	243 35
Prizes .....	94 75
Fuel .....	1,208 12
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In 1894-95, \$2,025.42 was collected on account of subscriptions.

1896.

REVENUE.

Fees .....	\$4,824 50
Educational Society .....	4,709 75
Interest received and accrued .....	13,625 31
Prizes .....	362 00
On Subscriptions .....	3,591 06
Deficiency .....	5,911 20
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EXPENDITURE.

Salaries .....	\$28,189 50
Annuities .....	1,000 00
Fuel .....	964 15
Insurance .....	418 58
Board and Travelling .....	100 50
Real Estate .....	83 20
Prizes .....	403 14
Printing and Advertising .....	576 30
Interest Payable .....	684 36
Expense .....	604 09
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1897.

REVENUE.

Fees .....	\$4,585 50
Educational Society .....	4,996 17
Prizes .....	228 00
On Subscriptions .....	1,701 59
Interest received and accrued .....	13,283 41
Deficiency .....	8,758 71
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EXPENDITURE.

Salaries .....	\$28,242 00
Annuities .....	1,000 00
Fuel .....	977 79
Prizes .....	397 52
Printing, Stationery, etc. ....	607 11
Expense .....	608 48

Insurance .....	418 58
Superannuation Fund .....	150 00
Real Estate .....	84 89
Repairs .....	4 50
Commission .....	80 00
Board and Travelling .....	59 90
Interest .....	922 61

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Examined and found correct.

THOS. S. KEOUGH,  
F. BYRNE.

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REVENUE.

Interest received and accrued .....	\$12,675 59
Fees .....	5,637 75
Educational Society .....	4,447 94
On Subscriptions .....	2,380 17
Prizes .....	246 00
Deficiency .....	7,878 61

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EXPENDITURE.

Salaries .....	\$27,552 20
Fuel .....	1,139 09
Annuities .....	1,000 00
Interest .....	1,024 21
Expense .....	686 81
Printing, Advertising, etc .....	673 92
Insurance .....	418 59
Superannuation Fund .....	150 00
Repairs .....	132 70
Real Estate .....	103 99
Law Expenses .....	10 20
Travelling .....	57 35
Prizes .....	294 00
Commission .....	23 00

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ASSETS.

Toronto Property .....	\$300,000 00
House, St. James Avenue .....	3,130 78
Manitoba Farm .....	1,000 00
Toronto Lot .....	800 00
Library .....	7,931 08
Furniture .....	7,623 79
Museum .....	2,000 00
Apparatus .....	338 90
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Debentures .....	\$115,000 00
Debentures for Prizes .....	1,800 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co. Stock .....	45,720 00
Toronto Savings and Loan Co. Stock .....	15,000 00
Bank of Hamilton Stock .....	6,000 00
Western Union Telegraph Co. Stock .....	500 00
Merchants' Bank Stock .....	300 00
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Hon. John Macdonald bequest .....	\$25,000 00	
Ontario Government .....	15,000 00	
Mortgage Investments .....	23,363 00	
Bills Receivable .....	34,861 97	
Methodist Book Room .....	4,497 40	
		102,722 37
Overdue Interest on Mortgages .....	\$1,418 14	
Accrued Interest Receivable .....	3,213 96	
Accounts due College .....	2,498 21	
Cash on hand .....	258 71	
		7,389 02
Deficiency .....		7,878 61
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LIABILITIES.

Capital Account .....		\$335,300 00
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Jackson .....	\$30,000 00	
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Cox .....	30,000 00	
William Gooderham .....	40,000 00	
Mrs. William Gooderham .....	35,000 00	
Massey .....	40,000 00	
Macdonald .....	25,000 00	
Nelles .....	40,000 00	
		264,473 15
Prizes .....		3,800 00
Bills payable .....	\$2,825 00	
Accrued interest .....	370 20	
Accounts .....	145 36	
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co .....	12,402 49	
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Contingent Fund .....		5,818 35
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GEO. A. COX, }  
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Examined and found correct,  
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3. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

HONORED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

It is once more our pleasing duty to approach your venerable body with our report of the trust which you have placed in our hands. The importance of that trust we fully recognize, affecting, as it does, the interests of our Church and country for generations to come. In receiving from you that trust we are sensible that you have placed upon us the highest honor as well as the most weighty responsibility.

The period of our history on which we are now called to report has, we think, tested quite thoroughly as well the possibilities as the difficulties and the requirements of our new university relations. The possibilities of our work in its present form will, perhaps, appear most clearly from a statement of the facts of the past four years.

In 1892, the last year of our work in Cobourg, the total number of students who attended lectures or passed examination in the Faculty of Arts was 121. At that same date more than a hundred Methodist students were pursuing their studies in University College, Toronto. In the first two years after removal to Toronto the attendance of students in Arts at our own college had increased to 167. The following are the numbers for the four years just ended :

1895.....	211
1896.....	227
1897.....	227
1898.....	255

The first result of our six years' history in our new relations is that our students in the Faculty of Arts have been doubled in number, and the accommodation afforded by our large and beautiful new building taxed almost to its full capacity. This growth, which is quite unprecedented in our history of over sixty years, can scarcely be expected to continue, especially as the number of university students in the Province has diminished, or at least has not materially increased during the past two years. Our growth is due to the fact that we are now in a position to secure the patronage of the great body of Methodist students of the country. This desirable result has been attained first of all by the thoroughly efficient work of an able staff of professors. As tested by the common university examination, our students have maintained the credit of their college and proved the efficiency of the work of their instructors by winning their full share of university honors and of places of honor in the annual class lists. Twice in the four years they have won the Governor-General's gold medal, and of the two awards of the post-graduate travelling scholarship of £150 sterling, one was given to a Victoria student—another Victoria man, who has since won high honors at Cornell, standing second in the competition. The only award also made in the four years of the medal for general proficiency in the ordinary course was made to a young lady of Victoria, and our students have each year secured a large share of honors in general proficiency.

In addition to these proofs of efficient class work our college has also already obtained a reputation as an attractive home of learning. In the library and on the campus, in our social religious meetings and in the parlors and societies, and especially in our college Sabbath services something of a college home has been created to which our students become so attached that they leave it with sincere regret, and which contributes a most important moral and spiritual element to their education. In this field, quite as much as in the lecture room, we believe we are working out the great end desired by our Church in building up strong and well-furnished men and women for her future work. The training of the college societies, whether literary or more distinctively moral and religious, has proved a most direct and important factor in this respect, and we have been delighted to take note of the work accomplished by these incipient efforts of student life. In many of these respects our college has been a training school for future life and usefulness, and has so made itself truly attractive to all earnest students.

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A decided impetus has been given to the intellectual side of our work, especially in the Faculty of Arts, by the creation of college scholarships. University College, through the liberality of its friends, is able to offer no less than nine scholarships each year to be competed for by students of the College in college subjects. It is evident that if we are to retain the better class of students we must offer equivalent advantages. So deeply has this impressed our Faculty that out of their scanty salaries Professors Bell and Robertson have each contributed a scholarship in classics, while through the effort and personal contribution of Professor Horning another has been established in Modern Languages, and a fourth and fifth have been established by A. E. Ames, Esq., and the Rev. E. A. Chown, B.D., an honored member of our Senate. These scholarships, together with a number of prizes and bursaries, established by such men as Dr. J. E. Hodgins, the late Mr. Massey, the Hon. Senator Cox, the Rev. Dr. Fawcett, A. F. Wallbridge, Esq., the late Dr. Gould and W. J. Robertson, M.A., have afforded not only stimulus but substantial assistance to students struggling for an education. In this connection it would be unjust to pass over the gifts of medals by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Excellency the Governor-General, the Rev. Bishop Wilson, the Honorable Senators Sanford and Co., and Messrs. S. H. Janes and J. J. Maclaren, who have contributed from year to year medals in the various departments and honor courses.

Another element in our college work in which very decided progress has been made has been the Library. A beautiful and attractive feature of our new building was provision for a compact college library of working material, especially in Theology and in college subjects. Provision was made in the stacks for about 10,000 volumes and at the reading tables for about 40 students. Already these limits are too narrow. Through the enterprise of the Alumni, especially led by C. C. James, Esq., who has been both a generous contributor and an indefatigable worker, and through the gifts of numerous liberal friends our library has grown in the six years from about 6,000 to 11,000 volumes, and the appreciation of its usefulness by the students is evinced by the fact that the reading tables are almost daily crowded to excess by diligent workers. Besides the collection of books needed by students in the course of study we have endeavored to collect material bearing on Canadian history, and especially upon the history of Canadian Methodism. Already we have secured, in some directions, exceedingly valuable material and have now probably the most complete collection of Canadian Methodist historical material in existence. We regard this work as of great importance, not only to our college, but also to our entire Church in the future. In this work we are co-operating with mutual advantage with the Methodist churches of the United States, and with their able librarian, the Rev. J. C. Thomas, M.A., of New York.

The place of the library as an instrument of true university work is now fully appreciated by all the leading institutions of higher learning, and perhaps the greatest advantage which a city like Toronto offers as a university seat is the fact that it contains several of the best furnished libraries in the country. To the completeness of these we are glad to be

able to make at least a departmental contribution. In reviewing the expansion and changes of the past four years in our college work we cannot forget changes which have taken from us familiar names and personal elements of strength. The present year has taken from us two of the last surviving members of the college staff of a generation ago, Dr. John Wilson and Dr. John Beatty. Many of the members of this Conference will call to mind their strong moral and religious character, their rare power to command the confidence and affectionate respect of students, and their ability and scholarship in their respective departments. Each passed beyond the fourscore years, and full of years and honors has now entered into rest. We have also lost another fellow-worker, Prof. John Petch, M.A., than whom young men never had a truer friend or a more faultless pattern of noble life. Nor have the honored dead been called from the ranks of the teachers alone. Five members have passed from our Board during the quadrennium. One was the first student who passed from the halls of our college into the ranks of the ministry, the late Dr. Sanderson. Two others, Mr. Massey and Dr. Aikins, were among the earliest students of our college whose long lives of high professional and business success and usefulness reflected the highest honor on their *Alma Mater*. Two others, Dr. D. G. Sutherland and Rev. J. W. Annis, were honored and beloved graduates whose sun set while it seemed as yet but noon. Besides these two other members of our Senate have passed from us—Dr. Rosebrugh, an early and distinguished graduate in Medicine, and Rev. James Vanwyck, a graduate who occupied a foremost place in the ranks of our ministry. All these were men whose lives exemplify the work which such an institution should accomplish for the Church and the world. While these have passed away the full working strength of our staff has been maintained, and in Arts our departments are efficiently manned as follows: In Classics, Profs. A. R. Bain, LL.D., A. J. Bell, Ph.D., A. L. Langford, M.A., and J. C. Robertson, B.A.; in Moderns, Profs. A. H. Reynar, LL.D., L. E. Horning, Ph.D., O. A. Edgar, Ph.D., A. E. Lang, M.A., and E. Masson; in Philosophy, E. I. Badgley, LL.D., B.D.; in Orientals, Rev. J. F. McLaughlin, M.A., B.D. The remaining departments in Philosophy, Natural Science, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Mathematics, History and Political Science are supplied by the able professors of the University of Toronto, at present thirty-one in number, affording our students the advantages of the strongest university staff in the Dominion and one of the most efficient on the continent.

Doubtless to this court of our Church the theological side of our work is of especial interest. The progress of our Church in advancing the standard of qualification for the ministry is not less noteworthy than the general advance of higher education in our Church and country. The first graduates of our college to enter the ministry of our Church in this country are both members of this Conference, and many of its members can recall the establishment of our first chairs of divinity about thirty years ago. Now a large percentage of our younger ministry and ordination classes are university graduates in Arts and many of them still further in Divinity; while undergraduate status in Arts and a college training in Divinity, and especially in exegetical

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cost of our own college work has very slightly exceeded our estimate, and has been due quite as much to the enlargement of our Divinity School as to the demands of our work in Arts. But our resources have fallen short in two directions. First of all, our endowment is still more than a hundred thousand below the first estimate, and again the fall in interest has made it far less productive than a corresponding amount twelve years ago. Our income from endowment is thus scarcely more than half what we anticipated. This has been in part made up by the increase of students' fees and by the growth of the Educational Fund, but still our treasurers have each year to face a serious deficiency. At the request of some of the annual conferences your Board have taken the whole matter into most serious consideration, and an able and experienced committee of men, well acquainted with both education and finance, have carefully examined both the wants and the expense of all departments of the work, with the conclusion that efficient work can not be done at any less expense than is now incurred. To maintain our place as a college in full efficiency and not entrench upon endowment funds is, in fact, the chief difficulty of our present situation. The particulars of this difficulty will appear from the report of the treasurers. While it does not obviate the difficulty, it may be a satisfaction to remember that such difficulty is the ordinary, and we might almost say, the normal condition of all growing and effective educational institutions. It has been the condition of our own college for sixty years. If we are to furnish education for our young people at less than cost, the more students we have and the greater amount of education we impart the more money we must raise. Increased educational prosperity implies in its very nature increased financial burden.

Minor difficulties have presented themselves in the adjustment of our new relations to the Provincial University, and to the public system of education. In our new educational policy we have assumed a new relation in both these directions. By federation we have become a part of the Provincial University, exerting our fair share of influence in its entire management and policy, and further, have entered into the educational system of the country, exerting our legitimate influence in working out all its problems. But this change has not affected our college alone. It has already reached out to the whole university life of Ontario, on the one hand, and has largely influenced the structure, relations, and life of the Provincial University itself, on the other. A common educational council has given at least one point of unity to the university work of the entire province, and our position as a full Arts College and our representation on the University Senate have somewhat changed the very constitution of the University itself. It is easy to understand that such changes cannot be wrought without occasional friction and sometimes a little diversity of opinion and difficulty of adjustment. A system like that of Ontario, involving the co-operation of thousands of workers in secondary education and of hundreds in university work, moves slowly into any new order; and few, perhaps, have yet understood how large a change has been introduced by the Federation Act of 1887. In the principles of this change, however, we have strong faith. It is a change from division to unity, which, in its very nature, involves increase

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It is also a change which has given greater scope to all the moral and religious elements of education, and that to all Christian minds must be considered an advantage. Wise direction, liberal support and faithful work will, we think, solve every problem, remove every difficulty, and work out results which will be at once the glory and the blessing of our Church and country.

In conclusion, permit us to call your attention to some of the pressing needs of our college at the present or in the very near future. These arise out of, first, increasing numbers; and, secondly, the nature and perfection of our work as a college. Our college building was planned for three hundred students, and as we are now reaching that number we are already finding our quarters too narrow. This is especially the case in the library, the importance of which has greatly increased in the last few years.

Another pressing need is the furnishing of residence for students. For centuries the very idea of a college has been a united life in the pursuit of learning. The University in its very nature is multiple and divided. It embraces all learning, and for the accomplishment of this must have many colleges. But the College is a united body, and as such naturally chooses one field of learning in which all its members may unite. But this unity is never for intellectual ends alone. It must and always will reach the moral, the religious and the social life as well, and so the common college life becomes, in itself, the most powerful of educational agencies. College life has moulded all England's great men, and no country in the world has ever had a grander moral, religious and social development than England. And if this is true of college life at large, it is especially true of college life as applied to young women. Their nature is pre-eminently moral, religious and social, and any education which does not provide for this must be for them deficient. They must have a home in which all the elements of home life may grow to full perfection. Already one of our noble friends, the late Hart A. Massey, Esq., had anticipated this want, and in his munificent bequests made provision for a home for women students. For many years this had been in his mind, and we hope that now very shortly it may be fully realized. But for the perfection of our work our young men, as well as our young women, should be provided with the advantages of a strong, healthy, bright home life.

It will not have escaped the attention of the members of the Conference that our age is a time of great movement in which intellectual and religious, moral and social influences are powerfully reacting upon each other. The results are perhaps in many ways disturbing. The old methods of work are giving place to new. New ideas are taking the place of the old ways of thinking. There is a development of new phases, even of religious character, feeling and experience. Such changes cannot take place without grave anxiety on the part of men of conservative spirit. Nor can they proceed without at times undue rashness on the part of the men whose nature urges them to lead the advance. In the past history of the world such movements have in

almost every instance sprung from the universities. Especially has this been the case where they have profoundly touched religious life. The history of Oxford and Cambridge has been the history of all the great religious movements of England. If the world is to move onward, such changes must mark its progress. And perhaps they can begin in no safer place than in the university. There, if anywhere, the watchword and goal of all work is truth. Buy the truth and sell it not. The safety of the Church and the world lies in the truth. God is honored by the truth. The kingdom of Christ is the kingdom of truth. But it would be foolish, indeed, for us to dream that we have exhausted all truth. The church that studies, that searches for the very truth, that keeps herself in touch with all the world's progress in the discovery of truth, whose stability of the times and strength of salvation lies in wisdom and knowledge, will be the church of the future. Such was the spirit of our fathers in the early days of this country, and we trust that the same spirit will ever abide with their children.

A. CARMAN, *President.*

N. BURWASH, *Secretary.*

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY,  
August 31st, 1898.

#### 4. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of the University of Mount Allison College beg leave to present the following Quadrennial Report :

The quadrennium has been marked by satisfactory expansion and invigoration in every member of the group of institutions under control of the Board, the University proper, the Ladies College and the Mount Allison Academy. The following comparative statement of the aggregate attendance during each year of the respective quadrennial periods, 1890-94 and 1894-98 is submitted :

1890-91 . . . . .	320	1894-95 . . . . .	380
1891-92 . . . . .	294	1895-96 . . . . .	400
1892-93 . . . . .	338	1896-97 . . . . .	404
1893-94 . . . . .	344	1897-98 . . . . .	422

There is thus shown to have been an average annual increase of upwards of seventy during the last quadrennium as compared with the preceding one. The duties of the various Faculties have been performed with conspicuous fidelity and success. Continuously throughout the quadrennium, the gracious favor of Almighty God has caused the work of his servants to prosper. Apart from the liberal patronage extended to the various schools, for whose general oversight your Board is responsible, each year has brought with it proof of the kindly interest taken in their welfare by the Methodist people of the Maritime Provinces, while the generous bequest of the late Mr. Massey, of Toronto, conclusively proves that recognition of the value of their work is by no means confined to their immediate *clientele*.

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## THE UNIVERSITY.

IN the University the average attendance during the four years was 145, an increase of 27 over the previous quadrennial average.

The total number of graduates to date is as follows : in Arts, 265 ; in Science, 6 ; in Philosophy, 2 ; in Divinity, 9.

The Arts graduates, during the four years under review, number sixty-seven, as compared with fifty-three registered as graduates during the previous quadrennium.

The University has complete Faculties in Arts and Theology, and has such an affiliation with the Law School of Dalhousie University (Halifax, N.S.), that by virtue of work done at Mount Allison in the regular prosecution of their undergraduate course, our students can abridge the term of study at the latter institution by a whole year. During the quadrennium the Faculty of Arts has been enlarged by the appointment of Rev. R. Brecken, D.D., as Professor of Philosophy and H. A. Powell, Esq., Q.C., as Professor of the Law of Contracts ; and the Faculty of Theology by the appointment of Dr. Brecken as Professor of Homiletics, and the Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., as Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Church History.

The extension and growth of the work of the University noticed in the last preceding report has been fully maintained throughout the quadrennium just closed. Another generous gift from the Rev. Dr. Brecken places the Library clearly in the forefront of the college libraries of the Maritime Provinces. Increased facilities for practical work in the Department of Science are attracting students and encouraging the prosecution of new lines of investigation.

The residence for University students, the general structure and equipments of which were fully described in the report for 1894, has been in use during the entire quadrennium. The building has fulfilled its designed end in a most satisfactory manner, and the change, from their former restricted quarters, and somewhat inconvenient mode of living, has told beneficially on the health, comfort and morals of the students. It is but right to say that its erection and furnishing have involved the Board in heavy pecuniary obligations and have led, during the past two years, to considerable and of course regrettable deficits in the working of the University. The receipts from the Semi-Centennial Fund, appropriated to the erection of the Residence, fell far short of what was hoped and expected. The invested funds of the University are in a most satisfactory condition, its landed property is very valuable, while its debt was incurred in the erection of buildings absolutely necessary to the conduct of its work. Plans for the liquidation of the debt will, however, be formed at an early date and steps will, in the meantime, be taken to prevent the occurrence of further deficits. Among other matters of interest occurring during the quadrennium, reference may be appropriately made to

## THE MARY J. BOWSER SCHOLARSHIP.

By his last will and testament the late George T. Bowser, Esq., of Sackville, bequeathed to the University several thousand dollars' worth of real estate and securities to constitute a fund, named as above, and placed

under the control of the Faculty of the University and the Superintendent Minister of the Sackville Circuit, the income of which is to be devoted to the education of young men and women preparing for service in the foreign field as missionaries, or teachers under the auspices and direction of the Methodist Church. The property consecrated to this noble purpose was inherited by Mr. Bowser from his sister, whose name and memory are thus perpetuated, and whose wish as to its ultimate disposal has been scrupulously observed. Regulations for dispensing aid under the general conditions embodied in the will will be duly framed by the persons charged with responsibility in the matter.

The Rev. Dr. Stewart, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, presents the following report of the

#### THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Theological Department has, during the past quadrennium, been prosecuted in circumstances of encouragement, though not without some adverse influences. Our professorial staff has been most advantageously strengthened. The munificence of a friend provided for an additional Chair, and this has been assigned to the Rev. Chas. H. Paisley, M. A., as Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Church History. In addition to this, the Rev. Ralph Brecken, D.D., has kindly undertaken the duties of the Chair in Homiletics and Church Discipline. It seems needless to say that these esteemed brethren have brought eminent qualifications of mind and heart to their respective tasks, and that we gratefully recognize a gracious Providence in rendering their services available when they were so much needed.

The number of probationers appointed by the three Maritime Conferences to attend our College during the past four years is forty-six; which, with those in our classes preparing for the work of the ministry, have given us an annual average attendance of about thirty students. Of the total number, eighteen have graduated in Arts, besides taking their work in Theology; while of non-resident students of former years, five have been pursuing, under our direction, the course of study for Bachelor of Divinity. One has completed that course and received his degree.

As in former years, the students have taken preaching appointments in Sackville and adjoining circuits as occasion offered, and their services in this respect have been acceptable and useful.

Two causes have operated prejudicially to our success during the period under review.

First, our college is not at the centre of urban population, where our students might find pecuniary help in mission work. Some who would have come to us have gone elsewhere, because inducements of this kind have attracted them.

Secondly, those who were with us have, in several instances, shortened their stay at college. At the last General Conference, it was determined that all the probationers for our ministry should spend part of their term of probation at one of our colleges. But two options were placed before them: One, the usual undergraduate course of four years, to be followed by another year devoted to purely Theological training, requiring five years of residence at college; the other, a course of two years' study at college. In the former case the period of probation would extend to eight years, in

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the latter it would be completed in five. The difference in expense, too, would be as striking as that in time, and this to men who are usually dependent upon hard-earned and very limited resources, means a great deal. The natural effect is to put a premium upon the shorter and less expensive course; and in our experience this has practically been the case. Several probationers who have come to us of recent years, and who had purposed to take the undergraduate course, on finding how matters stood, changed their purpose and chose the easier one. The difficulty of time might have been surmounted, but that of means could not. Hence, while the college has lost some of its prospectively best students, the men themselves have gone forth with a scholarship far inferior to what they might have had, and what they were sensible they ought to possess. One fact in this connection is of marked significance: That while for the last four years we have graduated annually from the ranks of our conference students at the ratio of 4.50 of the whole number, we have the prospect of graduating for the next three years only the proportion of 1.50 of that class.

But the effect of this arrangement, as it exists at present, upon the ministry is still more to be deprecated. Of the best-trained minds, the pulpit and the pastoral work of our Church have never had a superabundance; but at the present time we can less afford to diminish the supply than at any past time. Just now our country requires the Gospel Ministry at its very best, and it would be eminently unworthy of us, the largest Protestant Church in the Dominion of Canada, to offer the Lord Christ, for this service, anything less than our very best. More especially ought we to guard against the possibility of lowering the educational standard of the men who, at the beginning of the new century, are to be entrusted with its most solemn responsibilities. Some additional financial assistance might be provided for the men who take the course in Arts during their probation; and this itself might well constitute an additional and highly-probable claim for the support of the Educational Fund.

The Rev. B. C. Borden, D.D., presents the following report of the

#### MOUNT ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE.

This branch of the Mount Allison Institutions enters upon the forty-fifth year of its work with the prospect of increasing usefulness. The consolidation and development of its extended musical courses, the erection and occupation of the new art building with its large collection of pictures, the extensive literary courses made possible through its affiliation with the University, all contribute to give the Mount Allison Ladies' College a commanding position among the institutions of Canada devoted to female education.

The staff consists of eighteen teachers, in addition to the University professoriate, whose lectures the young ladies attend. Courses of study are provided, extending from the primary branches through the University curriculum to the degree of B.A. Special attention has been given to Elocution, Physical Culture, Shorthand, Type-writing, Book-keeping, Commercial Courses and kindred subjects of a like practical character. Funds are now being collected for the erection of a new pipe organ for the use of Conservatory students as an additional practice instrument. It

is thus hoped that the urgent demand for proficient organists will be met, and that opportunities will be provided for the same advanced courses in pipe organ work as have obtained in the teaching of piano, violin, vocal culture, harmony and theory.

The registered attendance for the past four years has been as follows :

1894-95	-	-	180.
1895-96	-	-	203.
1896-97	-	-	187.
1897-98	-	-	195.

Making a substantial increase over the attendance for the four previous years.

The utmost care has been taken to conserve the moral and spiritual life of the school. During the quadrennium a number of the students have professed faith in Christ and connected themselves with the Church, towards which result the Y. W. C. A. of the College has largely contributed.

#### THE ART BUILDING,

Known as the "Owens' Museum of Fine Arts," the erection of which was foreshadowed in the last quadrennial report, was formally opened by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, in May, 1895. The building is 115 x 66, and is divided into galleries for the display of pictures, and work-rooms for the painting and drawing classes. These galleries, connected by archways, provide wall space more than sufficient to hang the 388 pictures recently presented to the Ladies' College by the Trustees of the Owens' Art Trust, of St. John. The light is furnished from skylights in the roof and is further modified by passing through a glass ceiling. The class-rooms are provided with high side lights, with a northern exposure, thus furnishing the most favorable conditions for Art work. The building is constructed of light olive stone. The teaching staff consists of an R. C. A., of eminence, with two associates.

J. M. Palmer, Esq., A.M., presents the following report of the

#### MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

The conditions under which Mount Allison Academy has been conducted during the quadrennium now under review have been different from those which prevailed at the time of previous reports. Prior to the fall of 1894, the students of the University came to the Academy dining-hall for all their meals; but the completion of the University residence rendered this no longer necessary, and withdrew from the Academy all undergraduates of the higher institution. While this change was very advantageous in many ways to both classes of students, it very seriously affected the finances of the Academy, inasmuch as it cut off a revenue amounting on an average to \$6,400.00 a year. While the income has thus been greatly diminished, the expense has not been proportionately lessened, as the same amount has still to be paid for fuel, light, insurance, salaries, etc., and the efficiency of the school has still to be maintained and improved. It was not, therefore, expected that the Academy would, unassisted, be able for a few years to meet its expenses. During the first

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and second year the debt was, as anticipated, increased; but we are glad to be able to report that the current account for the third year showed a small surplus, while the deficit for the year just closed was insignificant.

The Academy continues to give a good English education in the elementary branches, to prepare students for matriculation into the University and Colleges of Medicine, Law and Dentistry, and to supply a complete Business Course to those looking to mercantile pursuits. This last course was formerly emphasized; but while during the quadrennium the Commercial Department has lost none of its efficiency, special efforts have been made to direct students towards the University, with the result that a larger proportion than formerly have passed from the Academy to that higher institution.

On behalf of the Board of Regents,

DAVID ALLISON, *President.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE.

*Capital Account—Quadrennium ending June 1st, 1898.*

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

June 1, 1894	General Endowment Fund	\$80,211 30	
	Subscription Note collected	500 00	
June 1, 1894	Wood Professorship	\$12,000 00	\$80,711 30
	Paid June 1st, 1895	1,000 00	
	Paid June 1st, 1896	1,000 00	
	Paid June 1st, 1897	1,000 00	
June 1, 1894	Charles F. Allison Professorship	\$13,295 25	15,000 00
	Less estimated bad	878 34	
	Jubilee Fund		12,416 91
	Robertson Bond		4,882 67
	Subscription Notes—Estimated value		925 00
	Brecken Fund	\$5,000 00	2,000 00
	Less estimated bad	200 00	
			4,800 00
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INVESTMENTS.

Mortgages on Real Estate	\$90,807 56	
Railway Bonds and Stock	6,683 00	
Water Stock	457 50	
Real Estate	9,128 80	
Loans on Notes, etc.	10,411 75	
Subscription Notes	2,000 00	
Cash	2,325 61	
Less estimated bad		\$121,814 22
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CURRENT ACCOUNT—INCOME.

June 1, 1894 Accrued Interest :		
	General Endowment Fund.....	\$2,780 20
	C. F. Allison Professorship.....	298 32
	Jubilee Fund.....	30 47
	Robertson Bond.....	12 83
	Brecken Fund.....	51 45
1894-95	General Endowment Fund.....	\$4,924 38
	Wood Professorship.....	720 00
	C. F. Allison Professorship.....	718 16
	Jubilee Fund.....	293 45
	Robertson Bond.....	64 75
	Brecken Fund.....	296 88
	Subscription Notes.....	167 93
		\$3,173 27
1895-96	General Endowment Fund.....	\$4,988 23
	Wood Professorship.....	780 00
	C. F. Allison Professorship.....	769 13
	Jubilee Fund.....	296 80
	Robertson Bond.....	64 75
	Brecken Fund.....	297 41
	Subscription Notes.....	175 60
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1896-97	General Endowment Fund.....	\$5,138 08
	Wood Professorship.....	840 00
	C. F. Allison Professorship.....	778 64
	Jubilee Fund.....	302 35
	Robertson Bond.....	64 75
	Brecken Fund.....	305 53
	Subscription Notes.....	125 00
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1897-98	General Endowment Fund.....	\$5,029 93
	Wood Professorship.....	900 00
	C. F. Allison Professorship.....	753 10
	Jubilee Fund.....	298 29
	Robertson Bond.....	64 75
	Brecken Fund.....	301 45
	Subscription Notes.....	125 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

1894-95	General University purposes.....	\$4,883 88
	Purposes of Wood Professorship.....	720 00
	Purposes of C. F. Allison Professorship.....	569 36
	General University Purposes.....	176 23
	Purposes of Robertson Bond.....	64 48
	Purposes of Brecken Fund.....	156 11
	General University purposes.....	167 93
1895-96	General University purposes.....	\$5,557 55
	Purposes of Wood Professorship.....	780 00
	Purposes of C. F. Allison Professorship.....	788 99
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	Purposes of Robertson Bond.....	64 25
	Purposes of Brecken Fund.....	355 85
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7,185 55	1897-98	General University purposes .....	\$4,167 36	
		Purposes of Wood Professorship .....	900 00	
		Purposes of C. F. Allison Professorship .....	672 59	
		General University purposes .....	271 08	
		Purposes of Robertson Bond .....	84 87	
		Purposes of Brecken Fund .....	259 75	
		General University purposes .....	125 00	
				6,480 65
	June 1, 1898 Accrued Interest :			
		General University purposes .....	\$3,449 76	
		Purposes of C. F. Allison Professorship .....	568 55	
		General University purposes .....	178 61	
		Purposes of Robertson Bond .....	43 43	
		Purposes of Brecken Fund .....	197 44	
				4,437 79
7,371 92				\$32,757 61

ESTIMATED VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1898.

ASSETS.

1.—Real Estate, etc. :—			
University .....	\$115,000 00		
Ladies' College and Conservatory .....	56,000 00		
Museum of Fine Arts .....	25,000 00		
Collection of Pictures, etc .....	40,000 00		
Academy .....	32,000 00		
			\$268,000 00
2.—Endowment Funds .....		\$120,735 88	
Estimated value of subscriptions .....	2,000 00		
Sundries .....	5,000 00		
Cash Balance Ladies' College .....	7,807 27		
Students' Balances, University .....	3,250 51		
"    "    Ladies' College .....	7,752 60		
"    "    Academy .....	505 94		
			147,052 20
			\$415,052 20

LIABILITIES.

Debt of University .....	\$72,208 14	
Debt of Museum of Fine Arts .....	19,633 44	
Debt of Academy .....	6,552 70	
		\$98,794 28
To Total Debt .....		316,257 92
Balance, net value of property .....		\$415,052 20

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY, LADIES' COLLEGE AND ACADEMY.

1894-95.

THE UNIVERSITY.

1894	To Balance, debt.....		\$9,831 15
1894-95	To Expenditure, viz :—		
	Academy fees.....	\$255 10	
	Miscellaneous.....	832 10	
	Interest.....	718 90	
	Book.....	857 73	
	Repairs.....	895 32	
	Reading Room.....	96 21	
	Library and Apparatus.....	464 32	
	Salaries.....	9,067 30	
	University Residence.....	9,670 16	
	To Total Expenditure.....		22,857 14
			<u>\$32,688 29</u>
1894-95	By Income, viz :—		
	Educational Society.....	\$1,520 00	
	Ladies' College fees.....	502 65	
	Endowment Funds.....	6,823 92	
	Students' accounts.....	13,602 96	
	By Total Income.....		\$22,449 53
	Balance, debt.....		10,238 76
			<u>\$32,688 29</u>
1895	To Balance, debt.....		\$10,238 76
1895-96	Expenditure, viz :—		
	Academy fees.....	\$205 62	
	Repairs.....	1,222 57	
	Books.....	997 88	
	Reading Room.....	161 46	
	Library and Apparatus.....	370 02	
	Miscellaneous.....	995 85	
	Interest.....	760 69	
	Salaries.....	9,091 99	
	University Residence.....	11,199 86	
	To Total Expenditure.....		25,005 94
			<u>\$35,244 70</u>
1895-96	By Income, viz :—		
	Educational Society.....	\$1,530 02	
	Ladies' College fees.....	574 92	
	Endowment Funds.....	7,009 76	
	Students' accounts.....	15,653 54	
	By Total Income.....		\$24,768 24
	Balance, debt.....		10,476 46
			<u>\$35,244 70</u>

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1894-95	By Income	\$22,449 53
1895-96	"	24,768 24
1896-97	"	22,825 96
1897-98	"	22,170 99
To Total Income		\$92,214 72
Balance debt		72,208 14
		<u>\$164,422 86</u>

UNIVERSITY—CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>		
To Total Cost		\$68,365 05
<i>Cr.</i>		
By receipts, viz.:		
Semi-Centennial Fund	\$9,096 90	
Semi-Centennial Furnishing Fund	1,065 60	
Balance (net cost)	58,202 55	
		<u>68,365 05</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>		
To University Residence	\$9,096 90	
Art Museum	4,000 00	
Expenses	396 40	
Endowment Fund (Senator Wood's subscriptions)	5,000 00	
		<u>\$18,493 30</u>
<i>Cr.</i>		
By Subscriptions paid to January 1st, 1898		<u>18,493 30</u>

MOUNT ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE.

<i>Dr.</i>		
1894-95 To Expenditure	\$23,145 56	
1895-96 "	22,685 48	
1896-97 "	25,414 09	
1897-98 "	23,017 74	
To Total expenditure for Quadrennium	\$94,262 87	
Balance	7,807 27	
		<u>\$102,070 14</u>
<i>Cr.</i>		
1894 By Balance from Quadrennial Report	\$1,899 17	
1894 Amount omitted from Quadrennial Report	28 59	
		1,927 76
1894-95 By Students' accounts, etc.	\$24,735 45	
1895-96 " "	24,209 52	
1896-97 " "	26,307 41	
1897-98 " "	24,890 00	
		<u>100,142 38</u>
		<u>\$102,070 14</u>
June, 1898 By balance		<u>\$7,807 27</u>

ART BUILDING—CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>		
To expenditure: Total cost of building		\$25,450 46
<i>Cr.</i>		
By Portion of Jubilee Fund	\$3,200 00	
Contribution of Alumnae Society	1,009 25	

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Subscription, Jarius Hart .....	\$1,000 00	
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Subscription, Mrs J. L. Black .....	200 00	
Subscription, W. C. Milner, Esq. ....	100 00	
Subscriptions from various sources .....	207 81	
	<hr/>	\$5,817 06
By Balance, net debt on Art building .....		19,633 40
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		\$25,450 46

MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

<i>Dr.</i>		
1894-95 To Balance, debt .....		\$2,032 91
Boarding hall .....	\$2,797 75	
Fuel and light .....	712 60	
Furnishings and repairs .....	1,101 85	
Books and stationery .....	381 65	
Salaries and wages .....	2,572 12	
Interest and insurance .....	270 00	
Sundries .....	1,116 97	
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To Total Expenditure .....		8,952 94
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		\$10,985 85

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By Income, viz.:		
Students' accounts .....	\$5,209 60	
Ladies' College account .....	387 49	
University account .....	572 71	
Sundries .....	225 94	
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By Total Income .....		\$6,395 74
Balance, debt .....		4,590 11
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		\$10,985 85

<i>Dr.</i>		
1895-96 To Balance, debt .....		\$4,590 11
Boarding hall .....	\$3,013 37	
Fuel and light .....	701 10	
Furnishings and repairs .....	416 71	
Books and stationery .....	298 10	
Salaries and wages .....	2,826 32	
Interest and insurance .....	363 30	
Sundries .....	1,087 72	
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To Total Expenditure .....		8,706 62
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		\$13,296 73

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By Income, viz.:		
Students' accounts .....	\$5,468 10	
Ladies' College account .....	282 68	
University account .....	581 77	
Sundries .....	410 53	
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By Total Income .....		6,743 08
Balance, debt .....		6,553 65
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		\$13,296 73

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1896-97	To Balance, debt .....		\$6,553 65
	Boarding hall .....	\$2,521 97	
	Fuel and light .....	544 46	
	Furnishings and repairs .....	616 30	
	Books and stationery .....	338 32	
	Salaries and wages .....	2,981 82	
	Interest and insurance .....	444 40	
	Sundries .....	1,348 46	
	To Total Expenditure .....		8,795 13

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By Income, viz.:			
	Students' accounts .....	\$8,074 07	
	Ladies' College account .....	217 25	
	University account .....	145 88	
	Sundries .....	359 96	
	By Total Income .....		\$8,797 16
	Balance, debt .....		6,551 62
			<u>\$15,348 78</u>

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1897-98	To Balance, debt .....		\$6,551 62
	Boarding hall .....	\$2,326 20	
	Fuel and light .....	631 08	
	Furnishings and repairs .....	462 63	
	Books and stationery .....	506 48	
	Salaries and wages .....	2,869 23	
	Interest and insurance .....	382 65	
	Sundries .....	1,425 74	
	To Total Expenditure .....		8,607 01

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By Income, viz.:			
	Students' accounts .....	\$7,618 35	
	Ladies' College, and other accounts .....	589 59	
	University account .....	98 43	
	Sundries .....	106 06	
	By Total Income .....		8,412 43
	Hutchings' bequest .....		193 50
	Balance, debt .....		6,552 70
			<u>\$15,158 63</u>

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1894	To Balance, debt .....		\$2,032 91
1894-95	Expenditure .....	\$8,952 94	
1895-96	" .....	8,706 62	
1896-97	" .....	8,795 13	
1897-98	" .....	8,607 01	
	To Total Expenditure during quadrennium .....		35,061 70
			<u>\$37,094 61</u>

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a debt of \$4,430.41. The Institution, therefore, represents to the Church a money value of over \$125,000.00.

The cost of conducting the educational work of the college is over \$8,000.00 per year (last year \$8,400.00); and, as the income in each year of the closing quadrennium has been somewhat less than the expenditure for educational purposes, a debt has been created to the extent above specified. The Boarding Department has been self-supporting.

We are hoping for the augmentation of our endowment. We urgently need it to meet our present requirements, and to advance with the advancing demands of the Church. Though the college has other wants, an increase of endowment is our greatest need at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, *Chairman Board of Governors.*  
 WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Principal.*  
 SAMUEL FINLEY, *Treasurer.*  
 CHARLES MORTON, *Secretary.*  
 WALTER M. PATTON, *Registrar.*

6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF WESLEY COLLEGE,  
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The Board of Directors of Wesley College are pleased to be once more able to report to the General Conference of the Methodist Church the close of another quadrennium of marked prosperity. This gratifying announcement is due to the largely increased facilities for carrying on the work of the college afforded by the new building; and, also, in a very great measure, to the continued loyalty and liberality of the friends of the college in the Province of Manitoba, North-West Territories and elsewhere.

The average yearly attendance for the period covered by our last report was 60, that for the period covered by the present report is 119, showing that during the quadrennium just closed the attendance per year has practically doubled. When our last report was submitted the number of our graduates was 28; at present the number is 74—an increase in the last four years of 46. At present 27 graduates from Wesley College and a large number of others who have taken part of the Arts Course there are actively engaged in the work of the Methodist ministry, having taken their theological course in the college. One of these, Rev. James Endicott, is a missionary in China, sent out and supported by the Wesley College Students' Missionary Society. Another, Rev. A. E. Hetherington, has just gone as a missionary to the Klondike. Our staff of instructors now number six regular professors, in addition to which are lecturers and tutors. They have been very heavily taxed to accomplish all the work that is required to be done in instructing the students in their Theological Course and preparing the Art students for their respective examination in the Manitoba University, with which the College is affiliated.

Such, however, has been the zeal of our professors, and so heartily have our students and tutors co-operated with them in their efforts, that

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at the University examinations, in which students from all the affiliated colleges compete, we have the great satisfaction of knowing that our students have carried off more than their relative numerical share of University honors.

The following is an extract from the Tenth Annual Report of the College of the Manitoba and North-West Conferences.

The number of students attending at the college, constantly increasing, numbered this year 131, as follows :

In Arts :	
Senior B.A. year .....	11 students.
Junior B.A. year .....	27 "
Previous year .....	19 "
Preliminary and Medical Entrance .....	53 "
Taking Special work .....	2 "
In Theology :	
Taking Conference work .....	10 "
Taking B.D. course .....	9 "

Seventy-five students presented themselves at the recent University examinations. Nine received the degree of B.A. Four medals fell to the lot of Wesley College students.

The amount of scholarships open for competition to the students of the four affiliated Arts Colleges and the two Collegiate Institutes was \$2,160.00, exclusive of \$300.00 competed for solely by students of St. Boniface College. Of this amount (\$2,160.00) students of Wesley College won scholarships amounting to \$1,067.50.

The arrangement entered into by the three affiliated colleges for combined Science teaching, of which mention was made in our last report, still continues in operation. The expense, however, of maintaining Science teaching has hitherto been borne almost wholly by the several colleges ; but it is now confidently expected that in the near future the Provincial Government will assume the entire expense of equipping this entire department and of maintaining the teaching therein. This will be a great relief to the affiliated colleges, and will enable them to provide more efficiently for the other departments of college work.

The generosity of those friends who have so munificently assisted in furnishing the library, reading-room, waiting rooms, and gymnasium of the college, calls for special and grateful mention.

The spiritual life of our College is vigorous. Among our students are to be found many noble instances of sincere piety associated with the highest intellectual gifts. The College Y.M.C.A., and Y.W.C.A. are full of spiritual energy and are exerting a great influence for good over the lives and character of a large number of our students. These and other college organizations supplement the other aims of our college work, and united efforts in all these directions tend to accomplish the great and central aim of the Church in the establishment of such an institution as Wesley—that is to combine solid mental attainments and mental power with sound religious and moral convictions, and the upbuilding of a true type of Christian character.

Appended is a statement of the Building Fund account, also the financial statement of the Sustentation or Current account during the four

years just passed, which shows an unbroken record of no debt on such account, at the termination of any of these years. This, notwithstanding the fact that the College is not yet the actual recipient of a dollar of endowment.

The reason for such a record may be found in the Minutes of the Manitoba and North-West Conferences, which give the subscription lists of the college contributors, and is convincing evidence of the loyalty of the people to the institution and their remarkable generosity. We cannot close this report without referring to and expressing our gratitude in respect of the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Massey. Nor can we omit reference to the untiring zeal of our Principal, Rev. Dr. Sparling, in his effort to keep the college self-respecting by keeping its current obligation paid.

J. A. M. AIKINS, *Chairman of Wesley College Board.*  
 J. B. SOMERSET, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WESLEY COLLEGE SUSTENTATION FUND FOR QUADRENNIUM, 1894-98.

RECEIPTS.

YEAR.	From Circuits.	Fees.	Rents.	Educational Society.	Rebates.	Totals.
1894-95.....	\$6094 05	\$1800 50	\$214 00	\$1971 52	\$198 55	\$10278 62
1895-96.....	7030 02	2407 40	120 00	2091 42	.....	11648 84
1896-97.....	7593 40	2950 00	387 96	1861 92	.....	12793 28
1897-98.....	8356 64	2916 00	250 00	2045 41	.....	13568 05
Total .....	\$29074 11	\$10073 90	\$971 96	\$7970 27	\$198 55	\$48288 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Year.	Salaries.	Rent.	Travelling Expenses.	Fuel.	Calendars, Conference Minutes, Postage.	Light.	Insurance and Taxes.	Unpaid Subscript'ns	Superannuation Fund.	Totals.
1894-95.	\$8950 00	\$552 50	\$141 37	\$290 00	\$145 51	.....	\$32 35	\$118 00	.....	\$10313 43
1895-96.	9449 40	.....	118 65	574 07	162 36	\$136 51	596 13	226 05	\$57 00	11531 43
1896-97.	10515 00	.....	115 55	810 23	191 00	362 96	606 33	144 85	57 00	13067 29
1897-98.	10662 00	.....	120 60	617 15	159 79	359 26	593 80	120 38	99 00	13463 22
Total.	\$39576 40	\$552 50	\$495 17	\$2591 45	\$658 66	\$858 73	\$1828 61	\$609 28	\$213 00	\$48390 27

Receipts .....	\$48,288 79	Balance, 1894-98.....	\$18 52
Wood on hand.....	120 00	Balance, 1890-94.....	68 26
	\$48,408 79		
Disbursements.....	48,390 27		
Balance for 1894-98 ....	\$18 52		\$86 78

J. W. SPARLING, *Bursar.*

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF WESLEY COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.	
Subscriptions paid .....	\$73,660 77
Loan from Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company .....	40,000 00
	<u>\$113,660 77</u>
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cost of Site .....	\$22,842 35
Cost of Building .....	78,830 10
Cost of Furnishing .....	2,421 96
Insurance .....	142 50
Fuel .....	209 70
Travelling Expenses in securing Subscriptions .....	791 37
Taxes .....	951 41
Interest and Discount .....	5,600 98
Sundries .....	1,414 87
Balance .....	455 53
	<u>\$113,660 77</u>

Total Subscription List, \$91,590.00.

J. W. SPARLING, *Bursar.*

7. ALBERT COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO—QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

This institution, under the blessing of God, has enjoyed continued prosperity during the quadrennium. A total of 808 students have been enrolled—males 456, females 352:—

In 1894-95—Number enrolled, 200 ; males 122, females 78.
In 1895-96— “ “ 202 ; “ 122, “ 80.
In 1896-97— “ “ 199 ; “ 106, “ 93.
In 1897-98— “ “ 207 ; “ 106, “ 101.

The federation of Victoria College with the Provincial University, and the change in the requirement of candidates for the ministry to Junior Matriculation or college equivalent, have very considerably effected the work at this institution ; but we are very thankful to be able to say that the institution has met these new conditions successfully.

For some years subsequent to the affiliation of Albert and Victoria Universities, a special examination for both Junior and Senior Matriculation was held at Albert College. In place of this examination, the Senate of Toronto University conducts at Albert College, and at other centres if desired, a June Senior Matriculation, covering both pass and honor work and equivalent to the first year's work in Arts. The institution has prepared for this examination annually from five to eleven persons, with great success, who have continued their work at Victoria University with great credit both to Albert College and to the University.

During the quadrennium a decided advance has been made in the preparation of candidates for teachers' certificates. The success attending the literary work of the college, in the highest grades of collegiate work, has been of a phenomenal character. In 1897, of five Senior Matriculants,

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all were successful; of eight Senior Leaving, seven were successful; of eight Junior Leaving, all were successful; making ninety-five per cent. successful. This most gratifying record has given the college a splendid reputation for thoroughness that continues to attract many of the best students in the Province.

A great many young men attend Albert College in preparation for the Methodist ministry.

The requirement of Junior Matriculation or college equivalent for candidates for the ministry, has had a marked change in producing a better class of candidates, having better literary qualifications, and in every way more desirable.

The special Departments—Music, Fine Arts, Elocution and Commercial Science, have been well maintained. All, especially the Department of Music, have increased in attendance and efficiency.

The young men and young ladies have been most active and energetic in all religious work, both in the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., as also the Missionary Societies. They have raised several hundred dollars in their Missionary Societies and have during the quadrennium sent out and maintained Rev. F. J. Livingstone, M.D., as a missionary in Africa, at an expense of \$1,200.00, besides having missionaries at smaller outlay in other fields of work.

Regular courses of study in missionary subjects are maintained, both among the young men and young ladies throughout the entire college year, and the students leave the college thoroughly imbued with missionary zeal and ready to become intelligent helpers of our ministers in all missionary work.

The Missionary Societies are now in affiliation with the General Missionary Society of our Church.

The college buildings have been greatly enlarged and improved during the quadrennium. Massey Hall, costing \$26,000.00, has been erected and is devoted largely to auditorium and class rooms; also a thoroughly equipped Gymnasium has been built, costing \$4,500.00.

The college property has throughout undergone great change and improvement and is now heated by steam and contains modern baths and complete sanitary apparatus.

The Board of Management is profoundly grateful to God for the success attending this School during the quadrennium.

W. P. DYER, *Principal.*

STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALBERT COLLEGE.

RESOURCES.	
Albert College—Building and Grounds .....	\$41,598 61
Massey Hall .....	25,567 57
Gymnasium.....	3,088 47
Furniture.....	8,000 00
Subscriptions receivable .....	14,348 95
Cash on hand .....	203 30
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## LIABILITIES.

Bills payable—Mrs. Dunnett, 5 per cent. interest.....	\$3,000 00
Mortgage, favor Ontario Building and Savings Society, 5 per cent. interest .....	6,000 00
Mortgage, favor Mrs. McCarthy, 5 per cent. interest .....	10,000 00
	\$19,000 00
Surplus.....	\$73,806 90

W. H. GORDON, *Bursar.**Belleville, Sept. 1st, 1898.*

## 8. REPORT OF ALMA COLLEGE, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

The Board of Management of Alma College beg leave to make to the General Conference the quadrennial report, as follows:—

## (1). STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COLLEGE CORPORATION, JULY 31st, 1898.

## ASSETS.

Real Property, exclusive of development expenses .....	\$65,000 00
Furniture and apparatus at 12½ per cent. less than cost .....	16,747 10
Old subscriptions \$7,714.03, worth, say .....	1,000 00
Frontage on Moore Street .....	254 15
B. F. Austin, balance .....	614 53
Fees and sundry accounts due .....	1,088 90
Subscriptions and pledges on floating debt.....	15,030 00
	\$99,734 68

## LIABILITIES.

Mortgage on real property .....	30,000 00
Debentures .....	9,100 00
Notes discounted .....	12,000 00
Outstanding accounts .....	2,822 30
	\$53,922 30
Total liabilities July 31st, 1898.....	52,794 43

Increase in the debt since July 31st, 1894 .....	\$1,127 87
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## (2). ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS DURING THE QUADRENNIUM.

1894-95.....	138
1895-96.....	119
1896-97.....	132
1897-98.....	115
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## (3). RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN BEHALF OF THE COLLEGE, SUBSCRIPTION AND INTEREST ACCOUNTS NOT INCLUDED.

## RECEIPTS.

1894-95.....	\$20,831 05
1895-96.....	20,243 63
1896-97.....	15,552 11
1897-98.....	14,838 22
	\$71,465 01

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1894-95.....	\$17,920 81
1895-96.....	18,000 68
1896-97.....	17,886 15
1897-98.....	13,213 93
	\$67,021 57
Excess of receipts over disbursements.....	4,443 44
Total interest paid during quadrennium.....	12,221 74
Excess of interest over receipts of school.....	7,778 30

## (4). STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES IN BEHALF OF THE RELIEF FUND AND AGENCY.

## RECEIPTS.

1894-95.....	\$3,548 00
1895-96.....	3,850 64
1896-97.....	2,539 60
1897-98.....	1,307 00
	\$11,245 24

## EXPENSES OF AGENCY.

1894-95.....	\$1,345 00
1895-96.....	1,709 41
1896-97.....	231 45
1897-98.....	20 85
	3,306 71
Excess of receipts over expenses.....	7,938 53
	\$11,245 24

The hope expressed in the report of 1894, that the relief agency would speedily reduce the debt, has not been realized, for two reasons: (1) The money collected was only sufficient to pay cost of agency and balance of interest on debt, and; (2), when the London Conference had been canvassed no response could be secured elsewhere, and the agency was discontinued.

The preceding statements show that receipts for the past year from the school were about \$700.00 less than those of the former year and the disbursements nearly \$5,000.00 less, yet the profits of the school failed to pay the interest by about \$1,000, and this amount has been a charge on the Relief Fund.

It is evident that this state of things cannot continue without greatest danger to the present status of the college as the property of the Church, and that at a time when schools founded on benevolence and officered by the religious orders are educating hundreds of girls and young women at rates a debt-burdened college cannot meet, and in surroundings not helpful to the evangelical faith in which they have been reared. To safeguard the interests involved requires at least the removal of the debt, and to fully meet the case an endowment is necessary.

The educational work undertaken by the college provides diploma courses in the University Junior and Senior Matriculations, Music (piano, voice, pipe-organ or violin), Fine Arts, Elocution, Business and Domestic Science; and, in addition, provides for extended studies in Bible work and Christian evidences.

During the quadrennium the college has received from the late Dr. Carman M. Gould, of Colborne, a cash bequest of \$400.00 and provision for a \$12.00 proficiency prize annually, and from Miss R. A. Wass, of

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Oakville, cash gifts of \$305.00 in all. The will of the late Hart A. Massey, of Toronto, also contains a bequest to the College of the sum of \$10,000.00.

Death has removed three members from among the appointments to the College Board made by the last General Conference, namely, Revs. J. W. Annis, M.A., James VanWyck, B.A., and J. H. Kennedy. One member, Mr. W. H. Wartman, London, has resigned. Two of these vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Rev. Dr. A. L. Gee, of Hamilton, and Mr. Joseph Griffin, St. Thomas.

In the four years the Board of Management has held six meetings, with an average attendance of fourteen members, and the Executive fifty-seven meetings, with an average attendance of eight; and with a total expense for all of \$224.00.

At the close of the college year 1896-97 Rev. Dr. Austin, who had held the Principalship for sixteen years, resigned, and Rev. Prof. Warner, M.A., was elected to the vacancy.

During the college year just closed a movement was started by the leading business men of St. Thomas to pay off the floating debt of the college, amounting in round numbers to \$15,000.00. This amount has been secured in subscriptions and pledges as follows: \$10,000 by citizens of St. Thomas, \$2,030.00 within the Hamilton Conference, and \$3,000.00 within the London Conference. These, when realized, will relieve members of the Board of the embarrassment of having to carry on their personal notes \$12,000.00 of the debt.

In view of the hindrances and dangers arising from the college debt and of the necessity for extending the sphere of usefulness for the College, at the same time remembering that the people have given in trust to the Church \$65,000.00 in cash to establish the college as the property of the Church, and also considering the thousands of students and hundreds of graduates who call the college Alma Mater, your Board would venture most respectfully to urge that the matters affecting Alma College are worthy most serious attention and most generous treatment by the General Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. BAIRD, *Chairman of Executive.*

R. I. WARNER, *Secretary of the Board.*

Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont.,  
August 31st, 1898.

#### 9. REPORT OF THE COLUMBIAN METHODIST COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—We are pleased to present you a report of our college and the work we are trying to do. While we are much less in proportion than the older institutions of the East, we believe we are as certainly called of Providence to fill a place in the educational interests of our Church in this Western land. Our work includes the preparation of students for all grades of Teachers' Certificates in Commercial branches, Theology, Music and Arts, Mining and Assaying, and the first two years of the Arts Course as laid down in the Victoria Calender. We would

give special prominence to the fact that ours is the only Protestant institution in this province where a home and educational advantages can be secured to our young men and women; and, consequently, we feel we have a rightful claim upon the sympathy and patronage of our friends. Having travelled over a good portion of the Province we are able to say, with a degree of assurance, that there is a growing need for a college such as ours in this part of the Dominion. The resources, mineral, agricultural and otherwise, are almost unlimited; but the present is one of outlay and expenditure for developing purposes rather than of returns. Many young people would like to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending college, but the returns from mining interests are, though reasonably certain, still in the future. While we have many needs in the way of library and other equipment, we feel our financial requirements to be the most pressing. We need not refer to the generous aid afforded us by Mr. C. D. Massey, Toronto, whose opportune assistance, we believe, was very largely instrumental in saving our institution at a most critical time. Our estimated expenditure, income, etc., for the present year, as well as our plan for raising the needful funds, will be before you in the published minutes. You will find our expenses for the year to exceed our anticipated income by about \$2,000; and, in addition to this, a note of \$2,000 is to be met. Our plan for meeting this demand is as follows: Eighty persons to give \$50 each during the year, to every contributor of this amount being given the privilege of sending a student to the College for one year free of tuition fees in the Collegiate course of study. By this means and by discounts we have reached \$2,500, and will still need \$1,500, or thirty subscribers of the above amount of \$50, to meet our requirements. We are glad to say that after a tour of the Province we are more than surprised at the generosity of our ministers, many of whom, with salaries that would equal about \$600 in Ontario, giving \$50 to the college. They have done their utmost and have shown a self-sacrifice for education and Methodism that is heroic. Had they the wealth we should not lack for funds; but, as it is, there is need for \$1,500 which at present we cannot obtain in our constituency. We are doing the best we can, but need encouraging assistance. Last year our students enrolled numbered forty-two, of whom ten were in our Boarding Department. We have reasonable expectations of double the number of boarders and as many, or more, day students. Although our student body was small and few were preparing for examinations we met with gratifying success, and have established considerable confidence in the minds of the people. The institution is young and in a young country, and should not be compared with those of more advanced provinces. We feel assured that a crowning success will be ours for education and the Church in this county, if we can be assisted for a few years. While we expect you to remember those institutions of our Church that are doing greater and grander work, we trust we may have a place in your regard and a share of your patronage. We dare not, we cannot, retreat. In the name of our God we have set up our banner and are determined to push on to victory. Though the odds seem at times against us, we are assured by faith that the "best of all is God is with us."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. SIPPPELL *Principal.*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

*Estimates of Expenditure and Income for 1898-9.*

EXPENDITURE.	
Salaries .....	\$1,830 00
Wages .....	325 00
Insurance and taxes .....	210 00
Domestic department and incidentals .....	1,775 00
Interest (Massey \$500, notes \$140) .....	640 00
	\$4,780 00
ESTIMATED INCOME.	
Massey subscription .....	\$500 00
“ refund interest .....	110 88
Fees, same as last year .....	1,052 15
Board “ “ .....	690 90
Educational Fund .....	450 00
	2,803 93
Prospective deficiency .....	\$1,976 07
LOAN ACCOUNT.	
By Massey Estate .....	10,000 00
Contra.	
Interest to Massey Estate on previous \$3,000 loan .....	\$346 73
Previous loan paid .....	3,000 00
Check .....	6,653 27
	\$10,000 00
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By Mr. Massey's Check .....	\$6,653 27
Contra.	
To Notes paid .....	\$6,558 87
Law costs .....	109 57
	\$6,668 44
By balance, due Mr. James Cunningham .....	15 17
	\$6,668 44
ASSETS.	
College building and grounds .....	\$16,000 00
College furniture .....	850 00
Clarkson Estate (ten acres sold) .....	3,890 00
Other lots of land .....	200 00
Cash on hand .....	93 54
Fees due to May 6th .....	185 00
Educational Fund from Circuits .....	150 00
Piano .....	283 00
Notes due .....	880 17
	\$22,531 71
The amount of balance, considered good on account of the assessment made at last Conference, should be added to the above as an asset.	
LIABILITIES.	
Mortgage .....	\$10,000 00
Interest on same .....	500 00
	\$10,500 00
Outstanding accounts (old) .....	3,301 58
Liabilities (new) .....	966 25
	\$14,767 83
Total Liabilities .....	\$14,767 83
Excess of Assets over Liabilities .....	7,763 88
	\$22,531 71

10. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE METHODIST COLLEGE  
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

The record of the past four years has been one of steady advance in educational work. This is quite apparent from the results of C. of H. E. examinations, tabulated as follows :

METHODIST COLLEGE.

RESULTS OF C. H. E. EXAMINATIONS SINCE THEIR COMMENCEMENT.

YEARS.	PASSES.			HONORS—1ST CLASS.			HONORS—2ND CLASS.		
	Asso. in Arts.	Sen'or.	Junior.	Asso.	Senior.	Junior.	Asso.	Senior.	Junior.
1894	..	18	58	..	27	84	..	23	46
1895	..	24	74	..	50	135	..	72	125
1896	7	30	75	4	45	115	16	67	145
1897	5	40	55	3	72	79	18	77	106
Total	12	112	262	7	194	412	34	239	422

This year the number sitting for examinations were: Associate, 9; Senior, 53; Junior, 78; London Matriculation, 5. The results of these examinations are not yet known.

The attendance each term during the past year was about 380 pupils, with a staff of thirteen teachers.

Very complete sets of minerals are now in the possession of the college, obtained partly by purchase in England and partly by gift of Mr. Justice Morison. Practical mineralogy will form one of the subjects for examination next year, and all Senior boys will take it.

The Home is in a very satisfactory condition under the careful management of Rev. M. Fenwick, assisted by Mrs. Fenwick.

He reports in residence during the past year 51 boarders, viz., 1 lady teacher, 17 pupil teachers, 9 ministers' children and 24 other boarders.

The income of the Home for the year amounts to about \$6,500, and expenditure to \$5,400; balance, \$1,100. Of this sum \$400 goes for furnishing and \$500 to the Treasurer for interest, insurance, etc.

The Treasurer's financial statement of our whole indebtedness to June 30th, is as follows :

Amount due on principal account .....	\$42,124 82
"    "    " interest .....	2,469 43
Total .....	\$44,594 25

This indebtedness will, we anticipate, be reduced by \$500 voted by the Ladies' College Society, and \$500 from the surplus earnings of the Home.

The growing importance of the college, as an educational institution, to the interests of Methodism in Newfoundland, must be apparent to every member of this Conference, and we anticipate in hope and faith that the record of the college during the coming quadrennium will be one of increasing success and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. B. WOODS, *Secretary.*

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11. REPORT OF THE ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE, WHITBY,  
ONTARIO.

The Directors of the College take pleasure in presenting this their quadrennial report.

It is with feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God that the Directors are able to report that the past quadrennium has been a period of continued and increasing prosperity, the enrolment of students, the income of the college and the value of the educational work accomplished having steadily increased during that period.

For many years it has been the aim of the Directors to provide the highest educational facilities and the most culturing and comfortable surroundings for the college students. They recognized the fact that the steadily increasing attendance, the want of sufficient accommodation and equipment, and the advance made by the college to the foremost rank amongst the ladies' colleges in the country, rendered it imperative, if the college were to maintain its splendid position, that a comprehensive plan of enlargement should be undertaken. The financial aid furnished by the friends of the college, and especially the munificence of the late Mr. Hart A. Massey, of Toronto, whose interest in Christian education has been so generously exhibited by him, have enabled the Directors to realize their ideal in buildings and equipment. During the past quadrennium they have, at an expense of upwards of \$40,000, erected two large wings of three stories, containing concert hall, science hall, dining hall, besides new kitchen, offices and a large number of first-class rooms for students in residence. The whole building has been fitted up with complete steam heating, electric lighting and the best modern sanitary equipment, and no expense has been spared to secure ample provision for the home comforts and the health of the pupils. This important addition to Trafalgar Castle, with its massive walls, turreted towers, spacious halls, magnificent drawing-rooms, elegant stained-glass windows, combined with the former edition known as Ryerson Hall, now render the college buildings the most perfect, the best equipped, and the best adapted to their educational purposes of any in the country.

The directors are deeply grateful to the friends of higher education who have aided them in their scheme of extension and improvement. It should be, and undoubtedly is, a source of pride and pleasure to the Methodist Church to have under its control such a grand college property, with its ever-increasing possibilities for good.

It is gratifying to the Directors to state that the literary advantages afforded by the college are keeping pace with the exacting demands of the age. During the past quadrennium students have been prepared for Third, Second, First-class C and B Certificates, Junior and Senior University Matriculation, and the first and second years in Toronto University. The fact that the college is the only one in Ontario that has prepared pupils for the latter examinations needs no further comment.

The Musical Department is known as the Ontario Conservatory of Music, and the course in Piano, Pipe Organ, Violin, Guitar, Voice Culture and Theory is as thorough as that of the leading conservatories. The recent addition of a magnificent two-manual pipe organ and concert

grand pianos in the new concert hall gives facilities for recitals and advanced and satisfactory work that are not equalled in any similar college in this country.

The departments of Fine Art, Elocution, Commercial branches and Domestic Science are similarly efficient and successful.

The Board of Directors is composed of twenty-one members, of whom seven must be ministers of the Methodist Church, appointed by this Conference, and the Directors take the liberty of nominating the following, and respectfully requesting their appointment, namely: Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., Rev. John Potts, D.D., Rev. William Briggs, D.D., Rev. John F. German, D.D., Rev. James Henderson, D.D., Rev. Isaac Tovell, D.D., and Rev. J. J. Hare, Ph.D.

Thanking you, the members of this Conference, for your support in the past, and trusting that the standing of the college amongst the educational institutions of this country may make it a pleasure for you to recommend it, they promise to do all in their power to merit your continued confidence.

On behalf of the Board,

GEORGE A. COX, *President.*

J. S. BARNARD, *Secretary.*

## 12. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. We recommend that the report of the Educational Society for the past quadrennium be adopted and published in the printed JOURNAL, also the reports of the following Institutions:—Victoria University, University of Mount Allison, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal; Wesley College, Winnipeg; Albert College, Alma College, Columbian College, New Westminster, B.C.; St. John's College, Newfoundland; and Ontario Ladies' College, and in the case of the last that the parties therein named be appointed Trustees.

2. That the following be the Rules and By-Laws of Wesley College, Winnipeg:

The Directors of Wesley College shall have power to establish and regulate a Faculty in Arts and a Faculty in Theology; to appoint on such Faculties, respectively, professors, lecturers and teachers; and to appoint a Principal, a Bursar and a Registrar of such college, and such other officers as the Directors may think proper; to fix and define the duties, salaries, term of service of the said professors, lecturers, teachers, principal, bursar, registrar and other officers; and to suspend or dismiss them.

The college shall have the power of granting, in any such manner as it may determine, the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity.

Item 3. Erased.

4. That hereafter remittances of circuit returns for the Educational Fund, when received by a Conference Treasurer, shall be forwarded to the General Treasurers, who shall make provision for loans and fees in the

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several Conferences as required, and that the constitution of the fund be amended to agree with said recommendation.

5. That one-fourth the gross income of the society be apportioned to students for loans and fees, together with all refunds of loans, the cost of management being charged to the remaining three-fourths.

6. That to all students paying their notes before maturity, either in whole or in part, a discount be made of 5 per cent. per annum on unexpired term of loan.

7. That the preferential clause in Par. 281. (1), in favour of the students of the Manitoba and North-West Conference be eliminated.

8. That the following memorials be not entertained :

(1) From the Montreal Conference asking that Principals of our Connexional Colleges and Professors of our Theological Faculties be appointed by the General Conference.

(2) From the Manitoba and North-West Conference, asking that a portion of the Board of Trustees of Wesley College be appointed by said Conference.

(3) From the Montreal Conference, asking that the Wesleyan College, Stanstead, be recognized as a Connexional College.

9. That the St. John's Wesleyan College, Newfoundland, be recognized as a Connexional Institution, on condition that its charter be so changed as to provide for the election of the Governing Board by the General Conference; and, as in the case of other Connexional Institutions, it be under the control of the General Conference.

10. That the charter of the Columbian College be so changed that, as in the case of the other Connexional Institutions, its Governing Board shall be appointed by the General Conference, and it shall be under the control of the General Conference.

11. That the memorial of the Laymen's Association of the Montreal Conference, That the Educational Fund be reserved for Theological Students and Theological Faculties, be not entertained.

12. That Par. 282 (1) be changed by substituting the word "shall" for "may" in the third line from the close, and adding to the Par.: "Nevertheless, should there appear sufficient reason for doing so a student may be permitted to attend some other of our Connexional Institutions."

13. That in Par. 115. (11) under (a) we erase "and are sent to college," and add after clause (e), clause (f). "Who are recommended to be sent to college? The names of these shall be referred to the Educational Committee for consideration"; and in Par. 146, (8) (a) the words "attending College" be inserted; and that to Par. 140. (7) there be added, "The names of the colleges to which probationers are sent shall appear with their names in the respective districts in the final draft of stations."

14. That to Par. 140, (7) as above amended there be added, "All probationers in the General Course who have travelled three years and all graduates who have travelled two years are required to attend college for the prescribed term."

15. That the opening words p. 149. (8) be changed to read, "No probationer appointed to a college."

16. That in Par. 149. (14) the words be omitted, "Within ten years after his reception on trial."

17. That Par. 283. (1) be eliminated as redundant under existing Provisions of the Discipline.

18. That the opening words of Par. 283.(2) be changed to read, "Before the first of November in each year the Conference Treasurer shall ascertain the names of probationers in actual attendance at college, and shall forward," etc.; and omit the words, "and amount of said aid."

19. That the report of Alma College as to attendance and cost of meetings of College Board, the only report of the kind submitted, be filed.

20. Laid on the table.

21. That in view of the special difficulties in connection with the Columbian College, and more particularly of the recent sad calamity of fire which has befallen the city of New Westminster, all loans and fees for probationers of the British Columbia Conference during the ensuing quadrennium be charged upon the Equalization Fund; and that all the revenue of the Educational Fund for this quadrennium from the said Conference shall be paid to the Columbian College in addition to the grant it receives by scale.

22. That the annexed nominations of governing bodies of our Educational Institutions be adopted and confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. MILLS, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

### 13. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO ADAPT PARAGRAPH NO. 4 OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO THE DISCIPLINE.

Recommended,—That Sub-sections 2, 3 and 4, Par. 284, be detached from said paragraph and added to Par. 276, with the introductory words: "It shall further be the duty of the General Treasurers;" and that the closing words of Sub-section 4, "and forward," etc., be elided. That to Sub-section 6 there be added, "and to send audited statement with cash on hand to the General Treasurers immediately after the Annual Conference," and that Sub-sections 7 and 8 be struck out; also Sub-section 4 of Par. 283.

WM. I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

### 14. NOMINATIONS TO EDUCATIONAL BOARDS FOR THE ENSUING QUADRENNIUM.

#### 1. Board of Management of the Educational Society:

Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent.

Rev. J. Potts, D.D., and Hon. W. E. Sanford, Treasurers.

Rev. Principal Shaw, D.D., LL.D., Secretary.

Rev. Chancellor Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D.

Rev. Charles Stewart, D.D.

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Rev. Principal Sparling, D.D.

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Hon. Senator Cox.

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Rev. Prof. Antliff, M.A., D.D.

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## 2. Board of Regents of Victoria University :

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## V.—COURSE OF STUDY.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. With regard to the memorial respecting the matriculation examination held at Albert College for the convenience of candidates for the ministry, we recommend that no action be taken, the memorial having been presented under a misapprehension of the facts of the case.
2. A memorial having been presented asking that a course of study for local preachers be adopted, we recommend that to Section 188, page 105, there be added a new Sub-section 9, as follows: "Any local preacher may be admitted to the examination on the Theological subjects of the Conference preliminary examination, and to the examination on all the subjects of the ordinary course of study for probationers for the ministry for the three years on circuit, Greek being optional; that on the completion of the course, a certificate to that effect be granted; and that should such local preacher become a probationer for the ministry, such examinations shall be credited to him on the course for probationers on circuit."
3. Having carefully considered certain memorials in favor of committing the whole examination of candidates for the ministry to a Central Board of Examiners, we recommend that no action be taken.
4. In response to several memorials concerning the recognition of foreign academical titles in Conference records, we recommend as follows: That in the place of Section 148, Sub-section 3, p. 76, the following be inserted, viz.: "Only British and Canadian Academical titles shall be recognized in the records of the Church, and foreign degrees which, in the opinion of any of our colleges, entitle the holder to admission *ad eundem gradum*. Such resolution, if adopted by the General Conference, shall not be retroactive. The Secretary of each Conference Examining Board shall report to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the titles thus authenticated."
5. In regard to a memorial seeking the exemption of graduates in Arts from the obligation to attend a theological college for at least one year for work exclusively theological, we recommend no action in this direction.

6. We recommend that the regulations respecting candidates for the ministry and probationers be codified, and placed in two sections under Chapter II. of the Discipline.

7. We recommend that Section 148 *re* Conference Board of Examiners be transferred to the section on Annual Conferences, and follow Section 136.

8. We recommend to amend Section 146, Sub-section 5, p. 70, by striking out the words "shall be as follows," and substituting therefor the words, "shall not be less than as follows."

9. We recommend to amend Section 146, Sub-section 5, (a) (b), p. 70, by striking out the word "ordination," and substituting therefor the words "reception into full connection."

10. We recommend to amend Section 146, Sub-section 2, p. 68, by inserting after the words "District Meeting," the words "apart from text-books required in his course of study."

11. We recommend the addition to Section 149, Sub-section 5, p. 78, the words, "All probationers at college are expected to attend the College District Meeting."

12. A memorial having been presented concerning the form of Probationers' Certificates, we recommend the General Conference to appoint the following a Committee to prepare forms of certificates for the Course of Study, viz.: Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. Dr. Ross, Rev. Dr. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Wallace, and Rev. F. B. Stacey, B.A., with power to act, and that the above-named memorial be referred to this Committee.

13. We recommend that in Section 148, Sub-section 1, p. 76, after the word "probationers" (fourth line from the bottom), there be inserted the words, "on forms prepared by order of the General Conference;" and that in Section 148, Sub-section 6, p. 77, the words down to "whole course of the year" be erased, and that after the words "in each subject," the words be inserted, "to each candidate or probationer."

14. We recommend to add to Section 149, Sub-section 4, the following: "That in the case of probationers the Secretary of the Faculty send a certificate of standing of each student at college to the Secretary of the Examining Board of the Conference concerned."

15. With reference to a memorial in behalf of better training of probationers for Sunday-School work, we recommend as follows: That while we are in full sympathy with the object in view, we do not see how we can add to the work already prescribed in this department without unduly burdening our probationers.

16. We recommend that in Section 147, Sub-section 2, p. 73, the clause, "a non-matriculant . . . be met" be expunged; and that in Section 148, Sub-section 5, p. 76, after the words, "one of our own colleges," the following be added, "provided that a matriculant who has not taken Greek at matriculation must pass on that subject in his Conference preliminary examination;" and that in last clause of the same paragraph and sub-section the word "moreover" be substituted for the word "however."

17. We recommend that for the last clause of Section 148, Sub-section 7, p. 77, the following be substituted, "also a standing of fifty per cent. shall be required in order to pass in each subject of the subsequent course for probationers on circuit."

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18. We recommend that Section 149, Sub-section 9, p. 79, be so amended that instead of the words "Steven's History of Methodism, Steele's Antinomianism," be substituted the following: "The History of Methodism, Fletcher's Check V. (on Christian Perfection) and Steele's Antinomianism."

Item No. 19 erased.

20. Having considered several memorials on the Course of Study and having carefully revised all the items of the course, we recommend the following curricula for the ensuing quadrennium in the Ordinary Course and the Course for Graduates. The said curricula to come into effect after the Annual Conferences of 1899.

### I. ORDINARY COURSE.

#### PRELIMINARY.

##### A. THEOLOGICAL.

Wesley's Sermons I. to XX. (Burwash).

New Testament History (Smith).

The Methodist Catechism (1898).

##### B. LITERARY.

Candidates for the ministry shall be required to present (a) a certificate or other evidence of matriculation (with the Greek option) into a Canadian or other British University, or (b) an equivalent from one of our own colleges, provided that a matriculated student who has not taken Greek shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination on White's Beginner's Greek Book, the Exercises included; (c) provided, moreover, that when the necessities of the work demand, an Annual Conference may, by a two-thirds vote, on recommendation of the Examining Board and District Meeting, admit a candidate on his passing the following special preliminary examination:

#### SPECIAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

1. Arithmetic—Simple Rules, Fractions, Percentage, and Commercial Problems.
2. Euclid—Book I.
3. English Grammar—Composition (Lewis' First Book in Writing English), with an Essay written at the time of examination. Special attention will be given to Spelling, Punctuation, and Correctness of Expression.
4. Outlines of Political and Physical Geography, special attention being given to the geography of the British Empire.
5. English and Canadian History (High School History of Ontario recommended). Outlines of Grecian and Roman History, as follows: Grecian History to the Battle of Chaeronea; Roman History to the Death of Augustus (Smith's or Schmitz's Short History of Greece and Rome).
6. Brooke's Outlines of English Literature; Macauley's Essay on Milton; Scott's Lady of the Lake.
7. Greek Grammar—White's Beginner's Greek Book, the Exercises included.

#### FIRST YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1. English Bible Study.  
The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, with Buell's Synoptic Gospels.
2. Old Testament History—  
(Smith's Old Testament History, Macoun's The Holy Land in Geography and in History).

3. Greek Testament.  
The Sermon on the Mount (Cambridge Greek Testament for Colleges).
4. Theology—The Doctrines of Methodism.  
Wesley's Sermons I. to LII. (Burwash).  
Wesley on Christian Perfection.  
Shaw's Digest.  
Fletcher's Last Check (on Christian Perfection), and Steele's Antinomianism.
5. Homiletics.  
A Written Sketch\* and a previously prepared written Sermon.

SECOND YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1. English Bible Study.  
The Acts of the Apostles, with Watson's Apostolic Age and Moulton's Old World and New Faith.
2. Greek Testament.  
The Gospel according to John I. to X. (Cambridge Greek Testament).
3. Theology.  
Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.
4. Church History.  
Methodism to the death of Wesley (Stevens).  
Canadian Methodism (The Centennial Volume, or History, by Rev. T. Watson Smith).
5. Homiletics and Practical Theology.  
A Written Sketch† and a previously prepared written Sermon.  
Blaikie, For the Work of the Ministry.  
The Discipline of the Methodist Church.

THIRD YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1. English Bible Study.  
The Epistles of Paul, with Introduction by Findlay.
2. Greek Testament.  
The Gospel according to Mark (Cambridge Greek Testament).
3. Theology.  
The Design and Use of Holy Scripture (Randles).  
The New Life in Christ (Beet).
4. Church History.  
A Concise History of Missions (Bliss).  
Modern Church History (Slater).
5. Homiletics and Practical Theology.  
A Written Sketch† and a previously prepared written Sermon.  
Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Yale Lectures).

FOURTH YEAR (AT COLLEGE).

1. Theology.  
Systematic.  
Historical.  
NOTE.—Hebrew may be taken instead of Historical Theology.
2. Hermeneutics.
3. Greek Testament.  
New Testament Introduction.  
Romans (Burwash).
4. Church History.  
To the Reformation.
5. Logic.  
University Pass Course.

\*Sketch of Sermon to be prepared on one of three texts designated by the Examiner at the time of Examination. Value of Sketch and Sermon to be reported in the General Standing.

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7. Rhetoric.  
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8. Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.  
Lectures on the Composition and Delivery of Sermons, with Practical Exercises.

## FIFTH YEAR (AT COLLEGE).

1. Theology.  
Systematic.  
Historical.  
NOTE.—Hebrew may be taken instead of Historical Theology.
2. Greek Testament.  
Hebrews.
3. Old Testament Introduction.
4. English Bible Study.  
The Pentateuch.
5. Church History.  
The Reformation.
6. Ethics.  
University Pass Course.
7. Apologetics.  
Theism.  
Christian Evidences.
8. Political Science, or Christian Ethics.
9. Practical Theology.  
Church Polity and Discipline.  
Practical Exercises in Homiletics.

## II. COURSE FOR GRADUATES IN ARTS.

## PRELIMINARY.

- Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash).  
New Testament History (Smith).  
The Methodist Catechism (1898).

After the Preliminary Course, probationers who are graduates in Arts may take either the course prescribed for the degree of B.D. in any of our theological colleges, or the following, one year of which, including Homiletics and Church Polity and Discipline, must be taken at college. Examinations in the following shall be conducted by our Connexional colleges. For this purpose every graduate who is a probationer on a circuit must have his name attached by the Stationing Committee to the college by which he is to be examined.

## FIRST YEAR.

1. Apologetics.  
Theism (Bowne).  
Christian Evidences (Beet's Credentials, Temple's Religion and Science).
2. Systematic Theology, Part I.—(Lectures, or Miley, Vol. I.).
3. Fletcher's Last Check (on Christian Perfection) and Steele's Antinomianism.
4. Hermeneutics.
5. New Testament Introduction and Canon (Dods and Westcott).
6. New Testament Exegesis.  
First year B. D., or Gospels according to Luke and John.

7. Old Testament History—(Smith's Old Testament History, Macoun's Holy Land in Geography and in History).
8. Old Testament Exegesis, first year B.D., or English Bible Study, the Pentateuch.
9. Homiletics.—Lectures.

## SECOND YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology, Part II.—(Lectures, or Miley, Vol II.).
2. Christian Ethics—(Newman Smyth).
3. New Testament Exegesis.  
Romans (Burwash).
4. Church History.  
To the Reformation (Fisher or Kurtz).
5. New Testament Theology (Second year B.D., Lectures, or Weiss, Vol. I., pp. 1 to 274; Vol. II., pp. 150 to 310).
6. Old Testament Introduction.
7. Old Testament Exegesis, second year B.D., or English Bible Study, Samuel and Kings.
8. Homiletic Exercises.

## THIRD YEAR.

1. Historical Theology.  
Lectures, or Sheldon.
2. Comparative Religion (China and Japan, Douglas and Rhys Davids, S.P.C.K.).
3. New Testament Exegesis.  
Hebrews (Davidson).
4. Church History.  
The Reformation (Fisher).  
History of Methodism (Stevens and the Centennial Volume, or T. W. Smith's History).
5. Old Testament Theology (Second year B.D., Lectures, or Oehler, Parts II. and III.).
6. Homiletics and Elocution.  
Lectures and Practical Exercises.
7. Practical Theology.  
Church Polity. Lectures with Rigg's Organization of the Christian Church.  
The Methodist Discipline.  
History of Missions (Bliss).  
Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Yale Lectures).

The order, texts, and methods of treatment shall be those used in the several colleges in which the examinations are conducted.

It is required that all probationers pass examination on Wesley's Sermons, The History of Methodism, Fletcher's Last Check (on Christian Perfection), Steele's Antinomianism, and the Methodist Discipline, unless they have previously passed on these subjects.

## FRENCH COURSE.

That the French Course of Study in the Discipline be edited by Rev. Principal Pinel, of the French Methodist Institute, Westmount, Montreal, and which is as follows :

## III. FRENCH COURSE.

1. Grammaire Française et Composition.
2. Arithmétique et Géographie.
3. Histoire Universelle (Duruy).
4. Catéchisme Méthodiste, No. II.
5. Articles de Religion et Règles Générales de l'Eglise Méthodiste.

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## PREMIÈRE ANNÉE.

1. Vie de Jean Wesley (Lelievre).
2. Voie du Salut (Wesley).
3. Perfection Chrétienne (Wesley).
4. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), 1re partie, Chaps. I. à III.
5. Étude Biblique (Godet), Vol. I.
6. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. I.
7. Épitre de St. Jacques (Chapuis).

On requiert la lecture des Sermons de Wesley, 1re Serie, No. 1. à XXVI.

## DEUXIÈME ANNÉE.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), 1re partie, Chaps. IV. à VII.
2. Étude Biblique (Godet), Vol. II.
3. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. II.
4. Histoire de la Littérature Française (Vinet), Vol. I.
5. Philosophie (Traité Élémentaire par Janet, pp. 1-316).
6. Histoire de l'Eglise (Bonnefon).
7. Rhétorique (Girard).

On requiert la lecture des Sermons de Wesley, 1re Serie No. XXVII. à LII.

## TROISIÈME ANNÉE.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), 2me partie, Chaps. I. à IV.
2. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. III.
3. Histoire de la Littérature Française (Vinet), Vol. II.
4. Histoire des Dogmes (Bonifas), Vol. I.
5. Homilétique (Vinet).
6. Philosophie (Janet), pp. 317-715.
7. Traité de la Verité de la Religion Chrétienne (Abbadie), Vol. I.

## QUATRIÈME ANNÉE.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), 2me partie, Chaps. V. à VII.
2. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vols. IV. et V.
3. Histoire des Dogmes (Bonifas), Vol. II.
4. Traité de la Verité de la Religion Chrétienne (Abbadie), Vol. II.
5. Philosophie (Janet), pp. 716-951.
6. Cours de Physique, sans Mathématiques (Ganot).
7. Discipline de l'Eglise Méthodiste.

All the above books in the French course of study, except the last, may at present be obtained from M. A. Chastel, Librairie Évangélique, 4 Rue Roquépine, Paris, France.

In case of the text-books being out of print, the Principal of the French Methodist Institute, with the Principal and Registrar of the Wesleyan Theological College, are authorized to designate equivalents for them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. SPARLING, *Chairman.*  
F. H. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

## VI.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

### 1. THE QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

It is gratifying to note that considerable advance has been made in the Sunday School work during the past four years.

The number of schools in 1894 was 3,251 ; in 1898, 3,387 ; increase, 136. Number of teachers in 1894, 30,807 ; in 1898, 33,018 ; increase, 2,211. Number of scholars in 1894, 252,546 ; in 1898, 270,239 ; an increase of 17,783.

Notwithstanding all the adverse criticism that has recently been directed against the Sunday School, there is reason to believe that never before has so much attention been paid to this department of the Church. Its importance is being realised more and more, and in its ranks many of the most intelligent and consecrated people of the Church are earnestly working, and yet we are far from reaching the ideal. There are connected with the Methodist Church in Canada 900,000 members and adherents. As only 270,239 of these are in our schools, how to reach the other 630,000 is one of the momentous problems which the Church should solve. The Sunday School for every Methodist, and every Methodist in some of the departments of the school, should be the Church's motto for the coming century.

#### TEMPERANCE.

It is to be regretted that the reports for 1898 show a decrease of 22,930 in the number of scholars who have taken the total abstinence pledge. There is, however, a considerable difference of opinion as to the meaning of the words at the head of the column of schedule, "Number who have taken total abstinence pledge." Some interpret this as meaning the total number of scholars in the school who have at any time taken the pledge ; while others consider that it is intended to cover only those who have signed the pledge during the year. It is evident, therefore, that the figures are totally unreliable as affording any information as to the amount of temperance work that is being done. It would, in the opinion of many, be better if the schedule could be changed to read—"Number of pledged abstainers in the school." There can be no more fruitful field for temperance work than among the young. We would urge that every possible means be used to instil the principles of temperance into the minds of our boys and girls and to induce them to become pledged total abstainers.

#### MISSIONS.

The amount contributed for missions by our schools during the past four years is \$83,781.68, being a decrease of \$14,970.60 when compared with the previous four years. It is possible that the unusual activity

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displayed in missionary work by our Leagues during the past few years may have interfered to some extent with the collecting usually done by the juveniles, but there is really no necessity for this. Each department have a constituency of its own.

The Missionary report shows that in many places nothing whatever is contributed by the Sunday Schools. We would strongly urge superintendents to emphasize the importance of our missionary work, to frequently hold missionary services, and arrange for some systematic method of missionary giving. We recommend that at least one collection per month for missions be taken up in all our schools, in those months in which other Connexional collections are not taken.

#### HOME DEPARTMENT.

One of the most gratifying features of our Sunday School work during the past quadrennium has been the growth of the Home Department, which now has 7,151 members, as compared with none in 1894. The following figures show the rapid growth of the Home Department:

In 1895 there were 1,856 members.

In 1896 there were 3,419 members.

In 1897 there were 5,435 members.

In 1898 there were 7,151 members.

This department is intended to interest, in the study of the Sunday-school lessons, parents, invalids, travellers and others who, from various causes, are unable to attend the regular sessions of the school. Their names are recorded on the register, they contribute to the collections, receive the lesson helps, and in every respect are regarded as members of the school. So far from decreasing actual attendance at the school sessions the Home Department has tended to increase it. Many of its members have, by the home study of the Word, become so interested in the lessons that they have joined the Bible classes and are now found regularly in attendance. This Sunday School extension movement has created very great and even enthusiastic interest wherever it has been introduced, but there is room for still larger expansion. No school should be considered as fully equipped without a Home Class. It is a grand missionary agency for visiting the neglected, remembering the forgotten, and succouring and saving those that are lost.

While recognizing the great value of the work performed by the Sunday School, the Epworth League and various Church organizations, having as their object the teaching of the children of our homes a knowledge of the sacred Word and arousing in them an interest in the Church and her work, we believe there is a danger (perhaps an unconscious one) that parents, partly through pressure upon their time, which gives them so little leisure with their families, and partly through thoughtlessness, are passing over to the Sunday School and other organizations the responsibility of caring for their children in spiritual matters. The stirring words of the great Law-giver of Israel still hold true, "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."



In some places the population is so scattered and the people so poor that it would be an impossibility to keep up a Sunday School without some such help as this.

The principle of self-help is adopted to as great an extent as possible, and schools receiving aid are expected to contribute one-half of the amount of the grant. In this way the schools assisted have contributed during the past four years the sum of \$10,655.66.

In the case of entirely new schools in needy localities an entirely free grant is frequently made for the purpose of giving the workers a fair start.

The collections for this fund should be taken up annually in all our schools. The following is a statement of receipts from this source for the quadrennium :

1895.....	\$2,712 36
1896.....	2,747 04
1897.....	2,556 11
1898.....	2,699 28
	Total.....
1890 to 1894.....	\$10,714 79
	10,362 61
	Increase.....
	\$352 18

The largest sum collected in any one year during the entire existence of the fund was in 1896. Four years ago a debt of \$2,758.11 existed. By careful management this has been entirely wiped out. While the income from these collections has been very satisfactory, it might and ought to be made considerably larger. There is reason to believe that in some schools the collection is never taken up, but a small amount is appropriated from the regular funds. Wherever the object of the fund is explained and an appeal made, there is sure to be a liberal response. We trust that the collection will be properly attended to in every school. This fund is greatly indebted to Mr. Warring Kennedy, who, for over twenty years, has acted as General Treasurer. The business-like manner in which he has prepared the annual statements and the interest he has manifested in the welfare of the fund, have been of the greatest value. We trust that the collections in the Sunday Schools for our other Connexional funds will not be forgotten.

#### THE CATECHISM.

We would call attention to the new Catechism which has been specially prepared for use in our schools. The returns show that 27,504 of our scholars are learning the catechism, which is altogether too small a percentage. It is important that our young people be well grounded in the doctrines of their Church, and no other means are so likely to accomplish this end as a systematic study of the Catechism.

The Committee appointed by the last General Conference have spent much time and care in the preparation of this new book, and it is expected it will be introduced into all our schools, memorized, and carefully studied every Sabbath.

#### TRAINED WORKERS.

One of the greatest needs of our Sunday School work is trained teachers and officers. While teachers in the day schools are required to undergo a

special and thorough preparation for their duties, Sunday School teachers are in most cases placed in charge of classes without the slightest preparation. This ought not so to be.

Pastors and superintendents are strongly urged to conduct Normal classes wherever practicable. There should at least be a regular weekly meeting of teachers for the study of the lesson. It is most astonishing that out of 3,387 schools only 296 have such a meeting. Many of the difficulties which seem to stand in the way are imaginary, and the real obstacles might be removed by earnest effort.

The work of a Sunday School teacher is so important that every possible means should be used to reach the highest possible standard of efficiency. We have our fears that the Lesson Helps in the International Series may lead our teachers to think that the weekly meeting for the study is not a prime necessity, and so result, too often, in mere routine and superficial instruction. The Board would urge upon pastors and superintendents to use their best efforts to correct this evident evil.

#### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League is the youngest child of the Church. Although only nine years old it has certainly justified its right to exist by the ever-expanding, practical, and useful work which it has accomplished. During its brief existence it may not have realized the expectations of the Church in every particular, yet, to a very large extent, it has done so, and in some respects the most sanguine prophecies have been more than fulfilled. Every department of the Church has felt the quickening influence of this new movement among the young hosts of God's Israel.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The increase in membership has been steady and constant, until we now have 658 Epworth Leagues, and 869 Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, besides a number of affiliated and unaffiliated societies. The returns for 1898 show a total number of 1,947 Young People's Societies, with a membership of 81,935, as compared with 1,032 societies, and 47,175 members in 1894, showing the very satisfactory increase of 915 societies and 34,760 members during the past four years. It is gratifying to note that the active membership is nearly double that of the associate. The legislation of the last General Conference has been loyally accepted by our young people, and nearly all our societies are now either Epworth Leagues or Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor. During the quadrennium there has been an increase of 438 Epworth Leagues and 57 Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor.

The privilege of affiliation with the Christian Endeavor Society has been taken advantage of by more than half of our societies, the members of which meet with the young people of other Churches in interdenominational gatherings.

An increasingly strong feeling of denominational loyalty has been developed during the past quadrennium, and it has come to be better understood than ever before that the League is not in any sense a separate affair or a concern run in connection with the Church, but is an integral part of the Church, under its fostering care, and subject to its authority.

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It has also been demonstrated that the broadest spirit of interdenominational fellowship is in entire harmony with the strongest denominational loyalty. Commencing with January, 1899, we shall have a practical illustration of unity of purpose, as the Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor societies, Baptist Young People's Union, will all begin to use the same prayer-meeting topics prepared by a Joint Committee.

#### ORGANIZATION.

During the past four years our young people's work has been organized upon Church lines, with the best of results. Of the Conferences, the following have organized Conference Leagues and held conventions—British Columbia, London, Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

Nearly all the Districts have held conventions and elected officers. The District League has proved to be of the utmost value in carrying on League work. It has developed the talent of our young people, and has acted as a great stimulus to every department of the League. The International Convention, which is held every two years, has been the means of drawing the different branches of Methodism on this continent more closely together, and has strengthened the bonds of affection that bind us together as members of one great family.

The convention in Toronto during July, 1897, was attended by fully 20,000 delegates, and the enthusiasm and inspiration of the great occasion will not soon be forgotten.

The next International gathering will be held in July, 1899, in the city of Indianapolis, when it is hoped that Canada will be represented by a large attendance.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The declared purpose of the Epworth League is to save souls, and to promote an earnest, intelligent, practical Christian life in our young people. Pastors are almost unanimous in declaring that the Epworth League is an evangelistic agency of the greatest value. Its members have assisted in revival services, cottage prayer-meetings have been held, the homes of unconverted persons have been visited, and personal efforts have been put forth for the salvation of the unsaved. It is impossible to tabulate the results of this work, but undoubtedly many souls have been won to the Saviour through the consecrated endeavors of our young people.

What is known as "The Forward Movement in Evangelistic Work and Bible Study," which has been carried on by some of our societies for the past two years, has, by action of the General Board, been made general and commended to all our pastors and Leagues. The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board at its meeting in July, 1897:

"That, where<sup>as</sup> the Hamilton Conference Forward Movement in evangelistic work and Bible study has been a gratifying success, resulting in the conversion of many souls, the deepening of spiritual life, and giving a great impulse to Bible study, therefore, be it resolved, that this Board would heartily endorse the same; and, furthermore, would urge upon

all our Conference and District conventions the desirability of inaugurating this movement in the various Leagues and congregations at the earliest moment."

The special features of the plan are :

1. Sermon by each pastor, on the importance of Bible study, with special reference to the Gospel according to John, on Sunday October 2nd.
2. Reading and study of the Gospel of John in twenty-one days—a chapter a day—commencing October 2nd.
3. Young People's Sunday, October 23rd.
4. Evangelistic Campaign, October 24th - 30th.

It should be understood that while this movement is under the auspices of the League, the pastor of the church is the recognized leader, and no steps should be taken towards the introduction of the movement without his consent and co-operation.

#### MISSIONARY WORK.

One of the most marked features of our League work during the past four years has been the increased interest manifested in missions. The action of the last General Conference in forming a Missionary Department has been fully justified by the results. Frequent missionary meetings have been held, missionary literature has been widely circulated and systematic methods for giving adopted.

The Conference returns show that our Young People's societies have raised during the past year the sum of \$12,759.80, being an increase of \$5,314.59 over the previous year. To this splendid advance the "Students' Forward Movement for Missions" has contributed not a little. The young men connected with this movement have pushed the campaign vigorously, and a large number of our Leagues have been visited and stimulated. Fifteen of the districts have undertaken the support of a missionary under the direction of the General Board of Missions, and others will soon be organized for the same purpose.

The following comparative statement shows the amounts raised for missions by the Leagues of the different Conferences, and the increase for the past year :

Conference.	1898.	1897.	Increase.
Toronto .....	\$3,479 78	\$2,056 53	\$1,423 25
London.....	2,056 41	1,147 24	909 17
Hamilton.....	2,516 15	1,532 60	983 55
Bay of Quinte .....	1,685 38	1,084 12	601 26
Montreal.....	1,617 09	860 68	756 41
Nova Scotia.....	206 24	361 28	.....
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	195 65	.....	195 65
Newfoundland.....	168 00	36 70	161 30
Manitoba.....	722 59	304 60	417 99
British Columbia.....	82 40	61 35	21 05
	<u>\$12,759 69</u>	<u>\$7,445 10</u>	<u>\$5,469 63</u>
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EPWORTH LEAGUE READING COURSE.

The success of the Epworth League Reading Course has been almost phenomenal. Commencing in a small way it has steadily and rapidly advanced.

In 1895-96 there were sold.....	420 sets.
In 1896-97 " " .....	1,000 "
In 1897-98 " " .....	2,000 "
In 1898-99, estimated sale .....	2,500 "

The purpose of this Course is to help realize one of the objects for which the League was organized, the cultivation of intelligent piety. Reading Circles have been carried on all over our work, and the universal testimony of pastors and others is that the study of the good books provided has been a marvellous blessing to the young people.

It has been the intention of the Committee charged with the duty of selecting this course to put in at least one volume each year bearing either on general church history or on Methodist history. It is specially desirable that the young should know something of the history, doctrines, and polity of the Church with which they are connected. The pioneers of Methodism used to carry good books in their saddle-bags. Our methods of circulation differ somewhat from theirs, but it is gratifying to know that healthy and inspiring literature is still being kept to the front.

Arrangements have been made for holding annual examinations on the books of the course, and for granting diplomas after the same plan as the C. L. S. C. It has been difficult, however, to induce readers to take this examination.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

This is one of the most important, and, at the same time, one of the most hopeful parts of our work. The purpose of the Junior League is, to a considerable extent, different from that of the Sunday School, and there should be no rivalry whatever between them. While the Sunday School aims mainly at instruction in the Scriptures, the Junior Society proposes to train our boys and girls in Christian work by opening up opportunities of usefulness to them. One supplements the other. Our statistics show that we now have 330 Junior societies with a membership of 14,020. There is no way of comparing these figures with those of 1894, but the increase is large, as very few societies existed four years ago.

GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE FUND.

When a new office was formed at the last General Conference it was feared by some that it would be a financial burden upon the Church. The young people have, however, shown that they are able and willing to make the office self-supporting. The Leagues are only asked to give one collection annually to the General Fund. While the sums contributed are, for the most part, small, the total amount, together with other sources of income, has been sufficient to pay all expenses.

The following is a statement of collections received during the past three years:

1895-96.....	\$1,408 09
1896-97.....	1,342 44
1897-98.....	1,374 73

The League is under great obligations to Mr. J. W. Flavelle, for the careful and business-like manner in which he has attended to the duties of General Treasurer during the quadrennium.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S PERSONAL STATEMENT.

During the past three years the General Secretary has attended a large number of conventions, anniversaries, and other assemblies, in pursuance of the duties outlined for him by the last General Conference.

Every Conference in our work has been visited, and meetings held, not only in the large centres, but on many country circuits, which have been largely attended, and great interest manifested.

Eight hundred and eighty-six public addresses and sermons have been delivered. Leaving out July and August, this is an average of one for every day of the year, with the exception of Saturday. About one-third of these addresses have been in the interests of Sunday Schools, and two-thirds of the Epworth League.

During these three years 52,150 miles have been travelled, an average of 17,383 per year. For travelling expenses the sum of \$1,437.73 has been expended. The collections taken up at meetings attended have paid this with the exception of \$196.44, which has been drawn from the funds of the General Board. This deficit has been brought about by visits to small places where congregations were not large.

In addition to this field work, a large amount of office work has been attended to, the correspondence being so great as to require the employment of an office assistant.

A. C. CREWS, *General Secretary.*

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the General Board held August 18th, 1898 :

"That this Board is pleased to report that the office of General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues established three years ago, according to the provision of the General Conference, has fully sustained the wisdom of such action, and we have pleasure in commending its continuance as a departmental office in our church polity."

[For Sunday School statistics, see General Statistical Report, page 256].

2. GENERAL CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL AID AND EXTENSION FUND, 1895-98.  
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Year.	Toronto.	London.	Montreal.	Hamilton.	Bay of Quinte.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Newfoundland.	Manitoba.	British Columbia.	Total.
1895	\$ 385 51	\$ 242 14	\$ 393 17	\$ 259 36	\$ 354 66	\$ 308 82	\$ 162 00	\$ 101 60	\$ 185 80	\$ 65 55	\$ 2712 36
1896	\$ 401 58	\$ 399 10	\$ 429 16	\$ 371 20	\$ 388 98	\$ 162 40	\$ 145 76	\$ 134 70	\$ 240 16	\$ 74 00	\$ 2747 04
1897	\$ 395 19	\$ 342 62	\$ 366 69	\$ 347 53	\$ 358 72	\$ 162 37	\$ 150 59	\$ 133 50	\$ 211 25	\$ 87 65	\$ 2556 11
1898	\$ 400 53	\$ 440 08	\$ 389 00	\$ 400 46	\$ 352 49	\$ 157 40	\$ 153 65	\$ 109 72	\$ 227 80	\$ 68 15	\$ 2699 28
1898 81	\$ 1423 94	\$ 1578 02	\$ 1632 30	\$ 1454 75	\$ 791 09	\$ 612 00	\$ 479 52	\$ 865 01	\$ 295 35		\$ 10714 79

**Receipts from Sabbath Schools direct, chiefly in part payment of Grants not included in Contributions from Conferences:**

1895	\$ 858 52	\$ 15 07	\$ 95 54	\$ 65 03	\$ 128 01	\$ 178 77	\$ 338 55	\$ 291 70	\$ 147 22	\$ 47 50	\$ 1665 91
1896	\$ 251 58	\$ 30 66	\$ 56 39	\$ 60 70	\$ 91 98	\$ 154 30	\$ 248 17	\$ 281 37	\$ 87 86	\$ 10 50	\$ 1303 51
1897	\$ 169 79	\$ 3 35	\$ 47 07	\$ 48 78	\$ 79 17	\$ 179 83	\$ 203 69	\$ 231 36	\$ 83 75	\$ 15 32	\$ 1061 51
1898	\$ 212 89	\$ 25 03	\$ 53 15	\$ 34 92	\$ 108 83	\$ 150 97	\$ 208 61	\$ 242 48	\$ 59 50	\$ 10 99	\$ 1107 37
1898 78	\$ 74 11	\$ 252 15	\$ 209 43	\$ 407 99	\$ 663 87	\$ 998 42	\$ 1046 91	\$ 578 33	\$ 84 31		\$ 15853 09

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Year.	Toronto.	London.	Montreal.	Hamilton.	Bay of Quinte.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Newfoundland.	Manitoba.	British Columbia.	Total.
1895	\$ 548 63	\$ 26 80	\$ 185 82	\$ 72 36	\$ 228 28	\$ 228 26	\$ 442 82	\$ 611 59	\$ 775 57	\$ 41 20	\$ 3161 42
1896	\$ 565 10	\$ 20 24	\$ 53 13	\$ 49 98	\$ 98 98	\$ 302 44	\$ 454 84	\$ 610 08	\$ 200 25	\$ 28 34	\$ 2883 38
1897	\$ 332 55	\$ 35 00	\$ 19 64	\$ 62 80	\$ 119 62	\$ 400 99	\$ 499 75	\$ 524 24	\$ 136 09	\$ 34 03	\$ 2164 80
1898	\$ 418 26	\$ 38 19	\$ 80 84	\$ 39 52	\$ 205 31	\$ 294 31	\$ 336 79	\$ 434 91	\$ 92 78	\$ 29 90	\$ 1968 81
1898 81	\$ 1864 54	\$ 118 41	\$ 330 43	\$ 224 66	\$ 652 19	\$ 1226 00	\$ 1734 20	\$ 2180 82	\$ 1294 69	\$ 133 47	\$ 9678 41

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Petties, Exchange, Postage, etc.	\$ 31 52	\$ 35 33	\$ 98 40	\$ 53 26
Salary, Secretary	520 00	520 00	520 00	520 00
Office Expenses, etc.	72 65	55 65	29 10	20 65
Travelling Expenses, General Board	154 20	107 70	53 00	33 20
Printing, Stationery, etc.	258 30	.....	.....	13 00
Libraries sent to Poor Schools	516 07	772 68	848 50	799 46
Paid Balance due Treasurer 1894	.....	.....	.....	2758 11
Cash on hand	.....	.....	.....	479 86
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We have examined the Treasurer's Statement of the General Conference Sabbath-School Aid and Extension Fund for the Quadrennial period ending July 1st, 1898, with vouchers for disbursements, and found the same to be correct,  
**Toronto, August 26, 1898.**

WARRING KENNEDY, *Treasurer.*  
 F. BYRNE,  
 MARTIN N. MERRY, } *Auditors.*

3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:—

1. The quadrennial report of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board was adopted, and we recommend that it be printed in the JOURNAL of the proceedings of this Conference.

2. Report of Committee on Catechism. We rejoice that during the quadrennium the Committee appointed by the last General Conference has completed the duties assigned to it, and succeeded in giving us, in the new Catechism, a concise and logical statement of the doctrines of the Methodist Church.

3. Memorial from Nova Scotia Conference, *re* the wording of the Apostle's Creed in the Catechism. Inasmuch as we find that the Apostle's Creed in the new Catechism and in the Discipline are identical, we recommend that no action be taken.

4. Memorial from Wingham District, London Conference, *re* forming Catechumen classes. After careful consideration we conclude that there is sufficient legislation in the Discipline to secure all that the petitioners ask if they themselves will demand its enforcement at the District meetings.

5. Memorial from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference *re* objectionable features in the new Catechism. We recommend that in the next and subsequent editions of the new Catechism, Question 65 shall read as follows: 65. What is the mode of Baptism? "The Scriptures do not prescribe any mode as exclusively valid. The mode commonly practised by our Church is sprinkling."

6. Clause in the address of the General Superintendent. Having carefully reviewed the statements of the General Superintendent, we most cordially endorse his opinion, "That our Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues should make this Catechism next to the Holy Scriptures their main field of effort and action, and that it should be taught in every school, to every scholar, as a succinct and logical statement of Methodist doctrine."

7. Memorial from Norwich District and Rev. H. M. Hall, Hamilton Conference, and from Manitoba and North-West Conference, *re* harmonizing Discipline concerning Sunday School Committee of Management. We recommend that the request be concurred in, by making Par. 287, page 144, to read in harmony with the last clause of Par. 173, as follows: "The management of the school shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the minister or ministers in charge on the circuit, the officers and teachers of the school, and not less than three nor more than five other persons, members of the church, nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit at the second meeting of the Quarterly Board, and elected by said Board. The persons so elected shall enter upon the duties of their office at the next ensuing meeting of the Committee of Management."

8. Notice of motion from Rev. G. J. Bishop, *re* the election of Sunday School Superintendent by ballot without nomination. Your Committee does not recommend concurrence with the request.

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9. Memorial from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference *re* Conference Treasurer of Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund. Your Committee recommends that Par. 309 and Par. 311, page 151 of the Discipline, be amended so that they shall read as follows: 309, "There shall be a Sabbath School Committee for each annual Conference, composed of two members from each district, of which the President of the annual Conference shall be the chairman; but in his absence, the Committee shall proceed to elect its own Chairman. It shall also elect a secretary. A treasurer of the Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund shall be appointed by each annual Conference, who may, or may not, be the secretary of the Sabbath School Committee." 311, (a) "It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee to take charge of the books and papers belonging to our Sabbath School work, and to act as corresponding secretary of the Conference. He shall make arrangements for the first meeting of the Committee, as soon after the opening of Conference as may be convenient, and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed. (b) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Sabbath School Committee to receive all moneys for the Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund from the financial secretaries throughout the Conference, and forward the same to the General Treasurer, as hereinafter provided.

10. Notice of motion from Rev. George J. Bishop, *re* election of all officers of the Sunday School by ballot without nomination. We recommend non-concurrence.

11. Notice of motion from Rev. George J. Bishop, *re* election of officers of Sunday School other than superintendent. We recommend concurrence, and that the Discipline be amended to read: Par. 290, page 145. (2) The superintendent of the school, after his election, shall nominate two or more persons for each of the other officers of the school, and the Committee of Management shall elect by ballot. (3) The teachers shall be elected by the Committee of Management on the nomination of the superintendent. (4) Vacancies that may occur in the lists of officers and teachers shall be filled from time to time by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the ensuing meeting of the Committee of Management.

12 Memorial from Toronto Conference Epworth League Convention, *re* more space in the *Christian Guardian* for the Epworth League. We recommend non-concurrence, but heartily concur in the recommendation of the Book and Publishing Committee for the publication of a monthly paper devoted to the interests of the Epworth League.

13. Memorial from Rev. R. J. Elliott, *re* Presidents of Local Leagues being members of the Church two years; and from Hamilton Conference, that Presidents must have been members of the Church one year. Your Committee does not recommend concurrence.

14. Notice of Motion from Rev. T. T. George *re* honorary members being Church members. Your Committee does not recommend concurrence.

15. Memorial from Bay of Quinte Conference *re* Annual Conference Treasurer of the Epworth League being member of Conference Committee. We recommend concurrence. Par. 319 page 158 will then read as now with the following sentence added: "The Conference Treasurer of the

Epworth League Fund shall be *ex officio* a member of the Epworth League Annual Conference Committee."

16. Memorial from Rev. R. J. Elliott, Hamilton Conference, and Notice of Motion from Rev. J. W. Holmes, *re* method of electing Presidents of Local Leagues. We recommend concurrence. Art. 5, Par. 2, page 162 will then read, (2) The President shall be a member of the Methodist Church and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the League. The Superintendent of the Circuit, who shall be, *ex-officio* Chairman of the annual meeting, shall nominate two or more persons for the office; and the election shall be by ballot.

17. Notice of motion from Rev. C. E. Manning *re* method of electing other officers of the League. We recommend concurrence. Art. 5, Sec. 3, page 162 will then read: (3) The other officers shall also be elected by ballot on the nomination of the Nominating Committee, of which the Superintendent of the circuit shall be *ex-officio* Chairman; the Committee to be composed of seven persons, who shall be active members of the League, and shall be elected by ballot, without debate, at the regular meeting next preceding the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two or more active members for each office. No officers shall be declared elected by less than a majority vote.

18. Notice of Motion from Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., *re* active members pledge, to take out "except when excusable to my Master." We recommend that the phraseology of the pledge be changed to read, "As an active member of the League, I will, except when excusable to my Master, be present at and take part in the meetings of the Christian Endeavor Department."

19. Memorial from Toronto Class Leaders' Convention *re* adding to active member's pledge, "And shall be adjointed to attend class meeting." Inasmuch as the purpose of this memorial is covered by the pledge, we regard any further legislation unnecessary.

The following are the recommendations of the General Board and the Notices of Motion from Rev. A. C. Crews *re* Constitution of the Epworth League. We recommend the following changes to be made:

20. Page 159, Par. 4. Eliminate the clause, "Any other Young People's Society in the Methodist Church may become an affiliated branch of the Epworth League." The paragraph will then read:—"4. Any Christian Endeavor Society, whose President is a member of the Methodist Church and approved of by the Quarterly Official Board, may become affiliated with the Epworth League by adopting the name "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor; and any Epworth League may become affiliated with the Society of Christian Endeavor by adopting as a local name "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor," providing that it adopts its aims and methods of religious work, that its President be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and that it report its organization to the General Secretary."

21. Par. 5. Eliminate the clause, "Or other Young People's societies affiliated with the League under the provisions of this Constitution." The paragraph will then read:—"5. The Presidents of all Epworth Leagues and Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, shall, on being approved by the Quarterly Official Boards, become members of the same, and shall so continue so long as they remain Presidents."

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22. Par. 8. Eliminate "annually," and insert the words, "once in two years." The paragraph will then read CONFERENCE CONVENTIONS:—  
8. The members of Epworth Leagues, within the boundaries of any Conference may organize and hold a Convention of Epworth Leagues and other Methodist Young People's societies once in two years.

23. Par. 9. Add the clause, "Who shall hold office for two years." Also eliminate the words, "any or all of the foregoing," and insert the word "such." The paragraph will then read:—"9. When any such Convention is held, it shall be competent for it to elect one representative to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board, who shall hold office for two years, which election shall be reported to the next ensuing Annual Conference. In case of failure of such elections, the Annual Conference Epworth League Committee may nominate, and the Annual Conference elect, a representative to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

24. In the Constitution of Local societies, page 160, Art. 3. Par. 2. Add the words, "but their names may be removed after six months non-attendance upon meetings." Also insert in the last sentence of the paragraph, "by taking the Associate Member's Pledge." The paragraph will then read:—"2. Associate Members.—Persons of good moral character may become associate members of the League. It is expected that all Associate Members will habitually attend the religious and other meetings of the League, and that they will, in time, become active members thereof, but their names may be removed from the roll after six months' non-attendance upon meetings. Associate members may serve on committees, and be entitled to all the privileges of membership by taking the Associate Member's Pledge, but shall not be eligible for office."

25. Art. III., Par. 3.—Add to the first sentence the words, "and shall be allowed to vote on all matters of business except the election of officers and adoption of by-laws." The paragraph will then read:—"3. Honorary Members.—All persons who, though no longer young, are still interested in the League and wish to have some connection with it, though they cannot regularly attend the meetings, may become Honorary Members, and shall be allowed to vote on all matters of business except the election of officers and adoption of by-laws. Their names shall be kept upon the list under the appropriate heading, but shall not be called at the roll-call meeting. It is understood that the League may look to the Honorary Members for financial and moral support in all worthy efforts."

26. Art. IV., Par. *Literary*.—Be amended by eliminating the words, "and C.L.S.C. readings," and inserting "Reading Course." The whole clause will then read: "*Literary*—(a) Systematic Bible study; (b) essays and literary work; (c) Epworth League Reading Course."

27. Art. V., Par. 4.—Be amended to read: "The President of the League, on being approved by the Quarterly Official Board, shall be a member thereof, and shall report at each meeting of the Board as to the progress and general condition of the League."

28. Art. V., Par. 6 —Be amended, by adding a list of duties of the Vice-Presidents. It shall then read as follows: "6. The Vice-Presidents shall also, in the order named, represent and have charge of the departments of Christian Endeavor, Missionary, Literary and Social work.

They shall aid the President as he may request. (a) The first Vice-President shall have charge of the Christian Endeavor Department, having under his direction the Lookout, Prayer-meeting, Evangelistic and Sunday School Committees. (b) The second Vice-President shall have charge of the Missionary Department and the committees connected therewith. He shall circulate missionary literature, encourage the adoption of some systematic method of giving, and make arrangements for holding missionary meetings. (c) The third Vice-President shall have charge of the Literary Department. It shall be his duty to interest the members of the League in Bible study and wherever practicable organize an Epworth League Reading Circle. He shall give attention to the circulation of our Connexional literature. (d) The fourth Vice-President is expected to arrange plans by which new comers will be visited, strangers welcomed, and the social interests of the League and Church promoted."

29. Art. V., Par. 8.—Add to the paragraph the sentence, "Immediately after his election he shall forward a list of the new officers to the General Secretary, and also to the District Secretary." It will then read:—"8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence, and, when necessary, write to absent members and read replies before the League at his discretion. Immediately after his election he shall forward a list of the new officers to the General Secretary, and also to the District Secretary."

30. Art. V., Par. 9.—Eliminate all after the word "collection," and insert, "for the General Epworth League Fund, and shall hand it to the Superintendent of the Circuit, who shall pay it to the Financial Secretary of the District." The paragraph will then read: "9. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and receive all moneys, disbursing the same at the direction of the League, upon order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall obtain the annual collection for the General Epworth League Fund, and shall hand it to the Superintendent of the Circuit, who shall pay it to the Financial Secretary of the District."

31. Art. V., Par. 10.—Eliminate the words, "of from three to five members." The whole paragraph will then read: "10. For the purpose of enlisting all in the work and rendering it more effective, the Executive Committee shall assign each member to at least one department of work. Each Vice-President shall name to the Executive Committee, committees for the management of his department, that officer being *ex officio* a member of each Committee."

32. Art. V., Par. 11.—Eliminate the words, "pastor of the church," and insert, "Superintendent of the Circuit." The whole paragraph will then read: "11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Superintendent of the Circuit, the Officers of the League and the Chairmen of the various standing committees. All matters of business requiring debate, recommendations concerning finance, and proposed changes, shall be brought first before this Committee, and by it reported either favorably or adversely to the League."

33. Art. V., Par. 12.—Insert the words, "in writing." The whole paragraph will then read: "12. Each committee, except the Executive, shall report in writing, through its Vice-President, to the League at the monthly business meetings concerning the work of the past month,"

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34. Art. VII., Par. 5.—Amend the paragraph so that it shall read : “The League year shall close at the same time as the ecclesiastical year ; and the Annual Meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the ..... evening in the month of April in each year. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall preside at the annual meeting. Each officer shall present a written report of the work in the department under his charge during the year.”

35. Art. VII., Par. 7.—Eliminate the words, “League Treasurer,” and make the paragraph read as follows : “7. A collection for the expenses of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board shall be taken up annually, at some meeting previously announced before the Annual District Meeting, and forwarded by the Superintendent of the Circuit to the Financial Secretary of the District, and by him to the Conference Treasurer of the General Epworth League Fund, who shall pay it to the Treasurer of the Epworth League section of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board. The Conference Treasurer may or may not be the Secretary of the Conference League Committee.”

36. We recommend that Art. X., page 168 (3rd paragraph on the page), be made to read as follows : “Let me remind you that as an Active Member you are pledged to support your Church and all its interests ; to be present at every meeting of the Christian Endeavor Department of the League, unless hindered by some reason that you can give to God ; if absent from a consecration service to send a response to your name ; and to pray and read the Bible daily.”

37. Laid on the table.

38. We recommend that the following Constitution for Conference and District Leagues, adopted by the General Sunday School and Epworth League Board, be adopted, and request that it be printed in the Discipline :

CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 1.—NAME.

This organization shall be called “The Epworth League of the ..... Conference.

ARTICLE 2.—OBJECT.

The object of the Conference League shall be to aid and help the Leagues and other Young People’s societies, and the members thereof, within its jurisdiction, to accomplish the purpose set forth in the Epworth League Constitution,

- (a) By increasing their spirituality.
- (b) By improving their methods of work.
- (c) By becoming better acquainted, so as to be more helpful to each other.
- (d) By assisting in organizing new societies in the Districts of the Conference, and promoting in every way possible the efficiency of those already organized by co-operation with the General Secretary in his work.

## ARTICLE 3.—REPRESENTATION IN CONVENTION.

All Leagues or Methodist Young People's societies whose "aims and methods of religious work" are similar to those set forth in the Epworth League Constitution shall be eligible for representation and entitled to vote, the scale of representation being one official delegate for every twenty members or fraction thereof.

## ARTICLE 4.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Conference League shall be: Honorary President, who shall be the President of the Annual Conference; President, five Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the representatives on the Epworth League Board, who shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next Biennial Convention.

## ARTICLE 5.—EXECUTIVE.

The officers of the Conference League and the representative from each District League within the bounds of the Conference, elected as provided by the General Constitution of the Epworth League, shall compose the Executive Committee, and may be convened at any time by the President.

## ARTICLE 6.—ELECTIONS.

A Nominating Committee, composed of the Honorary President, the President and five other members elected by ballot by the Convention (only one ballot to be taken and the five having the highest number of votes to be declared elected) shall, at each Annual Convention, nominate two or more candidates for each office, to be elected by the Convention by ballot.

## ARTICLE 7.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

(a) The President shall perform the duties usually appertaining to that office, and watch over and help forward the interests of the societies in the Conference.

(b) The first four Vice-Presidents shall, in the order named, be appointed to further the work of the societies in the Conference in the different departments, as described in the Constitution of the Local Leagues.

(c) The fifth Vice-President shall assist in the organization and development of Junior Leagues throughout the Conference.

(d) The Secretary shall make and have charge of all records, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and attend to all the other duties of his office.

(e) The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Conference League, and disburse the same at the direction of the Executive, upon order of the President and Secretary.

## ARTICLE 8.—CONVENTIONS.

There shall be a Biennial Convention of this Conference League. The Executive Committee shall fix the time and place, unless arranged for at the Convention, and provide the programme.

## BY-LAWS.

By-laws may be adopted in harmony with this Constitution.

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CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 1.—NAME.

This organization shall be called "The Epworth League of the  
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ARTICLE 2.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to assist its Leagues and members in accomplishing the different purposes set forth in the Epworth League Constitution :

- (a) By increasing their spirituality.
- (b) By improving their methods of work.
- (c) By becoming better acquainted, so as to be more helpful to each other.
- (d) By assisting in organizing new Leagues on the District, and promoting in every way possible the efficiency of those already organized.

ARTICLE 3.—MEMBERSHIP.

All members of Leagues or other Young People's societies in the District whose "aims and methods of religious work" are similar to those set forth in the Epworth League Constitution, shall be eligible for membership in the District League, and shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 4.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the District League shall be : Honorary President, who shall be the Chairman of the District ; President, five Vice-Presidents, the representative of the District on the Conference Executive, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual Convention.

ARTICLE 5.—EXECUTIVE.

The officers of the District League and five others elected at the same time, on the nomination of the Business Committee, shall compose the Executive Committee, and may be convened at any time by the President.

At each District Convention, a Business Committee of five persons shall be elected by ballot immediately after devotional exercises ; the five receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot to be declared elected. This Committee shall appoint the officers for the ensuing year, and report to the Convention, their report to be final.

ARTICLE 7.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall perform the duties pertaining to that office, and watch over and help forward the interests of the Leagues and societies in the District.

The first four Vice-Presidents shall, in the order named, be appointed to further the work of the Leagues and societies in the District in the different departments, as described in the Constitution of Local Leagues. The fifth Vice-President shall assist in the organization and development of Junior Leagues throughout the District.

The Secretary shall make and have charge of all records, conduct correspondence, give notice of meetings, and attend to all the other duties of the office.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the District League, and disburse the same at the direction of the Executive upon the order of the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE 8.—CONVENTIONS.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the District League. The Executive shall fix the time and place, unless arranged for at the previous Convention, and provide the programme.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws may be made in harmony with this Constitution.

39. Your Committee recommends as follows :

While recognizing with gratitude the increase in membership of our Sabbath Schools, we feel that the advance has not been so marked as could be hoped for, being only about 7 per cent. during the entire quadrennium, or less than 2 per cent. per annum. In order that this state of affairs may be remedied your Committee suggests that the General Conference recommend that there be an annual house-to-house canvass upon all our circuits and missions, believing that in this way, more than any other, our Sabbath School interests will be furthered.

40. Your Committee recommends as follows :

In view of the decrease in missionary contributions on the part of our Sunday Schools during the past quadrennium, and recognizing the fact that especially at this juncture in the affairs of our Missionary Society there should be a stimulus given to missionary effort in our schools, your Committee would suggest that the General Conference recommend all our churches to support the Sabbath Schools with sufficient liberality to permit at least 75 per cent. of the Sunday School collections being given to the Missionary Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. P. ROSE, *Chairman.*

T. ALBERT MOORE, *Secretary.*

VII.—BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

1. REPORT OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

In presenting the following report of the business done by the Book Room during the past four years, attention is particularly directed to the healthy increase of the assets and the corresponding decrease in the liabilities. We have \$2.63 of assets for every dollar of liabilities. In 1894 the relative proportion stood \$2.33 of assets to every dollar of liabilities.

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During this Quadrennium the subscription price of the GUARDIAN has been reduced from two dollars to one dollar per year. The METHODIST MAGAZINE AND REVIEW and the SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER have been enlarged and improved without any corresponding increase in the subscription price. The BEREAN LEAF and the BEREAN INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY are virtually the same publication, some subscribers preferring the quarterly form while others prefer the monthly, and there is continually a change from one form to the other, so that the two periodicals should be considered together. DEW DROPS is our new infant class publication. The subscription price has been made low to enable us to compete successfully with similar papers issued by other houses. As it grows in circulation, which it will, a profit will result. Another new publication this year is the BEREAN SENIOR QUARTERLY. The growth of the Home Department of our Sunday School work made it necessary to provide a periodical devoted to the requirements of this branch of the work—a need which this Quarterly very satisfactorily fills.

The enlargements and improvements in our periodicals were necessary in order that we might continue to compete successfully with similar publications coming from the United States.

Rent account has been affected by reason of the erection of many large buildings and the lowering of rents in consequence.

### BALANCE SHEET,

Showing the Assets and Liabilities on the 31st March, 1894, and 31st March, 1898, with the Increase or Decrease in each Department. In the case of the Assets the figures given are after valuation, and are therefore net. (For Deductions by Valuators, see page 222.)

#### Assets.

	1898.	1894.	INCREASE	DECREASE
<b>UNAVAILABLE ASSETS:</b>				
Real Estate.....	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Machinery, Type, Plates, etc.....	139,348 60	129,250 10	10,098 50	.....
Sinking Fund, for Reduction of Debentures, etc.....	89,136 18	69,768 58	19,367 60	.....
	50,007 24	40,800 32	9,206 92	.....
Total.....	278,492 02	239,819 00	38,673 02	.....
<b>AVAILABLE ASSETS:</b>				
Books and Stationery.....	115,555 41	109,906 76	5,648 65	.....
Cash.....	27,331 48	14,624 46	12,707 02	.....
Bills Receivable.....	20,335 78	26,283 71	.....	5,947 93
Outstanding Debts.....	136,384 71	136,126 96	257 75	.....
Printing Papers, Binding Leathers, Oil, etc.....	19,018 97	15,903 77	3,115 20	.....
Montreal Book Room.....	8,238 28	9,550 95	.....	1,312 67
Halifax Book Room.....	9,754 67	9,834 50	.....	79 83
Total.....	336,619 30	322,231 11	21,728 62	7,340 43
Net Increase.....	.....	.....	14,388 19	.....
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>615,111 32</b>	<b>562,050 11</b>	<b>53,061 21</b>	.....

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<b>LONG-TIME LOANS:</b>				
Victoria University .....	4,654 80	4,733 50	.....	78 70
Debentures .....	54,500 00	58,500 00	.....	4,000 00
Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	39,923 99	39,730 99	193 00	.....
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>99,078 79</b>	<b>102,964 49</b>	<b>193 00</b>	<b>4,078 70</b>
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	193 00
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<b>SUBJECT TO EARLY PAYMENT:</b>				
Periodical Subscribers .....	39,106 09	33,774 84	5,331 25	.....
Bills Payable .....	8,584 54	1,163 64	7,420 90	.....
Sundry Creditors .....	85,921 05	101,591 56	.....	15,670 51
Interest on Debentures .....	908 33	975 00	.....	66 67
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>134,520 01</b>	<b>137,505 04</b>	<b>12,752 15</b>	<b>15,737 18</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b> .....	<b>233,598 80</b>	<b>240,469 53</b>	.....	<b>6,870 73</b>

STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND EXPENSES

For the Quadrennial Term ending March 31st, 1898, as compared with the Quadrennial Term ending March 31st, 1894.

Gross Profits in Departments.

	1898.	1894.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Merchandise (Books and Stationery) .....	114,814 81	108,990 43	5,824 38	.....
Printing Office .....	75,108 84	59,606 93	15,501 91	.....
Christian Guardian .....	36,869 06	55,325 27	.....	18,456 21
Methodist Magazine .....	951 90	2,951 37	.....	1,999 47
Outward .....	20,826 73	7,571 37	13,255 36	.....
Pleasant Hours .....	13,646 86	11,986 59	1,660 27	.....
Sunbeam .....	7,112 57	6,114 24	998 33	.....
Happy Days .....	6,328 95	4,721 76	1,607 19	.....
Sunday School Banner .....	14,065 42	17,101 92	.....	3,036 50
Berean Leaf .....	11,382 18	11,839 21	.....	457 03
Intermediate Quarterly .....	2,188 88	1,376 11	812 77	.....
*Senior Quarterly .....	108 20	.....	108 20	.....
†Dew Drops (Loss of \$129.70) .....	.....	.....	.....	129 70
Bindery .....	22,876 06	16,644 79	6,231 27	.....
Rent of Rooms .....	15,168 91	16,278 01	.....	1,109 10
‡Home and School .....	.....	844 18	.....	844 18
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<b>Net Increase</b> .....	<b>19,967 49</b>	.....	<b>19,967 49</b>	.....

\* Commenced publication 1st January, 1898.  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND EXPENSES.**

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**Expenses and Deductions.**

	1898.	1894.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
<b>Expenses—</b>				
Salaries .....	\$ c. 148,734 99	\$ c. 132,361 84	\$ c. 16,373 15	.....
Book Room Expenses .....	37,699 78	33,013 67	4,686 11	.....
Interest .....	7,251 36	11,058 33	.....	3,806 97
Insurance .....	9,090 48	6,223 18	2,867 30	.....
<b>*Deductions by Valuators—</b>				
Bad Debts .....	20,701 47	22,741 72	.....	2,040 25
Printing Machinery .....	13,291 33	7,608 94	5,682 39	.....
Binding Machinery .....	1,925 51	1,887 37	38 14	.....
Printing Material .....	7,715 11	6,920 16	794 95	.....
Furniture .....	1,275 25	813 47	461 78	.....
Stereotype Machinery .....	422 57	303 60	118 97	.....
Cuts (Electro and Stereotype Plates) .....	1,969 29	5,247 08	.....	3,277 79
	250,077 14	228,179 36	31,022 79	9,125 01
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<b>Net Increase .....</b>	<b>21,897 78</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>21,897 78</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Gross Profits as shown by preceding Statement .....</b>	<b>341,319 67</b>	<b>321,352 18</b>	<b>19,967 49</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Expenses and Deductions as in preced- ing Statement .....</b>	<b>250,077 14</b>	<b>228,179 36</b>	<b>21,897 78</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Net Profits .....</b>	<b>91,242 53</b>	<b>93,172 82</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>1,930 29</b>

**Appropriations.**

The Book Committee have appropriated during the Quadrennium—

To the Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	\$31,000 00	
To Sundries .....	310 59	
		\$31,310 59

Appropriated during previous Quadrennium—

To the Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	\$26,300 00	
To Sundries .....	1,662 89	
		27,962 89
<b>Increase .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$3,347 70</b>

\* In addition to these deductions there has been deducted from Merchandise Stock (Books and Stationery) the sum of \$7,340.57.

## Increase of Capital.

Net Capital, March 31st, 1894 .....		\$321,580 58
Profits, 1895 .....	\$20,883 30	
“ 1896 .....	22,801 76	
“ 1897 .....	23,532 83	
“ 1898 .....	24,024 64	
	\$91,242 53	
Less appropriations by Committee .....	31,310 59	
		59,931 94
<b>Net Capital, March 31st, 1898 .....</b>		<b>\$381,512 52</b>

## Sales and Gross Profits of Merchandise.

(BOOKS AND STATIONERY.)

	1898.		1894.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
*Total Sales (Mdse. only) .....	765,592	39	767,367	05				
Gross Profits “ .....	114,814	41	108,990	43	5,823	98	1,774	66

The above-stated Appropriations to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund do not include the amount appropriated by the Book Committee in May, 1898 (\$10,000), owing to the Book Room year closing on the 31st of March.

## Deductions by Valuators.

The valuation of the assets of the various departments is made by competent valuers, men of experience and standing in their several lines of business. The deductions which they have made can safely be assumed to bring the assets affected to as near a fair business value as is possible.

Merchandise .....	\$7,340 57
Printing Machinery .....	13,291 33
“ Material .....	7,715 11
Binding Machinery .....	1,925 51
Furniture .....	1,275 25
Bad Debts .....	20,701 47
Stereo Machinery .....	422 57
Stereo and Electro Plates .....	1,969 29
	\$54,641 10
The deductions during the Quadrennium ending March 31st, 1894, amounted to .....	60,909 58
Decrease .....	\$6,268 48

The foregoing financial statements have been fully and carefully examined and are found to agree exactly with the books and vouchers of the Toronto House, all of which have been before us and have been faithfully and fully audited and found correct.

S. G. STONE,  
WARRING KENNEDY, } Auditors.

TORONTO, August, 1898

\* Included in these figures are the sales made to the Montreal and Halifax Book Rooms, which for the Quadrennial term ending March 31st, 1894, amounted to \$57,307.03; whereas for the Quadrennial term ending March 31st, 1898, the sales amounted to \$52,980.98, a decrease of \$4,326.05. Our General Sales when these are considered will show an increase of \$2,551.39.

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### The Christian Guardian.

The first number of *The Christian Guardian* is dated November 21, 1829. During the next year (1899), therefore, our Connexional organ will pass into its seventieth year. Its course for the threescore years and ten makes an honorable and useful record in the annals of the Methodist Church and of the Dominion of Canada.

Our preachers are universally readers of the *Guardian*, and should not hesitate to advise the people strongly as to the best literature.

Our office-bearers in circuit work who subscribe for our own publications are always more intelligent, more Connexional, and more effective because of their knowledge of what Methodism is doing for Christ in Canada and everywhere in lands new and old. All our officials should feel the heart-beat of the Church toward the youth at home and toward the millions abroad who know not God or His love, and should be informed concerning the work of Bishop Taylor and Bishop Hartzell in Africa, and Bishop Thoburn in India; concerning our own Missions in Japan and China; concerning the Methodist Union Movement in Australia; concerning the spiritual triumphs of Methodism in the home of the Protestant Reformation and under the shadows of the Vatican; and concerning the Mother-Methodism of the British Isles, which we would rejoice to see welded into one organization with old-time zeal and success in winning souls. Not for the sake of Methodism merely, but in the cause of good literature, we rejoice in the largely extended circulation of the *Guardian*. It is true in some degree in Canada that the craving for unhealthy news and weak, sentimental stories makes against the circulation of the best reading matter, and makes plain the obligation resting on the churches and their pastors to cultivate sound minds, delighting only in "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report."

The warning of Robertson is timely:

"Multifarious reading weakens the mind more than doing nothing, for it is an excuse for the mind to lie dormant while thought is poured in and runs through like water over unproductive gravel where not even mosses grow."

The General Conference of 1894 adopted a reduced price for the *Guardian* (\$1, instead of \$2,) with the hope of a greatly increased circulation. The net result is that the paper has more than paid its way for the quadrennium and has registered by far the largest circulation in its history, though we have to regret the unavoidable decrease in the profits as compared with the preceding quadrennium.

Circulation, March 31st, 1894	12,791
" " 1898	21,616
Increase	8,915
Average Annual Circulation for Term ending 1894	12,789
" " " " " 1898	22,409
Increase	9,620

**The Methodist Magazine and Review.**

This periodical has now nearly completed its forty-eighth volume and twenty-fourth year. No other monthly in Canada has ever reached half this age. Notwithstanding the keen competition of high-class English and American magazines and of the cheap monthlies, it still maintains its hold upon the patronage of the Methodist people. It has been considerably enlarged in size and improved in character. It has called forth the literary ability of a continuously increasing staff of writers from every section of our Church. Their varied contributions cannot fail to be of permanent advantage in this reading age when the press so largely moulds the opinions of the world. Never could the Church less afford to neglect the use of this powerful agent for the defence of the faith, the exposition of the doctrines of Methodism, and the promotion of vital godliness. Special attention has been given to the discussion of social problems of the times, to missionary and religious intelligence, and to character-studies of the world's greatest leaders of thought and action. Its interesting and uplifting serial and other stories, its high standard of illustration and its racy sketches of travel and exploration have contributed to its popularity as a high-class family magazine. In an age of frivolous and pernicious reading this is a consideration of very great importance.

Circulation, March 30th, 1898 .....	2,648
" " " 1894 .....	2,697
Decrease .....	49
Average Annual Circulation for Term ending 1898 .....	2,572
" " " " " 1894 .....	2,879
Decrease .....	307

The last year, however, shows a slight increase.

**Sunday School Periodicals.**

This important department of our church work has made marked progress during the quadrennium. This is the more gratifying inasmuch as the previous rapid increase of these periodicals has made it the more difficult to surpass that record. The SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER has been a great deal enlarged and improved to keep it abreast with the foremost Sunday School periodicals of the day. Much attention has been given to that important Sunday School extension movement known as the "Home Department," which possesses possibilities of widest usefulness. This department has nearly doubled every year for the last Quadrennium, and promises to create a very large demand for our Sunday School and other Connexional literature. Most important of all, it is uniting parents and children, the invalids and shut-ins, and others unable to attend Sunday School, with the school-going part of the family in the study of the same portions of the Word of God.

Our Senior Young People's paper, ONWARD, has more than main tained

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its previous record and popularity. Every year has been marked by a large increase. Our whole series of illustrated papers devote special attention to the subject of missions and temperance, and to inculcation of loyalty to Queen and country, and have won warm commendation. These papers present a grand opportunity for moulding, in large degree, the Church and nation, and will influence for piety and godliness during the most susceptible period the minds of the young people of Canadian Methodism.

Of our Sunday School periodicals 212 different issues go to press during the 310 working days of the year, or four every week. Of these, 190,000 pages are printed every day, or 19,000 every working hour. An average of one and a half periodicals are printed for each scholar. It is doubtful if any Church in Christendom has a higher average than this.

The circulation given in our report is that of the 31st of March. It does not represent the maximum circulation of our periodicals, but rather its minimum. During the summer season about 1,200 schools are open which are closed during the winter. This very greatly increases the circulation of our periodicals during the six summer months. For this large amount of Sunday School literature our schools paid last year \$54,922, an average of over \$1,000 a week.

**Sunday School Banner—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	14,085
"    "    1894 .....	13,775
Increase .....	310
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	13,536
"    "    "    "    "    1894 .....	13,242
Increase .....	294

**Onward—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	33,370
"    "    1894 .....	29,351
Increase .....	3,519
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	32,750
"    "    "    "    "    1894 .....	26,488
Increase .....	6,262

**Pleasant Hours—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	49,218
"    "    1894 .....	46,151
Increase .....	3,067
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	46,932
"    "    "    "    "    1894 .....	44,490
Increase .....	2,442

**Sunbeam—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	31,429
" " " 1894 .....	33,939
Decrease .....	2,510
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	31,921
" " " " " 1894 .....	32,534
Decrease .....	613

**Happy Days—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	28,023
" " " 1894 .....	29,204
Decrease .....	1,181
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	28,868
" " " " " 1894 .....	26,718
Increase .....	2,150

**Berean Leaf (Monthly)—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	72,979
" " " 1894 .....	83,679
Decrease .....	10,700
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	74,478
" " " " " 1894 .....	82,294
Decrease .....	7,816

**Berean Intermediate Quarterly—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	19,472
" " " 1894 .....	11,986
Increase .....	7,486
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1898 .....	17,275
" " " " " 1894 .....	13,646
Increase .....	3,629

**Dew Drops (Commenced publication 1st January, 1897)—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	15,766
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**Berean Senior Quarterly (Commenced publication 1st January, 1898)—**

Circulation, March 31st, 1898 .....	4,312
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**Advertising.\***

**Christian Guardian—**

Receipts for advertising for term ended 1898 .....	\$40,483 58
" " " " 1894 .....	38,486 08
Increase .....	\$1,997 50

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**Sunday School Banner—**

Receipts for advertising for term ended 1898 .....	\$1,691 18
" " " 1894 .....	3,086 32
Decrease .....	<u>\$1,395 14</u>

**Methodist Magazine and Review—**

Receipts for advertising for term ended 1898 .....	\$1,294 21
" " " 1894 .....	1,823 74
Decrease .....	<u>\$529 53</u>
Total receipts from advertising for term: ended 1898 .....	\$43,468 97
" " " 1894 .....	43,396 14
Increase .....	<u>\$72 83</u>

**Printing Department.**

The increase in work done in this department has made it necessary to increase the number of presses and replace several old and out-of-date presses with new and improved ones. Our press room had also to be enlarged to provide room for the additional machinery.

For many years our whole establishment has been dependent on one engine, and any accident happening to it would have necessitated the closing down of the entire factory. To provide against such a calamity a new engine has been put in to be held as a reserve.

During the winter months the heating of the building by steam makes it necessary to maintain a higher pressure than during the rest of the year. Recognizing that in addition to heating the building we might economically utilize this power for operating an Electric Light Plant, such a plant was installed during the last year, and has resulted in a very considerable saving in the cost of lighting, besides adding greatly to the healthfulness of the work-rooms.

Our Press Rooms now contain 21 power presses, three being Gordon presses.

On the 31st March, 1894, our Printing Machinery was valued at \$33,535 66  
We have added since—

1 Cottrell two-cylinder Perfecting Press, 29x54 .....	}	\$27,549 61
1 Babcock Despatch Press, 44x57 .....		
1 Cottrell Press, 26x37 .....		
2 Cottrell Presses, 38x55 .....		
1 Colt's Armory Press, 14x22 .....		
1 Gordon, No. 2, 10x15 .....		
1 Wheelock Engine as reserve .....		
2 Linotype Machines .....		
Additional Shafting, Belting, etc .....		

Less reductions by Valuators .....	\$61,085 27
	<u>13,291 33</u>

**Present value .....** \$47,793 94

Type and Printing Material has been steadily kept up.

Our stock on 31st March, 1894, was valued at .....	\$17,963 95
Added since .....	11,215 74
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	\$29,179 69
Less Valuators' deductions .....	7,715 11
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<b>Present value .....</b>	<b>\$21,464 58</b>

The Electro and Stereotype department is fully efficient for all work in its branch.

The value of Machinery and Tools on March 31st, 1894, being	\$1,837 00
To which has been added—	
1 Routing Machine and other Tools .....	340 95
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	\$2,177 95
Less Valuators' reductions .....	422 57
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<b>Present value .....</b>	<b>\$1,755 38</b>

### The Bindery.

This department has also kept pace with other departments in its machinery.

The value of Machinery and Tools on the 31st March, 1894, was .....	\$7,561 67
To which has been added since—	
3 Wire-Stitching Machines .....	} 1,656 31
1 Monarch Cutting Machine .....	
1 Six-wheel Figurehead .....	
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	\$9,217 98
Less Valuators' reductions .....	1,925 51
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<b>Present value .....</b>	<b>\$7,292 47</b>

### The Book Publishing Department.

During the four years just closed the book publications, in both numbers and importance, have exceeded those of any previous quadrennium. The position of the House in the publishing business has been distinctly advanced, and the number of valuable works now in press and arranged for indicates still further progress.

### Real Estate.

Extensions and improvements to the buildings have increased the value of this asset by \$10,098.50. These consist of the purchase of the

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adjoining lot to the east of our present building on Temperance Street, on which there is a dwelling-house now rented. This property was acquired to secure right of way over the lane, to prevent any interference with our light, and because we will need the lot for the extension of our manufacturing department in the near future.

A system of fire protection, in the shape of a stand-pipe with hose and nozzles attached, was laid to each floor, both in the front and rear of the building.

Our coal cellar was enlarged by excavating under the sidewalk on Temperance Street and covering the same with a granolithic pavement.

Our Press Room was enlarged by an addition of 17 x 50 feet to accommodate additional presses.

Our Sheet Room was enlarged by raising the roof and extending the walls of a portion.

### The Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

During the quadrennium just closed the Book Room contributed \$31,000 to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. The amount contributed during the previous quadrennium was \$26,300, an increase this term of \$4,700.

### The Montreal Book Room.

Notwithstanding that the last four years have been years of remarkable depression, especially in the Province of Quebec, and that three departmental stores have been established in Montreal where books are sold, it is a gratifying fact that the Montreal Branch has yielded a profit every year, that the liabilities have been reduced \$1,297.35, and that the net capital is now \$8,094.28.

The following summary of the business is taken from the annual statements presented to the Western Section of the Book Committee, which statements have been carefully and thoroughly audited by Rev. Wm. H. Sparling, B.A., and J. H. Carson, Esq.

#### *Cash and Credit Sales—*

1895 .....	\$16,545 71
1896 .....	15,220 27
1897 .....	14,281 39
1898 .....	14,377 84
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Sales for Term ending 1894 .....	\$60,425 21
	69,617 17
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Decrease .....	\$9,191 96

*Net Profits—*

1895 .....	\$200 61
1896 .....	520 81
1897 .....	193 97
1898 .....	210 34
	\$1,125 73
Profits for Term ending 1894 .....	3,584 83
Decrease .....	\$2,459 10
Total Assets, 31st March, 1898 .....	\$16,485 88
" Liabilities, " " .....	8,391 60
Capital Stock .....	\$8,094 28

2. REPORT OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Eastern Section of the Book Committee begs to submit the following report for the quadrennium ending March 31st, 1898 :

I. THE BOOK ROOM.

*Merchandise Account.*

	<i>Sales.</i>	<i>Profits.</i>	<i>Expenses.</i>	<i>Gain.</i>
1894-95 .....	\$19,195 90	\$4,191 35	\$3,451 70	\$739 65
1895-96 .....	18,562 71	3,795 79	3,366 44	429 35
1896 97 ..	19,647 87	3,933 67	3,515 75	417 92
1897-98 .....	17,962 69	3,756 15	3,339 54	416 61
	\$75,369 17	\$15,676 96	\$13,673 43	\$2,003 53
1891-94 .....	94,118 29	18,937 46	15,502 49	3,434 94

II. THE WESLEYAN.

1894-95, net loss .....	\$50 52
1895-96, " .....	145 57
1896-97, " .....	201 43
1897-98 .....	.. ..
Total loss .....	\$397 52
1891-94, loss for quadrennium .....	310 83

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GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1891-94.....	\$22,706 49—yearly average .....	\$5,676 62
1895-98.....	20,723 43— " " .....	5,180 85
An average decrease of .....		<u>\$495 77</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEETS.

March 31st, 1887, there was a deficit of .....	\$2,715 97
" 1890, " " .....	1,439 02
" 1894, " surplus of .....	547 23
" 1898, " " .....	<u>1,239 67</u>

NET PROFITS OF THE QUADRENNIUM.

Merchandise account. ....	\$2,003 52
Less profit and loss, written off for bad debts .....	\$913 57
Loss on <i>Wesleyan</i> account.....	397 52
	<u>1,311 09</u>
Net gain .....	<u>\$692 43</u>

BALANCE SHEET, MARCH 31st, 1898.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
To Sundry accounts.....	\$6,806 76	By Sundry accounts .....	\$895 06
" Stock (inventory) .....	9,278 28	" Toronto Book Room .....	9,751 33
" Real estate.....	5,930 00	" Mortgage (estate) .....	4,500 00
" <i>Wesleyan</i> assets .....	1,269 27	" <i>Wesleyan</i> (advance pay't)..	1,790 00
" Cash on hand .....	1,224 28	" Money on interest .....	6,332 53
		" Balance (surplus) .....	<u>1,239 67</u>
	<u>\$24,508 59</u>		<u>\$24,508 59</u>

The foregoing financial statements will indicate the business transacted during the last four years and the present condition of the establishment. The net profits are small, but considering the general state of trade, and especially the limitations to which we are subjected, it is gratifying to find the results even as favorable as now reported. The building which has been occupied by the Book Room for several years has been purchased, and after making some improvements is now well adapted for business purposes. It is a good building, centrally located, and purchased at such a price as to effect a considerable saving in annual expense of rent.

The *Wesleyan* has been published for upwards of sixty years. Last year it printed and circulated a larger number of copies than at any period of its history—the figures for 1897, according to the mechanical counter on the press, being 218,002, giving an average weekly issue of 4,192. During last year the receipts equalled the expenditure, and it may be fairly said that the paper stands to-day in a better position than it ever did.

S. F. HUESTIS,  
*Book Steward.*

HALIFAX, June, 1898.

### 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. That having received and considered the report of the Western Section of the Book Committee, your Committee desires to express gratitude to God for the splendid report of the work done during the past quadrennium. The business ability of the Book Steward, the loyalty of our people to the Book Room, and the very successful results of the four years' operations are all matters which we appreciate, and we trust that Dr. Briggs will long continue in the position for which he is so eminently qualified. We recommend that the report be printed in the JOURNAL of the Proceedings of this Conference.

2. The *Christian Guardian* has ever wielded an influence upon our people and country, and continues with unabated force to do so, being among the foremost of the religious papers of our day. We desire to express gratification at the large circulation during the past quadrennium, and at the same time press upon our ministers and people the urgent necessity of increasing the circulation of this our Connexional organ, that it may yield a larger income, and wield a still greater influence throughout our Canadian Methodism.

We further desire to express our appreciation of the faithful and able editorial work of the Rev. Dr. A. C. Courtice.

3. Your Committee regrets that the demands upon the space of the *Christian Guardian* make it impossible to devote more of its columns in the interests of the Young People's societies. At the same time, we express our entire sympathy with the work of the young people of Methodism, and pledge ourselves to the advancement of their worthy interests.

4. Having considered the advisability of some alternative proposal of the present arrangement of two full pages in the *Christian Guardian* given to the Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools, we advise that the Book Committee be empowered to publish a monthly Epworth League paper, the responsibility for the editing of which shall rest with the

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Epworth League and Sunday School Secretary, under the direction of the Western Section of the Book Committee, or make such other arrangements as may be found wise at the time.

5. The *Methodist Magazine and Review* and Sunday School periodicals should receive our hearty support, your Committee being gratified to learn of the large increase in the circulation of the Sunday School periodicals, and we appreciate their high literary quality. Further, we are pleased with the continued excellence of the *Magazine*, and recognize the eminent ability of the Rev. Dr. Withrow, Editor of these Connexional periodicals.

6. Your Committee received and considered the report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee, and while recognizing the difficulties they, of necessity, must encounter, cannot but express the satisfactory manner in which the affairs of this section of our Book Committee is managed, the fidelity and ability with which the Book Steward, Rev. S. F. Huestis, and the editor of the *Wesleyan*, Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A., have discharged the important duties connected with their respective departments.

7. In respect to the Notice of Motion regarding Registration of Births, Marriages, etc., your Committees recommend that the ministers of the Methodist Church be required to keep a register of baptisms, marriages and burials in a book provided for the purpose by the Official Board, such register to be the property of the circuit, and remain among its records (but in any Province where a circuit register is kept under Provincial law, it shall be accepted as a compliance with this requirement). It is also recommended that this requirement be incorporated in the Discipline so as to make it compulsory.

8. Your Committee, in considering the question of cheaper Hymn-books, recommends the reference thereof to the favorable consideration of the Book Committee, with the request that the 30-cent edition be placed at 25 cents or lower.

9. With reference to the memorial respecting the printing of the ritual in the Methodist Hymn-book, we recommend that this be referred to the Book Committee for their action.

10. Your Committee consider that the memorials respecting the publishing of minutes of Conferences in one volume, or as a year book have much to recommend them, but, inasmuch as the Annual Conferences have not sent up any memorials upon the subject, and realizing the advisability of having their judgment on a matter of such importance, we would recommend the General Conference to refer the whole subject to the ensuing Annual Conferences, and would request that Rev. Dr. Briggs, Book Steward, prepare as fully as possible estimates of cost, etc., for their consideration, the Annual Conferences to report their decision to the Book Committee, which shall have power to act.

Item No. 11 laid on table.

12. With reference to the memorials regarding the price of the *Guardian*, your Committee recommends that the price of the *Christian Guardian* be not now increased, but that the Western Section of the Book Committee be empowered to raise the price to \$1.25 if it be found

necessary during the quadrennium, to prevent loss owing to imposition of postage.

13. That the Western Section of the Book Committee be authorized to appoint an assistant editor of the *Christian Guardian*, or provide such assistance for the Editor as may be deemed expedient.

Your Committee recommends that the following be inserted in the Discipline :

Under page 32, Section 69, Sub-section 3 : To keep a register of baptisms, marriages and burials for the circuit in a book provided for the purpose by the Quarterly Official Board, said book to remain among the records of the circuit. Section 3 to be numbered 4 ; also to eliminate from the Discipline all the words in Section 76, page 36, after the word "baptism."

[Subsequently this last paragraph was reconsidered, and Item No. 1 of Report No. 3 of the Committee on Discipline was substituted therefor,]

W. H. HEARTZ, *Chairman.*

A. SHAW, *Secretary.*

VIII. STATISTICS.

I. STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE QUADRENNIUM, 1894-98.

SCHEDULE A.

MEMBERSHIP RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1895.

CONFERENCES.	RECEIVED.				REMOVED.						PRESENT MEMBERS.			RESULTS.		BAPTISMS.							
	By Change of Boundary.	On Trial.	By Letter.	Total.	By Change of Boundary.	By Letter.	Withdrawn.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Total.	Full Member-ship.	On Trial.	Total.	Number Published Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Catechumens not Counted in Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.	Marriages.	Burials.
Toronto	323	4516	9086	6875	382	2768	251	2211	16	390	5954	38154	1840	39694	39073	921	..	1374	2314	220	2534	1007	1429
London	466	4230	1421	6117	522	2292	169	1584	7	479	5053	42896	1950	44846	43782	1064	..	1744	1688	703	2391	1412	1465
Bay of Quinte	137	4005	1605	5747	192	2537	203	1478	7	492	4909	42888	1481	44369	43531	838	..	1795	1516	691	2207	1034	1510
Montreal	469	4236	1043	5748	539	1980	202	1516	1	516	4754	37407	1922	39329	38335	994	..	1390	2288	267	2555	1001	1507
Nova Scotia	320	3509	1100	4929	377	1731	518	1426	6	499	4557	36360	1580	37940	37568	372	..	1289	2587	279	2866	985	1490
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	382	1010	303	1695	360	386	54	244	2	245	1291	14236	393	14620	14925	404	..	107	967	249	1216	449	726
Newfoundland	51	1245	206	1502	79	402	64	404	2	212	1163	12249	356	12605	12266	339	..	350	917	261	1178	392	658
Manitoba & North-West.	18	2287	103	2408	18	288	78	753	4	191	1332	10211	1415	11626	10550	1076	..	335	1988	6	1994	500	904
British Columbia	487	1773	1043	3303	508	1198	306	626	2	119	2759	14827	923	15750	15206	544	..	533	1345	110	1455	493	572
Japan	6	577	251	834	20	354	52	187	1	74	688	3404	1178	4582	4436	146	..	253	485	113	548	248	222
	..	190	125	315	..	137	22	51	..	26	226	1942	128	2070	1981	89	..	..	28	125	153	..	..
Total for Church	2659	27578	9236	39473	2947	14063	1919	10480	34	3243	32636	254574	13166	267740	260953	6737	..	9170	16073	3024	19097	7521	10183

SCHEDULE A. MEMBERSHIP RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1896.

CONFERENCES.	RECEIVED.			REMOVED.						PRESENT MEMBERS.			RESULTS.		BAPTISMS.			Total.	Marrriages.	Burials.		
	By Change of Boundary.	On Trial.	By Letter.	By Change of Boundary.	Withdrawn.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Total.	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.	Number Published c Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Catechumens not Counted in Total.	Infant.				Adult.	
Toronto	29	3916	2251	6196	59	2840	265	1834	458	5456	39210	1524	40734	39904	740	..	1340	2180	245	2495	1301	1337
London	384	4456	1589	6429	405	2552	161	1539	500	5157	44351	1767	46118	44846	1272	..	1918	1649	626	2275	1236	1331
Hamilton	182	3786	1886	5854	182	2637	293	1463	520	5097	43565	1561	45126	43369	757	..	1750	1848	606	2153	1053	1607
Bay of Quinte	844	3982	914	5440	959	1765	314	1308	4	4859	38759	1151	39910	39329	581	..	1430	2027	350	2377	1061	1419
Montreal	329	2145	1007	3571	356	1555	485	1242	520	4166	36054	1291	37345	37940	..	595	1303	2480	201	2681	946	1472
Nova Scotia	238	1618	230	2086	238	427	73	844	271	1354	14927	434	15361	14629	732	..	141	1097	334	1431	431	978
New Brunswick & P. E. I.	5	1227	200	1432	12	428	47	276	207	973	12650	414	13064	12605	459	..	255	960	225	1185	358	664
Newfoundland	30	1695	89	1814	28	310	107	1008	173	1626	10724	1090	11814	11696	188	..	252	2128	..	2128	569	856
Manitoba & North-West.	526	1489	1023	3038	579	1095	236	595	136	2657	15318	813	16131	15750	881	..	736	1294	94	1388	476	505
British Columbia	150	401	344	895	107	325	47	284	61	825	3556	1096	4652	4382	70	..	308	465	117	582	265	228
Japan	..	211	85	296	..	90	51	58	30	229	2022	115	2137	2070	67	..	..	150	123	273	..	..
Total for Church	2717	24626	9708	37051	2925	14024	2079	9651	35	33385	261136	11256	272392	267740	5247	595	15963	15978	2920	18898	7587	10397

\* Net Increase, 4,652.

SCHEDULE A. MEMBERSHIP RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1897.

Table with columns: RECEIVED, REMOVED, PRESENT MEMBERS, RESULTS, BAPTISMS, and CONFERENCE NAMES. Rows include Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & P. E. I., Newfoundland, Manitoba & North-West, British Columbia, Japan, China, and Total for Church.

SCHEDULE A.

MEMBERSHIP RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898, AND ALSO FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

CONFERENCES.	RECEIVED.			REMOVED.						PRESENT MEMBERS.			RESULTS.		BAPTISMS.			Total.	Marriages.	Burials.	
	By Change of Boundary.	On Trial.	By Letter.	By Change of Boundary.	By Letter.	Withdrawn.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Total.	Full Member-ship.	On Trial.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Catechumens not Counted in Total.	Infant.				Adult.
Toronto	216	4301	2019	216	2777	223	1962	..	419	5597	41686	1632	43318	939	..	1313	2227	311	2538	1107	1137
London	46	3031	1733	46	2525	157	1244	2	529	4503	42968	1515	47783	307	..	1966	1533	424	1957	1338	1479
Hamilton	449	3686	1708	461	2730	192	1391	2	556	5332	44740	1338	46078	511	..	1727	1584	654	2238	1082	1462
Bay of Quinte	333	3336	959	366	1730	207	1543	..	487	4393	35764	1866	40630	285	..	1620	2034	205	2139	1024	1492
Montreal	271	1995	1230	263	1732	325	1195	1	596	4032	33855	986	36841	..	546	817	2441	209	2050	978	1479
Nova Scotia	70	857	308	72	435	42	220	2	256	1027	15764	343	16107	..	..	199	951	215	1166	482	823
New Brunswick & P. E. I.	109	821	234	109	378	13	271	1	195	967	13275	287	13562	208	..	154	975	154	1129	351	644
Newfoundland	67	1032	121	63	257	144	1198	4	185	1851	10544	702	11246	197	..	523	2026	3	2029	504	790
Manitoba & North-West.	382	1504	1464	417	1119	192	406	6	171	2311	16940	752	17692	1039	..	523	1360	104	1464	550	566
British Columbia	43	476	410	95	276	70	381	5	73	900	3782	1097	4879	..	..	313	463	139	602	248	296
Japan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2200	170	2370	102	..	..	..	107	139	..	..
China Mission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	22	31	92	..	..	..	9	..	..	..
Total 1898	1986	21297	10256	2108	14098	1619	9847	23	3432	31127	269827	10710	280637	2412	..	8877	15626	2534	18160	7574	10403
" 1897	1715	25630	9813	1492	14051	1991	10296	32	3563	31425	266687	12438	278125	2733	..	9760	15162	3081	18243	7261	10719
" 1896	2717	24626	9708	2925	14024	2079	9951	35	3385	32399	261136	11256	272392	4652	..	15963	15978	2920	18898	7587	10397
" 1895	2659	27578	9236	2947	14063	1919	10480	34	3243	32686	254574	13166	267740	6787	..	9170	16073	3024	19097	7521	10483
Total for Quadrennium	9077	99131	39013	9472	56236	7608	40574	124	13623	127637	269827	10710	280637	19584	..	..	62839	11559	74398	29943	42002

SCHEDULE B.—I.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1898

**SCHEDULE B.—1.**  
**NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1898.**

CONFERENCES.	MINISTERS.										PROBATIONERS FOR THE MINISTRY.										LAY MEMBERS.										Net Total.
	In Active Work.	Officers of General Conferences in Colleges.	Evangelists.	Left without Station.	Superannuated.	Superannuated.	Total.	In Active Work.	At College.	On Reserve List.	Left without Station.	Total.	A & B.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Class Leaders.	Stewards.	Society Representatives.	Trustee Board Representatives.	Sunday School Superintendents.	Epworth League Presidents.	Epworth League Presidents.	Epworth League of C. E. Presidents.	Affiliated Young People's Society Representatives.						
Toronto	182	10	1	7	51	6	257	17	21	1	4	300	449	91	1032	1186	946	315	421	159	87	4	4061								
London	178	3	2	2	42	3	230	13	24	6	1	274	439	123	1457	1247	1063	358	468	191	143	7	4819								
Hamilton	188	6	1	3	61	4	256	9	17	1	1	288	331	98	1416	1233	1129	373	421	133	156	5	4575								
Bay of Quinte	146	9	1	3	38	5	199	25	22	2	47	246	272	84	1063	1101	882	365	493	154	97	10	3847								
Montreal	212	4	1	2	20	4	239	27	19	2	2	309	275	17	780	1334	880	323	457	59	94	9	3809								
Nova Scotia	93	4	1	1	14	1	119	13	5	1	1	138	41	47	207	609	370	215	228	47	62	1	1565								
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	85	3	1	1	1	1	93	3	7	1	1	112	73	41	205	553	311	221	207	24	37	4	1407								
Newfoundland	51	3	1	1	1	1	55	3	10	1	1	74	49	310	581	381	109	79	143	18	9	1158									
Manitoba and North-West	121	6	1	4	7	5	143	25	30	1	1	199	268	73	356	980	703	149	240	37	59	3	2491								
British Columbia	46	1	1	1	1	1	54	2	2	1	4	58	109	38	101	263	162	29	69	13	10	3	696								
Japan	27	2	1	1	1	1	99	3	5	1	8	37	46	25	78	74	16	40	40	..	..	..	..	189							
Total for Church 1898	1329	49	4	26	267	28	1703	146	162	10	10	2031	2352	1031	7309	9071	6571	2427	3187	835	754	46	28615								
Total " 1894	1188	44	5	14	257	35	1543	254	163	23	13	1996	2295	1213	7753	8575	6816	2249	3165	567	400	..	..	28142							
Increase	141	5	1	12	10	7	160	108	1	13	3	35	57	..	..	496	755	178	22	268	354	46	..	473							
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	182	444	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							

Superannuated ministers in the Western Conferences are not claimants on the Superannuation Fund; but in the Eastern Conferences they bear the same relation to the Church that the Superannuated ministers bear in the Western Conferences, hence in this Schedule they are placed in the same column to show the full number of Ministerial Claimants on the Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds.

The figures concerning Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry, as given above, were made up after the close of the Annual Conferences.

SCHEDULE B.—2.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

CONFERENCES.	RECEIVED.				REMOVED.				MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.		Increase.	Decrease.	
	By Transfer	On Probation.	From other Churches.	Total.	By Death.	By Transfer.	Withdrawn.	Dropped or Expelled.	Total.	Total 1898.			Total 1894.
Toronto	21	30	..	51	21	16	9	9	55	300	304	4	
London	13	36	1	50	16	18	6	1	41	274	265	9	
Hamilton	14	21	..	35	13	16	5	6	40	284	280	4	
Bay of Quinte	11	40	1	52	12	12	8	6	38	246	232	14	
Montreal	8	45	1	56	13	11	11	13	48	309	302	7	
Nova Scotia	4	46	2	52	3	3	1	3	10	138	126	12	
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island	1	12	..	13	6	1	4	5	16	112	115	3	
Newfoundland	..	14	..	14	1	5	6	4	16	74	76	2	
Manitoba and North-West	14	45	..	59	3	7	20	16	46	190	186	4	
British Columbia	9	4	3	16	1	4	12	4	21	58	63	5	
Japan	2	6	2	10	..	4	5	2	11	37	38	1	
Total	97	270	10	377	80	97	87	69	342	2031	1996	*55	

\*Net increase..... 35.

SCHEDULE C.  
 RETURNS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1895.

CONFERENCES.	Missionary.	Superannuation- ary.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Confer- ence.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School Aid.	General Epworth League.	Sustentation.	Annual Confer- ence.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Mission- ary.	Total Connex- ional Funds.
Toronto	\$34561 93	\$12959 12	\$4571 99	\$1026 16	\$1066 58	\$835 47	\$448 55	.....	\$929 02	.....	.....	\$5415 86	\$61814 68
London	24771 49	10972 28	3196 84	869 43	959 33	735 88	368 31	.....	877 50	.....	.....	5305 86	48086 92
Hamilton	32867 71	13017 00	4488 56	808 51	992 04	776 67	386 72	.....	799 26	.....	.....	6267 46	60493 93
Bay of Quinte	21344 83	10028 00	1963 96	640 17	698 60	534 86	357 65	.....	537 20	.....	.....	5281 05	41386 32
Montreal	34991 95	13934 10	3640 85	864 30	998 41	534 86	357 65	.....	1456 38	.....	.....	5194 63	62180 25
Nova Scotia	12070 85	2499 54	842 21	337 34	291 11	705 48	394 11	.....	1735 17	\$259 46	\$545 84	3818 21	22668 88
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	7322 81	2089 25	1062 72	373 61	233 14	104 48	154 59	.....	1965 17	.....	5443 00	5067 87	23339 89
Newfoundland	5853 92	1015 90	350 00	160 73	65 71	123 30	159 02	.....	343 88	194 60	3040 00	410 67	11567 45
Manitoba and North-West	9242 61	5330 85	1002 50	313 65	571 41	213 10	192 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	535 72	17602 38
British Columbia	2980 80	1936 15	152 50	94 35	98 86	39 50	64 95	.....	345 50	.....	.....	486 60	6199 15
Japan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Legacies	10144 66	1246 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11390 66
Sundries	21091 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21091 04
Total for Church	\$21744 60	\$75228 19	21272 13	\$5608 25	\$5975 21	\$4105 21	\$2622 48	.....	\$8088 58	\$454 06	\$9028 84	\$37783 93	\$388311 55

SCHEDULE C.  
 RETURNS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1896.

CONFERENCES.	Missionary.	Superannuation or Supernumerary.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Conference.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School Aid.	General Epworth League.	Sustentation.	Annual Conference.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Missionary.	Total Connexional Funds.
Toronto	\$34475 41	\$12893 35	\$3623 80	\$956 96	\$953 73	\$790 17	\$449 61	.....	\$888 00	.....	.....	\$5153 41	\$60184 44
London	24623 91	12511 80	3089 30	839 15	886 14	746 02	412 94	.....	844 83	.....	.....	5413 68	49367 98
Hamilton	30815 96	13220 22	4020 35	905 06	801 49	727 36	398 74	.....	806 28	.....	.....	5969 65	57725 71
Bay of Quinte	20769 22	9877 16	1332 30	631 44	653 82	510 16	391 05	.....	510 38	.....	.....	5354 16	59940 77
Montreal	32897 66	13536 38	3764 07	904 54	917 75	694 58	406 34	.....	1463 25	.....	.....	3843 73	23540 12
Nova Scotia	11686 24	3097 23	1225 10	312 60	296 50	97 06	162 71	.....	1970 30	\$298 98	\$549 67	5045 71	24654 18
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	7061 74	2481 95	1410 65	434 77	233 45	121 45	153 86	.....	2250 60	.....	5460 00	265 64	19793 16
Newfoundland	6907 14	1059 84	391 92	157 04	68 96	37 92	106 60	.....	487 89	115 21	3130 00	855 37	19639 65
Manitoba and North-West.	11284 47	5541 42	753 44	390 40	393 74	220 66	250 15	.....	266 75	.....	.....	488 38	6549 38
British Columbia	3017 80	2276 45	174 65	126 90	88 70	35 60	74 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Japan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Legacies	25146 28	9578 00	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35324 28
Sundries	11546 60	.....	1415 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12962 15
Total for Church	\$220172 43	\$86073 89	\$22001 22	\$5661 49	\$6359 28	\$3980 98	\$2806 15	.....	\$9488 32	\$414 19	\$9139 67	\$37989 08	\$403086 70

**SCHEDULE C.**  
**RETURNS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1897.**

CONFERENCES.	Missionary.	Supernatunation or Supernum- erary.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Confer- ence.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School	General Epworth League.	Sustentation.	Annual Confer- ence.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Mission- ary.	Total Connex- ional Funds.
Toronto	\$34029 36	\$12893 35	\$3303 88	\$997 35	\$893 87	\$703 20	\$434 76	\$240 85	\$870 86	.....	.....	\$5847 06	\$61113 44
London	25441 00	12432 52	3013 01	932 88	798 19	728 60	381 49	276 46	853 16	.....	.....	6902 69	51760 09
Hamilton	30327 75	12668 79	3934 99	919 23	857 49	697 53	377 45	303 40	841 05	.....	.....	5892 07	56819 75
Bay of Quinte	21082 66	9479 67	1499 96	676 89	584 42	489 87	363 03	188 56	495 29	.....	.....	6078 03	46938 39
Montreal	32211 63	13427 88	3564 66	922 93	881 76	675 71	385 19	92 11	1420 90	.....	.....	5131 45	58713 52
Nova Scotia	11499 63	3049 64	827 30	295 88	392 22	97 52	161 17	73 35	2053 73	\$237 92	\$568 34	4078 76	23234 86
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	7052 18	2401 30	1234 93	441 15	225 53	118 29	152 49	70 41	2181 69	.....	5313 00	5069 64	24200 61
Newfoundland	7578 63	1143 43	333 68	156 71	77 86	36 10	11 96	29 28	558 59	979 57	3040 00	335 60	14382 71
Manitoba and North-West.	11963 58	5505 25	1053 67	347 70	376 96	223 70	221 90	57 25	289 70	.....	.....	1201 69	20981 70
British Columbia	3370 10	2127 50	401 60	99 30	86 65	34 95	89 65	20 60	.....	.....	.....	378 77	6998 22
Japan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Legacies	14461 36	4380 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18841 57
Sundries	1419 41	.....	1903 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3322 73
<b>Total for Church</b>	<b>\$201367 30</b>	<b>\$79509 54</b>	<b>21070 30</b>	<b>\$6788 82</b>	<b>\$5074 95</b>	<b>\$3805 47</b>	<b>\$2880 39</b>	<b>\$1351 76</b>	<b>\$9564 47</b>	<b>\$1217 49</b>	<b>\$8921 34</b>	<b>\$40855 76</b>	<b>\$381207 59</b>

SCHEDULE C.  
 RETURNS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898.

CONFERENCES.	Missionary.	Superannuation or Supernumerary.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Conference.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School Aid.	General Epworth League.	Sustentation.	Annual Conference.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Missionary.	Total Connexional Funds.
Toronto.....	\$37169 22	\$12986 33	\$8410 39	\$394 31	\$384 60	\$731 92	\$451 01	\$235 79	\$876 15	.....	.....	\$6161 53	\$63801 25
London.....	27099 78	12570 31	3177 21	840 36	814 29	735 93	403 43	655 32	807 34	.....	.....	6046 03	53150 00
Hamilton.....	32566 19	12792 05	4037 82	827 42	826 64	728 14	378 08	248 50	925 40	.....	.....	5676 15	59006 39
Bay of Quinte.....	22225 48	8928 16	1589 52	570 32	603 33	476 89	358 11	187 09	501 71	.....	.....	6221 90	41662 51
Montreal.....	34546 22	13671 02	3613 99	838 03	900 65	668 40	389 67	104 56	1399 98	.....	.....	5489 93	61622 45
Nova Scotia.....	11609 39	2785 70	784 17	287 46	286 53	92 11	157 97	81 29	1875 16	\$229 09	\$560 40	3894 75	22644 02
New Brunswick and P. E. I.....	7174 56	2758 23	1304 26	433 34	222 69	132 95	155 40	57 72	2360 22	.....	5060 00	4831 16	24490 53
Newfoundland.....	7138 20	998 17	242 73	175 39	127 79	31 94	110 02	29 06	608 49	.....	3130 00	445 80	13037 59
Manitoba and North-W. St.....	13210 04	5825 45	1111 63	677 94	362 97	218 81	237 81	108 05	.....	.....	.....	1375 31	22128 01
British Columbia.....	3983 80	1929 30	1402 73	180 03	87 30	44 65	71 80	4 85	318 50	.....	.....	435 95	8601 46
Japan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Legacies.....	.....	8290 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8230 60
Sundries.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Church.....	\$196722 88	\$83475 32	20817 00	\$572 60	\$5116 79	\$3861 74	\$2713 30	\$1712 23	\$9072 95	\$229 09	\$8750 40	\$40578 51	\$379374 81

SCHEDULE C.  
 RETURNS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898

SCHEDULE C.

RETURNS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898

CONFERENCES.	Missionary.	Superannuation or Supernumerary.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Conference.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School Aid.	General Epworth League.	Sustentation.	Annual Conference.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Missionary.	Total Connexional Funds.
Toronto	\$14135 82	\$51732 15	\$14910 06	\$3874 78	\$3798 78	\$9060 76	\$1783 93	\$476 14	\$8563 53			\$22577 86	\$246913 81
London	101936 27	48487 00	12476 45	3511 85	3427 95	2946 43	1566 17	931 78	3382 83			24668 26	202304 99
Hamilton	126577 61	51698 06	16481 72	3550 82	3587 66	2929 70	1540 99	551 90	3371 99			23805 33	234045 78
Bay of Quinte	85362 21	38312 99	6585 74	2545 17	2011 78	1469 84	375 64	2044 58				23180 33	164407 10
Montreal	134647 46	54569 38	14583 57	3531 10	3698 61	2744 17	1575 31	196 67	5740 55			21170 17	242456 99
Nova Scotia	46866 11	11432 11	3678 68	1232 78	1166 44	391 17	636 44	154 64	7634 36	\$1025 45	\$2924 25	15635 45	92077 88
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	28611 20	9730 73	5012 56	1682 87	914 81	495 99	620 77	128 13	8757 68		21276 00	19954 38	97185 21
Newfoundland	27477 89	4217 34	1318 33	649 87	340 36	142 43	425 91	58 34	1998 35	1289 33	12340 00	1457 71	51715 91
Manitoba and North-West	45780 70	22402 97	3921 24	1729 69	1705 07	876 27	902 41	165 30				3968 09	81401 74
British Columbia	13352 50	8269 40	2273 43	500 58	361 45	154 70	300 55	25 45	1220 45			1789 70	28248 21
Japan													
Legacies	49752 30	23434 81	600 00										73787 11
Sundries	34057 05		3318 87										37375 92
Total 1894 to 1898.	\$835507 21	\$324286 94	\$85160 65	22783 16	21526 30	15753 40	10822 32	\$3063 99	37714 32	\$2314 83	35840 25	\$157407 28	1551980 65
" 1890 to 1894.	804066 87	222581 04	77631 64	24386 94	25417 54	17634 90	10918 70		35925 74	1419 13	40014 23	127720 49	1387717 27
Increase	\$31440 34	\$101705 90	\$7529 01	\$1603 78	\$3891 24	\$1881 50	\$96 38	*3063 99	\$1788 58	\$895 70	\$4174 03	\$29476 79	\$164262 38
Decrease													

\* Returns for 1897 and 1898 only.

It has been exceedingly difficult to obtain the correct aggregate of all Connexional Funds, because the accounts are not absolutely closed with the close of the Financial Year. Moneys being paid to the Treasurers after the close of the Conferences, and so cannot be included in Conference Schedules and Minutes of Conference.

The Missionary Income for 1897-98 as given in Statement received during Sessions of General Conferences is \$243,051.98, showing a net increase of \$13,069.20 over preceding year.

The figures given in Superannuation Fund column include both Circuit and Ministerial Assessments as near as could be ascertained from the Minutes of the Conferences.

Some measures ought to be adopted by which the reports in Minutes of Conferences should agree with Statements of Treasurers.

SCHEDULE D.  
PAID FOR CIRCUIT PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1895.

CONFERENCES.	Circuit Incidentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools.	Epworth Leagues or other Y. P. S.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Purposes.	Total.
Toronto .....	\$1115 29	\$4495 27	\$8221 00	\$689 83	\$48 00	\$23934 68	\$5416 72	\$15089 46	\$113261 08	\$28927 07	\$201201 40
London .....	708 74	1616 00	7883 25	1078 95	168 15	20863 40	7021 35	17153 85	97716 84	15619 14	169829 67
Hamilton .....	806 07	2329 02	7626 00	945 51	246 95	21438 07	5440 14	16990 64	95161 19	22159 30	173142 80
Bay of Quinte .....	725 95	990 88	8257 05	1337 10	114 40	17282 90	4790 43	8063 83	74941 18	12540 03	129043 75
Montreal .....	853 84	4395 50	10844 00	1412 16	575 10	15853 47	3598 58	18207 44	101921 43	25459 05	188420 57
Nova Scotia .....	76 22	793 17	.....	422 93	124 14	5421 23	1408 54	3421 15	28316 58	5067 73	45051 69
New Brunswick and P. E. I. ....	336 04	885 50	26 70	300 60	20 40	4805 86	676 21	3518 47	26654 00	8175 63	45399 50
Newfoundland .....	43 50	655 00	.....	11 88	21 95	1958 83	102 25	584 51	7856 05	2294 39	13528 36
Manitoba and North-West .....	402 20	1021 00	6724 50	260 50	384 30	7947 06	1846 27	9735 05	38942 47	7313 38	73976 73
British Columbia .....	102 01	522 00	979 25	52 50	102 00	2942 40	564 95	5194 95	16591 93	3325 08	30336 97
Japan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Church .....	\$5169 86	\$17703 34	\$50561 75	\$6511 96	\$1895 39	\$121847 90	\$31165 44	\$97919 35	\$601365 74	\$130890 80	\$1064631 53

**SCHEDULE D.**  
**PAID FOR CIRCUIT PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1896.**

CONFERENCES.	Circuit Incidentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools.	Fpworth Leagues or Other Y.P.S.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Purposes.	Total.
Toronto .....	\$878 98	\$4500 61	\$8044 30	\$1058 25	\$89 30	\$24145 80	\$5920 99	\$14116 55	\$116728 68	\$26987 52	\$208470 98
London .....	645 33	1544 00	7663 00	1015 70	152 75	20047 74	5535 55	17521 88	102229 38	15585 85	174941 18
Hamilton .....	832 20	1881 00	8139 00	957 26	237 95	20630 67	7113 56	15022 23	91455 00	23970 80	170239 76
Bay of Quinte .....	756 30	769 00	10342 75	581 63	97 15	16901 61	4548 10	8428 10	72172 86	11721 85	126319 35
Montreal .....	1019 10	4810 24	10824 75	1091 45	446 70	14720 31	3927 26	16195 00	91110 14	31190 25	175385 20
Nova Scotia .....	248 65	428 20	.....	139 00	90 38	5130 02	1867 66	5290 32	24747 30	7848 60	45790 13
New Brunswick and P.E.I. ....	498 18	1098 00	46 00	117 95	12 17	5331 09	748 64	3417 10	26439 06	5390 17	43008 36
Newfoundland .....	50 36	225 00	3 28	49 03	3 00	1861 60	322 08	1461 00	12040 27	2771 33	18786 35
Manitoba and North-West .....	390 31	1246 68	6799 00	579 60	390 20	8247 80	2162 83	10928 45	49681 63	7468 51	87895 01
British Columbia .....	85 15	558 00	1200 00	156 56	95 70	3688 46	1077 23	6555 74	21577 71	6757 85	41772 40
Japan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total for Church .....</b>	<b>\$5404 56</b>	<b>\$17060 82</b>	<b>\$54082 08</b>	<b>\$5746 43</b>	<b>\$1015 30</b>	<b>\$126705 10</b>	<b>\$36223 90</b>	<b>\$98936 37</b>	<b>\$608182 03</b>	<b>\$139692 73</b>	<b>\$1087619 32</b>

SCHEDULE D.  
PAID FOR CIRCUIT PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1897.

CONFERENCES.	Circuit Incidentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools.	Epworth Leagues or Other Y.P.S.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Purposes.	Total.
Toronto	\$1142 72	\$8970 11	\$8358 00	\$802 41	\$52 30	\$24216 63	\$6256 02	\$14428 88	\$130608 43	\$21341 35	\$211536 85
London	581 81	1316 00	7540 39	1196 46	160 80	21191 72	7938 77	21751 83	122201 52	13618 59	197497 80
Hamilton	703 13	1825 25	7751 00	994 57	192 90	20069 75	7231 14	15842 71	89060 97	21528 09	165229 51
Bay of Quinte	741 28	815 90	10635 00	839 74	64 50	16243 50	4627 17	8561 49	73710 47	10223 07	126462 12
Montreal	367 07	4355 00	10227 80	1251 02	302 55	15207 82	3838 76	17645 05	114737 60	23838 71	191761 38
Nova Scotia	278 38	423 61	14 50	254 68	49 80	5456 08	1887 28	4449 76	37169 94	10719 71	60700 44
New Brunswick and P.E.I.	411 45	1108 00	22 00	228 98	12 55	5079 84	1075 27	3851 51	26036 15	8077 23	45902 98
Newfoundland	102 65	591 48	.....	142 00	13 00	1840 91	343 54	1577 46	18927 33	4240 35	27778 72
Manitoba and North-West	387 93	1091 00	6662 00	1311 72	384 50	8966 17	1694 15	12455 82	61371 66	8273 81	102598 76
British Columbia	126 00	624 60	1180 00	685 75	92 00	3378 65	973 85	4893 25	20827 71	5627 08	38358 89
Japan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Church	\$4847 42	\$16120 95	\$52300 69	\$7757 33	\$1324 70	\$121681 07	\$35865 95	\$105457 76	\$694998 68	\$127387 99	\$1167832 54

**SCHEDULE D.**  
**PAID FOR CIRCUIT PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898.**

CONFERENCES.	Circuit Incidentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools	Epworth Leagues or Other Y.P.'s.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Purposes.	Total.
Toronto .....	\$805 11	\$4603 91	\$7759 70	\$892 55	\$59 50	\$24242 43	\$5086 80	\$15147 40	\$153478 52	\$22283 54	\$235359 26
London .....	673 53	1233 00	7431 00	930 47	115 00	21641 36	7882 89	22230 65	118413 74	14029 94	194691 58
Hamilton .....	690 09	1769 59	7287 00	931 71	157 52	20723 57	7442 81	17083 03	119317 11	21199 37	196601 71
Bay of Quinte .....	727 93	642 00	10695 00	1065 87	56 00	16347 52	4626 37	8750 83	81281 73	12403 05	136506 30
Montreal .....	815 18	3526 13	10808 71	1017 19	283 56	14607 46	3564 98	19248 31	108082 79	21021 26	182975 57
Nova Scotia .....	392 19	516 40	.....	206 20	84 00	4884 90	2628 95	4466 27	42600 49	8941 16	65719 56
New Brunswick and P.E.I. ....	453 86	563 00	89 42	353 25	2 00	5801 03	1139 19	5113 09	29583 43	9217 20	52265 47
Newfoundland .....	104 12	200 00	.....	120 00	.....	1898 94	315 59	1119 49	14380 98	2426 87	20575 89
Manitoba and North-West .....	397 94	1496 00	7203 52	682 49	465 35	10720 62	2785 78	13695 62	68574 31	6923 07	113944 70
British Columbia .....	189 20	565 00	1010 00	534 15	118 50	4085 05	1310 64	6519 20	28205 05	7054 36	49591 15
Japan .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Church.....	\$5349 15	\$15114 94	\$52244 15	\$6732 88	\$1341 43	\$124952 88	\$37684 00	\$113433 89	\$764878 15	\$126499 82	\$1248231 29

SCHEDULE D. PAID FOR CIRCUIT PURPOSES FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898.

CONFERENCES.	Circuit Incidentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools.	Epworth Leagues or Other Y. P. S.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Purposes.	Total.
Toronto	\$4042 10	\$17569 90	\$33382 80	\$3543 04	\$249 10	\$86539 54	\$23580 53	\$85782 29	\$514439 71	\$90439 48	\$851568 49
London	2609 51	5709 00	30567 64	4221 58	596 70	83744 22	31378 56	78718 21	440561 48	58853 52	736060 42
Hamilton	3031 49	7804 86	30803 00	3829 05	885 32	82892 06	27297 65	64038 61	394994 27	88857 56	705213 87
Bay of Quinte	2951 46	3217 78	39839 80	3824 34	332 05	66775 53	18592 07	33804 25	302106 24	46888 00	518831 52
Montreal	3055 19	17086 87	42705 26	4771 82	1607 91	60380 06	15290 58	71295 80	415841 96	101509 27	733492 72
Nova Scotia	995 48	2161 38	14 50	1021 81	348 12	20892 23	7792 43	17627 50	132831 21	33577 20	217261 82
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	1699 53	3654 50	184 12	1000 78	848 12	20892 23	3639 31	15900 17	108662 73	30860 23	186666 31
Newfoundland	300 63	1671 48	3 28	382 91	47 12	7560 28	1083 46	4742 46	53214 63	11732 94	80670 62
Manitoba and North-West	1578 38	4854 68	27389 02	2824 31	1624 35	35281 65	8489 03	46814 94	219570 07	29978 77	378415 20
British Columbia	502 36	2269 60	4389 25	1378 96	408 20	14094 56	3926 67	23123 14	87202 30	22764 37	160059 41
Japan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total 1894 to 1898	\$20766 09	\$66000 05	\$209278 67	\$26748 60	\$6086 82	\$489186 95	\$140939 29	\$415747 37	\$2669424 60	\$524461 34	\$4568639 78
Total 1890 to 1894	\$29020 94	79417 73	195204 99	28339 20	10410 68	484275 04	80828 99	308081 13	2698893 13	733419 24	4708291 07
Increase	.....	.....	\$14073 68	.....	.....	\$4911 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	\$8254 85	\$13417 68	.....	\$1590 60	\$4323 86	.....	.....	.....	\$29468 53	.....	\$139651 29

**SCHEDULE E.**  
**AMOUNTS RAISED FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1895.**  
 (CENTS OMITTED).

CONFERENCES.	Ministers in the Active Work.	Probationers in the Active Work.	Officers of the General Conference.	Ministerial Professors in Colleges.	Ministerial Evangelists.	Superannuated Ministers.	Paid by Circuits and Missions.	Paid by Sustention Fund.	Paid by Contingent Fund.	Paid by Children's Fund.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL.	Amounts Raised by Circuits and Missions for all Purposes.
											Salary.	Rent.	Removal.				
Toronto	164	36	6	3	1	51	\$124065	\$868	\$29	...	\$6322	...	\$133	\$131534	\$6244	\$387081	08
London	171	31	..	5	2	43	119393	680	143	...	5390	...	52	125746	3936	337300	59
Hamilton	168	30	2	1	..	60	124730	890	276	...	5478	...	168	131374	3998	358396	82
Bay of Quinte	146	30	1	6	1	39	99515	541	236	...	6517	...	131	106810	3466	269046	07
Montreal	193	42	1	7	1	31	124928	1450	282	...	17854	...	675	144514	16077	370528	82
Nova Scotia	84	11	2	3	1	18	55164	1812	...	565	6195	...	224	63736	9926	122874	57
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	79	17	..	1	..	16	43498	1933	...	4296	5575	...	257	55302	11553	112737	39
Newfoundland	50	12	..	1	..	..	15624	429	...	222	11111	...	628	29867	13001	40719	81
Manitoba and North-West	93	46	..	3	..	9	53821	..	61	...	23269	...	1109	77151	13175	145400	11
British Columbia	39	8	..	2	..	2	19228	..	..	..	20384	...	478	39952	7078	55764	12
Japan	30	1	..	..	..	..	1688	..	..	..	7201	...	292	1688	..	1688	00
Legacies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7201	..	..	..
Indian Department	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11390	66
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26251	97
Total for Church	1222	255	12	34	6	269	\$781655	\$8943	\$1277	\$7554	\$115436	\$2129	\$4387	\$914765	\$87854	\$2255150	05

SCHEDULE E.  
 AMOUNTS RAISED FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1896.  
 (CENTS OMITTED).

CONFERENCES.	Ministers in the Active Work.	Probationers in the Active Work.	Officers of the General Conference.	Ministerial Professors in Colleges.	Ministerial Evangelists.	Superannuated Ministers.	Paid by Circuits and Missions.	Paid by Sustention Fund.	Paid by Contingent Fund.	Paid by Children's Fund.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	Grand Total.	Amounts Raised by Circuits and Missions for all Purposes.	
											Salary.	Rent.	Removal.					
Toronto	159	40	6	6	1	49	\$128532	\$888	..	..	\$6559	..	\$355	\$135979	\$7366	\$392187	42	
London	171	31	4	4	2	42	120008	845	..	..	4569	\$304	168	125502	1916	344397	16	
Hamilton	173	27	1	1	1	51	123384	805	..	..	5160	..	158	129249	3510	351249	47	
Bay of Quinte	139	41	1	8	1	29	92446	510	..	..	5719	..	231	98675	4911	259185	23	
Montreal	191	39	1	4	1	27	122999	1469	..	..	16539	98	606	141007	17962	358274	97	
Nova Scotia	85	13	1	3	1	18	56764	..	..	..	5685	..	474	62449	10432	126904	25	
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	78	8	..	2	..	16	43626	2211	..	..	4571	..	487	54338	13689	111378	54	
Newfoundland	48	13	..	2	..	1	16744	..	..	..	11730	30	502	30963	12331	48259	11	
Manitoba and North-West	97	55	1	2	..	12	59433	..	..	..	24724	550	1420	84157	16892	167017	66	
British Columbia	44	4	..	1	..	3	11909	266	..	..	18675	510	1078	36850	7607	65230	78	
Japan	..	..	..	..	..	..	1656	..	..	..	7663	1250	300	..	..	1656	00	
Legacies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35324	23
Indian Department	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22567	89
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12962	15
<b>Total for Church</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>\$782481</b>	<b>\$6994</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>\$6429</b>	<b>\$112584</b>	<b>\$2772</b>	<b>\$5779</b>	<b>\$908488</b>	<b>\$96615</b>	<b>\$2295784</b>	<b>91</b>	

**SCHEDULE E.**  
**AMOUNTS RAISED FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1897.**  
 (CENTS OMITTED).

CONFERENCES.	Ministers in the Active Work.	Probationers in the Active Work.	Officers of the General Conference.	Ministerial Professors in Colleges.	Ministerial Superannuated Evangelists.	Paid by Circuits and Missions.	Paid by Sustention Fund.	Paid by Contingent Fund.	Paid by Children's Fund.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	Grand Total.	Amounts raised by Circuits and Missions for all Purposes.
										Salary.	Rent.	Removal.				
Toronto	169	22	6	4	54	\$130741	\$899	...	...	\$6681	...	\$249	\$133821	\$7655	\$403396	29
London	176	23	2	2	45	120947	860	...	...	4817	\$1000	96	126614	2602	370204	98
Hamilton	182	16	1	1	60	121922	839	...	...	5443	...	140	128204	4691	343971	26
Bay of Quinte	147	27	1	6	34	92895	495	...	...	6353	...	206	99243	5245	259795	51
Montreal	203	25	1	9	33	123270	1409	\$172	...	18372	1.0	561	143223	18572	873744	90
Nova Scotia	94	11	2	1	18	57241	2125	...	...	6935	...	1001	66301	12779	141176	30
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	78	10	3	3	13	44877	2288	...	\$3867	4701	...	891	55733	12857	114980	59
Newfoundland	52	7	2	2	1	16635	650	...	2712	19150	...	616	32147	11741	58796	43
Manitoba and North-West	107	41	6	6	9	62344	...	...	...	21712	...	1208	84056	14554	193517	86
British Columbia	47	5	1	1	2	17553	...	...	...	18634	288	738	37971	6519	62785	11
Japan	26	3	...	...	...	1689	...	195	...	8066	1218	322	9755	...	1689	00
Legacies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1884	57
Indian Department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2881	46
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3822	73
<b>Total for Church</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$789614</b>	<b>\$9844</b>	<b>\$367</b>	<b>\$6579</b>	<b>\$115104</b>	<b>\$1776</b>	<b>\$5928</b>	<b>\$922581</b>	<b>\$97215</b>	<b>\$2374837</b>	<b>99</b>

SCHEDULE E.  
 AMOUNTS RAISED FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898.  
 (CENTS OMITTED).

CONFERENCES.	Ministers in the Active Work.	Probationers in the Active Work.	Officers of the General Conference.	Ministerial Professors in Colleges.	Ministerial Evangelists.	Superannuated Ministers.	Paid by Circuits and Missions.	Paid by Sustention Fund.	Paid by Contingent Fund.	Paid by Children's Fund.	MISSIONARY FUND.			Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	GRAND TOTAL.	Amounts Raised by Circuits and Missions for all Purposes.
											Salary.	Rent.	Removal.				
Toronto	169	22	6	4	2	54	\$131918	...	...	...	\$8756	...	\$479	\$140674	\$6399	\$431078	51
London	176	23	3	3	2	45	122996	...	...	...	5168	...	178	127864	2408	370537	58
Bay of Quinte	183	16	2	6	1	60	123821	\$1823	...	...	6462	38	154	132106	2295	370429	10
Montreal	147	27	1	7	1	33	90911	...	...	...	7443	...	115	98354	4409	269079	81
Nova Scotia	203	25	1	7	2	33	124216	...	...	...	19600	138	366	143816	15305	368814	02
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	94	11	2	2	1	18	57801	...	...	...	9360	...	438	67281	12094	146164	58
Newfoundland	78	10	2	2	1	13	44896	2340	\$70	...	5787	...	375	56819	11394	121652	00
Manitoba and North-West	52	7	2	2	1	9	16098	...	...	...	13625	...	484	32591	10751	49711	58
British Columbia	107	41	6	6	9	2	69112	...	...	...	23310	36	723	92422	10338	206184	71
Japan	47	5	1	1	2	2	19451	...	...	...	19063	245	783	38514	7799	77643	61
	26	3	..	2	..	..	1776	...	...	...	9824	...	...	11600	...	1776	00
Total	1282	190	12	37	4	269	\$802606	\$4163	\$70	\$6664	\$128398	\$566	\$4095	\$941991	\$83192	\$2430302	10



SCHEDULE F.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES FOR THE

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUES.				EPWORTH LEAGUES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.				AFFILIATED YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.				UNAFFILIATED Y. P.'s SOCIETIES.			
	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.
Toronto	119	2856	2005	4861	112	3962	2914	6156	3	128	17	145	2	30	7	37
London	166	4220	2528	6748	161	4974	2945	7919	5	150	56	206	9	257	93	350
Hamilton	128	3532	1904	5436	154	4571	2987	6958	7	179	51	230	12	320	125	445
Bay of Quinte	100	2229	1414	3643	139	3614	2210	5824	5	108	36	144	4	82	22	84
Montreal	34	593	458	1051	115	2687	1888	4575	2	121	81	202	14	360	190	550
Nova Scotia	36	881	511	1392	65	1571	809	2380	2	101	..	101	4	111	84	195
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	14	184	190	374	45	1317	742	2059	2	31	45	76	6	136	75	211
Newfoundland	22	590	251	841	5	223	88	311	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manitoba and North-West.	25	507	316	823	64	1592	892	2484	1	23	..	23	6	106	70	176
British Columbia	14	388	120	508	9	249	148	397	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 1898	658	15980	9697	25677	869	24760	14303	39063	33	841	286	1127	57	1382	666	2048
Total, 1897	521	13452	8061	21514	923	27630	14624	42254	23	629	278	907	59	1998	537	2535
Increase	137	2527	1636	4163	..	..	..	..	10	212	8	220	..	..	129	..
Decrease	..	..	..	..	54	2370	321	3191	..	..	..	..	2	616	..	487
QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT.																
Total, 1898	658	15980	9697	25677	869	24760	14303	39063	33	841	286	1127	57	1382	666	2048
Total, 1894*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Increase*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

\* These separate items were not tabulated in 1894.

SCHEDULE G.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE ENTIRE

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Number of Preaching Appointments.	Number of Schools.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.										
			Members of Methodist Church.	Non-Members.	Total.	Average Attend'ce.	In Primary Classes.	Intermed'te Classes.	Adult Classes.	In Home Department.	Total.	Average Attend'ce.	Methodist Scholars Attend'g Union Sch'ls.	United with Church during year.	Members of Church.	Learn'g Catechism.	No. who have taken Tot. Abs. Pledge.
Toronto	521	430	4721	450	5171	4119	12684	18239	11704	1071	43098	31514	547	1782	9677	2798	8920
London	465	507	5145	461	5606	4448	12582	17689	13625	813	44709	29925	388	1636	12656	2191	6531
Hamilton	447	424	4867	382	5249	4184	12264	16739	13197	986	43186	28281	715	1879	13100	2292	9646
Bay of Quinte	546	497	4305	441	4746	3706	10572	14245	12850	1352	39019	25602	534	1742	10562	3053	6018
Montreal	663	486	3708	431	4139	3344	9969	12487	9694	964	33114	21873	448	767	5373	2787	7823
Nova Scotia	402	233	1671	242	1913	1515	4603	5597	3959	327	14486	9804	188	364	2650	3046	4386
New Brunswick & P. E. Island	383	220	1575	257	1832	1477	4113	5439	3995	977	14524	9629	246	376	3561	2326	3144
Newfoundland	356	197	1290	292	1582	1263	4826	5181	3050	173	13230	9656	..	396	1395	6075	3163
Manitoba and North-West	519	256	1795	264	2059	1455	4970	5522	5429	468	16389	11243	881	543	3521	1170	2644
British Columbia	85	72	506	70	576	453	1855	2056	1223	20	5154	3534	124	144	779	766	924
Japan	61	65	145	..	145	120	..	2382	438	..	2820	2160	..	..	371	..	..
Total, 1898	4448	3387	29728	3290	33018	26084	78438	105576	79164	7151	270329	183221	4071	9629	63645	27504	53199
Total, 1897	4455	3307	29647	3106	32753	26285	74774	102973	79222	5435	262404	166783	3504	11784	66620	26016	63397
Increase	..	80	81	184	265	..	3664	2603	..	1716	7925	16438	567	..	..	1488	..
Decrease	7	..	..	..	..	201	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	2155	2975	..	10198
QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT.																	
Total, 1898	4448	3387	29728	3290	33018	26084	78438	105576	79164	7151	270329	183221	4071	9629	63645	27504	53199
Total, 1894	4567	3251	27709	3098	30867	25010	75943	101554	75049	..	252546	172602	..	..	59423	31272	76129
Increase	..	136	2019	192	2211	1074	2495	4022	4115	7151	17783	10619	..	..	4222	..	..
Decrease	119	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3768	22930	..

ENTIRE CHURCH

JUN. EPWORTH LEAGUE AND OTHER JUN. SOCIETIES

Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.
55	2212	666	2878
50	1946	524	2470
76	2330	736	3066
57	1367	708	2075
45	1243	531	1774
14	347	215	562
6	267	58	325
2	23	..	23
24	510	240	750
1	87	10	97
330	10332	3688	14020
321	10159	3793	13952
9	173	..	173
..	..	105	105
330	10332	3688	14020
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Pleasant Hours.  
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50092	5551	9465	4691
46113	7037	9553	5979
46010	7160	9982	4936
42632	4826	8733	4004
44880	4196	6669	4160
27435	1033	1753	1600
23660	1830	2389	1260
7331	556	1318	747
22076	4488	3856	2813
5276	1094	1415	1108
..	..	..	..
310939	37796	53133	31298
31862	37616	52499	31498
..	180	634	..
1923	..	..	200
316939	37796	53133	31298
318017	34198	53165	31035
..	3598	..	293
1078	..	32	..

\* Total



SCHEDULE H.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF COLLEGE AND SCHOOL PROPERTY FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH, FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898.

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.	COLLEGES.				SCHOOLS.				Total value of all College and School Property.	Total debt.	Total Insurance.
	Number.	Value, including furniture, etc.	Debt.	Amount of Insurance.	Number.	Value, including furniture, etc.	Debt.	Amount of Insurance.			
1. Victoria University	1	\$332824	.....	\$150000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$150000
2. Alma College	1	100000	\$54000	47000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47000
3. Mount Elgin Industrial Institute	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. Albert College	1	78253	19700	45000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8000
5. Ontario Ladies' College	1	112320	43000	69000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45000
6. Wesleyan Theological College	1	140000	4000	20000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68000
7. French Methodist Institute	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20000
8. Stanstead Wesleyan College	1	35000	.....	21000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27000
9. University of Mount Allison	1	225000	67500	78000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21000
10. Mount Allison Ladies' College	1	121000	12000	61100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78000
11. Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. Methodist College, St. John's	1	100000	45000	47000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61100
13. Wesley College, Winnipeg	1	115000	40000	42500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12000
14. Columbian Methodist College	1	19940	10000	8000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61000
15. Chinese Rescue Home	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21750
16. Crosby Home	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47000
17. Coqualeetza Institute	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42500
18. Azabu School	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8000
19. Kanazawa School	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2800
Total, 1898	11	\$1379337	\$295200	\$586200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 1894	12	1153636	171500	429200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Increase	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(a) Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are Connexional Institutions, and are under the control of the General Conference.  
 (b) Nos. 8 and 12 are Local Conference Institutions.  
 (c) No. 5 is a Proprietary Institution. The figures given above are from report of 1894 as none other has been sent in. The Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton also a Proprietary Institution, has ceased to exist, hence the reported decrease of one in the number of colleges.  
 (d) Nos. 3, 7, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are Missionary Institutions, and are supported by the General Society and by the Woman's Missionary Society.  
 (e) The Normal School, Granmar Schools and 140 Day Schools in Newfoundland, under the control of the Methodist Church, and the Indian Schools at Brandon, Morley, Chilliwack, Fort Simpson and Red Deer are not given here.  
 (f) The Japan Minutes contain no report of the Anglo Japanese College at Tokyo.

SCHEDULE I.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF COLLEGE AND SCHOOL PROPERTY FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH, FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MAY 31ST, 1898.



SCHEDULES **II** AND **I**.

## CHURCH PROPERTY—GENERAL SUMMARY.

	Total Value.	Total Debt.	Increase of D. bt.	Decrease of Debt.	Total Reliable unpaid Subscriptions.	Total Insurance.
3329 Churches .....	\$11296802	\$2402280	....	\$280128	\$347230	\$5482307
1231 Burial Places .....	151868	....	....	....	....	....
1133 Parsonages and Furniture .....	2024711	208731	....	4459	....	949849
11 Colleges .....	1379337	295200	\$123700	....	{ 25000	} 586200
8 Schools .....	181700	6100	1600	....	{ 37000	
BOOK AND PUBLISHING HOUSES—						
1. Toronto .....	381512	....	....	....	....	....
2. Montreal .....	8094	....	....	....	....	....
3. Halifax .....	5930	4500	....	....	....	....
Total, 1898 .....	\$15429934	\$2916911	\$125300	\$284587	\$409230	\$7089006
Total, 1894 .....	14852805	3071598	....	....	....	6251029
Increase .....	\$577129	....	....	....	....	\$738877
Decrease .....	....	\$154787	....	....	....	....

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

In this our Fifth Quadrennial Statistical Report we have pleasure in presenting to the General Conference figures which indicate progress in all departments of our work, and among all the numerous agencies employed by the Church.

Delay on the part of some of the Secretaries of the Annual Conferences, in forwarding their Conference Schedules, rendered it impossible for me to prepare a summary in time for publication in the Minutes of the Conferences, but each year a carefully prepared report has been given to the Church through the *Christian Guardian* and the *Wesleyan*. A great deal of extra work has been made necessary by errors in many of the Schedules, which ought to have been corrected by the Auditors appointed by the District Meetings and by the Conference Statistical Committees.

The Schedules constituting this Report number thirty-one, and in membership and finances include the annual as well as the general report of the Quadrennium, thus making the fullest and most complete statistical compendium yet given to the General Conference. We think they will be valuable for future reference and study.

Schedule A contains full membership returns, with numbers received and removed.

Number of Members, 1895 .....	267,740	Increase,	6,787
"    "    1896 .....	272,392	"	4,652
"    "    1897 .....	278,125	"	5,733
"    "    1898 .....	280,537	"	2,412
A total increase for the Quadrennium of .....			19,584

If to the total membership we add 2,031 ministers and probationers for the ministry, we shall have a grand total of 282,568.

The number received on trial, 1894-95 .....	21,297
“ “ “ 1895-96 .....	25,630
“ “ “ 1896-97 .....	24,626
“ “ “ 1897-98 .....	27,578

Making a total of .....	99,131
Total number received by letter .....	39,013
And by change of boundaries .....	9,077

Making a total of .....	147,221
The total number removed .....	56,236
“ By change of boundaries .....	9,472
“ Withdrawn .....	7,608
“ Dropped .....	40,574
“ Expelled .....	124
“ Died .....	13,623
Total .....	127,637

Showing net increase, as above .....	19,584
Number of Baptisms—Infants .....	62,839
“ “ “ Adults .....	11,559
“ “ Marriages solemnized .....	74,398
“ “ Burials .....	29,943
	42,002

Schedule B concerns the Ministers and Official Boards:

The number of Ordained Ministers is .....	1,703, Increase,	160
“ “ Probationers for the Ministry is .....	328, Decrease,	125
Total .....	2,031, Net Inc.,	35

At the close of the Conferences of 1894 the number of young men on probation for the Ministry was .....	453
The Conferences of 1895 admitted .....	129
“ “ 1896 “ .....	45
“ “ 1897 “ .....	47
“ “ 1898 “ .....	49

A total of .....

Of this number 9 have died; 45 have been dropped; 5 have been expelled; 286 have been successful in completing their studies and have been ordained and admitted to membership in the Conferences, and 328 remain on probation.

Schedule B also gives statement of ministerial changes which have taken place during the Quadrennium: 97 transfers have been made; 10 ministers have been received from other Churches; 80 ministers and 9 probationers have died—a total of 89, being a decrease of 23, as compared with the preceding four years.

The number of Local Preachers is .....	2,352	Increase,	57
“ “ Exhorters .....	1,031	Decrease,	182
“ “ Class Leaders .....	7,309	Decrease,	444
“ “ Stewards .....	9,071	Increase,	496
“ “ Society Representatives .....	6,571	Increase,	755

Schedule C tells the amounts contributed for the Connexional Funds by Conferences, annually and for the quadrennium.

The aggregate amount is .....	\$1,551,980 65
An Increase of .....	164,262 38

This amount would, however, be largely increased if all the moneys were paid to the Treasurers of the financial funds at the close of the financial year, so as to be included in reports to the Conferences, and so published in the minutes.

Schedule D shows what has been paid for Circuit purposes. The sum is \$4,568,639.78, a decrease of \$139,651.29.

This includes a decrease of . . . . .	\$8,254 85	in item of Circuit Incidentals.
“ “ . . . . .	13,417 68	“ House Rent.
“ “ . . . . .	4,323 00	“ Travelling Expenses.

For other particulars, see Schedule.

Schedule E gives the amounts paid for salaries, and a summary of all other financial receipts.

For Ministerial support . . . . .	\$3,683,798	Increase,	\$81,742 00
And for all purposes . . . . .	9,276,986	“	107,307 00
Deficiencies in Salaries . . . . .	364,877	“	110,784 00

Schedule F gives in full detail all items pertaining to the Epworth Leagues and Young People's Societies. We now have a grand total of 1,947 Young People's Societies with a membership of 81,935, an increase of 100 societies and 773 members during the past year, and of 915 societies and 34,760 members during the Quadrennium. The contributions of these societies are reported as follows:

For Local League or Society purposes . . . . .	\$23,411 74
“ General Epworth League Board . . . . .	1,364 01
“ Missions . . . . .	12,759 69
“ Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund . . . . .	474 64
“ Educational Fund . . . . .	61 82
“ All other purposes . . . . .	14 774 69
Total . . . . .	\$52,846 59
An increase of . . . . .	6,873 71

Schedule G contains a full record of Sunday Schools, their officers and teachers, scholars, periodicals, contributions, etc.:

Number of Schools . . . . .	3,387	Increase,	136
“ Officers and Teachers . . . . .	33,018	“	2,211
“ Scholars . . . . .	270,329	“	17,783
“ Scholars in the Home Department . . . . .	7,151	“	1,716

for the past year, and of 7,151 for the Quadrennium. For the periodicals taken and contributions, we refer to the Schedule.

Schedules H and I give a full statement of all College and Church property:

The number of Churches . . . . .	3,329	Increase,	136
“ Parsonages . . . . .	1,133	“	69
“ Burial Grounds . . . . .	1,231	“	23
“ Colleges and Schools . . . . .	19	Decrease,	1

caused by the closing of the Hamilton Wesleyan Ladies' College, which was a Proprietary Institution.

Value of the Churches . . . . .	\$11,296,802	Increase,	\$24,188
“ Parsonages . . . . .	1,750,123	“	202,470
“ Furnishings . . . . .	274,588	“	34,822
“ College Property . . . . .	1,379,337	“	225,701
“ School Property . . . . .	181,700	“	19,700

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Value of the Burial Grounds .....	151,868	"	16,908
" Book and Publishing Houses. ....	395,536	"	53,340
Total value of all Church Property .....	15,429,934	"	477,149
Total Church indebtedness .....	2,402,280	Decrease,	280,128
" Parsonage .....	208,731	"	4,459
" Amount of Insurance .....	7,089,906	Increase	738,877

In conclusion, we would urge that greater care be taken to have the Schedules correct, and to agree one with the other. There should be harmony and exactness in all financial and other figures.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. CORNISH, *Gen. Conf. Statistician.*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND SCHEDULES.

1. We recommend that the Report on Statistics as prepared by the General Conference Statistician, and by him presented to the General Conference, and referred to this Committee, be adopted by the Conference and published in the Conference JOURNAL.
2. That the memorial from the Hamilton Conference *re* the providing of a Schedule F for the Individual Epworth League or other Young People's Society, asking for such facts as are requisite for the filling up of the Circuit Epworth League Schedule F, be granted.
3. That the memorial from the Hamilton Conference *re* the publishing of a District Ledger, be not granted.
4. That in Schedule C, Connexional Funds, a column be provided for General Epworth League Fund Collections, and also a column for the Temperance Fund Collection, which is called for under Discipline, page 228, Paragraph 470.
5. That in Schedule G, Sunday Schools, the question, "Who have taken the Total Abstinence Pledge?" be changed to read, "Number who are now Pledged Abstainers."
6. That in same Schedule, the words, "in the school," be added after the words, "average attendance," so as to read, "Average attendance in the school," that it may be clear that "Home Department" is not included.
7. That the memorial from the Bay of Quinte Conference *re* question concerning the number of Conference Minutes required by each Quarterly Board, be not entertained.
8. That in reference to the memorial from the Manitoba and North-West Conference *re* Schedule E and net deficiency in salary, no action be taken.
9. That in reference to the memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference *re* Schedule A, asking that members on trial be not counted in the total aggregate membership, no action be taken.
10. Eliminated.
11. *Re* memorial from the Hamilton Conference, that in order to have a full census of the membership of the Church, the ministers and probationers for the ministry be counted in the Annual Membership Report of the circuit or mission on which they may be stationed.

12. That in reference to the memorial from the Montreal Conference *re* certain questions to be asked at District Meetings concerning attendance at public worship, class-meetings, etc., no action be taken.

13. That the memorial from the Toronto West District asking for new schedules be not complied with, as the memorialists make no suggestions concerning their needs, or propose any new plan.

14. *Re* notice of motion by Rev. T. W. Jackson, That in order to secure greater accuracy in all circuit and district statistics, Section 157, page 84, of Discipline, be amended by adding after the word "purpose," "and also appoint a Statistical Secretary, whose duty it shall be to tabulate all statistics, and who shall also be *ex-officio* member of the Annual Conference Statistical Committee." Also in second line of same section, the word, "Secretary" shall be preceded by the word, "Journal"; and in line three substitute the word, "Journal" for the word, "book." Also conform line six therewith. The whole Paragraph 157 will then read as follows: "After the Chairman has opened the meeting by the usual devotional exercises, a Journal Secretary shall be elected by ballot, who shall keep a record of the proceedings in a journal procured for that purpose; and also appoint a Statistical Secretary, whose duty it shall be to tabulate all statistics, and who shall also be *ex-officio* a member of the Conference Statistical Committee. At the close of each meeting the minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and Journal Secretary. The Journal shall be kept by the Chairman and brought to the Conference, and be delivered by him to his successor."

15. That on page 62, Discipline, Paragraph 139, Sub-section (2), there be added after the word, "Secretary" and also appoint "a Statistical Secretary," who shall be Chairman of the Statistical Committee. The whole paragraph will then read: "The Conference shall then elect by ballot its President, and then its Secretary, and also appoint a Statistical Secretary, who shall be Chairman of the Statistical Committee."

16. That where the name of a circuit or mission has been obliterated by change of boundary, it be reported in the District Schedule of the next year, and the number of members thereon at the time of the change be placed in the column for "Removed by Change of Boundaries."

17. That it be an instruction, when receiving young men on probation for the ministry, to record in the District and Conference Journals and publish in the Minutes of Conference their full Christian name, and that in the List of Stations at least one of the Christian names of each minister and probationer be published, instead of the initials only.

18. That we place on record our high appreciation of the painstaking and valuable services rendered by the General Conference Statistician, Rev. Dr. Cornish, during the past quadrennium.

19 and 20. Dealt with in connection with the Report of the Committee on General Conference Fund and Finance.

21. That the Chairman and Secretary of this Committee and the Rev. Thomas W. Jackson be a Committee to revise and superintend the publication of the Schedules and Circuit Register.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

GEO. H. CORNISH, *Secretary.*

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## IX. TWENTIETH CENTURY THANKS- GIVING FUND.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee had before them the various amendments proposed in the Conference to the Committee's first report; and after due consideration, submit the following propositions:

1. *Re* ST. JAMES' CHURCH. Item eliminated.

#### 2. *Re* DISTRIBUTION OF FUND.

That the contributors to this Fund be allowed to designate the object for which their subscriptions shall be used. That the following be stated as the interests from which this choice shall be made:

- (a) Educational Institutions.
- (b) Missions (Home or Foreign).
- (c) Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds.
- (d) Local church debts.

Donors, if they prefer, may have their contributions to be distributed among the foregoing institutions, funds and objects, as the Board to be appointed by the General Conference may deem advisable.

The expression, "educational institutions," shall be interpreted as giving each donor the liberty to designate the institution to which his contribution shall be applied.

If any one wishes to contribute forthwith to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund by making a special donation to any of our educational institutions, the Missionary Society, the Superannuation or Supernumerary Funds, or any local church debt, their contribution shall be credited to said fund.

\*As to methods of raising the Fund, your Committee deems it of great importance that such plans be devised as will result in a thorough and systematic canvass of every field within the bounds of the Church, so that the last man, woman and Sunday School scholar may be reached, and no one be denied the privilege of contributing.

Your Committee therefore recommends:

1. That a board consisting of fifty members, ministers and laymen in equal numbers, be appointed by this Conference to be known as "The Board of the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund," who shall have the oversight and general direction of the movement. The Board shall prepare literature, collecting books, subscription cards, etc., etc.; promote as far as possible uniformity of action and effort throughout the whole Connection, and render all needed assistance to the Annual Conference committees in carrying out the scheme.

2. That the Annual Conferences be requested to appoint at their next sessions a Conference Committee, to have charge and direction of the campaign for the Fund within the Conference. The Committee so appointed shall be responsible for the complete and early organization of

every district and circuit, with a view to reaching the entire Methodist constituency, so that no one who bears the Methodist name may be without an opportunity of contributing to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

3. That from this time forward earnest and continuous efforts be made by means of articles in all our Connexional publications, and frequent reminders by ministers from the pulpit, to prepare the people for a prompt and enthusiastic response when the appeal is finally made. Above all, it is recommended that from first to last the religious and thanksgiving aspect of the undertaking be made its most prominent feature; that everywhere the people be exhorted to connect their gifts with earnest prayer and renewed consecration; so that the movement may become the occasion of a great spiritual uplift that shall carry the Church into the new century on a tide of revival power.

4. That it is deemed important that before public meetings are held in the interest of the F. u. d, plans be carefully matured and machinery provided for a thorough canvass; that a date be set apart to be known as the Twentieth Century Fund Sunday, and it is suggested that the second Sunday in October, 1899, be that date; that in all our churches public meetings be held on that day at which the scheme shall be definitely brought before the congregations, and offerings solicited; that prior to these meetings, the leading members and adherents of the Church be prepared, by personal interviews, to pledge the amounts that should be contributed by each, in order to reach the sum required; and that immediately after these meetings a thorough and systematic canvass be made, and the whole effort, including the payment of all contributions, be concluded by the 1st day of October, 1900.

5. That while it is very desirable that all subscriptions be paid at the time they are made, yet, to meet the circumstances of many contributors, it is recommended that provision be made to receive subscriptions in monthly instalments from such as desire to pay in that way.

6. That as little benefit would result if this enterprise were carried through at the expense of other Connexional interests, it should be understood from the very beginning that givings to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund must not be allowed to interfere with customary givings to our various *Connexional* funds.

7. Your Committee believes that this undertaking will prove a benediction to the Church in proportion to the universality of the effort; that far greater good will result from the fact that *every Methodist* bears a share in raising the million dollars than if the whole fund were contributed by a limited number of wealthy men, if that were possible. It is therefore recommended that resolute effort be made to reach the largest possible number; and we suggest to our more wealthy members the plan of associating themselves with a given number of the poorer, and aiding them, if necessary, to contribute to the Fund.

8. That from the canvassing books furnished to the several circuits and stations, and used by them, a roll be made up containing the name of every subscriber, and the amount of his subscription, the same to serve as a permanent record, and to be bound and kept in the archives of the Church in the Methodist Book Room, Toronto.

9. That we express our profound sympathy with St. James' Church, Montreal, and authorize the pastor, the Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., to canvass the Connexion in its behalf.

10. The following persons are nominated as the Board of Management of the Fund :

*Toronto Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> Dr. Potts. Dr. Sutherland. Dr. Briggs. Dr. Withrow. J. E. Lanceley.	<i>Laymen.</i> Hon. G. A. Cox. W. E. H. Massey. J. W. Flavelle. E. Gurney. Dr. Maclaren. R. J. Fleming.
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*London Conference.*

<i>Minister.</i> J. R. Gundy.	<i>Laymen.</i> Wm. Bowman. Geo. Robinson. W. J. Ferguson.
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*Hamilton Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> Dr. Griffin. Dr. Wakefield. Dr. Williamson.	<i>Laymen.</i> Hon. W. E. Sanford. Dr. Jas. Mills.
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*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> Dr. Burwash. W. R. Young.	<i>Laymen.</i> Judge Dean. E. D. O'Flynn.
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*Montreal Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> Dr. Shaw. Dr. T. G. Williams. Dr. Griffith. Dr. Courtice. Dr. Rose.	<i>Laymen.</i> B. M. Britton, M.P. S. Finley. Alex. Fraser.
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*Manitoba Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> Dr. Sparling. James Woodsworth. L. Gaetz.	<i>Laymen.</i> J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C. J. H. Ashdown. R. J. Whitla.
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*British Columbia Conference.*

<i>Minister.</i> E. Robson.	<i>Layman.</i> David Spencer.
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*Nova Scotia Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> G. J. Bond, B.A. W. Dobson.	<i>Laymen.</i> Jairus Hart. Israel Longworth, Q.C.
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*New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.*

<i>Ministers.</i> Dr. Brecken. Dr. Sprague.	<i>Laymen.</i> Dr. Allison. L. L. Beer.
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## Newfoundland Conference.

*Minister.*

L. Curtis, B.A.

*Layman.*

Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

## ARRANGEMENT BY SECTIONS.

*Central Section.**Ministers.*

Dr. Potts.  
 Dr. Sutherland.  
 Dr. Briggs.  
 Dr. Withrow.  
 J. E. Lanceley.  
 J. R. Gundy.  
 Dr. Griffin.  
 Dr. Wakefield.  
 Dr. Williamson.  
 Dr. Burwash.  
 W. R. Young.  
 Dr. Shaw.  
 Dr. T. G. Williams.  
 Dr. Griffith.  
 Dr. Courtice.  
 Dr. Rose.

*Laymen.*

Hon. Geo. A. Cox.  
 W. E. H. Massey.  
 J. W. Flavelle.  
 E. Gurney.  
 Dr. Maclaren.  
 R. J. Fleming.  
 Wm. Bowman.  
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 Dr. Mills.  
 Judge Dean.  
 E. D. O'Flynn.  
 B. M. Britton, M.P.  
 S. Finley.  
 Alex. Fraser.

*Eastern Sub-Committee.**Ministers.*

G. J. Bond, B.A.  
 W. Dobson.  
 Dr. Sprague.  
 Dr. Brecken.  
 L. Curtis, B.A.

*Laymen.*

Jairus Hart.  
 Israel Longworth, Q.C.  
 Dr. Allison.  
 L. L. Beer.  
 Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

*Western Sub-Committee.**Ministers.*

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 Jas. Woodsworth.  
 L. Gaetz.  
 E. Robson.

*Laymen.*

J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C.  
 J. H. Ashdown.  
 R. J. Whitla.  
 David Spencer.

*Executive Committee.**Ministers.*

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 Dr. Briggs.  
 Dr. Sutherland.  
 Dr. Courtice.  
 J. E. Lanceley.

*Laymen.*

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 W. E. H. Massey.  
 Dr. Maclaren.  
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*General Secretary.*

Rev. Dr. Potts.

*Treasurers.**Ministers.*

Dr. Potts.  
 Dr. Briggs.

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## X.—DISCIPLINE.

## REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. It has considered the notice of motion by James Mills, LL.D., seconded by S. F. Lazier, Q.C., "That the addition to Wesley's Rules of Membership, as contained in Par. 35, page 24, of the Discipline, be struck out and the following paragraph be substituted therefor, viz., 35 : *Note.*—The foregoing rules shall be understood as enjoining upon members of the Church whatever is required in the Holy Scriptures, and forbidding whatever is contrary to the letter or spirit thereof." And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

2. (1) Your Committee has also considered the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference to amend the note appended to the General Rules by inserting after the word "beverage," the words, "or signing a petition for the sale of such." (2) Also the memorial of the London Conference to amend the General Rules as follows: "In Par. 35, page 24, of Discipline, strike out the word 'note,' and incorporate said paragraph among the General Rules, and insert the following after the word 'beverage': 'signing petitions for granting liquor licenses, or in any way aiding or abetting the liquor traffic.'" And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the Conference.

3. Finally amended and adopted as in Item No. 32, Report No. 3.

S. BOND, *Chairman.*

S. A. CHESLEY, *Secretary.*

## REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. It has considered the memorials of the Montreal Conference, and of the Sarnia District, in the London Conference, and the notice of motion of Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D., and W. I. Shaw, D.D., for amendment of the section of Discipline, "Of Receiving Members into the Church," and related sections; also the memorial of the Huntingdon District, in the Montreal Conference, and the notice of motion of Rev. J. M. Harrison, relating to "catechumens." And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

2. Your Committee has considered also the memorials of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference, of the Lay Association of the Bay of Quinte Conference; of the St. Thomas District, in the London Conference, and of the Quarterly Official Board of Walkerville, in the London Conference, in favor of the introduction of laymen into the Stationing Committee; and the notice of motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., and Rev. F. Chisholm, in favor of reducing the number of members of the Stationing Committee. And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

S. BOND, *Chairman.*

S. A. CHESLEY, *Secretary.*

## REPORT No. 3.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. Your Committee has considered a recommendation of the Book and Publishing Committee, referred to this Committee by the Conference, in favor of a register of baptisms, marriages and burials, and the memorial of the Brockville District, in the Montreal Conference, for a baptismal register.

And recommends in pursuance thereof that the Discipline be amended by adding to Sub-section 6, of Par. 174, page 99, the following: "To keep a register of baptisms, marriages and burials in a book provided for the purpose by the Official Board, such register to be the property of the circuit, and to remain among its records."

NOTE.—"In any Province where a circuit register is kept under provincial law, it shall be accepted as a compliance with this requirement."

2. Your Committee has considered also the notice of motion of Rev. S. Bond for amendment of Section 8, of Par. 109, of the Discipline. And recommends in pursuance thereof that said section be amended so as to read :

"8. The court shall keep a full and correct record of its proceedings; such record shall include (a) the ruling or decision appealed against; (b) the grounds of the appeal; (c) the grounds of resistance of the appeal; (d) the decision of the Court; (e) a summary of the reasons of the decision; (f) and that the decisions be published in the *Guardian and Wesleyan*."

3. Your Committee has considered also the notice of motion of Rev. W. Kettlewell and Rev. Dr. Cornish to amend certain paragraphs of the Discipline.

And recommends that Par. 115 be amended

(1) By striking out after question (e) "Who are probationers on the list of reserve?" on Par. 55, all the words from "a probationer on the list of reserve," to "obligation to attend college," inclusive.

(2) By transferring the sentence on page 55, commencing "Notwithstanding irregularities or defects," etc., from its present position in Par. 115, to the end of Par. 113.

(3) By placing paragraphs now numbered 116 and 117, next after 113, and renumbering.

(4) By adding the following questions to Par. 115, between questions 3 and 4, and renumbering, viz. :

Who are recommended to a superannuated relation ?

Who are recommended to be superannuated for one year ?

Who are recommended to a supernumerary relation ?

(5) By adding the following questions, to follow question 12 : What is the report of the Committee on Conference Relations ?

(6) By adding the following questions : What is the report of the Committee on the Pastoral Address ? Who are the Committee on the Pastoral Address for next year ?

(7) Par. 266, page 132, be amended by striking out the words "or probationers for the ministry," in the fourth line of the paragraph.

(8) Also that Par. 139 be amended by transferring Question 11 to a place after Question 21, and renumbering.

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4. Your Committee has considered also the notice of motion by Dr. Maclaren for amendment of Par. 116, and recommends in accordance therewith that Par. 116 be amended so as to read as follows :

"When a minister is so unacceptable, inefficient or secular as to be no longer useful in his work, the ministerial session may request him to ask a location, and if he refuses to comply, he shall be borne with until the next annual session, at which time, if he persist in his refusal, he may, without a formal trial, be located by a two-thirds vote of the ministers present and voting," etc., as in balance of paragraph.

5. Your Committee has considered also certain notices of motion by Rev. Dr. Shaw, for amendments of Discipline, and recommends, pursuant to certain of them,

(1) That Par. 133 be amended by adding thereto the following :  
"When a principal delegate's place has been declared vacant and filled by a reserve, such principal delegate shall not afterwards be permitted to take his place, either during the regular, or an adjourned, or special session of the General Conference."

(2) That Par. 138 be amended by substituting for the word "ex-President," in the second line, the words "last ex-President, who is at the time a member of the Conference."

6. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Dr. Mills for amendment of Par. 80, "Of Public Worship" and recommends that the figure and word "(2) invocation" be inserted after the word "doxology" and the remaining items renumbered.

7. Your Committee has considered the notice of the motion of Rev. S. Bond and Rev. W. Rigsby to amend Par. 121, and recommends in concurrence therewith that Par. 121 be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "In the Journal of the Annual Conference."

8. Your Committee has considered the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference for the election of alternates to District meetings, Annual Conferences and important connexional Committees, and recommends in reference thereto :

Sub-item (1) That Par. 158, Sec. 19, be amended by adding the words "and what layman is elected as alternate."

Sub-item (2) Lost.

Sub-item (3) Lost.

9. Your Committee has considered the memorial of the lay members of the Toronto Conference, for the recognition of meetings of lay members of Annual Conferences, and recommends that the following paragraph be inserted after Par. 134 :

"The lay members of each Annual Conference may hold a special session during the sessions of the Conference, and their proceedings may be reported to the Conference for information."

9. (a) Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. S. Bond and Rev. W. Rigsby for amendment of Par. 139, and in concurrence therewith recommends that after question 2 in said paragraph the following be inserted :

(3) What decisions has the President rendered on questions of law during the year? And the following questions renumbered.

10. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. A.

Brown and Rev. Dr. Langford for amendment of Par. 140, and recommends that Par. 140 be amended by inserting after the word "representatives" in line 2 of Sec. 2, the words, "properly authorized in writing," and by inserting after the word "appointed" in said line the words, "from among its members," so that the first part of said subsection shall read, "Any Quarterly Official Board interested may also appear by not more than two representatives, properly authorized in writing, appointed from among its members at a regular meeting of the Board," etc.

11. Your Committee has considered the notice of the motion of Rev. S. Bond and Rev. Dr. Antliff to change position in Discipline of the section "Of the Formation of Districts and Circuits," and recommends in concurrence therewith, that Sec. 2 of Chapter 3 of Part 4, page 132, be united with Sec. 6 of Chapter 1 of Part 2, page 64.

12. Lost.

13. Your Committee has considered the memorial of the Guelph District, endorsed by the Hamilton Conference, for amendment of Par. 149, and recommends that Par. 149 be amended by striking out of the second and third lines of Sec. 6 the words "the District Meeting from which they were recommended," and substituting therefor the words, "such District Meeting as the Conference may determine."

14. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. A. D. Morton and Rev. W. H. Langille for amendment of Par. 158, and recommends in partial concurrence therewith as follows:

That the following question be added to those in Sec. 13 of said paragraph: "Have the Circuit registers been properly kept?"

15. Your Committee has considered the memorial of Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, endorsed by the Hamilton Conference, for the amendment of Par. 158, and recommends in amendment thereof:

That Question 1 in said paragraph be struck out and the following substituted: "(1) What members are now present?"

16. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams and Rev. Dr. Griffith for amendment of Par. 162, and recommends, in concurrence therewith,

That Par. 162 be amended by striking out the words after the word "until" in the last line of the paragraph and substituting the words, "the opening of the ensuing Annual Conference."

17. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. A. D. Morton and Rev. W. H. Langille, for amendment of Par. 164, and recommends, in concurrence therewith,

That Par. 164 be amended by adding thereto the following words: "the day and place to be determined by the Chairman."

18. Your Committee has considered the notices of motion of Rev. T. Albert Moore and H. P. Moore, and of Rev. Dr. Crothers and Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, *re* Par. 173, Sec. 4, and Par. 287, and recommends, in concurrence therewith,

That Par. 287 be amended by changing the word "seven" in line four to "five."

19. Your Committee has considered the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference for the amendment of Par. 174, Section 6, and recommends, in partial concurrence therewith,

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That Par. 174, Section 6, be amended by adding the words "and a list of adherents," at the end of the section.

20. Your Committee has considered the motion of Rev. H. S. Matthews, indorsed by the Toronto Conference to provide for the auditing of funds controlled by Quarterly Official Boards and recommends, in pursuance thereof,

That Par. 195, Section 3, be amended by inserting the words "an audited" before the words "financial statement" in said section.

21. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. T. M. Campbell for amendment of Par. 208, and recommends, in amendment thereof,

That after the words "good standing," be added the words "but such representative shall not be a professional counsel."

22. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. Dr. Crothers and Rev. W. J. Jolliffe, to amend Par. 215, and recommends, in amendment thereof,

That Par. 212, be amended by adding thereto the words "and as to law and procedure."

23. Lost.

24. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. Dr. Ross to amend seventeen paragraphs relating to administration of discipline, rulings and appeals, and recommends, in concurrence with certain portions of said notice,

(1) That Par. 121 be amended by inserting after the words "appealed against," in the last line but one of said paragraph, the following :

"Where the President of the Conference is interested in the appeal, either personally or because of having been concerned in any way in the trial appealed from, the appeal may be taken directly to a General Superintendent or to the Court of Appeal."

(2) Also that Par. 161 be amended by adding at the end of Section 8 of said paragraph the following :

"Where the Chairman is interested in the appeal, either personally or because of having been concerned in any way in the trial appealed from, the appeal may be taken directly to the President of the Conference."

25. Lost.

26. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. J. Philp to amend Par. 237, and recommends, in amendment thereof,

That the word "court" in line 4 of Par. 244, be changed to "Committee."

27. Your Committee has considered the memorial of the Goderich District respecting prompt prosecution of appeals, and recommends

That Par. 220 be amended by adding thereto the words

(1) "And in all such cases not more than thirty days shall elapse between the giving of notice and the presentation of such appeal to the proper officer who is to deal with the same."

(2) Also that Par. 109 be amended by inserting the following section after Section 6, to be numbered

"7. In all cases of appeal against the action of an Annual Conference the appeal must be taken within sixty days after the closing of said Conference, and the decision be given before the opening of the next Annual Conference," and renumbering the remaining sections.

28. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. T. W. Jackson and Rev. Geo. Richardson to amend Par. 247, and recommends

That Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Par. 247 be amended to read as follows :

"1. The appropriation for salary of a married minister shall not be less than \$600 per annum, exclusive of the necessary expenses for horse keep, rent or free use of parsonage and incidentals.

"2. The appropriation for the salary of an ordained single minister shall not be less than \$350 per annum, exclusive of the necessary expenses for horse keep and incidentals.

"3. The appropriation for the salary of a probationer for the ministry shall not be less than \$300 per annum, exclusive of the necessary expenses for horse keep and incidentals."

29. Your Committee has considered the memorial of Rev. Dr. Withrow, and the notice of motion of Rev. Geo. Steel and Rev. Dr. Wilson for revision of the Covenant Service, and recommends that the Commission appointed by the General Conference of 1894 to revise this service be authorized and directed to continue and complete the work assigned to it, and that these memorials be referred to such Commission.

30. Your Committee recommends, in pursuance of notice of motion of Rev. Dr. Shaw,

That the form of Ordination Service be amended by inserting after the word "Amen" in line 13 on page 268, the following :

"Here let the service close with singing and the following benediction."

31. Your Committee has considered certain points presented for the consideration of the Conference by the General Superintendent in his quadrennial address, and referred to this Committee, and recommends, in pursuance thereof,

"That Par. 170 be amended by inserting, after the word "class" in the 6th line, the words, "the leader of each catechumen class, approved by the members of the Quarterly Official Board."

Also that Par. 94 be amended by striking out the words after the word "re-election" in the second line thereof.

As to the other points submitted, your Committee recommends no action.

32. That instead of the Quarterly Ticket, a yearly card of membership be given to each member of the church, but wherever any Quarterly Official Board by resolution expresses its desire for the continuance of the present system of the quarterly renewal of the ticket within the bounds of its circuit, it shall be at liberty to arrange for the same.

33. Sub-Items 1, 2, and 3 were disposed of in other reports.

34. Item No. 32, as above, was substituted therefor.

35. Your Committee has considered a resolution of the Toronto Conference *re* interpretation of word "layman," etc., and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

36. Your Committee has considered

(1) The memorial of the Lay Association of the Montreal Conference *re* election of General Conference officers.

(2) Memorial of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference for legislation creating it a body corporate to hold property.

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(3) Memorial of Woodstock District, in Hamilton Conference, *re* time limit to permission for sale of church property.

(4) Notice of motion of J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., and J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., *re* creation of corporations within the Church.

(5) Notice of motion of Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams and Rev. W. H. Elmsley to amend Par. 398.

(6.) Minute from General Board of Missions *re* constitution of Epworth Leagues.

And recommends no action.

S. BOND, *Chairman*.

S. A. CHESLEY, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT No. 4.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:—

1. It has considered the notice of motion of Rev. Dr. Dewart, to change the name of our Church to "The Methodist Church of Canada."

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

2. Your Committee has also considered the memorial of the Nova Scotia Conference and the notice of motion of J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., and Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., in favor of reducing the representation of Annual Conferences in the General Conference;

Also the memorials of the Barrie District, in the Toronto Conference, and of the Wingham District in the London Conference, and the notices of motion of Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., of Rev. S. J. Allin, and of Rev. J. F. Ockley, in favor of changes in the mode of election of members of the General Conference.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

3. Also the notices of motion of Messrs. J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., and H. P. Moore for the appointment of an Executive Committee of the General Conference Special Committee;

Of Rev. Thos. Griffiths, Ph.D., and Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., *re* vacancies in General Conference, and reserve delegates; and

Of J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., and Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., that, until Annual Conference otherwise orders, the Rules of Order of General Conference shall govern.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

4. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Collingwood District in the Toronto Conference, that the Conference year be made to begin and end on or about the 1st of May.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

5. Your Committee has considered also the memorials of Wesley and Centenary Churches, indorsed by the Hamilton Conference, for equal lay and ministerial representation in the Annual District Meetings;

The memorial of the Goderich District, in the London Conference, that no chairman of a district hold office more than two years in succession;

The memorial of the Markdale Quarterly Official Board, in the Toronto Conference, that lay delegates to the Annual Conference be elected by the Quarterly Official Board, and one lay delegate to General Conference by each District Meeting ;

The memorial of the Barrie District, in the Toronto Conference, *re* minutes of Annual District Meeting ;

Three notices of motion of Rev. A. D. Morton and Rev. W. H. Langille *re* biennial district visitations of circuits and missions.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

5a. With respect to the notice of motion of Rev. S. F. Huestis and Judge Chesley, that the Recording Steward be *ex-officio* a member of the Financial District Meeting,

We recommend "That where a Quarterly Board fails to elect a representative to the Financial District Meeting, the Recording Steward of the Circuit shall be such representative."

6. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Nova Scotia Conference respecting invitations and correspondence with the Stationing Committee.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

7. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Orangeville District, endorsed by the Toronto Conference, and the notice of motion of Rev. Dr. Williamson and Rev. H. S. Matthews, relating to the examination of ministerial character.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

8. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the notices of motion of Rev. John Kay, of Rev. W. Swann, of Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite and of Rev. M. Fenwick, respecting candidates and probationers for the ministry.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

9. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Boissevain Quarterly Official Board, in Manitoba and North-West Conference, for a constitution and representation on the Board for Ladies' Aid Societies ; the memorial of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference respecting the Chairmanship of the Quarterly Official Board ; and the notice of motion of Rev. H. S. Matthews and Rev. J. F. Ockley, respecting the fixing of a quorum of said Board.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

10. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference respecting return of members and revision of lists ; the memorial of Victoria District Meeting, in British Columbia Conference, for legalizing union of Quarterly and Trustee Boards for financial purposes, when desired ; the memorial of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference for the appointment of at least one Steward for each appointment on a circuit ; and the memorial of Westminster Quarterly Official Board, endorsed by the London District Meeting, for the appointment of two Stewards at each appointment.

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And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

11. Your Committee has considered also the notices of motion of Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., and of a member of the Hamilton Conference respecting the selection of sites and the securing of funds for the erection of churches and parsonages.

And recommends that in lines three and four, Par. 249, page 126 the word "parsonage" be substituted for the word "churches."

12. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the London Conference for amendment of Par. 266 respecting division of circuits.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

13. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference for assessment of circuit contributions for salaries and connexional funds.

And does not recommend this Conference to take further action in this direction beyond what has already been taken in regard to the General Conference Fund.

14. Your Committee has considered also the notices of motion of Mr. R. W. Clarke and Rev. W. R. Young, to amend the General Rules by striking out the words "the putting on of gold or costly apparel," and to amend paragraph 86 of the Discipline.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

15. Your Committee has considered also the notices of motion of Rev. Dr. Heartz and Mr. R. K. Bishop, and of Rev. Dr. Langford and Rev. Dr. Ryckman, for changes in the order of public worship.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

16. Your Committee has considered also the memorials of the Hamilton and Nova Scotia Conferences, and of Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, for revision of the ritual in reference to baptismal and burial services; and of Rev. Dr. Withrow for the use of the Ten Commandments and Apostles' Creed in our liturgy, and the notice of motion of Rev. Dr. Williamson and Mr. John Mann respecting the ritual for baptism of infants.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

17. Your Committee has considered the notice of motion of Rev. T. M. Campbell and Joseph Tait, that the General Conference itself shall fix the salaries and allowances of all its officers.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

18. Your Committee has considered also the memorial of the Montreal Conference, the memorial of the Norwich District, in the Hamilton Conference, and notices of motion by Rev. Drs. S. G. Stone, T. G. Williams and J. S. Ross, to amend Part III of the Discipline.

And does not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Conference.

19. That Par. 121, page 58, seventh line from the top, after the words "he shall also," be amended by adding the following words:

"within sixty days from the date of the appeal," so as to read "He shall also within sixty days from the date of the appeal hear and determine appeals," etc.

20. Also that Par. 161, Sub-sec. 8, page 89, fourth line from the top, after the word "and," be amended by adding the words: "within sixty days from the date of the appeal," so as to read "and within sixty days from the date of the appeal hear and determine appeals," etc.

S. BOND, *Chairman.*

S. A. CHESLEY, *Secretary.*

## XI. COURT OF APPEAL.

### QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

The Court of Appeal begs leave to report as follows:

During the past quadrennium the Court has held three sessions, including eight sittings. Ten cases have been inscribed for hearing. In nine of these judgment has been rendered as follows:

1. An appeal was made against the ruling of the President of the Toronto Conference, 1894-5, to the effect that it is competent for a Board of Trustees from its ordinary revenue to engage and pay musicians for purposes of religious worship. Appeal dismissed.

2. An appeal was made against the action of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund in refusing to accept the annual fees tendered him by certain two ministers of the Newfoundland Conference who, the previous year, were left without an appointment at their own request. The Conference in giving them the position indicated, did not make it a condition that this year should not be counted in determining their ultimate claim. The constitution of the Fund shows the action of the Treasurer to have been unauthorized. Appeal sustained.

3. In the case of a member of a church within the Toronto Conference, obtaining a Certificate of Membership and presenting it for admission to another church within the limit of one year referred to in Discipline, Par. 174, 7, the Superintendent of said church, for reasons which he deemed sufficient, but which this Court declines to consider, as not affecting the issue in the present appeal, refused to receive such certificate. The said Superintendent was charged before the Toronto Conference of 1896 for mal-administration for so acting. The President of the Conference was asked to decide whether "the Superintendent of a circuit has any discretionary power as to receiving or not receiving into the membership of the Church of which he is pastor, any person who brings a proper letter of standing as a member of the Methodist Church." Upon this question the President ruled in the affirmative. Against this ruling appeal is taken. Appeal sustained.

4. In the case of a minister of the Bay of Quinte Conference, who had been tried on certain charges of immorality and deposed from the

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ministry. Appeal was taken September 7th, 1894, against this action for irregularity of procedure, and the appeal was sustained. No new trial was had, nor was his relation designated as located or supernumerary or superannuated. In the intervening years the District and Conference record showed his character to be clear. Still no appointment was given him. At the Conference of 1896 an agreement extraneous to disciplinary provision was made between the Conference and Appellant, in which, after admitting previous impropriety of conduct, though denying guilt on the major charges, he seeks to have his name continued on the Journals of Conference, and agrees "not to preach or exercise the functions of a minister within the jurisdiction of the Methodist Church in Canada, subject to the will of the Conference." Appeal is taken against the said action of Conference. Appeal sustained.

5. An orphan child of a deceased minister claims that there is discretionary power in the Superannuation Fund Board to afford her a grant beyond the age of sixteen years, which limit is referred to in Discipline, Par. 406. The General Superintendent, as presiding officer of said Board, ruled that such discretionary power does not exist. Appeal is made against this ruling. Appeal dismissed.

6. In the case of a minister of the London Conference, he was superannuated in 1895 "for one year." In 1896 his name was transmitted by the Stationing Committee to the Committee on Conference Relations, with a recommendation for renewed superannuation, and also by the District Meeting to the said Committee with a recommendation to its "favorable consideration." the meaning of which recommendation is not clear. He was thereupon superannuated without any application on his part, such as referred to in Discipline, Par. 389. Respondent pleads usage in favor of compulsory superannuation. The plea of usage is admitted by this court when usage is uniform and not contrary to existing law. Appeal is taken against the action of Conference in superannuating the Appellant. Appeal sustained.

7. In the case of a minister of the Bay of Quinte Conference, his academic title was recognized in the printed minutes of said Conference from 1889 to 1895, except one year. Respondents, the said Conference, contend that this was without the order of the Board of Examiners required by Discipline, Par. 147, 4. Appeal is made against the Conference for elimination of the title from the records. Appeal dismissed.

8. Appeal is made by a minister of the London Conference against the legislation of the last General Conference. This case was regarded as *ultra vires* of this Court. Appeal dismissed.

9. In the case of a minister of the Bay of Quinte Conference, described above in No. 4. Appellant—He asks that the resolutions of Conference of 1897, 1898, requesting him to locate and locating him be declared beyond the power and jurisdiction of the Conference: (1) Because Section 116, Discipline, proceeding without trial is *ultra vires* under Section 92, Sub-section 3. (2) History of Section 116 shows there should be a trial. (3) Power to locate applies only to ministers in active work, which Appellant was not. (4) That admonition and formal trial are required by Section 238. (5) Resolution locating did not find that Appellant was unacceptable, inefficient, or secular. (6) A minister of over twenty-three years' service cannot be located because of his relation to the

Superannuation Fund. (7) The Annual Conferences of 1895, 1896, 1897, and the District Meetings of 1896, 1897, 1898, found and recorded that there are no objections to the Appellant's moral and religious character, and that "he has competent ability for our itinerant work." Conference so taking away the basis of its own action in the location. Appeal dismissed.

In the following case it has been found that, in fact, no decision was given which could supply a basis of appeal.

A charge of mal-administration under eleven specifications against a Chairman of a District, who was at the same time President of the Conference, was brought before a committee or court of chairmen of districts, called by the Senior Chairman of the Conference. The Chairman arraigned, that is, the President of the Conference, objected to the power and jurisdiction of the Court to try said charge of mal-administration. The presiding officer of the Court, that is the Senior Chairman aforesaid, ruled the Committee or Court has no such jurisdiction. This ruling of the Senior Chairman was appealed against in due course to the President of the Conference, who is the party originally arraigned for mal-administration. Said President informed the representative of the original Complainant as to mal-administration, that he (the President) had found it impossible to give the appeal a hearing.

The Respondent contended, that in fact, he gave no ruling as alleged, and that his refusal to rule was based on the physical impossibility of his doing so, for the Appellant delayed four months in making his appeal after giving notice thereof, and when the communication was received the duties of the Respondent, as presiding officer of the Conference, took up all the time at his disposal, so that he could not during his brief remaining term of office give any decision in the premises.

The Court, having carefully considered the arguments, resolved as follows: As yet there has been no decision given by the President of the London Conference on a question of law in the case from which an appeal could lie to this Court.

The Court records its deep regret at the very unsatisfactory way in which important church records in many of the Conferences are kept. At one sitting of the Court frequent and painful evidence of negligence in this matter was afforded. In two instances the Journals of Conference were not available because not yet written up, although four months had elapsed since the sessions were held. It would be a serious misfortune if the Court were reluctantly compelled to dismiss any case simply for want of proper official documents.

It is recommended that hereafter appellants prepare a *factum* in each case for the General Superintendent and Secretary and other members of the Court, and transmit copies of the same in advance. The *factum* should be printed or type-written and contain, briefly and clearly stated, 1st, The decision or action of officers or Church Court which occasions the appeal; and 2nd, the legal grounds on which the appeal is based without argument.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

TORONTO, September 6th, 1898.

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## XII.—JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

## 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

Item 1. Laid on table.

Item 2. With reference to the rulings of Rev. F. B. Stratton, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, on certain questions submitted to him at the Conference of June, 1895,

*Re* (1) Authority of Conference Secretaries to change the record,

(2) Power of Examining Boards in dealing with degrees,

(3) Power of Secretary of Examining Board to deal with titles not previously submitted to him,

Your Committee is of the opinion that the provisions of the Discipline are adequate and the rulings in harmony with those provisions, and recommends that no action be taken.

Item 3. In regard to the ruling of Rev. William Kettlewell, President of the Hamilton Conference, February, 1896, in reference to an appeal from the decision of Rev. J. H. Robinson, who refused to appoint a committee to try a case that had been dealt with by his predecessor which had issued in a failure to agree on the part of the Committee of Trial,

Your Committee affirms the same judgment as in the foregoing case.

Item 4. Stricken out.

Item 5. That on questions of the administration of Discipline, appeals on questions of law, and respecting all other unfinished official business, it shall be the duty of the President of the Annual Conference to administer upon such of the above-named questions as may have been left unsettled by his predecessor in office ; and in general the principle of the continuity of the presidential office, from year to year, is hereby affirmed.

A. D. MORTON, *Secretary.*

The following are the rulings referred to in the above Report :

1. *Ruling of the General Superintendent as President of the Hamilton Conference, 1895.*

Under question, "Who are elected to fill vacancies in the General Conference Delegation?" this peculiar situation appeared : The General Conference of 1894 had changed the number and boundaries of the Annual Conferences, forming Hamilton Conference and London Conference from the former Niagara, Guelph and London Conferences, with a slight change to Toronto Conference, without making provision for the distribution of lay and clerical delegates to the General Conference in order to preserve their equality in number and their constitutional and regulating ratio of one to twelve for ministers.

The Chair gave direction : (1) The General Conference had made no provision to meet the case or to mark the succession of the Annual Conferences, as should have been done. (2) The matter would be of practical importance only in case of the necessity of calling a special General Conference, and might be left to be determined in case such necessity arose.

(3) Meantime, that the lists of delegates from both Niagara and Guelph Conferences, as by the redistribution these Conferences have come within the bounds of the Hamilton Conference, should now be entered upon the Journals of the Hamilton Conference as composing its delegation to the General Conference should a special session be called during the quadrennium. The other Conference doing the same the membership of the General Conference may be well preserved. Any question arising can be dealt with when it arises.

2. *Ruling of the President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, June, 1895.*

(1) The President, Rev. F. B. Stratton, read a statement of his ruling in answer to three questions submitted to him by Rev. M. E. Wilson, as follows :

Ques. 1. Has the Secretary of a Conference any authority to alter or change any record of Conference after said record has been accepted and adopted by said Conference? Ans. No.

Ques. 2. Does Section 3, page 76 of Discipline empower the Examining Board or the Secretary of Examining Board to deal with titles previously acknowledged and accepted by Conference, or does the said clause give the Examining Board retroactive power? Ans. The section gives full power to the Board over all titles, old or new, appearing in the records of present Conference, but it cannot alter the records of past Conferences.

Ques. 3. Does the said section empower said Secretary of Board to deal with titles never submitted to him or them, and without inquiry as to nature of title? Ans. It gives them power to inquire into all titles worn or assumed by any of our ministers which are proposed to be entered on the minutes of the year.

3. *Ruling of Rev. W. Kettlewell, President of Hamilton Annual Conference, February, 1896.*

In re Appeal : Livingstone vs. Robinson.

Mrs. B. D. Livingstone, of Tilsonburg, appeals against the decision of Rev. J. H. Robinson, Superintendent of Tilsonburg Circuit, in which he refuses to appoint a committee to try charges preferred by appellant against Mrs. T. T. Brown.

It would appear that practically the same charges were tried by a Committee summoned by the Rev. J. W. Cooley, and that said Committee heard a large number of witnesses, and gave long and careful attention to the evidence furnished ; and that owing to the contradictory character of the evidence they failed to agree upon a decision, and that for this reason the Committee was discharged by the presiding officer on or about the 25th of May, 1895.

The Discipline provides in Par. 216, that " If the Committee do not agree upon a decision within a reasonable time, the presiding officer may summon another Committee, and proceed as if no trial had taken place." The presiding officer did not avail himself of the authority to summon another Committee, nor was he under obligation so to do ; the law as contained in Par. 216 is permissive, not mandatory : the presiding officer is

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Under these circumstances it becomes a serious question whether the new Superintendent, Mr. Robinson, has power to entertain the charge and summon a Committee. If he possesses the authority it must be under a liberal construction of the term "presiding officer" in Par. 216, for this appears to be the only section in the Discipline applicable to the circumstances; and if authority to summon a Committee is conferred upon the new Superintendent by Par. 216, the alternative power to refuse to summon another Committee is also conferred.

The appeal is therefore dismissed.

WM. KETTLEWELL, *President of Conference.*

PARIS, February 6th, 1896.

## 2. GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S COURT OF APPEAL.

Besides the appeal cases adjudicated upon in the full Court of Appeal, upon which the Registrar or Secretary of said court will duly report to the Conference, several causes were tried in the preliminary court, and settled as appears in the following statements:

1. From the Nova Scotia Conference—Appellant complained that having been granted a supernumerary relation in 1892, that having gone to Colorado for his health, of which absence from the country the Secretary of the Conference had been duly notified; that after correspondence with the Halifax District Chairman of 1893, having been recommended by the District Meeting for a continuance of the supernumerary relation, and then by the Annual Conference not having been given an appointment, but entered as having leave of absence for one year, which leave of absence he did not request, thus being cut off from the Supernumerary Fund and not given a circuit, that by said action of the Conference he was deprived both of supernumerary allowance and circuit pay for year 1893-94.

The appeal was allowed, and an argued statement duly presented to the Conference.

2. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference—Complainant urges that a case of acceptance of resignation of membership by the pastor, which resignation was subsequently withdrawn, though accepted, and notice of acceptance given before said withdrawal, was in reality an expulsion from the Church without charges and due forms of discipline. This cause as affecting the administration of the minister in charge was duly appealed to the Chairman of the District, then to the President of the Conference and then to the General Superintendent, who confirmed the action of the lower courts, dismissed the appeal, and forwarded an argued decision.

3. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference—Appeal was taken to the President of Conference as to the insertion of names other than those of the ministers and probationers in the Station Sheet,

or draft of Stations as read to the Conference under provisions of Discipline. The President of the Conference ruled, and Conference voted that names of hired local preachers may appear in full in the Station Sheet as presented to the Conference, like the names of ministers and probationers. Appellant complained of this as violation of Discipline, and carried the matter forward to the General Superintendent, who sustained the appeal.

4. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference—The question arose whether permission to be and remain without a circuit for a year in order to engage in Connexional work, should be granted by the Annual Conference in full session of ministers or laymen, or by the Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference. On appeal to the Chair, the President of the Conference decided that granting said permission is the prerogative of the Ministerial Session. Appeal was taken from this decision to the General Superintendent, who dismissed the appeal and confirmed the decision of the Chair of the Conference.

5. London Conference—In the case of a probationer who had travelled three years, with studies not completed and years not yet fully credited, when the question was raised whether he was obliged to pay the annual subscription for the year to the Superannuation Fund, the President of the Conference ruled that until the probationer had been fully allowed the years he had travelled (that is both as to studies and time) he was not required to pay the said subscription. Appeal was taken to the General Superintendent against the ruling of the President, mainly on the ground that "travelling," in the Disciplinary sense, and allowance for studies are separate and different things. The General Superintendent allowed the appeal.

6. Hamilton Conference—Appeal was taken against the action of the Conference as exceeding its jurisdiction in apportioning and allotting funds raised ostensibly for salary or ministerial support, but actually for the Superannuation Fund, to the Superannuation Fund column in the Returns, without consulting the parties subscribing the same; and so reporting in the minutes of Conference. The appeal was dismissed and the right of the Conference to review the matter upheld.

7. Bay of Quinte Conference—A probationer, who claimed to have travelled three years, but had not finished the studies of the three years, being still behind in other subjects besides Greek, demanded of the Conference under Discipline to be sent to College. The Conference resisted the demand and appointed him to a circuit. The probationer appealed to the General Superintendent, who dismissed the appeal; "on a circuit" for three years, in a Disciplinary sense, being held to be different from "travelling three years."

8. Manitoba and North-West Conference—Appeal is taken under last sentence of Par. 201, p. 111 Discipline, against the decision of the President of the Conference, that the Chairman of the District or President of the Conference not disqualified in appointing a duly qualified substitute, must appoint a Chairman or President, as the case may be, in order to comply with the requirements of equal status as set down in said Par. 201. Appellant held that the sense of the Discipline is, that inasmuch as the Superintendent of the Circuit, not a Chairman or President, should have presided at the first had he not been disqualified as accuser,

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the Chairman of the District was entitled to appoint some other superintendent of Circuit, though not a Chairman, to preside, this position the Court of Appeal affirmed. Appeal being allowed.

9. Manitoba and North-West Conference—A vacancy had occurred during the year in Chairmanship of a District by transfer. This vacancy had been duly filled under authority and by process of Discipline, Par. 162, p. 90. When the question was asked, Par. 139, Item 2, p. 62, "Are there any vacancies in the office of chairmen of districts?" the President of the Conference ruled that it is the intent of the Discipline that the Chairman duly appointed under Par. 162, aforesaid, is as truly and fully Chairman as though he had been appointed at the previous Annual Conference; and that, therefore, there was in this case no vacancy. Against this ruling of the President appeal was taken. The appeal was dismissed.

10. Newfoundland Conference—In the Annual Conference of 1897, protest was entered against the standing of a minister who had been tried for immoral conduct in 1895, when the Ministerial Court of the Conference passed the case over to the Annual Conference Special Committee, in view of certain restitutions, which Committee restored the said minister, who had been suspended, to his standing. In 1897 the President of the Conference ruled out said protest against his standing. Appeal was taken on the ground that the Ministerial Session of 1895 exceeded its jurisdiction in appointing the Special Committee of that Conference to finally dispose of the case. The General Superintendent sustained the President's ruling as to the protest. He further pointed out that if appeal had been taken in 1895, or even in 1896, when the Annual Conference Special Committee reported upon the case, or in all the intervening months, the issue might now be joined and a judgment given on the special point of appeal. But as the standing of the brother arraigned had been at least ostensibly restored in 1895, and he had been recognized as in good standing at the Conference of 1896 when the Annual Conference Special Committee reported and the books were closed on the case, and up to the Conference of 1897, the Court of Appeal declined then to re-open the case on an alleged irregularity of procedure in 1895, wherefore the point raised in appeal of the authority of the Annual Conference Court to employ the Annual Conference Special Committee in the final disposition of the case was not brought under review or adjudicated or pronounced upon. But the ruling of the protest out of order in the Conference of 1897 by the President thereof was sustained.

11. Newfoundland Conference—Bonavista District in electing laymen to the Annual Conference had elected some from within the boundaries of the St. John's District. Exception was taken to such election, on the grounds that the equality in number of laymen and ministers might thereby be destroyed, and appeal so laid: which appeal was dismissed.

12. Newfoundland Conference—Appeal was taken against the admission by the Conference of a candidate on probation who had failed in one of the subjects of the Preliminary Course besides the Greek, in 1896, and in 1897 failed of due recommendation by the Quarterly Official Board and the District Meeting. Appeal allowed, the Conference having exceeded jurisdiction.

In all these twelve cases reasoned decisions were given, covering in all thirty-six pages of letter-paper. These, as well as those given in the report of the Court of Appeal, demonstrate the urgent need of uniformity of administration throughout the Conferences.

## (APPEAL.)

## RESOLUTION OF THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE, 1895.

Resolved, That whereas the General Conference of 1894 did enact legislation which has changed the term of ministerial probation from four to five years, contrary to the Basis of Union (Discipline, p. 313, Section 11) thus affecting the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences :

That this Annual Conference, in Special Ministerial Session assembled, does hereby respectfully appeal to the Court of Appeal to so construe the aforesaid legislation of the General Conference, that its intent shall be to determine only the Course of Study to be pursued, and not to interfere with the right of Annual Conferences to elect into full Connexion any probationer who has travelled four years and passed all examinations in the Course of Study.

The party appointed to prosecute this appeal was informed by the Preliminary Court, that the appeal was of a character not within the jurisdiction of the court, which might possibly deal with a specific case, if appeal were taken, but not with a general interpretation of the relation of constitution and law as above presented. Here the matter dropped; but it involves a question claiming the consideration of the General Conference.

## TRANSFERS.

In the matter of transfers, over and above those effected by the several committees, eight instances are found in the books of the General Superintendent in which he effected the transfers under provisions of Discipline.

By the several committees of 1895, 19 transfers were effected.

By the several committees of 1896, 21 transfers were effected.

By the several committees of 1897, 24 transfers were effected.

By the several committees of 1898, 21 transfers were effected.

### XIII. GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND AND FINANCE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

In respect to the extracts from the address of the General Superintendent, submitted to this Committee, it is recommended that the following paragraphs be returned to the table of the Secretary of the Conference, for the reason that the subject matter therein embraces questions not properly within the class coming under the notice of this Committee.

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2. Legal succession of Annual Conferences.
3. Effect of transfers on lay representation in Annual Conferences. (The above subjects were referred to the Committee on Discipline).
4. In relation to the fourth clause of the General Superintendent's communication, your Committee directs attention of Conference to the fact that instructions for the guidance of those interested are explicit in the Discipline.
5. In respect to the memorial from the Toronto Conference, your Committee recommends that suitable provisions shall be made for auditing all Connexional funds and resources, in connection with which adequate provisions do not now exist in the Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.
6. *Re* memorial Bay of Quinte Conference, General Conference Fund, —Your Committee does not recommend action therein.
7. In respect to the resolution from Mr. C. A. Birge *re* the billeting system, your Committee find that on account of the multiplicity of large conventions frequently held in central towns and cities, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure suitable accommodation for the billeting of the General Conference, and as it is desirable that the burden of expense should be distributed as equitably as possible, therefore, it is recommended: "That the members of the General Conference, not paying for themselves at boarding-houses or hotels, shall pay to the Treasurer of the Billeting Committee the sum of five dollars each, to provide a fund for billeting delegates."
8. In respect to the resolution from the Toronto Conference, suggesting an equitable method by which the indebtedness of the General Conference shall be paid, your Committee have ascertained that the annual charges upon the General Conference Fund, including the cost of the General Conference session, approximate \$6,000 each year, and whereas it is important that not only should the debt not be increased within the next quadrennium, but be reduced as much as possible, without placing too heavy a burden upon the resources of the Connexion, it is recommended that the following be the annual apportionments for the next quadrennium upon the respective Conferences:

Toronto.....	\$1,500
London.....	1,200
Hamilton.....	1,450
Bay of Quinte.....	1,000
Montreal.....	1,450
Manitoba.....	450
British Columbia.....	150
Nova Scotia.....	375
New Brunswick.....	300
Newfoundland.....	125
	\$8,000

9. Your Committee further recommends that these amounts shall be apportioned to the several circuits upon the same basis as now adopted on behalf of the Superannuation Fund in the Western Conferences, and that at each annual district meeting it shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to collect the amount due from each circuit or mission and remit the same to the Treasurer of the Fund immediately thereafter.

10. Your Committee recommend that the Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund shall be the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*  
W. T. R. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee begs leave to recommend :

11. That the Treasurer be authorized to procure the funds required to pay the expenses incurred by the meeting of Conference.

12. That necessary travelling expenses incurred by delegates coming to and returning from Conference be paid, and that the Audit Committee, consisting of the Treasurer, Rev. J. F. Ockley, and Messrs. W. Johnston and Thos. Hilliard, be authorized to settle with delegates on the aforesaid basis.

13. Provided that the travelling expenses of delegates who leave before the business of Conference is concluded be not paid, unless satisfactory evidence is furnished to the Business Committee that the reasons assigned for requesting leave of absence could not have been foreseen prior to the meeting of Conference.

14. That the Report of the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund be adopted.

15. That the salary of the General Superintendent shall be \$2,500, and an allowance of \$500 for travelling expenses annually.

16. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the usual expenses of the Secretary of Conference.

17. That 300 copies of the JOURNAL be printed.

18. That an allowance of \$100 be made to the JOURNAL Secretary.

19. Also, an allowance of \$40 to the Sexton of the Metropolitan church.

20. Referred back to the Committee.

W. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*  
W. T. R. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT No 3.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

21. In reference to the proposed appointment of a Committee to solicit subscriptions to aid the destitute people in New Westminster, incident to the disastrous fire, your Committee recommend that a subscription book be opened in the office of the Book Steward, Toronto, and that a special appeal for aid be made to the Methodist Connexion in the columns of the *Christian Guardian* and *Wesleyan* to aid in the restoration of the Methodist church and parsonage. And further, that the Rev. J. F. Betts have authority to solicit donations for the restoration of our Church and parsonage property in New Westminster, B.C.

22. Your Committee further recommends the appointment of

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Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., as General Conference Statistician, and that an appropriation of \$100 be made for that position.

23. That the Treasurer be instructed to present to the general superintendent, secretary of Conference, assistant secretaries, JOURNAL secretary, and statistician, bound copies of the JOURNAL of the General Conference and the Minutes of the Annual Conferences.

24. That \$300 be appropriated for the expenses of the representative to the British Conferences.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

W. T. R. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 4.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

Your Committee, in reply to the instruction of Conference to prepare and submit to Conference a constitution relating to the General Conference Funds, to recommend a Board to be charged with the management of this Fund, to intimate such expenses as are legitimate claims on this Fund, and to provide for an annual audit, recommends the following constitution :

25. GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. The name of this Fund shall be "The General Conference Fund of the Methodist Church."

Art. II. The object of this Fund shall be to provide for :

- (a) Salary, office and travelling expenses of the General Superintendent.
- (b) Expenses of Standing Committees and Boards of General Conference not otherwise provided for.
- (c) Expenses of Fraternal delegates appointed by General Conference.
- (d) Travelling expenses of delegates to General Conference.
- (e) Other necessary expenses incident to the meeting of General Conference.
- (f) Payment of General Conference indebtedness.

*Income.*

Art. III. The sources of income shall be from the following annual apportionments for the next quadrennium, and until the same shall have been altered or amended by General Conference :

Toronto Conference .....	\$1,500
London Conference .....	1,200
Hamilton Conference .....	1,450
Bay of Quinte Conference .....	1,000
Montreal Conference .....	1,450
Manitoba Conference .....	450
British Columbia Conference .....	150
Nova Scotia Conference .....	375
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference .....	300
Newfoundland Conference .....	125
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These amounts shall be apportioned to the several circuits upon the same basis and manner as now adopted on behalf of the Superannuation Fund in the Western Conferences, and at the May District Meeting it shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to collect the amount from each circuit or mission, and remit the same to the Treasurer of this Fund immediately thereafter.

The above provisions shall not take effect till the next meeting of the Annual Conferences.

MANAGEMENT.

Art. IV. The management of this Fund shall be vested in a Board consisting of five persons, three laymen and two ministers; one of whom shall be the Treasurer, to be elected quadrennially by the General Conference.

*Audit.*

Art. V. The Board shall provide for a careful audit, by competent persons, of the accounts of the Fund; and shall publish the certificate of said auditors in connection with annual and other statements.

*Vacancies.*

Art. VI. The Board of Management shall fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board during the quadrennium.

Your Committee recommends the appointment of Messrs. W. T. R. Preston, Chester D. Massey, R. C. Hamilton and Rev. J. F. Ockley, with the Treasurer of the Fund, as the Board of Management for the coming quadrennium.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

W. T. R. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 5.

Your Committee begs leave to recommend as follows:

26. That \$25 be allowed the Secretary of the Conference, to pay for assistance in taking charge of railway certificates.

27. That \$25 be paid to Rev. Dr. Cornish, to cover incidental expenses for the quadrennium as Conference Statistician.

W. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

W. T. R. PRESTON, *Secretary.*

2. QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND, 1894-1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on Hand and in Bank, August 31st, 1894.....		\$451 52
Collections from Conference, 1894-95.....	\$5,466 69	
" " " 1895-96.....	5,115 63	
" " " 1896-97.....	5,200 11	
" " " 1897-98.....	7,652 82	
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Borrowed from Superannuation Fund.....		6,684 82
Bank Interest.....		84 29
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General Conference of 1894—Expenses .....	\$6,102 04	
General Superintendent's Salary and Expenses .....	12,000 00	
Treasurer and Accountant—Salaries.....	600 00	
Committees—Boundaries.....	\$21 00	
"    —Transfer.....	120 75	
"    —Conference Special .....	361 40	
"    —Court of Appeal .....	54 25	
"    —Fire Insurance.....	48 25	
"    —Travelling Expenses .....	22 70	
		628 35
Assessment of Superannuation Fund (3 years).....	45 00	
Rent of General Superintendent's Office (6½ years).....	975 00	
Share of Rent—General Conference Fund Office (6 years).....	300 00	
General Conference Statistician.....	75 00	
Expense of Office, 1894-95 .....	\$94 32	
"    "    1895-96 .....	90 61	
"    "    1896-97 .....	86 28	
"    "    1897-98 .....	32 36	
		303 57
Interest on Debt, 1894-95.....	\$1,037 62	
"    "    1895-96.....	1,155 51	
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Fraternal Delegates—British Conference .....	\$450 00	
"    "    —Methodist Episcopal Church ....	82 00	
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"    "    —Presbyterian General Assembly .	12 10	
"    "    —Delegation to Ottawa re "Pleb- iscite" .....	31 00	
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Legal expenses re "Horner Case," etc.....	48 69	
General Superintendent's Moving Expenses to Toronto.....	58 97	
Repaid Superannuation Fund on Principal of Loan.....	4,358 53	
Balance, Cash on Hand August 31st, 1898.....	35 48	
		<u>\$30,655 88</u>

Audited and found correct,

JAS. N. SHANNON,  
MARTIN N. MERRY, } *Auditors.*

TORONTO, September 5th, 1898.

XIV.—CHURCH PROPERTY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

It has considered that part of the address of the General Superintendent relating to land titles in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and also the memorial from the Calgary District Meeting on the same subject, and the motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren as to making Trustee Boards minor corporations, etc., and begs to recommend as follows :

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necessary as to such titles, be referred to the General Conference Special Committee.

2. That the said General Conference Special Committee also consider the proposal to constitute each Trust Board a minor or subsidiary corporation auxiliary to the corporation, the Methodist Church.

3. That if the said Committee is of opinion that legislation is necessary in the interests of the Church it shall have power to take steps to secure it.

4. In that event it may also secure legislation to carry out the decisions of this or previous General Conferences which may require such legislation. Also for power to reduce the number of members of Trustee Boards where it is found to be too large, but not below the minimum of five, and to reduce the quorum of Trustee Boards below an absolute majority, as fixed by Section 22 of the Model Deed; also any minor provisions that may be found necessary, not inconsistent with General Conference Legislation.

5. The said Committee shall also consider the propriety of imposing some reasonable restrictions on the power of mortgaging Church property, and may embody such in such legislation, if obtained.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, *Chairman.*

JOHN J. MACLAREN, *Secretary.*

## XV.—CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. The capital of this Fund on the 31st March, 1894, was \$24,983.21. Of this amount \$5,449.52 consisted of worthless and unavailable loans. During the past quadrennium, however, some substantial payments have been made in several cases on these loans; principal and interest were paid on account, on loans which had never realized anything previously. These payments have not only immediately benefited the Fund, but, we believe, have restored loans hitherto considered valueless, to the class of good loans, so that it can now be said that none of the loans are considered bad. Of the \$5,449.52 bad loans in 1894, the sum of \$3,948.67 has been written off. Deducting this amount and the expense of management, and adding the profits from interest on loans belonging to the general branch of the Fund, the capital now stands at \$23,790.01. The amount of this capital invested in mortgages is \$19,799.29, and the balance, \$3,990.72, is on deposit in the Imperial Bank.

2. We had before us the financial statement and the report of the Standing Committee for the past four years, and find that the statement shows satisfactory and prudent management of the business for the term. The statement of receipts and expenditures is as follows :

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM APRIL 1st, 1894, TO  
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RECEIPTS.

To Balance on deposit with Missionary Society . . . . .	\$2,290 66
Payments on Loans—Principal and Interest . . . . .	12,304 94
Donation—Trustees Bedford (Que.) Church . . . . .	50 00
Bank Interest . . . . .	42 98
	\$14,688 58

EXPENDITURES.

By Loans to Churches and Parsonages . . . . .	\$7,863 35
Interest on Aylesworth Legacy, paid to Missionary Society . . . . .	2,494 68
Accountant . . . . .	\$250 00
Audit . . . . .	20 00
	270 00
Postage, Exchange and Office Expenses . . . . .	30 97
Legal Expenses . . . . .	38 86
Cash on hand and in Bank . . . . .	3,990 72
	\$14,688 58

Audited and found correct,

JAMES W. SHANNON, }  
MARTIN N. MERRY, } *Auditors.*

TORONTO, September 6th, 1898.

LOANS WRITTEN OFF.

Milford . . . . .	\$432 41
Moose Mountain . . . . .	270 83
Broadview . . . . .	917 96
Prince Albert . . . . .	519 27
Regina . . . . .	945 96
MacLeod . . . . .	307 57
Medicine Hat . . . . .	24 38
Moose Jaw . . . . .	530 35
	\$3,948 73

3. Your Committee recommends that the following ministers and laymen comprise the Standing Committee for the present term: Ministers—Dr. Alex. Sutherland, Dr. Griffin, J. F. Ockley, and A. B. Chambers. Laymen—Joseph Flavelle, Ambrose Kent, Dr. Willmott, A. Ogden and T. N. Scripture.

4. We also recommend that the Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund be the Treasurer of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. STONE, *Chairman.*

W. W. STUMBLES, *Secretary.*

XVI—UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. Your Committee would recommend the continuance of the Fund under the existing constitution as contained in the Discipline.

2. Regarding the memorial of the London Conference referring to an assumed claim of the late Richard Tyhurst for \$327.66, your Committee would say that it has no knowledge or record of any such promise as set forth in the memorial, and inasmuch as the document presents no grounds of any kind upon which to base the claim, this Committee recommends that the prayer of the memorial be not granted.

3. Regarding the memorial of the Victoria Street Church, Goderich, your Committee has carefully enquired into the whole matter, and recommends that the request of the memorialists be granted, and that the sum of \$1,000, instead of \$700, be paid in full for the reduction of their church debt.

4. In reference to the document referred to the Committee, as coming from Robert Alder and William Scott, Prescott, your Committee recommends that no action be taken.

5. Your Committee would recommend that the Treasurer's report be published in the JOURNAL of the General Conference as follows :

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM AUGUST 1ST, 1894 TO AUGUST 1ST, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Bank August 1st, 1894 .....	\$1,478 71	
Collections, 1894-95 .....	3,976 00	
"    1895-96 .....	3,961 81	
"    1896-97 .....	3,185 07	
"    1897-98 (including \$599.93 of previous year .....	4,320 61	
Money borrowed .....	12,346 44	
St. Lawrence Camp Ground—Proceeds .....	1,000 00	
		<u>\$30,268 64</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Accountant's salary, treasurer's expenses, audit, postage and exchange .....	\$ 409 97	
Expense of Committee .....	305 21	
Loans repaid .....	7,154 16	
Appropriations paid on Church debts .....	13,116 47	
Interest on loans and appropriations .....	7,834 36	
Cash in Bank August 1st, 1898 .....	1,448 47	
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The following abstracts from the books show past and present condition of fund :

## MEMORANDA, JULY 31ST, 1898.

The total amount of appropriations to date . . . . .	\$53,962 45
The debt four years ago was . . . . .	40,326 12
The borrowed money in the quadrennium was . . . . .	12,346 44
“ “ repaid in the quadrennium was . . . . .	7,154 16

The increase in borrowed money was . . . . . \$5,192 28

The appropriations paid off since last General Conference are :

St. Lawrence Camp Ground . . . . .	\$4,716 47
Kingston Church (Brook Street) . . . . .	7,300 00
Agnes Street, Toronto . . . . .	800 00
Victoria Street, Goderich . . . . .	300 00
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The net amount paid off the debt has been \$7,924.19, which, added to the cash in the Dominion Bank, \$1,448.47, amounts to \$9,772.66 as the total reduction of debt in the four years.

The debt now stands—

Borrowed money unpaid . . . . .	\$25,001 93
Appropriations to Church Trusts unpaid . . . . .	7,400 00

\$32,401 93

Less Cash in Bank . . . . . 1,448 47

Net Debt . . . . . \$20,953 46

A possibility of ending this fund in the near future appears in sight, and if the Twentieth Century Fund materializes (as we sincerely hope and pray it may), \$25,000 appropriated to the settlement of this matter would be of great service and touch every congregation, taking a collection for this fund (which no other appropriation can hope to do) and allow them to use the money donated from year to year, to this fund for their own particular church needs.

6. Your Committee would recommend as the Quadrennial Committee of management the following: Revs. H. S. Matthews, Wm. Johnston, M. L. Pearson, John Kay, W. C. Henderson, D.D., George Jackson, Jasper Wilson, Amos E. Russ, M.A.; and Messrs. John N. Lake, John A. Holgate, Richard Brown, W. H. Young, David Graham, J. S. Deacon, E. Gurney and Hon. W. E. Sanford; and that Mr. John N. Lake be appointed Treasurer.

7. Your Committee would recommend that, in recognition of the valuable services of Mr. J. N. Lake, Treasurer, for the past twelve years, the sum of two hundred dollars be paid him.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. S. MATTHEWS, *Chairman,*  
JOHN KAY, *Secretary.*

## XVII.—CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE.

1. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1894 TO THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1898.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—The Commission *re* Connexional Fire Insurance held its first meeting on October 5th, 1896, when it proceeded to put into effect the instructions of the General Conference, viz., "To prepare the details of the scheme and its basis of operation;" which, in accordance with the order of the General Conference, were duly submitted to the General Conference Special Committee.

The Special Committee, as appeared in its report already submitted to this General Conference, made a number of changes in the scheme proposed to them, which were embodied subsequently in the scheme of the Commission. The General Conference Special Committee subsequently gave consent for the company to "be organised and put in operation."

The Commission in October, 1896, in order to obtain as much information as possible as to the prospect of success of a Connexional Fire Insurance Company, issued a circular to each superintendent minister, in all 1,429, asking the following questions:

- (a) Name of each appointment on circuit?
- (b) Value of building and value of contents?
- (c) Is it insured, and if so, in what office or offices?
- (d) What is insurance on building, and what on contents?
- (e) Is the term one or three years?
- (f) What is the premium?
- (g) When does term expire?
- (h) What is estimated loss (if any) by fire on Connexional property on your present circuit since the Union of 1884?
- (i) How much was covered by insurance?

Seven hundred and sixty-two replies were received, which represent rather more than half the amount of the property owned by the Methodist Church as given in the statistics reported in the JOURNAL of the General Conference of 1894. From these replies it appears that:—

The value of buildings on circuits reporting was .....	\$7,854,912
Value of contents .....	1,067,115
Total.....	<u>\$8,922,027</u>
Insurance on such buildings.....	\$3,916,213
Insurance on contents .....	621,543
Total.....	<u>\$4,537,755</u>
Premiums paid per annum, about.....	\$ 18,399
For the twelve years since the Union, say.....	220,788
Average amount received annually from Insurance companies for the past twelve years.....	9,479
Balance to the credit of Insurance companies annually.....	8,920

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The Commission made enquiries as to the results of the operations of similar Fire companies in Great Britain, and they found that without an exception such companies had been eminently successful. The Wesleyan Methodist Trust Assurance Company, besides paying interest and dividends in the preceding year, amounting to £2,047, made a grant to the Worn-out Ministers' Fund of £1,100. This company has accumulated since its organization in 1872 a reserve fund of £60,000.

The Ecclesiastical (Anglican) Insurance Office, though established only about nine years, paid last year £1,208 in dividends, and granted to various Church societies the sum of £3,000. This company has a reserve fund of £30,000.

Still another example of successful operation is that of the Primitive Methodist Insurance Company, organized in 1863. With a nominal capital of £20,000, only £50 had been paid by the shareholders. On this, while no dividends have been paid, as the subscribers undertook the business from benevolent motives, a reserve fund of £25,000 has been accumulated, and in the preceding year £1,065 was distributed to needy Trustee Boards.

After due sanction had been obtained from the General Conference Special Committee, steps were taken to obtain the necessary Act of the Dominion Parliament. B. M. Britton, Esq., Q.C., M.P., kindly took charge of the Bill in the House of Commons, and the Hon. J. C. Aikins in the Senate. The Act was assented to 21st May, 1897.

The Provisional Board of Directors named in the Act consists of all the members of the Commission with the addition of the names of the Hon. W. E. Sanford; B. M. Britton, Esq., M.P.; and Edmund D. O'Flynn, Esq.

The Act of Incorporation having been obtained, the Commission was merged in the Provisional Board of Directors, which has subsequently had charge of the business of the proposed company.

A copy of the Act of Parliament is herewith submitted.

The expenses incurred by the Commission amount to \$441.50, which includes the parliamentary and legal fees in obtaining the Act. The detailed statement of the account is appended.

A. CARMAN, *Chairman.*

J. COOPER ANTLIFF, *Secretary of the Commission.*

## 2. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INSURANCE OF CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.

Your Committee begs to report as follows :

That in relation to the subject of the Insurance of Connexional Property, your Committee has had under review and consideration,

(a) The proceedings of the Commission appointed at the last General Conference.

(b) The statistics and information that were compiled as to the value of Connexional property, and the Insurance thereon; as well as premiums and losses, etc.

(c) The Act of Incorporation obtained from the Dominion Parliament.

(d) The steps taken by the Provisional Board, issuing prospectus, obtaining estimates, etc.

And has also had full verbal explanations of the "Basis of Estimate" and the calculations relating thereto; and would respectfully recommend:—

1. That the proceedings of the Commission appointed at the last General Conference, and the steps taken by the Provisional Board of Directors be approved.

2. That the declaration of the last General Conference bearing upon this subject be re-affirmed.

3. That inasmuch as the Act of Incorporation, as it stands, does not afford proper protection and compensation for the cash capital to be obtained from shareholders, such steps to be taken and such amendments to the Act be secured as the Directors may deem suitable in that behalf.

4. That Boards of Trustees of our Church be requested to lend their prompt, active and hearty co-operation with the Board of Directors and Management of this company to husband the resources of our Church, so that there may be secured out of these contributions of our people liberal allotments for the benefit of the faithful ministers of our Church on the retired list: thus reserving the churches' money for the Church's use.

5. That measures be adopted to have the necessary capital subscribed as quickly as possible; and, inasmuch as the enquiries of the Committee would go to show that with experienced, but economical management, the enterprise will prove successful, these subscriptions are commended to the favorable consideration of friends in our Church having money to invest.

6. That we recommend that only the Report of the Commission appointed at the last General Conference be printed in the journal of this General Conference.

7. That the expenses of the Commission on Connexional Fire Insurance, \$441.50, and also the expenses of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Methodist Trust Fire Insurance Company, \$139.85, making a total of \$581.35, be paid by the General Conference Fund. Provided, however, that as soon as the company is in a position to reimburse the Fund, it shall do so.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES COOPER ANTLIFF, *Chairman.*  
JOHN T. MOORE, *Secretary.*

REPORT NO 2. OF COMMITTEE ON THE INSURANCE OF  
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.

Your Committee has considered the following *Resolution*:

Moved by Wensley B. MacCoy and seconded by S. A. Chesley:

That the following section be added to Section 5, page 131 of the Discipline, viz.:

It shall be the duty of all Trustees of church property to insure said property to at least three-fourths of the cash value of the perishable property.

Your Committee recommends the concurrence of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

J. COOPER ANTLIFF, *Chairman.*  
JOHN T. MOORE, *Secretary.*

September 19th, 1898.

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## XVIII.—SUPERANNUATION FUND.

### 1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE SUPERANNUATION FUND FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING JULY 31ST, 1898.

In offering the quadrennial report, it has not been deemed necessary to give more than a summary of the four annual statements issued during the quadrennium.

#### PERMANENT FUND.

A thorough re-valuation has been recently made of all our securities which shows that they are substantial and satisfactory to a high degree. No losses of capital have been experienced and no interest remains unpaid.

Invested Capital at General Conference, 1894 .....		\$206,038 83
“ “ July 31, 1895 .....	\$218,140 61; Increase,	12,101 78
“ “ July 31, 1896 .....	222,422 10 “	4,281 49
“ “ July 31, 1897 .....	230,652 70 “	8,230 60
“ “ July 31, 1898 .....	231,131 04 “	478 34
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Less depreciation in value of stocks .....		832 50
		\$230,298 54
		206,038 83
Increase in Capital! .....		\$24,259 71
Average Annual Increase .....		6,044 92

#### ANNUAL FUND.

In 1894 there were on the Fund 204 Ministers, 151 Widows, 82 Children.  
 1898 “ “ 228 “ 182 “ 71 Children.

#### RECEIPTS.

In 1894 Income from Circuits was .....		\$54,783 12
1898 “ “ “ .....		44,721 74
*Decrease .....		\$10,061 38
In 1894 Income from Ministers was .....		\$13,738 00
1898 “ “ “ “ .....		27,830 05
Increase .....		\$14,092 05
		10,061 38
Increase, Circuits and Ministers .....		\$4,030 67
Increase in other sources .....		3,447 59
		\$7,478 26
Total Increase in Receipts .....		\$7,478 26

\* Resulting from reduction of assessments 6 per cent. to 5 per cent.



By Allowances, 1894-95, 168 Widows .....	\$26,851 00	
"    "    1895-96, 174    "    .....	28,381 54	
"    "    1896-97, 176    "    .....	26,171 38	
"    "    1897-98, 182    "    .....	27,404 69	
	<hr/>	\$108,808 61
"    "    1894-95, 90 Children .....	\$1,696 29	
"    "    1895-96, 83    "    .....	1,395 45	
"    "    1896-97, 77    "    .....	1,251 92	
"    "    1897-98, 71    "    .....	1,211 50	
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By Annuities, 1894-95 .....	\$285 00	
"    "    1895-96 .....	385 00	
"    "    1896-97 .....	345 00	
"    "    1897-98 .....	387 16	
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By Refunds, 1894-95 .....	\$535 00	
"    "    1895-96 .....	841 18	
"    "    1896-97 .....	1,012 46	
"    "    1897-98 .....	819 72	
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By Commutation, 1894-95 .....	\$500 00	
"    "    1895-96 .....	300 00	
"    "    1896-97 .....	300 00	
"    "    1897-98 .....	300 00	
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By Minutes of Conference to Lay Subscribers, 1894-95 .....		330 97
By Interest on Capital Used, 1894-95 .....	\$500 00	
"    "    "    1895-96 .....	500 00	
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By Interest on Debt to Permanent Fund, 1895-96 .....	\$433 29	
"    "    "    "    1896-97 .....	715 84	
"    "    "    "    1897-98 .....	918 21	
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By Interest on Bank Overdrafts, 1894-95 .....	\$343 55	
"    "    "    "    1895-96 .....	352 11	
"    "    "    "    1896-97 .....	426 09	
"    "    "    "    1897-98 .....	443 45	
	<hr/>	1,565 20
By Interest on Commutation (4 years) .....		541 40
*By Expense, 1894-95 .....	\$3,048 35	
"    "    1895-96 .....	2,861 29	
"    "    1896-97 .....	2,746 61	
"    "    1897-98 .....	2,794 10	
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LEGACIES 1894-1898.

1894-95

Rev. John Histon .....	\$1,000 00
Mrs. Ann McCutcheon .....	285 00
Mrs. Anna Maria Switzer .....	43 28
Susan Barrick .....	50 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon .....	100 00
Mrs. Harriet Thompson .....	100 00
Mellanby Estate .....	8,000 00
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	\$9,578 28

\* Which includes Expenses of General Board, Financial Secretaries, Conference Treasurers, Management, etc.

	1895-96.		
Rev. W. W. Miller .....		\$600 00	
Wm. Hutchinson .....		500 00	
Mellanby Estate .....		2,000 00	
James F. Moore .....		500 00	
L. M. Dutcher .....		81 25	
Lizzie R. Smith .....		50 00	
Rev. James Hughes .....		664 96	
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	1896-97.		
James Ovens .....		\$30 60	
S. Howell .....		3,000 00	
Mrs. McMurtry .....		100 00	
Hart A. Massey .....		4,000 00	
Mrs. Lucy Histon .....		1,000 00	
Robert Neelands .....		100 00	
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	1897-98.		
Mr. Burns .....		\$20 00	
George Cinnamon .....		100 00	
Miss Latimer .....		25 00	
Rev. James Hughes .....		333 34	
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			\$22,683 43

## 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. The Montreal Conference asks that the Clerical Treasurer be not also Treasurer of the General Conference Fund. Your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

2. The Montreal Conference asks that no further loans be made to the General Conference Fund. Your Committee recommends that in view of the perfect security afforded, and the mutual advantage to both funds, the loan be continued within the limit at present directed by the Board, viz., \$20,000.

3. The Montreal and British Columbia Conferences, and also the Rev. J. R. Gundy, ask that the constitution of the Fund be so amended as that all annuities may be paid in full. Your Committee recommends the following, viz. :

We exceedingly regret that the Board, during the past quadrennium, has not been able to pay the annuities of superannuates and widows in full. This appears to have arisen from two causes, the abnormal increase in the number of claimants, and the financial depression that has prevented any expansion of salaries and Connexional funds, which form the basis of percentage on which the income of the Fund is largely based. We confidently expect that during the coming Quadrennium there will be an improvement in these conditions, and it is our sincere conviction that it is not in the interests of the claimants that there should be any increase, either in the assessment on the circuits, or on the ministers ; and we must ask our superannuated brethren, and the widows of our ministers, to bear this burden a little longer in the hope that it will be alleviated in the near future.

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We cannot too strongly impress upon our Annual Conferences the necessity of sacredly guarding this Fund by a conservative policy in the superannuation of ministers, and by the adoption of such a policy in the reception of candidates for the ministry as will not press ministers prematurely out of the active service of the Church.

4. A memorial of Rev. A. H. Going, forwarded by the London Conference, asks for the division of the Fund so that circuit contributions shall be applied only for the benefit of those whose income is less than a certain minimum.

It is recommended that as this matter was given serious attention four years ago, it is inexpedient at the present time to reopen the question or make any change. We would also remind those who favor a division of the Fund, as suggested in the memorial, that the ministers, directly or indirectly, already contribute almost enough to meet the claims of their superannuated brethren; or more exactly, the sources of income other than circuit contributions last year paid 87 per cent. of the superannuated ministers' claims, thus leaving almost the entire circuit contributions to be disbursed to the widows and orphans.

5. The Montreal Conference and the Walkerton District of the Hamilton Conference, ask for amendments to the constitution of the Fund by which better to enforce the provisions of Pars. 383, 384 and 385. It is recommended to amend the constitution by adding the following, viz., "Par. 385 (*a.*) Non-compliance with the provisions of Pars. 383, 384, 385 and 387, by any circuit, minister or probationer shall be reported specifically by the Chairman of the District to the Annual Conference, and if the chairman fails to make such report, it shall be the duty of the General Treasurers to proceed against such chairman, in disciplinary form for failure to 'observe and enforce our discipline.'"

6. The British Columbia Conference protests against missionary contributions being made part of the basis of circuit assessment. Committee recommends no change.

7. The Exeter District of the London Conference asks for legislation making uniform the exemption of salary from assessment on account of horse keep.

It is recommended to amend Par. 384 by adding the following, viz., "The exemption of salary on account of horse keep or hire shall in no case exceed \$60."

8. Dr. W. C. Henderson presents motion to increase circuit assessment from five to five and a quarter per cent. Committee recommends non-concurrence.

9. Dr. W. R. Parker presents memorial of Toronto Conference to make the circuit assessment a first claim on circuit funds, or failing this, that the sum paid by the minister to make up circuit assessment be deducted from the salary as reported.

Your Committee recognizes with satisfaction the increasing number of Quarterly Official Boards that makes the circuit assessment part of the appropriations, and trusts that this practice will in the near future become universal, but cannot recommend that the practice be made compulsory, neither does the Committee concur in Dr. Parker's alternative proposal.

10. The Quarterly Official Boards of the Grace Church, St. Thomas,

and of the Port Elgin Circuit, memorialize the General Conference against the principle of compulsory circuit assessment.

The Committee rejoices that there are so few memorials of this kind and recommends no change.

11. The Rev. W. Kettlewell moves to amend the constitution of the Fund by striking out Par. 389 and substituting the following, viz.:

389. (a) The initiative in the superannuation of a minister, or in his restoration to the active work, may be taken by himself, by his Annual District meeting, or by his Annual Conference.

389. (b) Each Annual Conference shall have a Committee on Conference Relations, consisting of the ministerial members of the Superannuation Fund Board in the Conference, and seven other ministers appointed by the Conference, to which all cases of superannuation, or restoration to the active work, shall be referred.

389. (c) No superannuated relation shall be granted by an Annual Conference, except on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations. The said Committee in making its recommendation shall not take into consideration anything else than the question, "Is the minister recommended for superannuation, or asking for the same, really worn out or temporarily disabled in the itinerant service?" Provided, however, that in case the Committee report adversely, the Conference may, by the vote of not less than three-fourths of the ministers present, grant a superannuated relation.

389. (d) A minister who is superannuated, or the payment of whose annuity is suspended, or who is restored to the active work, by the regular action of his Annual Conference, shall have no option but to accept the decision of the same.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of this amendment.

12. Rev. T. M. Campbell moves to amend Par. 389 by adding the following, viz. :—

"The said Committee on Conference Relations shall have power to require a medical examination of the minister, recommended for, or seeking superannuation, by a physician, named by itself, who shall make the examination in behalf of the Annual Conference; nevertheless, this shall not apply to ministers of 40 years' standing."

Committee recommends the adoption of this amendment, the same to follow Par. 389 (c).

13. The Superannuation Fund Board recommends the following changes in the constitution of the Fund, viz. :

(a) That Par. 406 be amended by inserting in the 6th line after the words, "unprovided for," the words "even though beyond 16 years of age."

(b) Add to Par. 414 the words, "And it shall be optional with a superannuated minister as to whether he shall accept commutation or not."

(c) Amend Par. 417 by inserting, in the third line, after the word "have," the words "one-half." Also amend same paragraph by striking out the words "if a superannuated minister be deposed from the ministry," and substituting therefor "if he is a superannuated minister."

(d) Amend Art. VII. of the Constitution of the Fund by inserting a new paragraph after Par. 388 as follows, viz. :

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(e) Amend Par. 408 by inserting in the 7th line, after the word "shall," the words, "in its discretion."

(f) Amend Par. 387 by inserting in the 5th line, after the word "serves," the words, "or by himself."

Your Committee recommends that items (a), (c) and (f) be adopted.

That the following be substituted for item (b):

Add to Par. 414, "and it shall be optional with a superannuated minister, who has a standing of 23 years or upwards, whether he shall accept commutation or not, but in all other cases the decision of the Board shall be binding on the minister concerned."

Item (d) is dealt with in another connection, and therefore requires no action.

For item (e) substitute the following, viz.:

"Amend Par. 408 by striking out all after the word "Conference" in the 7th line, and substituting therefor the following, viz., "May recommend the suspension of the payment of his annuity. The Board of Management shall have power to act on such recommendation, and the decision of the Board in such matters shall be final."

14. The Board of Managers of Albert College ask for relief from the provisions of Par. 387, as being burdensome to the weaker educational institutions.

The Committee recommends no action.

15. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., and Rev. T. M. Campbell, each moves to amend Par. 416.

It is recommended that Par. 416 be amended by adding the following, viz., "If he has rendered 23 or more years of service his interest in the Fund shall be commuted by the Board on the scale hereinbefore provided."

16. Mr. J. J. Maclaren moves to amend Par. 116 by striking out the last sentence thereof.

It is recommended that Par. 116 be amended by striking out the words "superannuation or" in the 10th line thereof.

17. Dr. W. R. Parker presents memorial of Toronto Conference to so amend Par. 387 as to relieve evangelists from its provisions.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

18. Rev. J. A. Ferguson memorializes the General Conference to allow him to "level up" so as to be relieved from the restriction imposed by Par. 398.

The Committee recommends no action.

19. Rev. Jas. Elliott moves that the children of Rev. J. Holmes be recommended for special provision, as contemplated by Discipline.

Your Committee has already recommended that Par. 406 be so amended as to bring such cases clearly within the discretion of the Board, therefore further action is unnecessary.

20. The report of the Board for the quadrennium was carefully considered by your Committee and it recommends the adoption of the same by the General Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

WM. KETTLEWELL, *Secretary.*

## XIX.—SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

### 1. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

The delegates of the Eastern Section met, according to Discipline, in Room "L" of Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, September 14th, 1898, to consider the affairs of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and report as follows :

1. Changes in the Constitution of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund—

(1) That Par. 447 be amended by the insertion of the following after the words "annual subscriptions": Provided always that it shall be lawful for the General Treasurer to pay to the parties properly authorized to receive them, any amounts due by the party or parties claiming repayment, to the Book Room of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church or to that of the Western Section, or to any Fund of the Methodist Church, and the receipt of the aforementioned properly authorized parties shall be a sufficient discharge as against the claimant or claimants as aforesaid.

(2) That Par. 433 be amended in the first line by changing "the" into "a," so as to read "a Secretary-Treasurer."

(3) That Par. 435, after "District Meeting," read: Nevertheless, this shall not be held to permit any minister to pay who is a supernumerary or has leave of absence from his Conference for such time as he is a supernumerary or has leave of absence.

(4) That we memorialize the General Conference to insert the word "supernumerary" after the word "superannuation" in Par. 139, Sub-section 2, Clause 9.

(5) That Par. 425 be amended so as to read: "It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and disburse from year to year all the monies constituting 'The Current Income,' according to the provisions of the Constitution, and in any case in which there are, or shall hereafter be, arrears of payments due by ministers who are members of the Fund, it shall be the duty of the Treasurers to report such cases to the General Committee, which shall thereupon take such steps as may be necessary to collect said arrears, with interest at the rate of six per cent., compounded annually; nevertheless, in the case of any such arrears existing at the date of passage of this amended article of the Constitution, it shall be competent for the General Committee, when the interests of the Fund appear to demand it, to compromise with the parties concerned by accepting payment for a less number of years than are due (with interest as above for the number of years accepted), or to cancel the full amount of the arrears and interest. In every such case it shall not be competent for the General Committee to allow, in respect to such years paid for, a greater number of years' claims on the Fund than that to which said payments would entitle the parties under the Constitution, as provided in

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Par. 442; and, further, it is enacted, in the case of any members of the Fund who have been in arrears as above, and have for any term of years been on the list of supernumeraries, or who may now be on said list, or in the case of any widows now on the list of claimants, or who may have been on said list, that they shall not have a claim for payment for any number of years for which during the time they were supernumerary claimants they did not receive allowance on account of the fact that they were then in arrears in their payments to the Fund."

2. A ballot being taken, Rev. E. Evans, D.D., and Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., were duly elected General Treasurers of the Fund.

3. Appended is a summary of the financial business of the quadrennium, marked "A." Also the last annual statement, marked "B" and "C."

R. W. WEDDALL, *Secretary.*

2. SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

**A.**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

July 1, 1898.		<i>Dr.</i>	
To	Annuities .....		\$45,082 45
	Expenses .....		450 39
	Salary .....		1,400 00
	Subscriptions returned .....		38 93
			<u>\$46,971 77</u>
July 1, 1898.		<i>Cr.</i>	
By	Circuit contributions .....		\$12,747 32
	Five-sixths of ministers' subscriptions .....		11,480 52
	Interest .....		19,943 93
	Sundries .....		2,800 00
			<u>\$46,971 77</u>
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July 1, 1898.		<i>Dr.</i>	
To	subscriptions repaid .....		\$1,034 37
	Loss on investments .....		542 60
	Investments and cash .....		80,397 50
			<u>\$81,974 47</u>
July 1, 1894.		<i>Cr.</i>	
By	investments and cash .....		\$77,170 53
	One-sixth of ministers' subscriptions .....		2,190 00
	Payments on account of second marriages .....		692 00
	Legacies .....		1,921 84
			<u>\$81,974 47</u>

E. EVANS,  
CHARLES H. PAISLEY, } *General Treasurers.*

JAMES STROTHARD, *Chairman.*

JOB SHENTON, *Secretary.*

THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

July 1, 1898.	<i>Dr.</i>		
To subscription repaid Rev. A. E. Le Page .....			\$12 00
Annuities paid 1898, 85 per cent. of full claim—			
Nova Scotia Conference .....	\$6,480 00	\$5,508 00	
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference .....	5,105 00	4,339 25	
Newfoundland Conference .....	705 00	599 25	
Other Conferences .....	850 00	722 50	
			\$11,169 00
Mrs. Thomas' annuity .....			28 00
Treasurer's salary .....			350 00
Expenses .....			118 71
Amount repaid Halifax West Circuit due Augmentation of Capital Fund .....			14 93
			<u>\$11,692 64</u>

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	MINISTERS'	CIRCUIT	TOTAL.
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Nova Scotia .....	\$1,381 17	\$1,576 05	\$2,957 22
N. Brunswick & P. E. Island .....	1,236 44	1,308 89	2,545 33
Newfoundland .....	799 59	340 21	1,139 80
	<u>\$3,417 20</u>	<u>\$3,225 15</u>	<u>\$6,642 35</u>
Less one-sixth of ministers' subscriptions .....			538 00
			6,104 35
Grant from Missionary Society .....			700 00
Interest .....			4,888 29
			<u>\$11,692 64</u>

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July 1, 1898.	<i>Dr.</i>	
To repayment of ministers' subscriptions—		
Rev. G. F. Drake .....	\$48 00	
" Rev. Wm. Rex .....	116 00	
		\$164 00
To Investments, etc.—		
Real estate securities .....	\$66,597 49	
Debentures and bank stock .....	8,116 75	
Promissory notes .....	6,435 73	
Office furniture .....	65 00	
Cash .....	682 53	
	<u>\$81,897 50</u>	
Less due Augmentation Capital Fund .....	1,500 00	
		<u>\$80,397 50</u>
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*Report of Committee on Memorials.*

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July 1, 1897.	<i>Cr.</i>	
By securities and cash .....		\$78,574 66
March, 1898.		
Legacy of the late Jas. E. Leiper, of Carsonville, Apohaqui Circuit, N.B. ....	\$871 84	
Legacy of the late Mrs. J. K. Elderkin, Amherst, N.S. . . . .	250 00	
		1,121 84
Payments on account of second marriages .....		327 00
One-sixth of ministers' subscriptions .....		538 00
		<u>\$80,561 50</u>

Examined and found correct.

E. EVANS.  
 CHAS. H. PAISLEY, } *General Treasurers.*  
 F. S. THOMPSON, *Public Accountant.*

XX.—MEMORIALS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. That we have considered carefully the memorial of Mr. T. G. Mason respecting the increased ritual in the ordinary services of the Church, and while recognizing the thoughtful character of the memorial itself and the excellent spirit which pervades it, we do not consider it expedient to recommend any change in the direction indicated by the memorialist.

We would, however, call the attention of the General Conference and the Church at large to the great importance of becoming seriousness, reverence and dignity in all the exercises of religious worship, and the duty of ministers to avoid and repress everything of an opposite tendency and to maintain uniformity in the order of worship as now provided in the Discipline.

We would also urge the desirability of a public administration of the rite of baptism wherever practicable, and the duty of the disciplinary observance of our impressive service of reception into full membership of the Church.

2. Laid on the table, having been dealt with in another report.

E. B. RYCKMAN, *Chairman.*  
 WM. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. Regarding that part of the General Superintendent's quadrennial address, which refers to the Order of Precedence for the Clergy in State functions in Canada, the action of the Government of Sir Mackenzie Bowell in changing the same at the funeral of Sir John Thompson, in response to the protests of our Conferences and the memorials of the

Montreal and Bay of Quinte Conferences on the same subject, your Committee recommends: That the General Conference memorialize the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying Her Majesty's Government to *abolish* the present Order of Precedence for the Clergy in State functions in Canada. That we request the General Conference to direct its Special Committee to proceed with all diligence in the premises, obtaining, if possible, the co-operation of the other Churches in the proposed memorial, and to press for the removal of a procedure which is offensive in its unjust discrimination, and is utterly opposed to the constitutional relations of Church and State in this Dominion.

2. Laid on the table.

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4. The Montreal Conference has requested the General Conference to make such representations as may be deemed proper to the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, regarding the reception of ministers and probationers of our Church into their Conferences without official credentials. We recommend that the General Superintendent write a friendly letter to the Board of Bishops respecting this matter.

5. A memorial from the Perth District, endorsed and approved by the Montreal Conference, calls attention "to the growing neglect in the public worship of our Church of the appropriate and scriptural attitude of kneeling in prayer," and asking the General Conference to call attention to the neglect and to recommend proper width and kneeling forms in the pews. We recommend the prayer of the memorial.

6. Touching a memorial on the subject of Freemasonry, your Committee do not consider it advisable that the Conference should enact legislation prohibiting ministers and other official members of our Church from becoming members of Freemason or similar societies, believing that this would be an undue interference with Christian liberty.

Nevertheless, we think our ministers and members should keep steadily in view the duty of holding all things in subordination to loyalty to Christ and the establishment of His kingdom in the earth.

7. Laid on the table, having been previously dealt with.

8. Not concurred in.

9. The Memorials of the

(1) Nova Scotia Conference,

(2) New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference,

(3) British Columbia Conference,

(4) Bermuda District, with the endorsation of the Nova Scotia Conference,

(5) Milton District, with the endorsation of the Hamilton Conference, and

(6) Mount Forest District of the Woman's Missionary Society, praying that women be admitted to the District Meetings, Annual Conferences, and the General Conference on the same conditions as men, have been considered.

Your Committee, while pronouncing no opinion on the merits of the question, has no reason for believing that there is any considerable number of women in our Church who desire the change proposed. It is therefore recommended that no action be taken by the present Conference.

E. B. RYCKMAN, *Chairman.*  
WM. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT No. 3.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. That while appreciating the many valuable suggestions contained in the memorial of Mr. T. R. Parker, of London, praying for constitutional changes, we deem it inadvisable that any action be taken.

2. As to the memorial of Mr. G. E. Henderson, of Toronto, praying the General Conference "to protect congregations against the growing evil of manuscript preachers," your Committee has no evidence before it that the reading of sermons in the pulpit is generally prevalent; therefore see no necessity for making any recommendation further than suggesting that this method of delivering sermons be employed as little as possible.

E. B. RYCKMAN, *Chairman.*

WM. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

## REPORT No. 4.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. With reference to a recommendation from the Committee on Temperance in favor of appointing a standing committee on religious reform, with a permanent secretary, we report

(1) That we cannot concur in the suggestion to appoint a new committee with a secretary, to give all his time to temperance and moral reform, but

(2) That the sphere of the Temperance Committee be enlarged so as to include all moral reforms, and that that Committee be called "The Committee on Temperance, Prohibition and Moral Reform."

2. With reference to the memorial of the Rev. J. C. Ash, we report:

That, whereas the contents of the memorial have received already the careful and judicial consideration of the Court of Appeal, and whereas the subject of location and all other parts of the Discipline are now undergoing the usual quadrennial consideration and revision, we are of the opinion that no action should be taken as affecting the personal interests of the memorialist.

E. B. RYCKMAN, *Chairman.*

WM. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

## XXI.—ITINERANCY AND TRANSFERS.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. That they have taken into careful consideration the various memorials, resolutions and notices of motion referred to them, relating to the pastoral term, and recommend :

That the proviso in Sub-section 4, Par. 140, page 65 of the Discipline, be so amended as to read as follows :

Provided, however, that at the request of a Quarterly Board, expressed

by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting by ballot at a regular meeting (notice having been duly given that the question of the pastoral supply will be considered thereat), the Stationing Committee may appoint a minister to a circuit or station for four or five years in succession.

2. That all memorials, resolutions and notices of motion referring to the abolition or regulation of what is known as the "invitation system" have been considered.

Your Committee recommend that in regard thereto no action be taken.

J. R. INCH, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH PHILP, *Secretary pro tem.*

#### REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

3. That we have carefully considered the several memorials referred to us on the general subject of facilitating the transfer of ministers, and make the following recommendations :

(a) That Par. 110, page 50 of the Discipline, be struck out and the following substituted therefor, viz.: The Transfer Committee shall be composed of the General Superintendent and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, except Mission Conferences. The Committee shall meet annually at the call of the General Superintendent.

(b) That Sub-section 4, page 50 of the Discipline, be amended so as to read, viz.: "And that no minister be transferred without his consent, except by a two-thirds' vote of the members present."

(c) That Sub-section 8, page 51 of the Discipline, be amended so as to read: "The ultimate claims of any minister or probationer upon the connexional funds shall not be prejudiced by his transfer."

(d) That Sub-section 11, page 52, be amended to read: "The General Superintendent, and the Presidents of the two Conferences concerned, shall have authority to transfer any probationer on the list of reserve to any Conference where a supply is required."

(e) That Sub-section 12, page 52, be so amended as to read: "The General Superintendent and the Presidents concerned shall have authority to transfer, during the year, any minister from one Conference to another for the purpose of filling a vacancy, provided it be not done without the consent of the minister concerned."

(f) That Sub-section 14, Par. 110, be repealed.

4. We recommend that at least four married men shall be transferred from the Newfoundland Conference to the other Conferences during the quadrennium, if such men so desire. The men transferred into the Newfoundland Conference shall have the right to return after ten years, if they so desire.

That not more than one of the ministers transferred from the Newfoundland Conference shall be transferred into any one Conference without the consent of the President of such Conference.

5. We have duly considered a notice of motion referred to us to amend Sub-section 4, Par. 140, and recommend non-concurrence.

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6. We have also considered the memorial referred to us *re* a Central Stationing Committee, and do not recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the General Conference.

7. The decisions of the Committee in all cases of transfer shall be final.

J. R. INCH, *Chairman.*

GEO. W. HENDERSON, *Secretary.*

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## XXII.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

We have had referred to us Memorials from the Toronto, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conferences, and after careful consideration beg to recommend that no change be made in the Discipline respecting the Sustentation Fund.

(See Discipline, page 227, Sec. 467, 468.)

Respectfully submitted.

ROBT. WILSON, *Chairman.*

JOHN E. HILLS, *Secretary.*

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## XXIII.—TEMPERANCE.

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### 1. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

At the close of the last General Conference a meeting of the Committee was called by the General Superintendent for organization which was effected by electing the Rev. D. L. Brethour, Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee has nothing startling to report, but there has been a quiet, steady growth of public sentiment in favor of national prohibition, and an increasing dissatisfaction with the license system, as a final settlement of the question of the relation of the liquor traffic to the State.

#### ROYAL COMMISSION.

The report of the Standing Committee at the last General Conference declares the appointment of the Royal Commission unsatisfactory, and refused to accept that action as a sufficient and proper answer to the petitions of the Churches which asked for immediate prohibition.

In 1895, nearly three years after its appointment, the Commission presented to Parliament its final report, whose findings were adverse to prohibition—a result which surprised no one. However,

## A MINORITY REPORT

was presented declaring that the evidence produced before the Commission was sufficient to justify the enactment of a prohibitory law.

There is nothing of importance in the license legislation of the quadrennium in any of the Provinces where the plebiscite votes were taken, though these votes were splendid indications of the advanced prohibitory sentiment of the people.

## DOMINION PLEBISCITE.

Regarding the importance of the plebiscite previously taken, the Reform party of the Dominion, in its Convention of 1893, pledged itself, if elected to power, to submit the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic to the vote of the people of the whole Dominion. At the general election of 1896, the Reform party was placed in power, and, after some tedious delays, brought down a Plebiscite Bill, and is now asking the will of the people.

Efforts were made by the liquor party to complicate the form of ballot, making it much more difficult to secure a favorable verdict at the polls. But strong protests were offered, and our friends in the House of Commons, backed by the power of Christian sentiment, prevailed against their cunning artifice, thus leaving the submission of the question to the people in the form most simple and easy to be understood.

We consider this present time in our history to be very favorable for an advanced movement in the line of the greatest social and moral reform of the closing years of the nineteenth century.

The high standard of morals prevailing in Canada, and the comparative homogeneity of our people indicate Providential favor. It is the plain duty of all the Methodist voters of Canada to go to the ballot box on the 29th inst. and vote for prohibition, and then stand by the Government that gives prohibition. The success of the temperance reform during the present generation would seem to largely turn upon the verdict received on that date. A prohibitory liquor law on the statute books without an administration behind it to enforce the law will be sadly disappointing.

It is worthy of note that recently the House of Commons ordered the closing of the liquor section of the House restaurant, and no liquor is dispensed to any one.

It is to be regretted that the Senate has not followed the excellent example set by the Lower House. It is earnestly to be hoped that the honorable members of the Upper Chamber will, at the next session of the Senate, bow before the force of Christian sentiment and abolish the bar at that Chamber.

During the quadrennium the Temperance Reform has suffered serious loss by the death of some of its most earnest leaders :

Neal Dow, the father of prohibition, Frances E. Willard, the uncrowned queen of American womanhood ; Letitia Youmans, the mother of the Woman's Movement in Canada, and our own indefatigable and intense A. M. Phillips and James Van Wyck are among the number.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Secretary.*

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*Receipts.*

From the Treasurer of Hamilton Conference :

1895 .....	\$25 00
1896 .....	21 52
1897 .....	20 74
1898 .....	31 97
From Morden Circuit, Manitoba.....	8 60
	————— \$107 83

*Expenses.*

Stationery .....	\$4 85
Postage.....	8 00
Literature sent members of Parliament.....	5 00
Balance Treasurer's Account, 1894.....	11 66
Railway expenses of Secretary.....	14 00
	————— \$43 51

Balance on hand..... \$64 32

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Treasurer.*

## 2. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :—

1. The report of the Standing Committee on Temperance has been received by us. We find that valuable information has been gathered by it, and we cordially approve the wise action of the General Conference in its appointment. We would recommend the publication of said report in the *JOURNAL* of this Conference and the appointment of a Committee for the coming quadrennium.

2. In view of the clear and emphatic utterances of the General Superintendent in his quadrennial address to this Conference on the Plebiscite, and the action of the Conference thereon in ordering the publication of a large number of copies of said address for immediate circulation throughout the Dominion, we deem it unnecessary to make further reference to the same, except to urge our people everywhere to exercise their influence in all possible and proper ways to roll up such a majority as will remove all doubt as to the wishes of the people of Canada in regard to this question.

3. It is a matter of regret that so many of our ministers and active laymen are absent from their various fields of action at this critical time, and we would therefore urge those who are at their respective homes to more than make up by increased activity for this enforced absence.

4. From all information received we find the various provinces to be well organized. The apathy so painfully apparent at the beginning of the campaign is rapidly disappearing, public meetings are being largely held and immense quantities of Prohibition literature are being circulated.

5. The situation in Quebec is especially interesting and hopeful. The part which Bishop Bond is taking in the public advocacy of prohibition is commanding and influential, and is greatly helping the workers in that province. The churches are actively sympathetic, and our own Methodism is taking part in the contest in the very front rank with unabated zeal and hope.

6. That "the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin" is a deliverance of Methodism which indicates the highest flood tide of advance yet reached in the evolution of the Temperance question, and is an utterance that cannot be too often repeated. Slavery was designated "the sum of all villainies." Surely, as the century closes, the same may be said of a business which traffics in the bodies and souls of men; and no candidate for parliamentary or municipal honors who does not practically recognize this, should receive the support of our Methodist people. The bar-room is the creature of license; license is the creature of legislatures; the Legislature is the creature of the people. Let the people vote Prohibition and the license system will perish.

7. In the summer of 1894 the late Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in a letter to Lord Thring, declares the condition of England brought about by license, to be "a disgrace to the country, and that the mere limitation of numbers (of licenses), the ideal of Parliament for the last twenty years, though pretending to the honor of a remedy, is little better than an imposture."

8. Sir Oliver Mowat said, referring to the 82,000 majority in the Ontario plebiscite, that the "vote removed all difficulty in the way of the people demanding prohibition. There are many subjects on which the people have not been sufficiently educated for advanced legislation, but upon this subject (Prohibition) the people have been sufficiently educated."

9. The righteousness which exalts a nation is identical with that which regenerates a man. That which is wrong for the individual is not right for the State. Anything that would degrade the individual would equally degrade the State. If it is not right for the individual man to sell liquor, how can it be right for the collective man—the State to sell it?

10. It is the duty of Christian electors in this crisis hour of our history to so fix the policy which must be adopted by the Government of Canada after the 29th of this present month by giving such an overwhelming vote in favor of Prohibition that all succeeding governments during the coming twentieth century will not dare or even attempt to change it—the policy of Prohibition.

11. Your Committee learns with profound regret that intoxicating liquors are sold in canteens in connection with the Militia and Volunteer camps of the Dominion, as well as in the barracks of the Mounted Police. Large numbers of young men are thus led into temptation, and it is commonly reported that drunkenness largely prevails in some of those places. As a consequence parents, who have freely given their sons to the service of their country, have found that when they have returned home many of them have fallen under the power of the liquor habit. We therefore strongly protest against the sale of any intoxicating liquors at any canteen or barracks, and would recommend this Conference to appoint a deputation consisting of the General Superintendent, Rev. Dr.

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Rose, Rev. Thomas Crosby, Thomas Nixon, Esq., and Dr. Boulton, to interview the Minister of Militia and the Minister of the Interior, urging the issuing of such instructions as shall lead to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in said canteens.

12. Your Committee is deeply pained to learn that a system of permits for the introduction of intoxicating liquors into the Yukon Territory has been inaugurated, thus exposing to terrible temptation the multitude of people who have gone into that inhospitable climate, where it is certain very many of them will fall under the curse of the drinking habit, the precursor of crime, degradation and utter ruin, after having left communities and homes of virtue and sobriety. We would earnestly urge that the Dominion Government be petitioned by this Conference to enact and put into force similar laws to those which prevailed in the North-West Territories during the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway and other public works. The experience of those resident in the Territories during the time of the Lieutenant-Governorship of the Hon. Mr. Laird, and the stipendiary magistracy of Colonel McLeod show that it is quite possible to carry into effective operation a prohibitory law in such districts.

13. In the Cassiar District of British Columbia, a sad state of things exist. The late government of the province issued two liquor licenses, one at Port Simpson, in the midst of seven hundred Indians on that mission station; the other at Port Essington, amongst the salmon canneries. These licenses have been hindered for ten years by the wise activity of those most deeply interested in the people, including many of the business men of the Northern coast.

In Cassiar proper, on the Upper Stikine River, there are several liquor licenses among the miners and heathen Indians. All reports from that country go to show there is great consequent degradation and demoralization among the native tribes.

14. The influence of the whole Church should be brought to bear upon that province to revoke these licenses at the earliest opportunity for they are certain (where there is such a preponderance of Indian population) to work much harm to those Indians as well as prove a great barrier in the way of their evangelization. We would recommend the Conference to take immediate action in this matter.

15. The results of the appointment of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic by the late Government, as feared by the Temperance people, show that such Commission was an evasion of the demand of the Churches for immediate prohibition. The majority findings of the Commission were favorable to the traffic. The minority report, however, declares that the evidence produced before the Commission would have justified the immediate enactment of a prohibitory law.

16. In the report of your Committee of 1894, reference was made to the granting of a brewery license in Neepawa, Manitoba, which was within local option territory. We have pleasure in saying that, owing to earnest protests to the Government *re* that matter, the result has been the withdrawal of the license, for which we are grateful, and trust that our further representations against other glaring evils along similar lines will bear equally good fruit.

17. It being true that the liquor traffic is an enemy of the Church, it

must of necessity be inconsistent and unchristian to countenance it in any way or to aid in the smallest degree those who engage in it. We therefore call the earnest attention of our members who have thoughtlessly or otherwise signed petitions asking for liquor licenses, to the wrong of so doing. While we cannot believe any considerable number of our people are guilty in this respect, it is nevertheless a fact that names of not only members but officials of our church are occasionally to be found on such petitions. We are persuaded that to mention this matter will be sufficient to correct it.

18. As it is important that the Standing Committee on Temperance and Prohibition be in possession of the necessary funds for properly carrying on the work of the coming quadrennium, your Committee would respectfully call the attention of superintendents of circuits and missions to p. 228 and Pars. 470 and 471 of the Discipline of 1894, governing the holding of Public Temperance Meetings, the taking of Collections and forwarding the same to the Treasurer of the Standing Committee.

We desire to recognize the grand work being done in the public schools of Canada in imparting instruction upon the nature and effects of intoxicating liquors, and to express our hearty appreciation of the same.

#### DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

19. In view (1) of the verdict of science regarding the nature and effects of intoxicating liquors; and (2) of the experience of the world regarding their use for beverage purposes and of former declarations of this General Conference; and (3) of the teachings of Holy Scripture we make the following declaration of principles:

(1) That the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is immoral, and it is the duty of the civil government to prohibit it.

(2) That total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages is the imperative duty of every individual.

(3) That the liquor traffic is a business antagonistic to every interest of the Church and the State.

(4) That we condemn the license feature of all statutes by which money is accepted for the legal protection of an immoral traffic.

(5) That the Government—Dominion, Provincial or Municipal—that accepts money from liquor licenses becomes a partner in the business justly declared to be an enemy of God and man.

(6) That we protest against this unholy alliance.

(7) That the only proper attitude of the Christian toward the liquor traffic is that of relentless hostility; and all members of the Methodist Church who possess the elective franchise are hereby strongly recommended to use their influence to secure the nomination of municipal and parliamentary candidates known to favor and support prohibition, and to use their votes as a solemn trust to elect such candidates, thus promoting the rescue of our country from the guilt and dishonor which have been brought upon it by a criminal complicity with the traffic.

(8) That civic righteousness demands the extirpation of a traffic so fruitful of corruption in every department of civil government. And the time has come when all good citizens should unite for harmonious and aggressive action at the ballot box to secure this end.

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(9) That we adopt the declaration of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States "That the pronounced and stupendous need of the hour to meet this enemy of everything American and Christian is an aroused Church consecrated to the extermination of the traffic."

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We respectfully urge all our ministers and Sunday School workers to give greater attention to and diligence in temperance work in the Sabbath Schools on the lines of pledge-taking and of the discipline of our Church. Careful, wise and persistent instruction here is imperative if our children would be able in later years of life to successfully meet the deceptive and deadly influences of this great enemy of the home, the Church and the State.

The report of the treasurer showed that the income of the quadrennium was \$107.83, and the expenditure \$43.51, leaving a balance on hand of \$64.32.

The following names are recommended as members of the Standing Committee:

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION, AND MORAL REFORM FOR THE ENSUING QUADRENNIUM.

##### ONTARIO GROUP.

###### *Ministers.*

Dr. Brethour.	W. Rigsby.	A. C. Crews.
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##### QUEBEC GROUP.

###### *Ministers.*

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Dr. Rose.	James Elliott.	F. G. Lett.
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W. H. Lambly.	D. H. Howard.	J. Latimer.
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###### *Ministers.*

William Dobson.	D. W. Johnson, M.A.	J. Strothard.
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Thomas Marshall.	W. W. Lodge.	R. W. Weddall, B.A.
	<i>Laymen</i>	
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	<i>Laymen.</i>	
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Dr. Sparling.	W. A. Vrooman.	Alfred Andrews.
J. M. Harrison.	F. B. Stacey.	Thompson Ferrier.
T. C. Buchanan.		
	<i>Laymen.</i>	
Hon. J. W. Sifton.	W. J. Kernaghan.	J. F. Hunter.
M. H. Fieldhouse.	Thomas Nixon.	W. H. Cushing.
J. W. Smith.		

BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUP.

	<i>Ministers.</i>	
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J. F. Betts.		
	<i>Laymen.</i>	
A. C. Wells.	Dr. A. Boulton.	A. B. Erskine.

And that the Rev. Dr. Brethour be Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. SIFTON, *Chairman.*

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Secretary.*

XXIV.—CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

That memorials affecting the boundaries of four Conferences were presented from the Montreal, Bay of Quinte and Hamilton Conferences. These have been carefully considered, and your Committee begs to recommend as follows :

1. A memorial from the Hamilton Conference, asking that the Cataract Appointment, on Alton Circuit, Orangeville District of Toronto Conference, be transferred to Erin Circuit, Guelph District of the Hamilton Conference. Your Committee recommends that the transfer be made.

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2. Referring to the memorial from the Nipissing and Sudbury Districts of the Montreal Conference, and the recommendation of the Montreal Conference of the said memorials, asking that the Nipissing and Sudbury districts be transferred from the Montreal Conference to the Toronto Conference, your Committee recommends that the transfer be made.

3. Regarding the memorial from the Nipissing Financial District Meeting, asking that the transfer of the Nipissing District from the Montreal to the Toronto Conference, if made, shall take effect on the rising of the Montreal Conference of 1899. Your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

4. A memorial was presented from the Montreal Conference, asking that the Napanee and Tanworth Districts be transferred from the Bay of Quinte Conference to the Montreal Conference; also, a memorial from the Bay of Quinte Conference, and one each from the Napanee, Campbellford, Brighton, Cobourg and Madoc Districts of the Bay of Quinte Conference, in opposition to the transfer asked for by the Montreal Conference. Your Committee recommends that no change be made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. F. HUESTIS, *Chairman.*

CYRUS A. BIRGE, *Secretary.*

## XXV. SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, to which has been assigned the task of expressing the mind of the Conference on the relation of Christianity to social questions, and which has also had under consideration a memorial from certain members and adherents of the Methodist Church respecting "the laws that affect our social and industrial relationships," begs leave to report as follows:

The Christian Church has not perhaps always fully recognized the importance of social conditions. There may be danger to-day that dependence on environment may be by many exaggerated well nigh to the denial of man's distinctive glory of self-determination. Yet such a danger must not lead us to underestimate the importance of the social framework in which the individual finds himself.

The Christianization of the conditions and relations of the individual is as strictly, if not as primarily, the duty of the Church as the Christianization of the individual himself; and there can be no struggle, whether for juster laws, more equitable distribution of the rewards of labor, or for the conditions of a healthier and fuller human life, which the Church can regard without deep sympathy.

The extremes of wealth and poverty are to be deplored, not only because of their injustice, but because of their unfavorable influence on character. The wise man has said, "Give me neither poverty nor

riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain. (Prov. xxx. 8, 9.)

But while sympathising deeply with all movements for the improvement of social conditions the Church would deprecate the idea that social wrongs can be righted by blind impulses of sympathy. Wide observation and profound study are also essential, and the Church does not assume to anticipate in all cases conclusions which the Creator has apparently left for our discovery. Only so far, therefore, as reforms have approved themselves as righteous does the Church as a Church feel justified in advocating them.

That such approved measures of reform there are to-day, we believe, and some of them we would state.

### 1. THE TEMPERANCE REFORM.

First in importance we would place the Temperance Reform.

The economic influence of intemperance we believe to be very great. It induces idleness and poverty, entails heavy social burdens, and by lessening the consumption of all products, save those in the production of which the labor is least in proportion to the capital, diminishes opportunities of employment.

But the subject of Temperance falls more strictly within the province of another committee.

### 2. THE UNEMPLOYED.

Another reform and a pressing one is the securing of employment for every man willing to work.

It is a grievous hardship that in a Christian land there should be a hungry mouth where there are willing hands. Conversely, if any man will not work neither should he eat. The tramp should be transformed or suppressed. Employment bureaus in connection with various churches have been found of great benefit. Labor colonies should be established in our country as in Germany, where men out of work could go or be sent, and find employment that would at least support them until better opportunities should be found. Begging should be discouraged. Charity organizations should be consolidated, so as to prevent overlapping or neglect, and should be placed under municipal supervision.

### 3. WAGES AND CONDITIONS OF LABOR.

All legitimate efforts should be made to secure to every worker a living wage.

There should be also, we believe, constant and vigilant oversight of the conditions of labor, as, for example, the number of hours, the sanitary and other conditions, to the end that men may, as far as possible have pleasure in their work, and sufficient leisure for recreation and for social, intellectual and religious development.

The weekly day of rest and worship should be preserved inviolate as the sacred right of labor, and we would strongly urge that a weekly half-holiday (on the Saturday, whenever practicable), should be steadily

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advocated as a good thing in itself and a most valuable safeguard of the Lord's Day. We rejoice that such a movement has in many places been successfully inaugurated.

Not less earnestly, we believe, should be emphasized the duty on the part of the employees of faithful work. Carelessness and indolence should be recognised as dishonesty. Taking advantage of a necessity to exact unfair terms, is to be condemned, whether on the part of employer or organized employees.

Finally, in regard to the relations between capital and labor, we feel that there is great need that it should be made clear to all that there is no necessary antagonism between capital and labor, the difficulties that arise from time to time being, we are of opinion, largely if not chiefly due to each party looking at the question from a personal or selfish point of view.

#### 4. CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNAL ACTION.

The principle of co-operation, we are glad to note, is becoming more widely recognized, and is destined, in our judgment, to receive a more extended application as time goes on, in our social and industrial life.

It is in harmony, we think, with the spirit of Christian brotherhood and mutual helpfulness that the community which now provides for every child a free education should still further extend its beneficence. A generous expenditure of public funds is, in our judgment, commendable in the direction of parks and playgrounds in crowded quarters of our cities, free libraries, concerts and art galleries, free baths and gymnasia; in short, in the direction of everything that tends to equalize rich and poor in all that is essential to a full human life. As far as possible opportunity, at least, should be equalized.

#### 5. CONCLUSION.

Standing on the threshold of another century, we rejoice in the emancipations and ameliorations that have been wrought during the last. Emphatically, it has been the century of the workingman. Much, very much remains to be done, but we ought not to be blind to the progress already made. The increase in comfort and well-being achieved through science and invention, and the vast development of commerce has not been shared by the few alone. If the rich are richer, it is not, we conceive, generally true that the poor are growing poorer.

The discontent of to-day we attribute not so much to aggravated conditions as to higher ideals of life and broader conceptions of human duty. And it is to these higher ideals and these broader conceptions, as inspired by the spirit of Christ, and applied to all the relations of life, that we look for the removal of the injustice and avoidable suffering which still challenge the truceless hostility of the Church of Christ.

E. H. DEWART, *Chairman.*

S. GOLDWORTH BLAND, *Secretary.*

## XXVI.—STATE OF THE WORK.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

After a careful review and a thorough discussion of the general state of the work, we see abundant reason for our people to thank God and to take courage. In most, if not in all, respects the prosperity of our Church during the last four years compares very favorably with that of any similar period in the history of Canadian Methodism.

The encouraging features of the review are both numerous and gratifying. Our educational institutions are progressing, our missionary societies are prospering, our Epworth Leagues are multiplying, our Sunday Schools are flourishing, our Church membership is increasing, and, notwithstanding the financial depression through which the country has been passing, our Church debts are gradually decreasing.

The attendance at public worship on the Lord's Day, we are glad to find, continues good. There seems to be an unabated interest in the practical exposition of divine truth. As a rule, the people come out well to both the morning and the evening service; though, in some of our town and city congregations, there is a growing disposition on the part of the younger people to stay away from Church on Sunday morning, and on the part of the older people to stay away on Sunday night. The number of children who attend these public means of grace is not so large, we believe, as it might be or as it should be; and we suggest that an effort be made to secure their presence in larger numbers at one of the services, at least.

The attendance at the social means of grace, the prayer-meeting and the class-meeting, varies very much in different parts of the country and at different seasons of the year, and the proportionate number of members who attend them is much larger in some places than in others; but we are strongly of the opinion that much more might be done to increase the general interest in these meetings. We feel persuaded that such services might be made a great deal more profitable as well as a great deal more effective, if all who participated in them would give more thought to them during the week. While much depends on the special preparation of the leader, either of a prayer-meeting or of a class-meeting, much also depends on the spiritual preparation of those who take part in such a service.

Respecting the prevalence of domestic worship, we hesitate, because of insufficient information, to speak with certainty. We have some reason to fear, however, that it is scarcely keeping pace with the growth of our Church, and that prayer in the family and with the family is not nearly so general now as it formerly was. In multitudes of Christian homes it is not observed at all, and in multitudes more its observance is irregular and intermittent. But the duty of domestic worship is so scriptural, and the influence of such worship, when reverently observed, is so beneficial, that, in our judgment, it will be little less than calamitous to the households of Methodism if the family altar be allowed to fall into ruins.

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Our annual increase of membership, we regret to find, is not so large as that reported at the last Conference; and the whole quadrennium shows an increase of scarcely 20,000, whereas the total increase of the preceding quadrennium was about 27,000. This difference, though considerable, affords no real ground for uneasiness, however, as it may be reasonably explained. The smaller returns are owing partly to the too prevalent dependence on professional evangelists, partly to the more rigid revision of our church registers, partly to the comparatively slow growth of the population of our Dominion, and partly to the unusually large number of removals to the United States, the Yukon District, and elsewhere.

Still, however we may explain it, the fact remains that we seem not to have grown so rapidly during the past as during the previous term, and it is hoped that all our people, both lay and clerical, will lay the matter seriously to heart; so that, if they discover any evil causes of hindrance, such as secularism, materialism, false liberalism, reckless criticism, old modes of thought, or old methods of work, they should endeavor at once to have them removed. It is only by the removal of that which impedes alike our personal and our collective progress that we can rationally expect either to advance the cause of religion or to promote the prosperity of the Church.

In this connection, we desire to emphasize the duty of adapting our institutions to the special needs of this progressive age. Therefore, we should seek to have our organization as complete and our machinery as perfect as it is possible to make them. If our machinery is antiquated, we should modernize it; if our methods are obsolete, we should revise them; if our ways of working or our modes of thinking are out of date, we should bring them up to date. But, while we emphasize the duty of adapting our institutions to the changed conditions of our time, we have a feeling of distrust towards many modern methods of evangelization and revivalism. Hence we deprecate the use of novel and sensational means of working up revival meetings and the employment of untrained and inexperienced revivalists. Every Christian minister should be an evangelist, and every local preacher, every class leader, every church member, an evangelistic worker.

At the present time, there seems to be a tendency to think too much of organization, and to rely too much upon machinery. As a consequence, we help to discourage the work of the individual. We form so many different societies and hold so many special meetings that little time is left to the active worker for private prayer, or personal study, or individual effort. Even our young people's associations, we regret to find, are sometimes having this effect; and it is disappointing to learn that, in some localities, they are also operating disadvantageously by dividing the membership of the Church into two classes and by creating a gulf between the old and the young. In certain neighborhoods, we have been assured, their influence has not added either to the numerical or to the spiritual strength of the congregation.

There is one means of replenishing our membership of which, we feel, far greater use could be made. We often speak of the Sunday School as the nursery of the Church, but the number transplanted from the one to the

other is not nearly so large as it should be. We believe that the Sunday School might be utilized much more fully than it has been for the purpose of bringing the young people into fellowship with the Church, if the teachers would talk more frequently with their scholars upon the duty of taking a stand for Christ, and of offering themselves for admission to Church membership on a public profession of their faith.

In conclusion, we would like to urge upon our people the need of cultivating a deeper spirituality of mind and heart. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and out of the heart are the issues of life. The true prosperity of the Church rests primarily upon the individual members of it; and the power, the success, the usefulness of the individual rests fundamentally upon the life. Much as depends on prayer, more depends on work, and much as depends on prayer and work, more still depends on life. No other influence is so subtle or so powerful for good as a life that is hid with Christ in God.

ROBERT WILSON, *Chairman.*

GEORGE COULSON WORKMAN, *Secretary.*

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## XXVII.—DEACONESSES.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. The Deaconess Movement is no longer in the experimental stage. It has already more than justified the expectations of its promoters, and has shown itself by the unanswerable argument of large practical usefulness, providentially adapted to fill an important place in the work of the Church.

2. So far, the centre of Deaconess activity, and especially of Deaconess training, has been in the city of Toronto, and in connection with the Toronto Conference. Through the generosity of the executors of the estate of the late Hart A. Massey, Esq., and the liberal aid of friends of the movement in the city, a valuable property on Jarvis Street, Toronto, has been secured for a Deaconess' Home and Training School, which is now one of the best on the continent, and which affords ample facilities for the thorough and practical training, not only of Deaconesses, but of evangelists, home and foreign mission workers, Sunday School teachers, and any and all others of our own denomination, or any other, who may come seeking special instruction and preparation for Christian philanthropic work.

3. The Training School has a staff of instructors numbering thirty-one, including many of the most scholarly and distinguished ministers, teachers and specialists in the city, who give their services gratuitously, and with great enthusiasm and success, to the work of preparing the candidates for their self-denying calling.

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4. An Examination Board has been organized in connection with the Training School, and suitable regulations established, under which a course of study may be completed and acknowledged by a graduating diploma. Suitable candidates are admitted to all the educational advantages of the Institution without distinction of sex, and without payment of any fee, except the small sum of two dollars on entrance to cover incidental expenses. French students are boarded in the Home for three dollars per week.

5. As an evidence of the valuable work done, it may be noted that last year the Deaconesses made 2,070 canvass visits, 5,059 missionary calls, and 1,362 visits to the sick. They spent 2,598 hours visiting the sick, they gave away 2,119 half-worn garments and 371 new garments, and spent \$305 in relieving emergent cases of distress.

6. The Committee recommends that the following shall be the Course of Study for Deaconesses, to be completed in the first year :

- (1) Bible, *Old Testament*—
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  2. The Pentateuch.
  3. Poetical Books.
  4. Prophetic Books.
- (2) Bible, *New Testament*—
  1. Life of Christ.
  2. The Acts of the Apostles.
  3. The Epistles.
- (3) Bible Interpretation.
- (4) Church History.
- (5) Evidences of Christianity.
- (6) Christian Doctrines—
  1. Wesley's Sermons.
  2. Discipline and Catechism.
- (7) Early Christian Art.
- (8) Methods—
  1. In Field Work.
  2. In Industrial Work.
    - (a) Kitchen Garden.
    - (b) Cooking Garden.
    - (c) In Sewing.
  3. In Sunday School Work.
  4. In Evangelistic Work.
  5. In Kindergarten Work.
  6. In Conducting Meetings.
    - (a) Making Analysis.
    - (b) Preparing Bible Readings.
- (9) Elementary Medicine—
  1. Anatomy and Physiology.
  2. General Diseases.
  3. Hygiene.
  4. Emergency Obstetrics and Diseases of Women.
  5. Diseases of Children.
  6. Surgical Emergencies.
  7. Nursing.
  8. The Eye and the Teeth.

- (10) Lectures—  
 1. On Sociology or Applied Christianity.  
 2. On Temperance.  
 3. On Mission Fields.
- (11) Drill in Physical Culture.

The Board of Management may vary the Course of Study to meet the circumstances of individual students and the possibilities of the Training School when deemed advisable.

#### SECOND YEAR.

The second year's reading shall consist of the Life of St. Paul (Stalker), Makers of Methodism (Withrow), Women of Methodism (Stevens), History of Canada (Clement), New Era (Strong), Modern Cities and their Problems (Loomis), Socialism and Christianity (Behrends).

7. It is recommended that Sec. 5, Par. 126 (a), of the Discipline be amended by striking out the words, "No vow shall be exacted from them, neither shall life-long service or enforced residence be necessary," and inserting the words, "Nor vow of life-long service shall be exacted from them;" also by the elision of the paragraph referring to dress and the insertion of the words, "Deaconesses shall wear the distinctive dress registered by authority of the General Conference in the office of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa."

#### FORM OF SERVICE.

8. The following is recommended as a form of service for the setting apart of Deaconesses in the Methodist Church:

After an introductory service at the time appointed, the Chairman of the Deaconess Board, or some other Minister, shall present to the General Superintendent or President of Conference, having charge of the service, the person or persons to be set apart to Deaconess work, saying:

Mr. President—I present unto you *these persons*, to be set apart as Deaconesses in the Methodist Church.

The President—Have you reason to believe *them* to be fit and qualified by a godly life and by skill and training in womanly ministrations, to discharge the duties of a Deaconess?

Answer—*They have* given satisfactory evidence, during probation, by practical service and by the prosecution of the prescribed studies of meekness for this calling.

Then shall the President say to the congregation:

Dearly Beloved—In the record of the earthly life of our Divine Master we learn that He accepted and honored the service rendered Him by loving and devout women. In the apostolic age it was the practice of the Church to give employment to the activity of all believers. Notable among their activities was the employment of godly women of suitable gifts as deaconesses or servants of the Church. St. Paul, writing to the Philippians, says, "Help these women which labored with me in the Gospel." He also commends unto the Church at Rome Phœbe, a Deaconess of the Church, which was at Cenchrea. To this honored service *these persons* now come to be admitted. We have good confidence that they are apt and competent thereto, nevertheless, should there be any of

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you who know any reason for which it is inexpedient that *these persons*, or any of them, should be so set apart, let it now be declared.

If no impediment be alleged, the President shall read and the Candidate shall respond as follows :

President—The spirit of the Lord God is upon me ; because the Lord hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

Response—Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

President—Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger and took Thee in? or naked and clothed Thee? or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?

Response—And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

Then all kneeling, the President shall say :

President—Unto Thee lift we up our eyes.

Response—O Thou that dwellest in the heavens ;

President—As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters ;

Response—And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress ;

President—Even so our eyes wait upon Thee, O Lord ;

Response—Until Thou have mercy upon us.

President—Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who didst call Phœbe and other devout women to be the servants of Thy Church, enabling them to minister to Thine Apostles and to many others also, we thank Thee that Thou hast called *these, our sisters*, now being set apart to the office of Deaconess, to undertake the like ministration. We beseech Thee to look graciously upon *them* at this hour and bless *them* ; anoint *them* with the spirit of wisdom ; clothe *them* with the spirit of power, and enrich *them* with all spiritual gifts and graces. Let Thy work appear unto Thy *servants*, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon *them* ; and establish Thou the work of *their* hands upon *them* ; yea, the work of *their* hands establish Thou it. Look upon all Thy servants here present in compassion and love, and grant unto them the fulness of Thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The candidates shall then rise, and the President shall say :

Dear Sisters—We rejoice with you that in the providence of God an open door of usefulness has been found for you in the service of the Church of Christ. In our loving Master's wide vineyard there are manifold forms of labor, and to each disciple some fitting task is assigned. To you are accorded peculiar privileges and opportunities. Released from other cares, you give *yourselves*, without reservation, according to the will of God, to the service of the Lord and of His Church, wherever your lot may be cast. Like our blessed Master, you are to go about doing good, ministering, as He did, to the wants of a suffering, sorrowing and sin-laden world. You are to be *angels* of mercy to the poor, to visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wandering, comfort the afflicted, save the sinning, and ever be ready to take up any other

duty proper to your calling. Such a ministry confers upon you a great honor, and involves a solemn responsibility. We are persuaded that you have not entered upon it lightly. No doubt, in the sacred stillness of the sanctuary of the heart you have already consecrated *yourselves* to this office and work. What you have done alone with God you are now to do formally and publicly, as the Church sets you apart for her special service in co-operation with her pastors.

The President shall then ask :

Question—Do you believe that you have been led by the Spirit and Providence of God to engage in this work, and to assume the duties of this office ?

Answer—I do.

Question—Do you, in the presence of God and this congregation, promise faithfully to perform the duties of a Deaconess in the Church of God, so long as you remain in this calling ?

Answer—I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Question—Do you accept the Bible as God's Word, and will you take it as the guide of your life and the source and authority of your spiritual instruction ?

Answer—I so accept it and will so employ it.

Question—Will you strive to walk so close to your Saviour that you may ever carry His presence and benediction to the hearts and homes of those to whom you minister ?

Answer—I will endeavor so to do.

Question—Will you accept the direction of those whom the Church may set over you, in the prosecution of your work ?

Answer—I will cheerfully do so.

#### HYMN 923.

She loved her Saviour, and to Him  
Her costliest present brought ;  
To crown his head, or grace his name.  
No gift too rare she thought.

So let the Saviour be adored,  
And not the poor despised :  
Give to the hungry from your hoard,  
But all, give all to Christ.

Go, clothe the naked, lead the blind,  
Give to the weary rest ;  
For sorrow's children comfort find,  
And help for all distressed.

But give to Christ alone thy heart,  
Thy faith, thy love supreme ;  
Then for His sake thine alms impart,  
And so give all to Him.

All present shall kneel and join in silent prayer for the candidates.  
Then the President shall say :  
Almighty God, who hast given Thy *handmaidens* the will to do all these things, grant also unto *them* power to perform the same, so that all

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*their* works may be begun, continued and ended in Thee, and that *they* may glorify Thy holy name, and finally obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then all shall rise, and the President shall present each candidate with her license, saying: Take thou authority to discharge the duties of a Deaconess in the Methodist Church.

The President may then offer a few words of counsel, and close with the following invocation:

May the Holy Spirit of the Living God descend upon you and abide with you evermore. May His holy anointing impart unto you grace for every trial and gifts for every duty. May His presence be to you a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, all along the journey of life; and may the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

GEO. J. BOND, *Secretary.*

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## XXVIII—SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:

1. That having duly considered the Memorial from the Bay of Quinte Conference in regard to the matter of Christian Stewardship, praying that a Stewards' Guild be formed on every circuit and mission, we are of opinion that the time is not ripe for the addition of another society to the many organizations already in the Church, but would recommend that each circuit and mission be urged to take such steps as may be deemed advisable for the instruction and encouragement of the people on the subject of systematic and proportionate giving.

2. *Re* the notice of motion presented by Rev. J. H. Hazlewood and J. B. Grafton, Esq., and referred to us, asking for a deliverance on this question, we gladly recognize the importance of this subject, so long neglected by the Church, to the serious impairment of her efficiency and power.

We would call attention to the Bible teaching upon this question as contained in the report adopted by the last General Conference, which may be summed up as follows: The Old Testament clearly states that God asked of His people tithes and offerings. Inasmuch as this law received Christ's endorsement and was practised in the early Christian Church, it will furnish a valuable standard for the guidance of God's people in the discharge of the duties of Christian stewardship, while the law of love lifts the whole question from the basis of duty to the gospel platform of privilege, calling for still larger free-will offerings from those whom God has blessed with abundance.

While we gladly recognize the good done by our Woman's Missionary Society and the Forward Movement in Missions and the Tenth Legion in our Epworth Leagues, as well as the seed sown in sermon and Sabbath School lesson, producing a healthier condition of Church finances as well as increased spiritual life, and whilst we recognize the importance of developing the social element in our Church, we deprecate many of the commercial methods often resorted to for enlarging the funds of the Church. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If these words of the Master were only borne in mind, the Church would not be so handicapped in her plans, nor so meagre in her achievements. A "million dollar fund" will never again be a necessity, and God's hosts will go forth "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners," conquering the hosts of sin and winning greater victories for their glorious leader.

In view of the abounding privileges of this dispensation and the obligation of the Church to "disciple all nations," this Committee recommends that the Conference adopt the following resolutions, to be printed in the JOURNAL of Conference, and regarded not as legislative, but recommendatory, in their character:

(1) "That all our people be urged to give to the cause of God at the rate of at least one-tenth of their income, and that the use of all unscriptural methods of raising money for Church purposes be discountenanced as unworthy of a Christian people."

(2) That a special sermon be preached in every Church throughout the Connexion, at least once a year, on the subject of systematic and proportionate giving.

(3) That more literature on the subject be distributed by ministers and Quarterly Boards, and that the *Christian Guardian* and *Wesleyan* give a special number to the treatment of this important matter.

(4) That an annual meeting of each congregation throughout the Connexion, presided over by the minister in charge, be held at which literature treating of systematic giving may be distributed, and the subject in general, and the financial claims of that church in particular, may be discussed.

JOSEPH EDGE, *Chairman.*

J. H. HAZLEWOOD, *Secretary.*

## XXIX.—FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS.

### 1. REPORT OF REV. DR. DEWART.

*To the President and Members of the General Conference:*

In 1895 I visited the Conferences of the British Methodist Churches, to which I was appointed your fraternal delegate, viz., the Methodist New Connexion Conference in Halifax, the Primitive Methodist Conference in Edinburgh, Irish Methodist Conference in Belfast, the Wesleyan

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Methodist Conference in Plymouth, and the Bible Christian Conference in Barnstable. To each of these bodies I presented the fraternal greetings of our Canadian Methodist Church, and in every case I was received with brotherly courtesy and kindness. I was glad to note that in all Methodist circles the union of Methodism in Canada was referred to as an example worthy of imitation by British Methodists.

E. H. DEWART.

## 2. DR. LATHERN'S REPORT.

*To the General Superintendent and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church :*

DEAR BRETHREN,—By the London Conference, 1894, the onerous but honorable duty was devolved upon me of representing the Methodist Church of Canada as Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which met at Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1896.

That duty I endeavored to perform to the best of my ability.

From first reception by Bishop Andrews, and presentation to the great Conference, on the occasion of stating the affairs of Canadian Methodism, and through a fortnight of intermingling with venerable bishops and influential delegates, I was the recipient of many courtesies, which I felt assured the Methodist Episcopal Church desired to extend to our Canadian Methodism, and which, no doubt, will be fitly and fully reciprocated at your present Conference.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN LATHERN.

DARTMOUTH, N.S., Sept. 1st, 1896.

## 3. DR. GRIFFIN'S REPORT.

*To the General Superintendent and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church :*

In accordance with the request of the General Conference Special Committee, I visited the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South held in Baltimore, May, 1898, as representative of the Methodist Church in Canada. To my best ability I endeavored to fulfil the responsible office to which I had been appointed. The personal greetings were warm and generous, and in response to the presentation of our work showing the progress of our churches, organizations and institutions, the most enthusiastic assurances of their interest and sympathy were given.

Yours truly,

W. S. GRIFFIN.

#### 4. REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, assembled in the  
City of Toronto, September 1st, 1898 :*

The undersigned, who were appointed fraternal delegates on behalf of the Methodist Church to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, beg respectfully to report :

That on the 13th day of June last they visited the General Assembly held in the city of Montreal, and presented to that body the resolution of the General Conference, and also, in personal addresses, the greetings of the Methodist Church of Canada. They were received by that body in the most cordial manner, and, in addition to verbal expressions by the very Reverend the Moderator and other distinguished members of the Assembly, were presented with the accompanying resolution.

The resolution speaks for itself, but nothing could exceed the courtesy and cordiality with which the representatives of the Methodist Church were received, or the kindness of sentiment toward this body expressed on behalf of the elder and sister Church.

It was also intimated that a fraternal delegation would pay a return visit to this Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. BURWASH.

WILLIAM I. SHAW.

GENERAL CONFERENCE,  
TORONTO, Sept. 3rd, 1898.

At Montreal, and within Knox Church there, the 13th day of June, 1898, which day the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada being met and constituted, there was read a letter, signed by A. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, accrediting Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University, and Principal Shaw, of the Wesleyan Theological College, as fraternal delegates, to convey to the Assembly the assurance of the sincere regards of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Burwash and Dr. Shaw, being introduced, conveyed to the Assembly the hearty greetings of their Church.

It was thereupon moved by Dr. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. McMullen :

That the General Assembly expresses its high appreciation of the Christian courtesy of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, in sending their brotherly greetings through the distinguished brethren who have spoken to us.

The Assembly most cordially reciprocates these fraternal greetings, and desires the brethren to convey to their Conference the high esteem in which the Conference is held by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and an earnest prayer for the continued welfare and prosperity of the Methodist Church in this land.

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The motion was carried by a standing vote; and the Moderator, in fitting terms, tendered to Chancellor Burwash and Principal Shaw the sentiments of the Assembly, as expressed in the resolution just passed.

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by

ROBERT CAMPBELL,  
*Joint Clerk of the Assembly.*

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5. REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE  
BRITISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL GENERAL  
CONFERENCE.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Church :*

Under the order of the General Conference of 1894, I went to the British Methodist Episcopal Conference, now assembled in London, carrying the greetings of the Methodist Church.

I was accorded a royal welcome. A whole evening was set apart for the reception of your delegate, and two of their members were appointed to reply.

They expressed the deepest appreciation of your brotherly act in sending a delegate, and their most profound regard for you, as the highest court of our Church. They instructed me to say to you that they have made solid progress in the past four years, and are more than hopeful in regard to the future.

They have appointed their Bishop as a fraternal delegate to our Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. L. RUSSELL.

TORONTO, September 8th, 1898.

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6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

In addition to the several reports of a business nature which are recorded in the JOURNAL of the daily proceedings, the Committee reported as follows on a resolution referred to it :

Regarding the nomination of representatives to the British Wesleyan Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and sister denominations in our own country :

Your Committee, in view of the smallness of our numbers and the delicate and important character of the service proposed, does not concur in the mode of nomination recommended in the resolution of Rev. J. E. Lanceley.

A. B. CHAMBERS, *Secretary.*

## XXX.—ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on the Ecumenical Conference had before it, with other correspondence, a letter from Dr. Carroll, Secretary of the two commissions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, asking the Methodist Church to participate in the Ecumenical Conference to be held in London, England, in 1901.

It was resolved to recommend as follows :

1. That this General Conference expresses its entire approval of the proposed Ecumenical Council of 1901, and also its readiness heartily to co-operate in carrying it out upon the plan proposed.

2. That Dr. Carman be the Commissioner, with Dr. Shaw as alternate, representing the Methodist Church.

3. That the advisory of the preliminaries for the Ecumenical Conference be the General Conference Special Committee.

4. That said Committee, on learning the number of delegates allowed the Methodist Church, equitably allot the apportionment to the several Annual Conferences which, at the session of 1900, shall elect by ballot the delegates and alternates.

5. That in harmony with the action of the General Conference of eight years ago, and in view of the state of our General Conference Fund, we hereby record our judgment that all the delegates sent pay their own expenses.

WM. BRIGGS, *Chairman.*

E. N. BAKER, *Secretary.*

XXXI.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
CHURCH UNION.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows :

1. The section of the General Superintendent's address relating to Church union, also a memorial from the Hamilton Conference relating to union with the Evangelical Association, were under consideration, and your Committee would recommend that the General Conference, desiring to co-operate in the union of all Christian bodies, appoint a Committee to confer with and consider any proposals from the representatives of other Christian denominations, and report to the next General Conference.

The following names are suggested to constitute that Committee :

The General Superintendent.  
Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D.  
Rev. James Henderson, D.D.

Rev. Geo. Richardson.  
Thomas Hilliard, Esq.  
John George, Esq.

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2. Regarding the question of a Federal Court for Protestant Churches referred to in the section of the General Superintendent's address submitted, your Committee recommends the re-affirmation of the action of the General Conference of 1894, and that the following be named as the representatives of this General Conference in such Court, viz.:

The General Superintendent.

*Central Section.*—Revs. Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. T. G. Williams, Dr. W. C. Henderson, and Judge Deacon and A. Shaw, Esq.

*Eastern Section.*—Revs. S. F. Huestis, Dr. Borden, Dr. Hertz, Dr. Inch, Wesley Smith, Revs. C. H. Paisley, M.A., and R. W. Weddall, M.A.

*Western Section.*—Revs. James Woodsworth, J. F. Betts, Thomas Lawson, and J. A. M. Aikens, Q.C., and E. Odlum, M.A.

*Newfoundland Section.*—Revs. Dr. Milligan, J. Nurse and Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

3. Communications from the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Canada Congregational Missionary Society and the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec were submitted, and your Committee are of the opinion that these call for no action of the General Conference.

GEO. RICHARDSON. *Chairman.*

F. G. LETT, *Secretary.*

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## XXXII.—RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

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1. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference may stand adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

2. The roll of the members of the General Conference, as certified by the President and Secretary of the Constituent Conferences, shall be called immediately after the opening of the first session.

3. The following shall be the order of business: (1) Reading the minutes of preceding session. (2) Communications. (3) Memorials (4) Reports of Standing Committees. (5) Reports of Special Committees (6) Motions of which notice has been previously given. (7) Notices of motions. (8) Questions of which notice has been given. (9) Miscellaneous.

4. On the call for Reports of Committees, all reports that are ready shall be called in before action is taken on any one of them.

5. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate. When a member rises to a point of order, or the President calls any member to order, in either case the point of order shall be distinctly stated.

6. No member shall remain standing during debate, except the member addressing the President.

7. The President shall nominate all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

8. When a motion is moved and seconded, or a report is presented and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; nor shall any motion be withdrawn by the mover after being debated, without the consent of the Conference.

9. All motions shall be presented in writing by the proposer.

10. The following motions are not debatable:

- (a) For the previous question.
- (b) To lay on the table.
- (c) For indefinite adjournment.
- (d) For indefinite postponement.

11. No new motion shall be entertained until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which motions shall have the precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz.:

- (a) Adjournment.
- (b) Lay on the table.
- (c) Indefinite postponement.
- (d) Postponement to a given time.
- (e) Reference to a Committee.
- (f) Amendment.
- (g) Amendment to the amendment.

12. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and address the President, and shall proceed only when the President announces his name.

13. No person shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Conference, except the mover, who shall be entitled to a general reply.

14. No person shall speak more than ten minutes at one time without leave of the Conference, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

15. Any member who voted in the majority may move a reconsideration of a resolution. A motion to reconsider may be carried by a majority.\*

16. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

17. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference, or of individual members, and orders of the day, shall be considered questions of privilege.

18. The previous question being moved, the President shall put it at once by asking, "Shall the vote be now taken?" If the previous question is carried, all debate shall cease save the right of reply on the part of the mover of the original motion, and after the mover shall have replied the President shall proceed to take the vote on the several motions before the Conference.

19. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

20. No member who is not within the bar when any question is put

\* This may be done during the session in which it was passed; but if done at any other time a notice of motion for reconsideration must be given at the session immediately preceding that in which the vote for reconsideration is to be taken. A resolution may be reconsidered once only.

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by the President shall be allowed to vote on such question, except by leave of Conference, and it shall be compulsory upon all members of Conference in attendance at the time the question is submitted, to vote, unless excused by the Conference.

21. Before the President rises to put a motion to the Conference, he shall ask, "Is the Conference ready for the question?" No member shall speak after the President has risen to put the question; and all members present shall vote unless excused by the Conference.

22. No member shall be interrupted when speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President when he deems the speaker out of order, and any member may explain if he is misrepresented.

23. No business shall pass from individuals to the committees without reference through the Conference.

24. Any member may call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, provided he be sustained by twenty members. Any member may require that the number of votes for and against a resolution be announced.

25. When yeas and nays are ordered in relation to any motion, they shall be taken at that session of the Conference.

26. In the General Conference fifty members shall constitute a quorum.

27. The Secretary shall provide a bulletin, upon which announcements of meetings of committees and relating to other Conference business may be made.

28. Members presenting memorials, petitions and other papers for reference, shall prepare the paper by writing in a plain hand on the back of it the following items in the following order, viz.: (1) Subject to which it relates. (2) Name of the member presenting it, and the Conference to which he belongs, or the name of the body sending it, as the case may be. (3) Name of Committee to which the Conference refers it. Papers thus presented shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Conference, and by him sent to the Committee according to endorsement.

29. A motion consisting of two or more distinct propositions shall, if a call for its subdivision be sustained by two members of the Conference, be subdivided into two or more sections, and the vote shall be taken on each section separately.

30. In all cases in which an amendment of the Discipline is moved, the motion shall be so framed as to show the form in which the section or paragraph, as the case may be, will stand when amended.

31. Committees reporting changes in the Discipline shall so frame their reports as to show how the section or paragraph, as the case may be, will stand after the changes shall have been made.

32. When a motion is submitted, it may be amended, and an amendment to the amendment is also in order. In case the amendment to the amendment be rejected, it is in order to propose other amendments to the amendment, which shall be disposed of one by one. When these have been voted on, if one be adopted, the vote shall then be taken on the amendment thus amended, and if it be adopted the discussion may

proceed, and other amendments to the main motion as thus amended are then in order. When all amendments have been disposed of, the motion as then before the Conference shall be voted on.

33. When any Committee shall ascertain that a subject which has been referred to it has also been referred to another Committee, it shall promptly report the fact to the Conference, and the Conference shall decide which Committee shall have permanent charge of said subject.

34. In all cases for which these Rules of Order do not make provision, the proceedings of the Conference shall be conducted according to the Rules and Usages of the House of Commons of Canada.

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### XXXIII.—FRATERNAL ADDRESSES.

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#### 1. BIBLE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE, BARNSTAPLE, DEVON, ENGLAND—RECOGNITION OF DR. DEWART'S FRATERNAL VISIT.

This Conference desires to place on record the unfeigned pleasure which the visit of Dr. Dewart, as the representative of the Methodist Church of Canada, has afforded us; heartily reciprocates the kindly expressions of good-will of which he is the bearer; gratefully acknowledges the excellent service he has rendered us by his public services; greatly rejoices in the prosperity of the Methodist Church of Canada, markedly so since the union in 1883; and earnestly prays that through the abundant blessing of God its success in the future may greatly exceed that of the past.

JOHN THORNE, *President.*  
DANIEL MURLEY, *Secretary.*

August 6th, 1895.

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#### 2. THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, to be held at Toronto, September, 1898:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—This Conference of Primitive Methodists (representing 1,088 ministers, 10,418 class leaders, 61,000 Sunday School teachers, 465,000 scholars, 197,000 Church members, and 600,000 adherents, and holding church property to the value of £3,618,489) being informed of your Conference at Toronto, sends hearty Christian greeting.

We remember with much satisfaction the good feeling that prevailed between the Primitive Methodists and other branches of the Methodist family before organic union was accomplished, and that, since its accomplishment, that same good feeling has been maintained, and under the Divine blessing much prosperity has been vouchsafed to both you and us. It was not found practicable to send a fraternal deputation to

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your Conference personally and directly to address you, but we, none the less, heartily reciprocate the good wishes you have from time to time expressed, sometimes by mail and several times by distinguished deputies. We have pleasant memories of visits paid us by Dr. Potts, and later by Dr. Dewart, whose addresses made a great and gracious impression upon us all.

We are rejoiced to hear of your continued prosperity, material and spiritual. We learn from time to time of your success in the training of able ministers, who preach the Word with power, and give thanks to God for a faithful ministry faithfully trained.

We are also delighted at the influence exerted by the literature emanating from your Book concern, which cannot but have a good effect upon the social and moral condition of the Dominion, and are often refreshed by the intelligence conveyed to us in the pages of the *Christian Guardian*.

We most earnestly pray that by your ministry, your literature, and the exemplary lives of your people, you may be made a yet greater blessing.

You will be pleased to hear that as a denomination we are making gratifying progress in all departments of our work, both on home and foreign missions. Since your last General Conference, four years ago, our church membership has increased by 3,552, and the number of our scholars by 9,478. The value of our church property has increased by £122,142; and whilst we have increased our property we have reduced our debt by £27,838. During the same term (four years) we have started our Connexional Christian Endeavor Society, in which we have already 566 enrolled societies, with 15,651 active and 2,129 associate members.

In Temperance work the period has been marked by increased activity, and the number of total abstainers has increased by 63,753.

Our good relations with other Methodist churches continue, and although we have not seen our way to organic union in this country, it is not because of any unfriendly rivalry, much less antagonism. We are one in purpose and one in spirit, our aim being that of our common founder, who so happily phrased it, "To spread scriptural holiness through the land."

We are glad to know that your great Church is heartily engaged in this great work. We send you our hearty congratulations on your glorious past, and pray that you may have a still more glorious future.

On behalf and by order of the Primitive Methodist Conference, held at Leeds, June 17th, 1898.

I am yours in Christ Jesus,

22 Park View, Halifax, Eng.

THOMAS H. HUNT.

### 3. ADDRESS OF THE METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CONFERENCE.

*To the Ministers and Representatives of the Methodist Church in Canada assembled in the General Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN,—On behalf of the Annual Conference of the Methodist New Connexion held at Halifax, June, 1895, we gladly

acknowledge your official appointment and commendation of the Rev. Edward Hartley Dewart, D.D., and warmly return the cordial greetings with which he was intrusted. By his services, both in the pulpit and on the platform, your able and honored representative has earned a title to our grateful remembrance. His genial social qualities have impressed those who have had personal intercourse with him. We hope that in the good providence of God he may be long permitted to labor with conspicuous success in the cause of Methodism.

Our Conference listened with interest and satisfaction to the statement of your representative in relation to the progress and prospects of your work. We rejoice to hear that the fusion of the Methodist bodies, formerly unconnected, into one united Church has been followed by a large measure of prosperity, and that the combined and consolidated Methodism of Canada is gaining a broader and firmer hold upon the widespread population, and making efforts full of promise to fill the whole region from the Atlantic to the Pacific with the blessings of Christianity and civilization. Our prayer is that the Lord of the harvest may furnish an adequate supply of laborers for the vast fields of your enterprise, and that your missionary zeal may be upheld and encouraged by still increasing triumphs in all the provinces embraced in the Dominion.

We offer you our congratulations on the success of your exertions to diffuse wholesome Christian literature, and especially on the efficiency of your educational agencies and establishments. The report which was given of the state of Victoria University and of other institutions devoted to liberal intellectual culture was interesting and welcome in a high degree. In your ample provision for higher education, with its multiplied facilities for advancing the kingdom of light, we see at once a pledge and prophecy of an ever-brightening future for your Church.

We are glad to hear that you are striving together with heartiness and vigor for the removal of intemperance and other social hindrances to the spread of religion. The piety and benevolence of the Church should be sufficiently manifold in operation to reach and correct men's lesser and transient ills, as well as to remedy their great spiritual woes.

It was with special thankfulness we learned that in these times of theological unrest and fluctuation, tendencies to depart "from the faith" are not appearing among you, and that, not with blind unexamining assent, but with enlightened and sober conviction, the "faith once delivered to the saints" is held sacred and dear.

On both sides of the Atlantic Methodism is pursuing substantially the same work and receiving from the Divine Head of the Church like signs of favor and supplies for service. Confining attention to ourselves, it is cause for gratitude and humble joy that for a long succession of years we have been favored with numerical increase, that our churches and circuits are pervaded with peace, and bound together in happy fellowship, that our institutions are stable and prosperous, and that depending on wisdom from above we are aiming at further advancement.

Our denomination will soon complete the first century of its history. We have resolved to celebrate the centenary by special solemnities and by liberal thank-offerings, to be appropriated to local and Connexional interests and objects. The sum of £60,000 is the aim it is proposed to

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accomplish, and many who mark the liberality already displayed, munificent beyond all parallel in our annals, are sanguine that by 1897 a higher result will be realized. Under the judicious direction of the General Centenary Secretary, now our esteemed President, the religious aspect of the occasion is kept in view, and prayerful hope is indulged that abundance of grace will crown the whole movement, and that the centennial year will inaugurate an era in our history of signal energy and spiritual enlargement.

We cannot conclude our reply to your fraternal message without recalling your previous proof of your interest in us afforded by the deputational visit of the Rev. Dr. Potts, in 1892, to our Conference at Ashton. The eloquent and edifying addresses in which your thoughts toward us were then communicated, in common with the sermon and speeches of Rev. Dr. Dewart, are not to be forgotten. It will always give us pleasure to receive the expression of your brotherly kindness, and by reciprocation of the same to sustain and strengthen the ties which unite us in the Methodist division of "the household of faith."

Affectionately commending you, and all the members of your churches throughout the vast Dominion of Canada, to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified,

We remain, on behalf of the Methodist New Connexion,

Yours faithfully.

GEORGE PACKER, *President.*

WILLIAM T. BURNLEY, *Secretary.*

HUDDERSFIELD, December 20th, 1895.

#### 4. THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE OF 1898 TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

We duly received at the hands of the Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., your honored representative to our Conference of 1895, the Address of your last General Conference, and we gladly avail ourselves of the present opportunity of expressing our grateful appreciation and our very hearty reciprocation of your fraternal greetings.

We were cheered by the tidings which your delegate brought us of your unabated interest in our welfare, and of the strength and tenderness of the ties which bind the Methodism of the great Dominion of Canada to that of our own beloved land.

We rejoice to know that the work which the great Head of the Church has entrusted to you is still furnishing such unmistakable evidences of the presence and power of God amongst you, and that there is being given to you a goodly succession of faithful men, who have understanding of the times and know what Israel ought to do.

In the great success of your efforts in the department of higher

education, and in the progress and efficiency of your schools generally, we recognize a fact of great significance, and one full of promise for the future of your country. We congratulate you on the healthy growth and expansion of your literature. In this department you are also true to the cherished traditions of Methodism.

The Methodist Church has always taken a leading position in Foreign Mission work; you have not been slow to recognize this, and we are profoundly thankful that your efforts to reach those in the regions beyond have been so graciously furthered by God. We give unceasing thanks to Him for the blessing with which your labors have been crowned, and pray that in all your work you may have still more abundant success.

You will be glad to learn that during the four years which have elapsed since we last addressed you we have enjoyed a considerable measure of material and spiritual prosperity. For ten years, with one exception, we have been enabled to report an increase in our membership, and though our numbers must appear to you small comparatively, yet there is abundant reason for thankfulness, that amid a population which is being constantly thinned by emigration, we are still maintaining our numbers.

All our Connexional departments are in a state of great efficiency. Chief among these is our Home Mission organization, which covers a wide area and serves many important interests. In this department our Church has enjoyed for many years, the rare ability and ripe experience of the Rev. Dr. Wallace McMullen, who is known wherever Irish Methodism is known, and although he some time ago celebrated his ministerial jubilee, he is still happily spared to serve us without any lessening of that ability which has so long marked his administration of this most important department.

The Central Missions formed in Belfast, Dublin and Londonderry, to reach the non-church going classes, have fully warranted the large expenditure bestowed upon them. Belfast mission especially has been a means of blessing to multitudes. In that city a vast population is accessible, and at the last Conference a further extension of this form of Christian enterprise and effort was heartily sanctioned for the northern portion of the city. Not the least notable proof of the success of these Central Missions is found in the fact that they have been the means of provoking other sections of the Church of Christ to employ similar agencies to reach the lapsed masses in our large cities.

In the matter of education, our colleges in Dublin and Belfast still hold a premier place. The lists of prizes and honors won year by year by the students from these institutions at the intermediate and university examinations have not been surpassed by similar educational establishments in Ireland.

Although our sphere of service is limited our work is many-sided, we are, therefore, endeavoring to so adapt our methods and distribute our agencies that no part of our varied work may be overlooked or forgotten.

At the Conference of 1897, we founded the Central Ireland Mission, in order to bring the Gospel, by means of preaching in the open air, within the reach of our fellow-countrymen who would never enter our churches.

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During the past year our missionaries have been proclaiming to large numbers of persons, of all creeds and classes, in the fairs and markets, the glad evangel of the love of Christ, and the Lord has graciously confirmed the word with signs following.

We have had to lament during the past few years the removal of several of our brethren from the scene of their earthly ministry—men whose piety and labors were an inspiration to all. Amongst these honored brethren was the greatly beloved Dr. William Crook, whose influence as a preacher and writer has been felt, far beyond the bounds of his own land, for well nigh half a century.

To take the places of those thus called to higher service, God has been giving us a number of young men of promise, who have already given the strongest proofs of their divine vocation.

We have requested the Rev. Walford Green, who is well acquainted with our work, and highly esteemed amongst us, to be our representative. He needs no commendation to you at our hands, you will receive him in the Lord with all gladness, and he will assure you of our affectionate regard. And now, brethren, with confidence and joy, we commit you to the all-sufficient grace of God. May the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ ever rest upon you all, and may He comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work.

Signed, on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN O. PARK, *Secretary.*

BELFAST, June, 1898.

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5. THE ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE, 1898, TO  
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST  
CHURCH OF CANADA, 1898.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

We gladly embrace the opportunity afforded by the assembling of your General Conference to convey to you our fraternal greetings, and the expression of our affectionate interest in all that pertains to your welfare and progress. The lapse of time serves only to prove how deeply your Church is rooted in the national life, and how important the part it takes in the development of your institutions. We cannot review your history, as it has been so graphically described in the Centennial Memorial Volume, nor can we contemplate the strength and vigor which from small beginnings your Church has reached, without wonder and gratitude. Verily we may say, "What hath God wrought?" His guiding hand is seen in every stage of your advance, and, in spite of human error and frailty, and, sometimes, even using these for His own gracious purposes, the Great Head of the Church has brought you to a position of prominence and influence which we cannot doubt will make you, if faithful to the opportunity created, a mighty power for the salvation of your own country, and an instrument in His hands for hastening the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

Your phenomenal increase-of late years is doubtless due largely to the

union of the several branches of the Methodist family in one undivided Methodist Church, and to the advantage this has given you in undertaking new work in new communities. Your valuable universities and colleges, and the use you are making of these to secure a higher standard of ministerial efficiency, contribute very largely to your success; and also the wise adaptation of your economy to the conditions and needs of the times and of the places in which you labor. But high above all these human arrangements, and in them all, we recognize with unfeigned gratitude the evidence that the Lord God of our fathers is with you. There is no real and abiding success without that divine agency, which quickens into life souls that are dead in trespasses and sins, which leads to a conscious reconciliation with God, and to the new birth which is manifested in the Church and the fellowship of saints, and in the world by the strength and beauty of a holy life. We are convinced that the scepticism of the age must be met, not only by intelligent and forceful preaching of the Word, but by the testimony of Christian experience, and by those miracles of the dispensation of the Spirit, constantly repeated, yet ever new, by which God reveals himself in the work of His grace, and fulfils the promise of our Lord to His disciples that "greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto my Father."

Since we last addressed you the celebration of the sixtieth year of the reign of our beloved Queen has been the occasion of enthusiastic rejoicing in all parts of the British Empire. In the remarkable demonstration which took place in London last year we rejoiced greatly that the representatives of the Dominion of Canada were so conspicuous and distinguished. This event has served to illustrate not only the extent and power of the Empire, but the oneness of purpose and sentiment that possesses the great people that in different parts of the world are united under the same supreme authority. There are many evidences that English-speaking people and the subject races under their sway are drawing together more closely than ever. For this we cannot but be thankful, not that it may minister to national vanity, to the pride of empire, or the thirst of power, but because we believe it to be the mission of our race, in the purpose of the Supreme Ruler, to use power in order to secure to the world the blessings of peace, of free institutions, and above all of a pure, Bible-loving, Christian faith.

The position occupied by the Methodist Church, both in the Old Country and in Greater Britain, gives to us a special responsibility. It was not without significance that the great evangelical revival under Wesley took place at a time when new countries were first beginning to attract the older populations. The Methodist Church has in the past exerted a mighty influence for good in the formation of the colonial Empire, and, if faithful, will make itself felt everywhere in moulding and directing the future that is opening before us.

Of late years we have in this country encouraged our people to take a larger share in discharging the duties that devolve upon us as citizens. We cannot think it right to leave public offices in the hands of irreligious and superstitious men. Members of our Church are now rendering faithful service to God and to the State in the House of Commons, in county, city and town councils, in Boards of Education, and in the administration of the law.

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The Evangelical Free Churches in England have recently entered upon a closer fellowship in a movement which we are assured has no political purpose, nor necessary antagonism to any other section of the Church, but which is intended to exhibit the essential unity of those taking part in it to maintain the scriptural ideal of the Church, to promote united effort for the salvation of the people, and to present a combined front against the insidious attacks of Romanism, which in late years have been more dangerous inside the Established Church than out of it.

Our Conference just closing has been characterized by a special sense of the Divine presence. The devotional exercises have received more than usual attention, and have been seasons of great blessing. Peace prevails through all our borders. We are again able to report a considerable increase in our membership. This, however, owing to our methods of computing church membership, is an incomplete indication of the progress we are making.

About forty additional ministers have been called out by this Conference to meet the expansion of our work at home, whilst the revived interest in Foreign Missions has justified us in sending out sixteen additional missionaries.

In chapel building we have had a record year. The outlay on new schemes sanctioned during the year exceeds £400,000. This includes several costly projects for the erection of large halls in the great centres of population designed especially for the working classes. Our missions in the large towns have been eminently successful, whilst some old chapels in the midst of poor populations, that were at one time a difficulty, and almost a despair, have been so adapted to the new conditions that they are crowded with the very people we most desire to reach.

Our trust property was never in easier financial circumstances. We have expended nine millions sterling on new undertakings during the last thirty-five years, and yet the total debt on our entire property does not exceed one year's income from the same. Our chapel fund for loans without interest has assisted in the extinction of a large amount of debt, the money previously paid in interest having been made available for the payment of debt. From this fund a sum of nearly £500,000 has been lent or relented to trustees of chapels, who have repaid the same in equal half-yearly instalments with perfect regularity.

We have resolved to celebrate the advent of the twentieth century by raising a fund of one million guineas to be applied in the erection of new chapels, halls and schools in the promotion of education, in aid of Home and Foreign Missions, and in the erection of a memorial building or church house in the west end of the metropolis. The special feature of this effort is that we are to aim at raising one million guineas by the gifts of one million Methodists. By this means we hope, whilst receiving the large contributions of wealthy friends, to secure the co-operation of all our people, even the poorest. The resolutions on this subject have been arrived at with perfect unanimity, and we trust that the financial result will not be the most important benefit, but that the spirit of prayer and consecration, associated with the effort, may be followed by an increase of spiritual power.

We were gratified to welcome again your honored representative, the Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., whose pulpit ministrations and lucid and able exposition of your aims and work were highly appreciated.

This address will be conveyed to you by our representative, the Rev. Walford Green, one of our ex-Presidents. We commend him to your affectionate regard as a brother greatly beloved, who has long held a front rank position in our ministry, and in the councils of our Church.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

MARSHALL HARTLEY, *Secretary.*

HULL, August 1st, 1898.

#### ADDRESS TO THE EARL OF MINTO, GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Gilbert John Elliot-Murray-Kynynmond, Earl of Minto, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, etc., etc., etc. :*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the ministers and laymen constituting the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in quadrennial session assembled in the city of Toronto, representing 2,031 ministers, 280,537 members, and 1,000,000 adherents of the Church, in their name and on their behalf, as well as our own, approach your Excellency with assurances of our profound gratification that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has laid upon one so honored and worthy the high duties and responsibilities of representative of Her Majesty in the government of this Dominion.

We desire to assure your Excellency of our devoted loyalty to the aged and revered Sovereign of the Empire, and of our enthusiastic attachment to Her Majesty's crown and person. We rejoice in the fact of our British connection, and in the confidence that the links which now unite our young Dominion to the Mother Country shall be brightened and strengthened by the powerful influence of the Viceregal office during your Excellency's administration.

We beg to express also our great satisfaction and entire sympathy with sentiments already made public by your Excellency respecting the maintenance and promotion of the most cordial relations between our own land and neighboring countries.

We gratefully avail ourselves of the opportunity to assure your Excellency that the aim of the Methodist Church is still, as it has always been, to further the ends of good government by teaching and enforcing that righteousness which exalteth a nation, by endeavoring to promote reverence for the Divine name, obedience to the Divine law, the religious

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observance of the holy Sabbath, the diffusion of sound Christian education among all classes of the people, and by the inculcation, by both precept and example, of such sentiments concerning loyalty, sobriety, honesty and industry as shall contribute to a true, happy and useful citizenship; and we gladly tender to your Excellency, on assuming the burdens of government, sincere pledges of cordial and faithful support from the Methodist people throughout the Dominion in all measures designed to advance the moral and material welfare of our favored land.

We beg leave to convey to the Countess of Minto expressions of our highest esteem and of our unfeigned solicitude that her residence in this country may be memorable for uninterrupted happiness and satisfaction.

In your Excellency's high rank, character, abilities and experience we see ground for strong confidence that the government of this part of Her Majesty's dominions shall be wisely and impartially administered; and we shall devoutly pray the Most High God that the life and health of your Excellency and noble family may be graciously preserved, and that all your Excellency's official relations to our Dominion may be alike gratifying to your Excellency and to a happy and prosperous people.

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference.

A. CARMAN, D.D., *General Superintendent.*

J. S. ROSS, D.D., *Secretary.*

TORONTO, Sept. 21st, 1898.

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