

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
THIRD  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA,

HELD

In the CENTENARY CHURCH, Hamilton, Ont., A.D. 1882.



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LIST OF DELEGATES  
TO THE  
THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE  
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TORONTO CONFERENCE DELEGATION.

(64 MEMBERS.)

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MINISTERS.

Addison, Peter, Richmond Hill.  
Bredin, John, Brighton.  
Briggs, William, Toronto.  
Burwash, N., S.T.D., Cobourg.  
Clarke, John S., Lindsay.  
Clement, E., Trenton.  
Cochran, George, D.D., Yorkville.  
Creighton, Kennedy, Rama.  
Dewart, E. H., D.D., Toronto.  
Fish, Charles, Bracebridge.

LAYMEN.

Beatty, Wm., LL.B., Parry Sound.  
Bowes, George S., Markdale.  
Brenton, F., Thurlow.  
Dean, Judge, Lindsay.  
Edwards, J., Barrie.  
Eyers, William, Cannington.  
Frost, A., Owen Sound.  
Ferguson, Alexander, Millbrook.  
Glover, William, Invermay.

MINISTERS.

German, John F., M.A., Picton.  
Harper, Ephraim B., D.D., Barrie.  
Hunt, John, Streetsville.  
Hunter, W. J., D.D., Toronto.  
Hunter, S. J., Toronto.  
  
Jeffers, W., D.D., Belleville.  
Jeffery, T. W., Port Hope.  
  
Laird, William H., Toronto.  
Laird, John G., Collingwood.  
Learoyd, John, Oshawa.  
  
McCallum, J. W., Weston.  
Matthews, H. S., Millbrook.  
  
Nelles, S. S., D.D., LL.D., Co-  
bourg.  
  
Rice, Samuel D. D.D., Winnipeg.  
Shaw, John, Peterboro'.  
Starr, J. H., Whitby.  
Sutherland, Alex., D.D., Toronto.  
  
Tindall, William, Paisley.  
  
Willoughby, N. R., M.A., Bramp-  
ton.  
Withrow, W. H., D.D., Toronto.  
Woodsworth, James, Portage La  
Prairie.  
  
Young, George, D.D., Brantford.

LAYMEN.

Higginbotham, John, Bowman-  
ville.  
Hill, William, Bond Head.  
Holtby, Thomas, Brampton.  
Hunt, Alfred, Bracebridge.  
  
Kennedy, Warring, Toronto.  
  
Larke, John S., Oshawa.  
Lelean, Samuel, Port Hope.  
  
Macdonald, John, Toronto.  
Moore, J. T., Yorkville.  
Morrow, William A., Peterboro'.  
  
Ogden, Dr. W. W., Toronto.  
  
Pearson, J. J., Newmarket.  
Perdue, H. H., Eden Grove.  
Pforte, William J., Picton.  
  
Richardson, R., Belleville.  
  
Sifton, Hon. John W., Brandon,  
Man.  
Stafford, William G., Redner-  
ville.  
  
Tuttle, James, Bridgenorth.  
  
Washington, Stephen, Selina.  
Watson, William, Weston.  
Webb, George W., Colborne.  
Wells, A. C., British Columbia.  
Willmott, Thomas H., Lisle.

LONDON CONFERENCE DELEGATION.

(58 MEMBERS.)

Brethour, D. L., Milton.  
Brock, Thomas, Mount Forest.  
Burns, Alexander, D.D., LL.D.,  
Hamilton.  
Adams, Joshua, Sarnia.  
Baird, John, St. Thomas.  
Beatty, James H., Thorold.

## MINISTERS.

Campbell, Thomas W., Sarnia.  
 Carson, W. W., Hamilton.  
 Cornish, George H., Wingham.

Fowler, Robert, M.D., London.

Gaetz, Leonard, London.  
 Graham, James, Dundas.  
 Gray, James, Port Stanley.  
 Griffin, W. S., Guelph.  
 Gundy, Joseph R., Exeter.

Hannon, James, St. Mary's.  
 Henderson, W. C., M.A., Strathroy.

Langford, Alexander, Hamilton.

Maxwell, J. W., Brantford.  
 McDonagh, William, Clinton.

Parker, W. R., M.A., Chatham.  
 Philp, John, M.A., Hamilton.

Robinson, Joseph H., London.  
 Ross, W. W., Ingersoll.  
 Russ, A. E., M.A., Simcoe.  
 Ryckman, E. B., D.D., Paris.

Savage, David, London.  
 Sanderson, G. R., D.D., London.  
 Sutherland, D. G., B.D., St. Thomas.

Wakefield, John, Goderich.  
 Williams, John A., D.D., St. Catharines.  
 Williams, William, Woodstock.

## LAYMEN.

Bowman, William, London.  
 Bowman, E., St. Jacobs.

Carson, J. E., Listowel.  
 Cadman, A. J., Northwood.  
 Carscallen, J. N., Dresden.

Eastman, C. M., Arkona.

Fairfield, B. C., St. Catharines.  
 Fisher, A. S., Clinton.

Garbutt, Thomas, Drayton.  
 Gray, William, Seaforth.

Hunt, Samuel, Lambeth.  
 Horde, Isaac, Mitchell.

Jones, Judge, Brantford.

Keagey, William H., Dundas.  
 Kilborn, Jared, Plattsville.

Lane, J. B., Dorchester Station.  
 Lister, Joseph, Hamilton.

Mills, James, M.A., Guelph.

Pollock, Samuel, Goderich.

Risden, William, Fingal.

Sanford, W. E., Hamilton.  
 Smith, A. W., Simcoe.  
 Smith, M. S., Tilsonburg.  
 Smith, Daniel, M.D., Drayton.  
 Sturgeon, George, Kincardine.

Walker, A. B., Waterford.  
 White, Stephen, Chatham.

*MONTREAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION.*

**(38 MEMBERS.)**

MINISTERS.

Beaudry, L. N., Montreal.  
Bland, H. F., Pembroke.  
Bond, S., Gananoque.  
  
Campbell, Alex., Sherbrooke.  
Chambers, A. B., LL.B., Quebec.  
  
Douglas, George, LL.D., Montreal.  
  
Elliott, James, D.D., Kingston.  
  
Galbraith, W., LL.B., Montreal.  
  
Hansford, W., Ottawa.  
Hooker, LeRoy, Ottawa.  
  
Lucas, D. V., M.A., Montreal.  
  
McRitchie, G., Almonte.  
  
Pearson, M. L., Napanee.  
Pitcher, J. T., Stanstead.  
Potts, John D.D., Montreal.  
  
Scott, William, Ottawa.  
Shaw, W. I., LL.B., Montreal.  
Stafford, E. A., B.A., Montreal.  
  
Williams, T. G., Brockville.  
Whiting, R., Waterloo, P.Q.

LAYMEN.

Bissell, James, Algonquin.  
Broder, Andrew, M.P.P., West  
Winchester.  
Bryant, G. G., Sherbrooke.  
  
Caton, Miles, Newburg.  
  
Dalglish, W. W., Huntingdon.  
  
England, Israel, Knowlton.  
Elliott, Thomas, Arnprior.  
  
Ferrier, Hon. J., Montreal.  
  
Hall, W. F., Napanee.  
  
Kerr, G., Perth.  
  
Lambly, W. H., Inverness.  
Lavell, Dr., Kingston.  
Langrell, Thomas, Ottawa.  
  
McLaren, W. J., Huntingdon.  
Mitchell, S. E., Pembroke.  
Morton, Charles, Montreal.  
  
Patrick, Sheriff, Brockville.  
  
Ryder H. M., Fitch Bay.  
  
Shaver, Reuben, South Mountain.

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**NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE DELEGATION.**

**(20 MEMBERS.)**

MINISTERS.

Brown, William C., Pictou.  
Cassidy, John, Oxford.  
Coffin, Joseph S., Horton.  
Hertz, W. H., Yarmouth.  
Huestis, S. F., Halifax.  
Jost, Cranswick, A.M., Liverpool.  
Lathern, John, Windsor.  
McMurray, John, D.D., Windsor.  
Rogers, Jabez A., Yarmouth.  
Smith, T. W., Halifax.

LAYMEN.

Allison, D., LL.D., Halifax.  
Black, R. D., River Philip.  
Burrill, Joseph, Yarmouth.  
Caldwell, J. W., Wolfville.  
Ferguson, W. A., Guysboro'.  
Foster, John, Aylesford.  
Freeman, J. N., Liverpool.  
Marshall, Alpheus, Hillsburgh.  
Narraway, H. R., Pictou.  
Smith, J. W., Halifax.

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

**(18 MEMBERS.)**

Chapman, Douglas, Chatham.  
Currie, D. D., Saint John.  
Cowperthwaite, H. P., M. A.,  
Cornwall, P.E.I.  
Duncan, Robert, St. Stephen.  
Evans, Edwin, Marysville.  
Marshall, Thomas, Point de Bute.  
Phinney, J. S., Sackville.  
Pope, H., D.D., Saint John.  
Teed, S. T., Tryon, P.E.I.

Barnes, George H., Hampton.  
Heard, William, Charlottetown.  
Inch, J. R., LL.D., Sackville,  
Palmer, John, Gagetown.  
Strong, William, Summerside.  
Thorne, Henry, Saint John.  
Trueman, Martin, Point de Bute.  
Veazy, John, St. Stephen.  
Weddall, John J., Fredericton.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE DELEGATION.**

**(8 MEMBERS.)**

MINISTERS.

Boyd, George, Harbour Grace.  
Milligan, G. S., LL. D., St. John's.  
Peach, John S., Carbonear.  
Percival, W. W., St. John's.

LAYMEN.

Ayre, Hon. C. R., St. John's.  
Bemister, J., Harbour Grace.  
Reader, George, Bonavista.  
Rogerson, Hon. J. J., St. John's.



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THE REV. SAMUEL DWIGHT RICE, D.D., *President of the Conference.*  
THE REV. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, D.D., *Vice-President.*  
THE REV. ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, D.D., *Secretary.*  
THE REV. E. B. RYCKMAN, D.D.,  
JAMES R. INCH, LL.D.,  
THE REV. GEORGE COCHRAN, D.D.,  
THE REV. GEORGE H. CORNISH,  
THE REV. JOHN BREDIN, *Journal Secretary.*

} *Assistant Secretaries.*

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *September 6th, 1882.*

THE THIRD QUADRENNIAL MEETING of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada began in the Centenary Methodist Church, Hamilton, at nine o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, September 6th, 1882.

The President, REV. GEORGE DOUGLAS, LL.D., took the chair. The REV. DR. SUTHERLAND read the 103rd Psalm. The REV. DR. RICE gave out the 753rd Hymn, commencing, "And are we yet alive." The REVS. G. R. SANDERSON, D.D., and JOHN McMURRAY, D.D., led in prayer.

The SECRETARY read the names of the Representatives elected by the Annual Conferences and District Meetings to compose this General Conference, and one hundred and fifty delegates, ninety-one ministers, and fifty-nine laymen, answered to their names.

A conversation took place in reference to the change of the place of meeting of the General Conference from Kingston to Hamilton; but no action was taken.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for President, and the REV. SAMUEL DWIGHT RICE, D.D., was chosen.

On being welcomed to the chair by the retiring President, the President-Elect responded in suitable terms, and then requested the Conference to elect a Secretary.

The ballot for Secretary was next proceeded with, and the REV. A. SUTHERLAND, D.D., was chosen.

A ballot was then taken for Vice-President, and the REV. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, D.D., was elected.

The President pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *September 6th.*

The Conference met at half-past two o'clock, the President in the Chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

On nomination of the Secretary, the REV. E. B. RYCKMAN, D.D., was appointed Assistant Secretary.

It was moved by Judge Jones, seconded by Mr. Joshua Adams, and

*Resolved,*—That this General Conference confirms the action of the General Conference Special Committee in

changing the place of meeting of this present General Conference from the City of Kingston to the City of Hamilton.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the the Rev. Dr. Burwash, and

*Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed to nominate all Standing Committees, such Committee to consist of one minister and one layman from each Conference delegation.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, seconded by Mr. Sheriff Patrick, and

*Resolved*,—That the Conference shall meet at nine o'clock a.m., and adjourn at twelve o'clock noon ; but may change the time of meeting and adjournment at its discretion.

Moved by Mr. Joseph Lister, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Williams, and

*Resolved*,—That, until amended, the Rules of Order adopted by the last General Conference be adopted by this Conference.

Moved by Mr. John Macdonald, seconded by Mr. G. W. Webb,—

That the Order of Business of the day, together with the record of the preceding day's business, be printed and placed in the hands of each member of Conference each morning.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. D. G. Sutherland, B.D., seconded by Mr. Warring Kennedy, —

That the question of publishing the proceedings of the Conference day by day be referred to a small committee to be appointed by the Committee on Nominations.

The original motion prevailed.

At five minutes to four o'clock, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Milligan, the Conference adjourned for half an hour to allow the Annual Conference delegations to elect their representatives on the Committee on Nominations.

At twenty-five minutes past four o'clock the Conference resumed; the President in the chair.

The Presidents of the respective Annual Conferences made the following reports of members elected on the Committee on Nominations:

*Toronto Conference.*—Rev. John G. Laird, John Macdonald, Esq.

*London Conference.*—Rev. A. Langford, Judge Jones.

*Montreal Conference.*—Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A., W. H. Lambly, Esq.

*Nova Scotia Conference.*—Rev. S. F. Huestis, D. Allison, LL.D.

*New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.*—Rev. Robert Duncan, James R. Inch, LL.D.

*Newfoundland Conference.*—Rev. Dr. Milligan, Hon. J.J. Rogerson.

Moved by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A., seconded by the Rev. Prof. Shaw,—

That the matter relating to the contested seat in this Conference as lay representative from the Kingston District be referred to a Committee on Credentials, to be nominated as soon as possible by the Committee on Nominations, with instructions to hear the case and report at the earliest opportunity.—*Carried.*

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson moved,—

That the Committee on Nominations proceed to nominate a Committee on each of the following subjects:

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| 1. Missions.             | 9. Memorials.                |
| 2. Education.            | 10. Sabbath Schools.         |
| 3. Publishing Interests. | 11. State of the Church.     |
| 4. Itinerancy.           | 12. Temperance.              |
| 5. Discipline.           | 13. Course of Study.         |
| 6. Superannuation Fund.  | 14. General Conference Fund. |
| 7. Contingent Fund.      | 15. Boundaries.              |
| 8. Children's Fund.      | 16. Statistics.              |

—*Carried.*

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland gave notice of motion as follows :

That all Reports of the Committee on Discipline, proposing changes, be printed and placed in the hands of the members of this Conference, before the recommendations of such Reports are voted upon.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a Committee on Methodist Union.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Wm. Beatty, LL.B., and

*Resolved*,—That a Committee on Public Services and Fraternal Delegations, consisting of the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, and Revs. A. Langford, W. W. Carson, and John Philp, be appointed to arrange the order of Public Services, fill Vacancies, and report to the General Conference.

Moved by the Rev. J. Graham, seconded by the Rev. A. Langford,—

That a majority of this Conference be a quorum for the transaction of business.—*Lost*.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson gave notice of motion as follows :—

That the term “ Wesleyan,” mutually surrendered by the Churches entering into the Union of 1874, be restored, so that henceforth, instead of being “ The Methodist Church of Canada,” our legal title shall be “ The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada.”

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Fowler, and

*Resolved*,—That the lines between the Conferences, in the Conference Room, be abolished, and that the Conference sit as a homogeneous body.

The Conference adjourned at twenty minutes to six o'clock, the President pronouncing the Benediction.



The Secretary of the Committee on Nominations presented Report No. 1, as follows:—

The Committee reports its organization by the appointment of the Rev. A. Langford as Chairman, and David Allison, LL.D., as Secretary, and the following nominations:

#### I. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

(6 Members.)

Rev. John Shaw.	Judge Jones.
“ E. A. Stafford, B.A.	Sheriff Patrick.
“ W. Galbraith, LL.B.	W. H. Lambly.

To the Report of the Committee, it was moved in amendment by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Warring Kennedy,—

That the Report be recommitted, with instructions to nominate, as members of the Committee on Credentials, two persons from each of the Annual Conferences.

The amendment was carried.

#### II. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

(31 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Sutherland.	John Macdonald.
“ Dr. Young.	Warring Kennedy.
“ John Shaw.	Hon. J. W. Sifton.
“ N. R. Willoughby, M.A.	Judge Jones.
“ James Gray.	James H. Beatty.
“ John Wakefield.	W. E. Sanford.
“ W. R. Parker, M.A.	Hon. Senator Ferrier.
“ Dr. Douglas.	W. F. Hall.
“ W. Hansford.	W. H. Lambly.
“ H. F. Bland.	J. Wesley Smith.
“ S. F. Huestis.	J. N. Freeman.
“ W. H. Heartz.	Hon. W. G. Strong.
“ R. Duncan.	J. J. Weddall.
“ E. Evans.	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.
“ J. S. Peach.	“ C. R. Ayre.
“ Geo. Boyd.	

## III. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*(25 Members.)*

Rev. Dr. Nelles.	Rev. D. D. Currie.
“ Dr. Burwash.	“ Dr. Milligan.
“ Dr. Jeffers.	Wm. Beatty, LL.B.
“ Dr. Harper.	Judge Dean.
“ Dr. Burns.	James Mills, M.A.
“ Dr. Ryckman.	Joshua Adams.
“ Wm. Williams.	David Allison, LL.D.
“ Dr. Douglas.	H. R. Narraway.
“ Prof. Shaw.	H. M. Ryder.
“ W. C. Brown.	Andrew Broder, M.P.P.
“ John Lathern.	James R. Inch, LL.D.
“ J. T. Pitcher.	Wm. Heard.
“ Dr. Pope.	

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Burwash, the names of the Rev. Dr. Rice and W. E. Sanford, were recommended for addition to the Committee on Education.

## IV. COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

*(26 Members.)*

Rev. Dr. Dewart.	Rev. D. Chapman
“ Wm. Briggs.	“ Dr. Milligan.
“ Dr. Withrow.	“ W. W. Percival.
“ Dr. Hunter.	Alfred Frost.
“ W. S. Griffin.	G. W. Webb.
“ Dr. Fowler.	Joseph Lister.
“ W. C. Henderson, M.A.	A. S. Fisher.
“ G. McRitchie.	Sheriff Patrick.
“ Dr. Potts.	W. J. McLaren.
“ Alex. Campbell.	J. W. Caldwell.
“ W. H. Smith.	J. W. Smith.
“ S. F. Huestis.	M. Trueman.
“ J. S. Phinney.	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.



## V. COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.

*(22 Members.)*

Rev. K. Creighton.	Rev. Geo. Boyd.
“ J. Learoyd.	“ H. P. Cowperthwaite, M. A.
“ S. J. Hunter.	James Edwards.
“ L. Gaetz.	S. Lelean.
“ J. Philp, M. A.	Wm. Bowman.
“ J. H. Robinson.	Jared Kilborn.
“ E. A. Stafford, B. A.	Thomas Langrell.
“ T. G. Williams.	C. W. Jenkins.
“ J. A. Rogers.	John Foster.
“ Joseph S. Coffin.	George H. Barnes.
“ S. T. Teed.	George Reader.

## VI. COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

*(24 Members.)*

Rev. Dr. Dewart.	Rev. R. Duncan.
“ J. G. Laird.	“ T. Marshall.
“ J. S. Clarke.	“ W. W. Percival.
“ Wm. Tindall.	S. Washington.
“ Dr. Williams.	Dr. Ogden.
“ Dr. Sanderson.	Judge Jones.
“ James Gray.	A. B. Walker.
“ D. G. Sutherland, B. D.	M. Carter.
“ Dr. Elliott.	James Bissell.
“ S. Bond.	Joseph Burrill.
“ Dr. McMurray.	James R. Inch, LL. D.
“ J. Cassidy.	Hon. C. R. Ayre.

## VII. COMMITTEE ON THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

*(16 Members.)*

Rev. John Bredin.	Rev. J. T. Pitcher.
“ W. H. Laird.	“ R. Whiting.
“ H. S. Matthews.	Thomas Holtby.
“ J. H. Starr.	William Eyers.
“ Dr. Sanderson.	M. S. Smith.
“ W. S. Griffin.	John Baird.
“ A. Langford.	R. Shaver.
“ T. M. Campbell.	T. Elliott.

## VIII. COMMITTEE ON METHODIST UNION.

(26 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Sutherland.	Rev. James Graham.
“ Wm. Williams.	“ W. S. Griffin.
“ E. A. Stafford, B.A.	“ C. Jost, M.A.
“ W. C. Brown.	Judge Jones.
“ J. S. Phinney.	Joseph Lister.
“ J. S. Peach.	John Higginbotham.
“ Dr. Ryckman.	David Allison, LL.D.
“ N. R. Willoughby, M.A.	James R. Inch, LL.D.
“ Dr. Jeffers.	Wm. Glover.
“ Dr. Elliott.	John McDougall.
“ Dr. Cochran.	Hon. Senator Ferrier.
“ Dr. Young.	Hon. J. W. Sifton.
“ Dr. Pope.	W. H. Lambly.

## IX. COMMITTEE ON THE CONTINGENT FUND.

(19 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Hunter.	Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B.
“ E. Clement.	“ E. Evans.
“ J. F. German, M.A.	J. J. Pearson.
“ James Gray.	T. H. Willmott.
“ A. E. Russ, M.A.	S. White.
“ J. R. Gundy.	D. Smith, M.D.
“ J. S. Peach.	Israel England.
“ Geo. Boyd.	A. Marshall.
“ W. H. Heartz.	John Palmer.
“ W. Galbraith, LL.B.	

It was moved by the Rev. T. G. Williams, and seconded by Sheriff Patrick,—

That the Committee on Nominations be requested to add the name of the Rev. W. Hansford to the Committee on Methodist Union.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. Thomas Brock, seconded by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A.,—

That the Committee on Nominations be recommended to add the name of the Rev. Dr. Williams to the Committee on Methodist Union.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nelles,—

That the Report of the Committee on Nominations be recommitted for the purpose of adding the name of the Rev. James Gray to the Committee on Methodist Union.—  
*Carried.*

The Rev. Stephen Bond gave notice of motion as follows:

*Whereas* some of the Annual Conferences have by resolution declared, since last General Conference, that a majority of the Annual Conferences have by the law of the Discipline the power and right vested in them to determine what Acts of the General Conference do affect their rights and privileges as referred to by Articles 96 and 108 of the Discipline,

*And whereas* Articles 96 and 108 provide for the enacting of measures by the General Conference that do affect Annual Conference rights and privileges and requiring them to be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote whereby they are in force, unless they should be disapproved by a majority of the next ensuing Annual Conferences.

*And whereas* this claim of Annual Conferences to the possession of the legal power to determine what acts of the General Conference do affect their rights and their privileges, even contrary to the judgment of the General Conference in the case, and to the extent of deciding by what majority the General Conference shall adopt its measures, would render the General Conference incompetent to proceed with its business by reason of inability to know by what majorities it would be necessary to enact its measures,

*And whereas* it is desirable to set at rest as early as possible in the sessions of this General Conference this question of jurisdiction, so that it may know its rights and powers, and have a uniform procedure in all such cases,

*Be it therefore Resolved*, 1.—That this General Conference holds itself obligated by the Discipline of the Church and the terms of the Union in 1874 to respect the Annual Con-

ference rights and privileges as therein provided, so that it will enact all such measures by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting thereon.

2. That in the judgment of this General Conference the power and the authority to determine what Acts of the General Conference do affect the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences and require a two-thirds majority vote are, by paragraphs 96 and 108, by the nature of the composition and functions of the General Conference, and by common equity, given to the General Conference.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, and—

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on nomination of the President, to revise the Rules of Order, and report to the Conference.

The President nominated the following:—

Rev. Dr. Sanderson.	Judge Dean.
“ Dr. Dewart.	John Macdonald.
	Sheriff Patrick.

The Conference confirmed the nomination.

The President called for Memorials from Annual Conferences, but none were presented.

The Rev. Dr. Williams, Secretary of the General Conference Special Committee and Court of Appeal, read the Report of its transactions during the past quadrennium, as follows:—

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Conference Special Committee begs leave to present to the General Conference the following report of its proceedings during the quadrennium now closing.

The Committee met in Dominion Square Methodist Church, Montreal, on Thursday, April 29th, 1880, at 10 o'clock a.m. After devotional exercises and organization

the Committee resolved itself into a Court of Appeal as provided by Discipline.

The following appeals were presented:

1. An appeal against the ruling of the President of the *London Conference* on the question, "With whom rests the right of determining the number of stewards of a circuit—whether three or any number to seven." The President of the Conference having ruled that the right of determining the number of stewards of a circuit, above three, was vested in the superintendent of the circuit, the Rev. Dr. Williams, appealed from the ruling and gave notice of the appeal to this Court.

After hearing the case, the Court decided that the right of determining the number of stewards of a circuit, above three, or any number to seven, is with the Quarterly Official Meeting.

2. An Appeal was presented by the Rev. S. Bond against the action of the Montreal Conference.

At the Conference held in Kingston, in the Sydenham Street Church, on June 23rd, 1879, a resolution was sanctioned by the Conference, which resolution disapproved of the alteration made by the General Conference in the constitution of the Transfer Committee, depriving that body of its right to elect a representative to the above Committee; also a resolution, that we now proceed to elect a representative to the Transfer Committee, so that providing a majority of the Annual Conferences concur in disapproving the action of the General Conference, we may be properly represented, and that the Secretary of the Conference notify the Chairman of the Special Committee of the General Conference of the action of this Conference in regard to the election of a member of the Transfer Committee.

The appeal was as follows: We hereby appeal against the action of the Montreal Conference in claiming the right to elect a representative to the Transfer Committee in addition to the President of the Annual Conference.

The judgment of the Court was, that the Appeal be sustained, and that the Transfer Committee must be constituted in accordance with the action of the General Conference of 1878.

Resolutions of condolence and sympathy with the Rev. S. Coley—our respected representative to the English Conference—were formulated, and sent to Mr. Coley through the Rev. Dr. Punshon.

Committee met in the Centenary Church, Hamilton, September 5th, at 3 o'clock p.m., to consider a case of appeal against the President of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference and the aforesaid Conference.

The Rev. Joseph Pascoe appealed against the action of the President of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, and said Conference, in passing a resolution by which he was deprived of his standing as a member of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. After hearing the case the following deliverence was made :

In the judgment of this Court, the resolution of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, against which the Rev. J. Pascoe has appealed, is *ultra vires*, and the appeal is sustained.

That in the judgment of this Court, the Transfer Committee having acted regularly, the Rev. Joseph Pascoe is a member of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

All of which is reported.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Nelles, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Williams,—

That the Nominating Committee be recommended to add to the Committee on Education, the names of Hon. Senator Ferrier and Dr. Lavell.

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The recommendation was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Conference meet this afternoon at three o'clock, and that the Committees already appointed be allowed to meet from two to three o'clock for organization, &c.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Clarke, the Nominating Committee was requested to add the name of the Rev. David Savage to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A hymn was sung, and the Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 7th.*

The Conference met at three o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. William Williams led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Dr. Allison presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Nominations, as follows :

The Committee report the following additions :

To the Committee on Education—The Rev. Dr. Rice, Hon. Senator Ferrier, Dr. Lavell, W. E. Sanford,

To Committee on Methodist Union—The Revs. Dr. Williams, James Gray, and W. Hansford.

To Committee on Publishing Interests—The Rev. David Savage.

X. COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

(12 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Ryckman.  
Judge Jones.  
Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A.  
Sheriff Patrick.  
Rev. John Cassidy.  
H. R. Narraway.

Rev. D. Chapman.  
H. J. Thorne.  
Rev. W. W. Percival.  
Hon. J. J. Rogerson.  
Rev. John Shaw.  
John S. Larke.

## XI. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S FUND.

*(21 Members.)*

Rev. Le Roy Hooker.	Rev. John Hunt.
“ M. L. Pearson.	“ C. Fish.
W. W. Dalglish.	“ Peter Addison.
Rev. J. A. Rogers.	Geo. W. Webb.
“ C. Jost, M.A.	Wm. Hill.
J. N. Freeman.	Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A.
Rev. Thomas Marshall.	“ Wm. McDonagh.
“ H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.	“ Thomas Brock.
Wm. Heard.	C. M. Eastman.
Rev. J. S. Peach.	Wm. M. Gray.
“ Geo. Boyd.	

## XII. COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

*(19 Members.)*

Rev. John Lathern.	Rev. D. L. Brethour.
R. L. Black.	“ D. G. Sutherland, B.D
Rev. J. S. Phinney.	“ G. H. Cornish.
Hon. W. G. Strong.	Wm. H. Keagey.
Rev. J. S. Peach.	A. J. Cadman.
“ T. W. Jeffery.	Rev. George McRitchie.
“ J. W. McCallum.	“ D. V. Lucas, M.A.
“ J. Woodsworth.	“ L. N. Beaudry.
R. Richardson.	G. G. Bryant.
Wm. A. Morrow.	

## XIII. COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

*(24 Members.)*

Rev. S. T. Teed.	Rev. Dr. Withrow.
J. J. Weddall.	W. Kennedy.
Rev. George Boyd.	W. Watson.
Hon. C. R. Ayre.	Rev. W. W. Carson.
Rev. S. J. Hunter.	J. W. Caldwell.
J. W. Smith.	Rev. W. J. Maxwell.
Rev. W. H. Laird.	B. C. Fairfield.
George Kerr.	A. W. Smith.
J. T. Moore.	W. Ridsen.
Rev. J. Wakefield.	Rev. Dr. Potts.
“ J. S. Coffin.	“ A. Campbell.
“ Wm. Briggs.	Dr. Lavell.



## XIV. COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

*(19 Members.)*

Rev. Dr. Milligan.	Rev. T. G. Williams.
“ John Learoyd.	“ W. Galbraith, LL.B.
“ Dr. Cochran.	W. J. McLaren.
“ K. Creighton.	Wm. F. Hall.
Wm. Stafford.	Rev. Dr. McMurray.
W J. Porte.	W. A. Ferguson.
Rev. Dr. Fowler.	Rev. E. Evans.
“ W. W. Ross.	M. Trueman.
“ James Hannon.	J. B. Lane.
Alfred Hunt.	

## XV. COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

*(19 Members.)*

Rev. Chas. Fish.	Rev. M. L. Pearson.
“ T. W. Jeffery.	W. H. Lambly.
“ E. Clement.	S. S. Mitchell.
A. Hunt.	Rev. J. S. Coffin.
Geo. S. Bowes.	John Foster.
Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A.	Rev. Dr. Pope.
“ A. E. Russ, M.A.	John Palmer.
Geo. Sturgeon.	Rev. W. W. Percival.
Isaac Horde.	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.
Rev. D. V. Lucas, M.A.	

## XVI. COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

*(12 Members.)*

Rev. James Gray.	Rev. J. S. Peach.
“ J. E. Carson.	Hon. C. R. Ayre.
“ Wm. Hansford.	J. A. Smith.
H. M. Ryder.	Rev. J. S. Clarke.
Rev. W. H. Hertz.	R. Richardson.
“ D. D. Currie.	Hon. W. G. Strong.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, and seconded by the Rev. W. W. Ross,—

That a Committee be appointed on the nomination of the Nominating Committee, to prepare draft of Resolutions having reference to the death of the late Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Ex-President of the General Conference.—*Carried.*

Moved by Hon. J. W. Sifton, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, and

*Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed by this Conference to take into consideration the work of the Church in Manitoba and the North-West, and to report on the advisability of organizing a Conference there.

On motion, the Nominating Committee were directed to name a Committee to report on the foregoing subject.

#### RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

from Annual Conferences were called for and reported as follows:—

From the Toronto Conference,—On Term of Pastoral Service. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Children's Fund. Referred to Children's Fund Committee.

From the Same,—On Children of Probationers for the Ministry. Referred to Children's Fund Committee.

From the Same,—On General Superintendency. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

From the Walkerton District,—Asking to be transferred to the London Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

From the London Conference,—Resolution concerning Election of Chairmen of Districts. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—Memorial concerning Superannuation Fund. Referred to Superannuation Fund Committee.

From the Same,—Resolution concerning General Superintendency. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

From the Same,—Memorial concerning Circuit Appropriations. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—Resolution on General Rules and Covenant Service. Referred to Committee on Memorials.

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From the Same,—Memorial concerning Ministers engaging in Secular Pursuits. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—Memorial on Missions. Referred to Committee on Missions.

From the Same,—Memorial on Children's Fund. Referred to Committee on Children's Fund.

From the Same,—On Uniformity in Returns. Referred to Committee on Memorials.

From the Same,—On *Christian Guardian*. Referred to Committee on Publishing Interests.

From the Same,—On Class-Meetings. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Union of Methodist Bodies. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference,—Memorial concerning Circuit Records. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Nova Scotia Conference,—On Annuitant Societies in Annual Conferences. Referred to Memorial Committee.

From the Same,—On printing names of dollar subscribers in Missionary Report. Referred to Committee on Missions.

From the Same,—On General Superintendency. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

From the Same,—On the Children's Fund. Referred to Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Same,—On Methodist Union. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the Same,—On Catechumen Classes. Referred to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

Committees reported organization as follows :—

## PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. Dewart ; *Secretary*—The Rev. Dr. Hunter.

## MISSIONS.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. Young ; *Secretary*—The Rev. John Shaw.

## UNION.

*Chairman*—The Rev. William Williams ; *Secretary*—The Rev. W. C. Brown.

## EDUCATIONAL.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. Nelles ; *Secretary*—The Rev. Prof. Shaw.

## CONTINGENT FUND.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. Hunter ; *Secretary*—Thomas H. Willmott, Esq.

## SUPERANNUATION FUND.

*Chairman*—The Rev. John Bredin ; *Secretary*—The Rev. Dr. Sanderson.

## ITINERANCY.

*Chairman*—The Rev. K. Creighton ; *Secretary*—The Rev. T. G. Williams.

## DISCIPLINE.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. Sanderson ; *Secretary*—The Rev. Dr. Williams.

The Rev. Dr. Williams gave notice of motion concerning the composition of Quarterly Official Meetings.

Rev. A. Langford gave notice of motion respecting the Transfers of Ministers.

Reception of Resolutions and Memorials was resumed :—

On a Mission Church Aid Society. Referred to Committee on Missions.

From Bloor Street Quarterly Official Board, Yorkville, —A memorial asking for Lay Representation in the Annual Conferences. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

From the Rev. G. M. Meacham, M.A., and the Rev. C. S. Eby, B.A.,—Respecting Missionary Correspondence. Referred to Committee on Missions.

From the Alumni of Victoria University,—Asking for representation on the College Board. Referred to Committee on Education.

From the Streetsville Circuit Quarterly Official Board,—On Term of Pastoral Service. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—respecting Class Meetings. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On the Children's Fund. Referred to the Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Barrie Quarterly Official Board,—On the jurisdiction of the President of the General Conference. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

From the Same,—On the Powers of Annual Conferences. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Transfer of Ministers. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On the Constitution of the Stationing Committee. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Methodist Union. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the Orillia Quarterly Official Board and Congregation,—On changing the Order of Public Worship. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Term of Pastoral Service. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Methodist Union. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the General Sabbath-school Board. Referred to Committee on Sabbath-schools.

From the French Methodist Institute, Montreal,—On Management of Institute. Referred to Committee on Education.

From Mr. William Anglin, Kingston,—Claiming seat as delegate. Referred to Committee on Credentials.

From Mr. J. A. Donly,—On various subjects of Connexional interest. Referred to appropriate Committees.

From Dorchester Circuit, London Conference,—On the Children's Fund. Referred to the Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Woodstock District,—Respecting the Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From Chatham First Quarterly Official Board,—Respecting the duties of the President of the General Conference. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

On nomination of the Secretary, the Rev. G. H. CORNISH was added to the list of Assistant Secretaries.

A hymn was sung, and the Conference adjourned at half-past five o'clock, with the Benediction by the President.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 8th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. A portion of Scripture was read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. R. Whiting led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Organization of Committees was reported as follows :

CHILDREN'S FUND.

*Chairman*—The Rev. LeRoy Hooker ; *Secretary*—The Rev. C. Henderson, M.A.

TEMPERANCE.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Charles Fish ; *Secretary*—The Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

*Chairman*—The Rev. S. T. Teed ; *Secretary*—The Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D.

REPORTS.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson presented the Report of the Superannuation Fund Board.

It was moved that the Report be referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

It was moved in amendment, by the Rev. Dr. Williams, that the Report be now read. The amendment prevailed.

The Report was read, and, on motion of Rev. Dr. Sanderson, it was referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. S. J. Hunter presented the Report of the Sabbath-school Board.

On motion, it was referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Burwash presented two Reports—one of the Secretary and the other of the Treasurer of the Educational Society. They were both referred to the Committee on Education.

(See Appendix.)

Dr. Allison presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Nominations, as follows :—

XVII. COMMITTEE ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH.

(28 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Milligan.	Rev. Dr. Ryckman.
Hon. C. R. Ayre.	Rev. James Graham.
Rev. Dr. Pope.	" Dr. Williams.
" D. D. Currie.	Joseph Lister.
Hon. W. G. Strong.	James Mills.
Rev. W. C. Brown.	Rev. Dr. Sutherland.
" T. W. Smith.	" Dr. Dewart.
D. Allison, LL.D.	" S. J. Hunter.
Rev. Dr. Douglas.	" Dr. Jeffers.
" George McRitchie.	" J. H. Starr.
" Rev. LeRoy Hooker.	John Macdonald.
G. G. Bryant.	Warring Kennedy.
Thomas Langrell.	Dr. Ogden.
Rev. James Gray.	James Edwards.

MEMORIALS

were called for, and the following were presented :—

From the Montreal Conference,—On change in paragraph 167, page 59 of the Discipline. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On the formation of a Conference in the North-West. Referred to Special Committee on North-West affairs.

From the Same,—On Methodist Union. Referred to the Committee on Union.

From the Same,—On the Question, "Do you take snuff?" &c. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On the Extension of the Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On the Final Reading of the Stations at Conference, and Election of Chairmen of Districts. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

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From the Quarterly Official Meeting of Queen Street Church, Toronto,—On Extension of Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Methodist Union. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Listowel Circuit,—On the Children's Fund. Referred to Committee on Children's Fund.

From the Rev. G. H. Cornish,—Respecting the Centenary of Methodism in 1884, and the Organization of a Church Relief Fund in connection therewith. Referred to Committee on Memorials.

From the Financial District Meeting of the London District,—On the Superannuation of Ministers. Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

From the Same,—Respecting Scholarships in Victoria University. Referred to Committee on Education.

From the Quarterly Meeting of the Gananoque Circuit,—Respecting the Transfer of Ministers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Quebec Quarterly Meeting,—On Extension of the Pastoral Term. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Transfer of Ministers. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Halifax North Quarterly Meeting,—On Public Worship. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Statistics. Referred to Committee on Statistics.

From the Local Preachers' Meeting of Charlottetown and other Circuits,—On action of Local Preachers' Meetings. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

NOTICES OF MOTION

were called for, and the following were given :—

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By the Rev. Dr. Williams,—Fixing the time for receiving Memorials.

By the Same,—Respecting Appeals of Local Preachers.

By John Macdonald,—On Enlargement of the Missionary Board.

By the Rev. Dr. Dewart,—Respecting the Rights and Privileges of Quarterly Official Meetings.

By the Rev. John Hunt,—Respecting Hymn-Tune Book.

By the Rev. J. F. German,—Respecting certain Alterations of the Discipline.

By the Rev. Dr. Withrow,—Respecting Juvenile Missionary Societies.

By the Rev. C. Jost, M.A.,—Respecting future Editions of the Hymn-Book.

By the Rev. W. W. Percival,—Respecting Changes in the Discipline.

By the Rev. S. F. Huestis,—Respecting the Composition of Financial District Meetings.

By the Rev. J. R. Gundy,—Respecting Publishing Missionary Reports.

By the Rev. T. G. Williams,—Respecting Changes in the Discipline.

By the Rev. H. F. Bland,—Respecting paragraph 156 of the Discipline.

By the Rev. S. Bond,—Respecting the Court of Appeal and other matters.

By the Rev. Alex. Campbell,—Respecting Paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

By John Macdonald,—Respecting the Restoration of Altered Hymns.

#### RESOLUTIONS

were called for, and the following were presented :—

Moved by the Rev. W. S. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. W. W. Carson, and

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*Resolved*,—That the Committee on Nominations be requested to reconstruct the Children's Fund Committee, so that it shall be composed of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen.

On motion of the Rev. S. F. Huestis, the motion of which he had given notice, concerning Financial District Meetings, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams, the motion of which he had given notice, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Rev. S. Bond brought up the motion, of which he had given notice, respecting the Rights and Privileges of Annual Conferences.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, and seconded by the Rev. T. W. Jeffrey,—

That the Preamble and Resolutions now read by Mr. Bond be printed, and a copy placed in the hands of each member of the Conference.—*Carried*.

The Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., gave notice of motion,—To amend Clause 259, Section II., Page 78 of the Discipline, regulating the duties and powers of Presidents of Annual Conferences.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland asked that the names of the Revs. Dr. Nelles, Dr. Young, Dr. Burns, John Shaw, Dr. Inch, and Judge Dean be added to the Committee on the Government of the Church.

The request was not granted.

Dr. Allison presented Report No. 4 of the Committee on Nominations :

The Committee report the following additions to Committee on Children's Fund :—

Thomas Elliott.  
William Eyers.  
Judge Dean.

John Palmer.  
A. W. Smith.  
Hon. C. R. Ayre.

W. F. Hall.

XVIII. COMMITTEE IN MEMORIAM REV. DR. RYERSON.

Rev. Dr. Nelles.  
" H. F. Bland.

Rev. Dr. Withrow.  
" Dr. Sanderson.

Rev. Dr. Pope.

XIX. COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

(31 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Rice.  
" Dr. Douglas.  
Hon. J. W. Sifton.  
Rev. Dr. Young.  
" Dr. Williams.  
" Dr. Sutherland.  
Rev. A. Langford.  
M. S. Smith.  
Rev. Dr. Elliott.  
" Dr. Potts.  
" J. G. Laird.  
" A. B. Chambers, LL. B.  
" H. F. Bland.  
John Baird.  
Rev. W. Williams.

Rev. J. F. German, M.A.  
" John Wakefield.  
Samuel Hunt.  
Rev. S. F. Huestis.  
R. Shaver.  
Isaac England.  
Alexander Ferguson.  
F. Brenton.  
S. White.  
Rev. George Boyd.  
William Heard.  
W. Kennedy.  
Hon. Senator Ferrier.  
William Bowman.  
I. W. Caldwell.

Rev. Edwin Evans.

The Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 8th.*

The Conference met at a quarter past five o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. John Lathern led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read by the Secretary, amended, and confirmed.

The Rev. William S. Studley, D.D., Representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States; and the Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., Representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, were introduced to the Conference, by the President, and presented their credentials, which were read by the Secretary.

A hymn was sung and the Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by the President, at a quarter-past six o'clock.

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FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept. 8th.*

An open session for the public reception of Fraternal Delegates was held in the Centenary Methodist Church, at eight o'clock.

After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland led in prayer.

The Address of the Australasian General Conference to this Conference was read by the Secretary, and cordially received.

(See Appendix.)

The President then introduced the Rev. William S. Studley, D.D., Fraternal Delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, who addressed the Conference.

The Address of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada was read by the Secretary, after which the Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., Fraternal Delegate, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

(See Appendix.)

The meeting closed with the Doxology and the Benediction.

## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept. 9th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. J. S. Peach led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Dr. Allison presented Report No. 5 of the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee recommend the following additions:—

1. *To Educational Committee.*—J. E. Bowman.
2. *To Committee on Publishing Interests.*—J. E. Bowman.
3. *To Contingent Fund Committee.*—J. N. Carscallen, Alfred Hunt.
4. *To Memorial Committee.*—J. N. Carscallen.

## XX. COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY.

(20 Members.)

Rev. R. Duncan.	James Mills, M.A.
" H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.	William Bowman.
James R. Inch, LL.D.	Rev. Dr. Harper.
Rev. C. Jost, M.A.	" John Bredin.
" J. A. Rogers.	" William Briggs.
T. N. Freeman.	John S. Larke.
Rev. Dr. Williams.	S. Lelean.
" W. R. Parker, M.A.	Rev. Prof. Shaw.
" James Graham.	" R. Whiting.
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## XXI. COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

*(21 Members.)*

Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A.	A. C. Wells.
" James Hannon.	Rev. J. Philp, M.A.
A. S. Fisher.	" W. W. Carson.
Rev. John Learoyd.	George Sturgeon.
" Peter Addison.	Rev. E. Clement.
T. H. Willmott.	H. H. Perdue.
Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B.	Rev. L. N. Beaudry.
George Kerr.	James Bissell.
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W. A. Ferguson.	" John Cassidy.
	Rev. George Boyd.

## XXII. COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

*(20 Members.)*

Rev. G. H. Cornish.	Rev. David Savage.
" J. R. Gundy.	C. M. Eastman.
Thomas Garbutt.	Rev. James Woodsworth.
Rev. J. W. McCallum.	" T. W. Jeffery.
A. C. Wells.	James Tuttle.
Alfred Frost.	Rev. W. Galbraith, LL.B.
Rev. M. L. Pearson.	C. W. Jenkins.
H. M. Rider.	Rev. Thomas Marshall.
J. Veazy.	" Dr. McMurray.
J. Burrill.	" W. W. Percival.

Judge Dean presented the Report of Committee on Rules of Order.

It was moved by the Rev. J. Wakefield, seconded by the Rev. Thomas Brock,—

That the Rules of Order as now read be taken up and considered one by one.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland,—

That the Report be sent immediately to the printer, and that discussion be suspended till the printed report is in the hands of members of the Conference.

The motion of the Rev. Mr. Wakefield prevailed, and the Conference proceeded to consider the report item by item.

Clauses I. to XVIII. were adopted as follows :

RULES OF ORDER.

I. 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. The business of the Conference shall proceed in the following order :—

- (1) Reception of Memorials.
- (2) Reports—first of the Standing and then of the Special Committees.
- (3) Motions and other business of which notice had been previously given.
- (4) The Secretary shall announce the order of business for the day.

II. 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 each case the point of order shall be distinctly stated.

III. In case two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall decide which has the floor, and shall announce, if required, his name, and the Conference to which he belongs ; and no member shall remain standing during debate, excepting the member addressing the President.

IV. All motions or resolutions shall be presented in writing by the proposer, and shall be read by the President or Secretary on being submitted to the vote of the Conference.

V. When a motion is made, or a resolution moved and seconded, or a report is read and presented by the Secretary,

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it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amendment or decision.

VI. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

VII. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are here placed :—

- (1) Indefinite postponement.
- (2) Laying on the table.
- (3) Reference to a Committee.
- (4) Postponement to a given time.
- (5) Substitute.
- (6) Amendment.

A substitute or amendment may be amended.

VIII. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and address the President.

IX. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order.

X. No person shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the Conference, except the mover, who shall have the right of a general reply.

XI. When any motion or resolution has been voted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority, to move a reconsideration—*Provided* he shall have given notice of such motion at a previous session; but a motion to reconsider a non-debateable motion shall be decided without debate.

XII. No member shall absent himself from the sessions

of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

XIII. No member shall be allowed to vote upon any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference.

XIV. Every member who is within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference shall, for special reasons, excuse him.

XV. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and should the call be sustained by twenty-five members, the vote thereon shall be taken.

XVI. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, and if such motion be sustained by a vote of *two-thirds*, the question shall be so taken.

XVII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

XVIII. No Rule or Order of proceeding adopted by the Conference shall be suspended unless by a *two-thirds* vote.

To a recommendation of the Committee that the vote of the Conference be taken by calling for the ayes and noes, it was moved in amendment by the Rev. John Wakefield, that the vote be taken in the usual way—by the uplifted hand.

The amendment prevailed.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jeffers,—

That five hundred copies of the Rules of Order be printed at once for the use of members of Conference.—  
*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jeffers,—

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That no Resolution shall be referred to a Committee, contrary to the wish of the mover, until he has had the privilege of being heard on the question.—*Carried.*

The Committee on the Government of the Church reported organization, as follows:—

*Chairman*—The Rev. James Gray; *Secretary*—Mr. James Edwards.

Mr. John S. Larke, Secretary of Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:—

*To the President and Members of the General Conference:—*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Mr. William Anglin, of Kingston, respecting the validity of the election of Dr. Lavell as a representative of the Kingston District to this Conference, beg to report:

That it has carefully examined into the facts of the case, and recommends this Conference to confirm the election of Dr. Lavell.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHAW, *Chairman.*  
J. S. LARKE, *Secretary.*

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., from the Committee on Temperance, reported as follows:—

The Committee on Temperance would report progress, and respectfully present the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Committee,—

Moved by the Rev. T. W. Jeffery, seconded by Mr. J. Foster, and *Resolved*,—That we request the Conference to appoint a Public Temperance Meeting, to be held on Wednesday evening next, the 18th inst., to be addressed by several ministers and laymen in ten-minute speeches.

W. R. PARKER, *Secretary.*

On motion, the Conference appointed a meeting to be held in accordance with the foregoing request of the Temperance Committee.

Mr. Thomas Garbutt, Alternate, was reported as member of the General Conference instead of Dr. Smith, of Wellington District, London Conference.

The business of the Conference was suspended in order to give Committees opportunity to arrange times of Meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Young called attention to an incorrect representation by the reporter of a city newspaper concerning himself. Conversation followed, but no action was taken.

Committees reported organization as follows :—

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. McMurray ; *Secretary*—The Rev. J. R. Gundy.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

*Chairman*—The Rev. James Hannon ; *Secretary*—The Rev. W. W. Ross.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

*Chairman*—The Rev. John Lathern ; *Secretary*—The Rev. T. W. Jeffery.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

*Chairman*—The Rev. Dr. Williams ; *Secretary*—The Rev. S. F. Huestis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

*Chairman*—The Rev. James Gray ; *Secretary*—The Rev. J. S. Clarke.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by the Rev. T. W. Jeffery,—

That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate a Committee for the consideration and formulation of a scheme of Transfer.

The motion was lost.

On motion of Dr. Williams, the Conference adjourned to meet again on Monday, September 11th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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#### FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 11th.*

The Conference met at ten o'clock, the President in the chair. The usual devotional exercises were observed, the Rev. A. Langford leading in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read, amended, and confirmed.

Mr. John Macdonald called attention to what he regarded as an error in the procedure of the Conference, namely, that of referring a mere notice of motion to a committee.

It was moved by Mr. John Macdonald, seconded by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, and

*Resolved*,—That as a notice of motion is the property of the promoter until it has been placed before the Conference as a Resolution, and that inasmuch as the notice of motion of the Rev. Mr. Bond was ordered for reference to the Committee on the Government of the Church before it had come before the Conference in the shape of a Resolution; that the order for reference to said Committee be discharged, and Mr. Bond's notice be entered as a notice of motion.

## MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS

were called for, and presented as follows :—

From the Montreal Conference,—On the Rights of Annual Conferences. Referred to Committee on Government of the Church.

From the Newfoundland Conference,—On Transfers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On printing the names of one dollar subscribers in the Missionary Reports. Referred to Committee on Missions.

From the Omemeé Circuit,—Memorial respecting General Superintendency. Referred to Committee on the Government of the Church.

From the Same,—On Extension of Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Cannington Circuit,—On Lay Representation in all Church Courts. Referred to Committee on the Government of the Church.

From the Niagara District,—On Missionary intelligence in the *Christian Guardian*. Referred to Committee on Missions.

From the Same,—On Extension of Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Episcopacy. Referred to Committee on the Government of the Church.

From the Brockville District,—On Church Relief and Extension Fund. Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

From the Montreal District,—A memorial relating to the Election of Ministers on the Stationing Committee. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the Emerson District,—On Union. Referred to the Committee on Union.

From the Same,—On a Conference in the North-West. Referred to the Committee on the North-west Affairs.

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From the Same,—On the Children's Fund. Referred to the Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Paris Circuit, London Conference,—A Resolution relating to the Children's Fund. Referred to Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Listowel Circuit, London Conference,—A memorial on Extension of the Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Church Trustees. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the Brant Avenue Circuit,—On the Transfer of Ministers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On the Children's Fund.—Referred to the Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Same,—On the Composition of Stationing Committee. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On the Election of Chairmen of Districts. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Dundas Street Centre Circuit, London Conference,—Memorial on the Abolition of the Children's Fund. Referred to Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Metropolitan Church, Toronto,—On Order of Service. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Reception of Church Members. Referred to the same Committee.

From the Same,—On Transfer of Ministers and on Extension of Pastoral Term. Both referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On General Superintendency. Referred to Committee on the Government of the Church.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

By the Rev. Dr. Harper,—Respecting Order of Service.

By the Rev. D. Savage,—Respecting Repetition of the Lord's Prayer.

By the Rev. H. S. Matthews,—Respecting a Sunday-school Agent.

By the Same,—Respecting Committee on Legislation.

By the Same,—Respecting the Election of a Steward to the District Meeting.

By the Same.—Respecting the Election of Treasurers of Connexional Funds.

By the Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., in reference to Mutual Improvement Societies.

By the Same,—Respecting Temperance in the Sunday-schools.

By the Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—Respecting the Election of Laymen to General Conference.

By the Same,—Respecting appointment of Trustees to Quarterly Meetings.

By the Rev. D. G. Sutherland, B.D.,—Respecting Students at College.

By the Rev. William Tindall,—Relating to Election of Ministers to General Conference in the Annual District Meetings.

By the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A.,—Relating to the Election of Lay Members of the General Conference.

By the Rev. Dr. Sanderson,—Respecting the Location of Inefficient Ministers.

By the Rev. W. C. Brown,—Relating to Appeals.

By the Rev. Dr. Dewart,—Respecting the Publication of the Revised Wesleyan Catechism.

By Mr. Joshua Adams,—Respecting Church Property.

By the Same,—As to Roll of Membership.

By the Same,—As to Quarterly Official Meetings.

By the Same,—On the Law of Trustees.

By the Same,—Respecting Stewards.

By the Rev. John Philp,—Relating to the Re-appointment of Ministers.

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By the Rev. Dr. McMurray,—Respecting *ex-officio* Members of General Conference.

By the Rev. A. B. Chambers,—Respecting Expelled Members of the Church.

By the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—Respecting selection of the Committee for Trial of an Accused Member.

By the Same,—Relating to Appeals.

By the Same,—Respecting Division of Districts.

By the Rev. S. Bond,—Respecting Stationing Ministers.

By the Same,—Relating to the Powers of Superintendents.

By the Rev. W. S. Griffin,—Relating to the Renewal of Quarterly Tickets.

By the Rev. D. V. Lucas,—Respecting Emendations of the Marriage Service.

By the Rev. James Graham,—Respecting a Court of Appeal.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and

*Resolved*,—That we welcome with great cordiality and affection, the Rev. Dr. Studley, Fraternal Delegate from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, to this Body. We have listened with profound interest to the fraternal greetings so appropriately conveyed, and to the information presented of the state of the Church at large. We have sorrowed with our Fathers and Brethren of the M. E. Church over their honoured dead, and we have rejoiced in the marvelous and increasing prosperity exhibited in every department of their great work.

We assure our beloved brother, and through him assure the Church he so ably represents, of our undiminished affection and love; and pray that the prosperity of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States may continue “till suns shall rise and set no more.”

On motion of Mr. John Macdonald, the Resolution was ordered to be engrossed, and presented to Dr. Studley as a memento of his visit to the Conference.

On motion of the Rev. L. Gaetz, it was ordered that the order of business for to-morrow morning be so changed as to allow the subject of Methodist Union to be taken up instead of the Book Committee's Report, which shall be the order of the day for Wednesday morning.

The Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock, with the Benediction by the President.

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#### SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 12th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. Thomas Brock led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

It was moved by the Rev. H. F. Bland, seconded by the Rev. T. G. Williams, and

*Resolved*,—That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a Committee on Sabbath Observance.

#### MEMORIALS

were called for, and the following were presented:—

From Castleton Circuit,—Respecting the Children's Fund. Referred to the Committee on the Children's Fund.

From the Brampton District,—A Memorial on Election of Chairmen of Districts. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

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From the Same,—On the Class Meeting. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Extension of Pastoral Term. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Same,—On Methodist Union. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the Same,—On the Election of Lay Representatives to the General Conference. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Children's Fund. Referred to Committee on Children's Fund.

From the Collingwood District,—Memorial on General Superintendency. Referred to Committee on the Government of the Church.

From the Same,—Memorial on Methodist Union. Referred to Committee on Union.

From the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference,—Memorial on the appropriation of the Missionary Grant,—Referred to Committee on Missions.

From the Same,—On the Transfer of Ministers. Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Belleville Centre Circuit,—Memorial on Meeting in Class. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On Change of Order of Service. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Same,—On the Extension of the Pastoral Term. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

By the Rev. D. V. Lucas,—In reference to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath Day. Referred to Committee on Sabbath Observance.

By the Rev. T. G. Williams,—As to the time when the Power of a Superintendent, removing from a Circuit, to

administer Discipline on the Circuit from which he is removing, ceases.

By the Same,—That on Page 70, Paragraph 225, certain words be struck out, and that certain words be introduced as Sub-section No. 4, in Par. 233, Page 71.

By Mr. Warring Kennedy,—That Section 4, Paragraph 138, Page 50 of the Discipline be altered.

By the Same,—With reference to Kneeling in Prayer.

By Mr. W. H. Lambly,—That the Conference express an opinion as to whether the question, "Do you take snuff, tobacco, etc.?" is an obligation, when answered in the negative, to abstain from the use of tobacco, etc., throughout their ministry.

By the Rev. Dr. Pope,—With reference to the Rite of Baptism—the omission of the words "the ark of" in the Discipline, Page 168.

By the Rev. H. S. Matthews,—With reference to the Division of Conferences.

By the Rev. J. Shaw,—That Church Courts be held with open doors.

By the Rev. W. Tindall,—With reference to Trial of Accused Members.

By the Rev. J. Lathern,—That the Order of Public Service be so arranged that the Congregation may take part in reading some portion of the Scriptures, and that the Sermon be followed immediately by Prayer.

By the Rev. Robert Duncan,—That change be made in Discipline, Chap. II., District Meetings, Section 1, Paragraph 142, so as to read, "Appointed by the Stationing Committee to a Circuit, in addition," etc.

By the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A.,—(a) With referenee to the Standard of qualification of Candidates for our Ministry.

(b) To amend Clause 3 of Preliminary Course of Study, Page 227 of Discipline.

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By the Rev. J. T. Pitcher,—That the Constitution of the Superannuation Fund be amended so as to provide that no minister shall become a permanent Claimant until he has travelled twenty years.

By the Rev. John F. German, M.A.,—That Rule 4, Page 86 of Discipline, under Rules of Conduct for a Minister or Probationer, be expunged.

Also, that No. 148, Page 53 of Discipline be expunged.

By the Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A.,—That Section 3, Clause 248 of the Discipline, Page 78, defining the Composition of the Leaders' Meeting, shall be amended.

By the Rev. W. Tindall,—That all Ministers hereafter appointed by the General Conference to fill General Conference Offices in the Connexion shall continue to be Members of the Annual Conferences to which they belonged at the time of such appointment.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Dr. Allison presented Report No. 6 of the Committee on Nominations:—

The Committee report the following additions to the Committee on the Course of Study: Rev. Dr. Nelles, Rev. Dr. Burwash.

To the Committee on Sabbath Schools: J. Wesley Smith.

#### COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

(12 Members.)

Rev. Dr. Hunter.  
 " John Shaw.  
 John T. Moore.  
 Rev. S. Bond.  
 Sheriff Patrick.  
 Rev. T. Brock.

C. M. Eastman.  
 Hon. C. R. Ayre.  
 Rev. D. Chapman.  
 " John Lathern.  
 Joseph Burrill.  
 J. J. Weddall.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by Sheriff Patrick, and

*Resolved*,—That we have heard with unmingled pleasure the address of the Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., the Representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and would place on record our appreciation of the interesting statements made by him of the large success and growing prosperity of that branch of the Methodist family.

We assure our brother of our cordial esteem and Christian affection for himself personally, of our ardent sympathy and solicitude for the Church he represents, and of our fervent prayer that all who teach the Scriptural peculiarities of Methodist doctrine, in our beloved country, may speedily be brought into closer and firmer alliance.

The Rev. W. C. Brown presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Methodist Union, as follows :—

The Committee appointed by this General Conference to consider the question of the Union of the several Methodist Bodies in this Dominion with our own Church, beg to report as follows :—

That having read and carefully considered the several memorials and other documents respecting Union, referred to them by the Conference; and having also had before them the Resolutions passed at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church, and also at the Conference of the Bible Christians, all expressive of a desire on their part for Union; and having before it the fact that each of the above-named Conferences has appointed a Committee to meet any Committee which may be appointed by this General Conference in order to consider a basis of Union :

And having had still further before it the fact that the above-named Committees are to meet in this city on Wednesday evening, would submit to the Conference the following Resolution, which was moved by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, seconded by Judge Jones, and supported by Hon. Senator Ferrier, and passed in the Committee unanimously,—

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*Resolved*,—That in view of the action of former Conferences of our Church on the subject of Methodist Union, and especially in view of the large concessions made eight years ago in anticipation of a unification of the Methodism of the Dominion, this Committee expresses itself as favourable to the present movement towards Union; and, confident of the practicability of such Union on a proper basis, therefore, we recommend that the Conference direct the present Committee on Union to meet the Committees appointed by the other branches of the Methodist family to assemble during the present week in this city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of the Rev. W. C. Brown, seconded by the Rev. William Williams, the report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Williams read a Memorial from the Woman's Missionary Society, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. C. Jost, M.A., presented the Report of the Committee on the Course of Study.

The Rev. Dr. Burns moved in amendment to the Report,—

That the words "British or Canadian" be expunged from the Report, and that the matriculation of other Universities, besides British and Canadian, be accepted.

It was moved by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson,—

That the standard of qualification for young men recommended to be received into our Conferences as Probationers shall not be lower than fifty per cent. of the aggregate of the marks in the Preliminary Course of Study, nor less than thirty per cent. on each subject.

The Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., gave notice that he would move, seconded by the Rev. J. T. Pitcher,—

That while this Conference accepts the recommendation of the Committee on the Course of Study as far as it goes, it is nevertheless the judgment of this Conference, that this Report be referred back to the Committee with a request that they prepare and submit to this Conference another Preliminary Course of Study, which may be deemed equal to a Certificate of Matriculation.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw gave notice that he would move, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nelles,—

That the Report of the Committee be adopted, being amended so as to require for admission to probation for our Ministry a Certificate of Matriculation in some British or Canadian University, or some University in the United States, or other country, whose standard of Matriculation may be accepted by Canadian Universities—or what may be deemed by the Examining Board an equivalent of Matriculation in either of our own Universities, and that this requirement take effect at the Examinations in the Spring of 1884.

After a lengthened discussion, the consideration of the Report was postponed till another day.

A hymn was sung, and the Conference adjourned, at twelve o'clock, with the Benediction by the President.

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### SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 13.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. J. H. Robinson led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

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The Rev. Bishop Carman and the Rev. C. Lounsbury, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada ; and the Rev. F. W. Briggs, of Liverpool, a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England, were introduced to the Conference by the President.

The Rev. Dr. Carroll, of the Toronto Conference, and the Rev. W. H. Kincaid, M.A., of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, were introduced to the Conference.

#### MEMORIALS

were presented as follows :—

From the Walkerton District,—With reference to time of closing Financial Accounts. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Owen Sound District,—On Lay Representation in the Annual Conferences. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From the Cobourg District,—Asking the General Conference to decide what is the basis of Returns to Conference of Membership ; and to form another Class of Membership besides the "Experience Class." Referred to Committee on Discipline.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

were given as follows :—

By Mr. W. Bowman,—On Mode of Voting at Quarterly Official Meetings. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

By the Same,—On Mode of Electing Lay Delegates at District Meetings. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

By the Rev. Dr. Sutherland,—Respecting Powers and Duties of the President of the General Conference.

By the Rev. J. G. Laird,—Relating to the Constitution of the Committee on Transfers. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

By Mr. John Macdonald,—Respecting Duties of the President of the General Conference.

By Mr. A. J. Cadman,—On the Children's Fund.

By the Rev. Dr. Burns,—Respecting the Posture of Communicants at the Lord's Supper.

By Mr. Warring Kennedy,—On Additions to Rules of Order.

By the Rev. S. Bond,—On Addition to Paragraph 108 of the Discipline.

By Dr. Ogden,—On the Children's Fund.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, ten o'clock of Thursday morning, September 14th, was fixed for the discussion of his Resolutions on the Powers and Duties of the President of the General Conference.

Moved by the Rev. John Shaw, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Potts,—

That the Election of General Conference Officers be the first order of business at ten o'clock on Wednesday next, September 20th.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. J. Lister,—

That the Conference Officers of any department shall be elected as soon as the Standing Committee on that department shall have made its Report, and that Report shall have been accepted by the Conference.

The amendment prevailed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, it was decided to hear the Report of the Committee on the Superannuation

Fund immediately after the discussion on the Powers and Duties of the President of the General Conference.

The order of the day was called, and the Rev. Wm. Briggs, Book Steward, read the Report of the Western Section of the Book Committee.

On motion of the Rev. J. H. Starr, seconded by the Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., the Report was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

The Book Steward announced that the Rev. John S. Evans had generously donated to each member of the General Conference, a copy of his book on "Christian Rewards," and also his tractate on "Christian Predestination," and that another large-hearted liberal friend had ordered the publication of an edition of the "Life of the late Rev. Dr. Duff," in two volumes, in order to the presentation of a copy to each Minister and Probationer throughout the Methodist Church of Canada.

The Rev. S. F. Huestis, Book Steward, presented the Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Potts, the Report was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Nelles, the Report of the Board of Victoria University, including the Financial Statement, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Moved by Dr. Inch, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nelles, and

*Resolved*,—That the Report of the Board of Governors of the Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies, including the Treasurer's Report, be received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw submitted the Report of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal. Upon motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Education.

(See Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Burns, the Report of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, was referred to the Education Committee.

(See Appendix.)

A cordial invitation was extended by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Burns to the members of the Conference and their wives to a Reception at the Ladies' College, on Friday evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

It was moved by the Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., seconded by Judge Jones, and

*Resolved*,—That this Conference would hereby express its grateful appreciation of the generous donation, by a Christian philanthropist, of a copy of the "Life of the Rev. Dr. Duff," the apostolic and successful missionary of the Presbyterian Church in India, to each Minister and Probationer of the Methodist Church of Canada, and that a copy of this Resolution be engrossed and transmitted to the Donor by the Rev. Wm. Briggs, Book Steward.

A hymn was sung and the Conference adjourned, at twelve o'clock; the Benediction being pronounced by the President.

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## EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept. 14th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. Dr. Potts led in prayer.

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The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Rev. F. W. Briggs, of the British Wesleyan Conference addressed the Conference respecting a proposed Memorial Chapel to Bishop Asbury at Birmingham, England.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Briggs, and

*Resolved*,—That next Monday evening, September 18th, be set apart for the purpose of hearing the Rev. F. W. Briggs, of the British Wesleyan Conference, on the subject of the Apostolic Life and Labours of Bishop Asbury.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Briggs, and,—

*Resolved*,—That this Conference has heard with much pleasure the fraternal words of the Rev. F. W. Briggs, of the British Wesleyan Conference, respecting the progress of Methodism in Great Britain; we heartily welcome Brother Briggs among us, and desire to express our unabated attachment to our Wesleyan Brethren in England, and sincerely pray that their work may continue to be crowned with the abundant blessing of Almighty God.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Dr. Allison,—

That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. J. S. Evans, for his kindness in donating the valuable works of which he is author to the members of this Body.—*Carried*.

The President conveyed to the Conference the sad intelligence of the death, on yesterday, of the wife of the Rev. John S. Clarke, a member of this Conference.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland it was ordered,—

That a telegram of sympathy and condolence be sent by the Conference to our bereaved Brother, the Rev. J. S. Clarke.

The following message was at once transmitted,—

The General Conference very sorrowfully conveys to the Rev. John S. Clarke a sincere expression of its sympathy with him in his sore bereavement, and an assurance that he is affectionately remembered by the Conference in prayer that Divine consolations may be abundantly granted to him.

(Signed,)

S. D. RICE, *President.*

A. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

were called for :—

The Rev. T. W. Jeffery presented the Report of the Committee on Memorials.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

In amendment to the last clause of the Report it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Harper,—

That that part of the Report of the Memorial Committee relating to Class-meetings, be laid on the table till the Report of the Committee on Discipline be taken up.  
*Carried.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Secretaries of Committees be instructed to prepare for the Journal a complete copy of the Reports of their respective Committees, as finally adopted by the Conference, with all amendments incorporated in their proper places.

The Rev. C. Jost, M.A., presented Report No. 2, of the Committee on the Course of Study.

By permission of the Conference this Report was substituted for Report No. 1.

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The Committee recommended that for the May examinations of 1883, the subjects for the Preliminary Course be as at present provided in the Discipline, with the exception that Burwash's edition of Wesley's Sermons be substituted for the editions formerly used ; and that thereafter, commencing with the May Examinations of 1884, the standard of admission into the Ministry of our Church be a Certificate of Matriculation in any accredited University, or what may be deemed an equivalent by the Examining Board of the Conference concerned, and in addition thereto that the Candidate be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the "Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodists." Revised edition.

Moved in amendment by James Mills, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—

That the Report of the Committee be adopted with the addition of the following words : " It being understood that the said equivalents shall be in the same subjects as are prescribed for Matriculation by Victoria University for the West, and Mount Allison Wesleyan College for the East.

The amendment prevailed.

The Order of the day was taken up, and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved the adoption of the Resolutions, of which he had given notice, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Burns, as follows :

Whereas it is highly important, in order to the efficient working of the Methodist System, that there should be not only a harmonious adjustment of its various parts, but also that the same fundamental principles should pervade its entire economy ;

And whereas the principle of supervision has been recognized from the beginning, and has been an essential factor in our Circuit, District, and Conference organizations ;

Therefore, in the judgment of this Conference it is expedient and desirable that the same principle should be

so extended as that, without trenching upon the rights of Annual Conferences or their Officers, it may embrace the whole Connexion. Wherefore,

*Resolved*,—That the President of the General Conference shall, *ex-officio*, possess the powers and discharge the duties hereinafter expressed and defined.

1. He shall hold office during the quadrennial period following his election.

2. He shall preside over all Sessions of the General Conference during his term of office; and shall be, *ex-officio*, Chairman of all Standing Committees of the General Conference during the same period.

3. He shall travel at large through the Connexion, as the General Conference may direct, and to this end shall be relieved from Circuit duties. Provided, however, that in the oversight of the work he shall not infringe the prerogatives of Annual Conference Officers, or of Church Courts.

4. He shall attend as many of the Annual Conference Sessions as possible, to bring before them any matter of connexional interest. It shall be his duty to call the attention of such Conferences to any case in which the Discipline of the Church has not been duly observed, or the law of the Church contravened, and in case the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be his duty to refer it to the Court of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

5. He shall have authority to rule in any question of law submitted to him, provided, however, that if the Annual Conference or any member thereof dissent from the ruling they may appeal the case to the General Conference Special Committee whose decision shall be final.

6. He shall have authority to arrange by consultation with the Presidents of Annual Conferences concerned, for the transfer of Ministers from one Conference to another, provided, however, that any brother whom it is proposed to transfer shall be notified at least one month before the transfer is made, and shall, if he think himself aggrieved,

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have the right to appeal to the Special Committee of his own Conference who shall determine finally whether the transfer shall take effect.

7. He shall have authority, when directed by the General Conference, to organize new Annual Conferences, and in the case of Conferences organized in Mission fields, shall preside during the first annual session of the same.

8. He may, when requested by an Annual Conference, or its President, conduct the ordination service. He may also ordain probationers on Mission Districts, when requested so to do by the Annual Conference, with which such Districts are connected, or by the Special Committee thereof.

9. It is understood that the President of the General Conference shall devote especial attention to matters of a general Connexional character, leaving local affairs to the oversight of Annual Conference authorities.

The Rev. A. Campbell moved, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Robinson,—

That the Resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland be referred to the Committee on the Government of the Church, and that the discussion thereon do now cease.

Mr. John Macdonald moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. H. R. Narraway,—

That the Resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

The President ruled that this would not be in accordance with the usage of the Conference.

The motion of Mr. Campbell was submitted to the Conference and lost, whereupon the President declared that the debate must proceed.

The Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock, with the Benediction by the President.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 14th.*

The Conference re-assembled at two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung and the Rev. James Gray led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Motions, of which notice had been given, were taken up and referred to various Committees. Notices were disposed of up to No. 33 on the notice paper.

The Order of the day was resumed, namely, the discussion of Dr. Sutherland's Resolutions.

During a pause in the discussion a Deputation from the Primitive Methodist Church was introduced to the Conference; namely, Revs. J. Goodman, J. C. Antliff, B.D., and T. Griffith, and the following Resolution of the Primitive Methodist Conference was presented,—

*Resolved*,—That the Revs. J. C. Antliff, B.D., Thomas Griffith, and Mr. Robert Walker, be a deputation to visit in our behalf the coming General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, and convey our fraternal greetings to that Body.

The members of the Joint Committee on Methodist Union, appointed by the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Bodies came into the Conference and were introduced by the President.

Moved by the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., seconded by the Rev. W. Galbraith, LL.B., and,—

*Resolved*,—That the Resolutions of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland be now referred to the Committee on the Government of the Church.

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The Rev. Holland N. McTyeire, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced to the Conference.

A hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference adjourned at half-past five o'clock.

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### NINTH DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 15th.*

The Conference assembled at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. C. Fish led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Motions, of which notice had been given, were taken up and referred to the various Committees.

The order of the day was called, and Prof. Shaw read the recommendation of the Educational Committee that the Reports of the University of Victoria College be read and published in the Conference Journal, which recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Nelles read the Report of the Board of the University.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. Dr. Burwash read the Report of the Theological Department.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. Richard Jones presented the Treasurer's Report.

(See Appendix.)

Mr. William Kerr, Q.C., of Cobourg, addressed the Conference on the finances of the University.

The Rev. Dr. Rose presented the Report of the Endowment Fund of Victoria University.

(See Appendix.)

The adoption of these reports was moved by the Rev. Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Sheriff Patrick, and carried.

Prof. Shaw moved, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Harper,—

That the following persons constitute the Board of Governors of Victoria University :—

Rev. E. Wood, D.D.	Hon. Senator Ferrier.
" R. Jones.	Judge Dean, M.A.
" S. D. Rice, D.D.	W. Kerr, M.A., Q.C.
" S. Rose, D.D.	John Macdonald.
" S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL.D.	B. M. Britton, M.A., Q.C.
" G. R. Sanderson, D.D.	M. Lavell, M.D.
" E. B. Ryckman, D.D.	W. Beatty, M.A., LL.B.
" W. S. Griffin.	J. J. Maclaren, M.A., LL.B., Q.C.
" E. H. Dewart, D.D.	W. E. Sanford.
" A. Sutherland, D.D.	Dennis Moore.
" J. Potts, D.D.	George A. Cox.
" N. Burwash, S.T.D.	William Gooderham.

The motion was adopted.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw presented the following recommendations of the Educational Committee :—

That legislation be secured, providing that the President of Victoria University be a Member of the Board *ex officio*.

That the petition of the Alumni of Victoria University be granted, asking for representation on the College Board, and that the following regulations be adopted touching the same :—

1. That the Board be enlarged by the addition of three representatives of the Graduates in Arts, and one each of the Faculties of Law, Medicine, and Theology.

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2. That in the election all Graduates of three years' standing in the Faculty to be represented, and who have properly registered, paying the required fee, shall be entitled to vote, and, excepting Professors in the various Faculties, shall be eligible for election.

3. That the Board shall be authorized to make the necessary By-Laws for conducting the election.

4. That the representatives so elected shall hold office for four years.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw also presented a recommendation of the Educational Committee, relative to the memorial of the London District, touching District Scholarships, that the matter be relegated to the Annual Conferences and District Meetings.

The recommendation was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Allison, it was ordered,—

That the further Report of the Educational Society be the order of the day for Monday morning.

It was further ordered,—

That the reception of Bishop McTyiere and other representatives be the order of the day for four o'clock this afternoon.

A hymn was sung, the President pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 15th.*

The Conference met at ten minutes past two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. W. J. Maxwell led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Rev. A. Langford moved, seconded by the Rev. W. J. Maxwell,—

That any member of this Conference vacating his seat in the Conference and returning to his home before the close of the Conference, without the consent of the Conference, shall forfeit his travelling expenses.

Moved by Mr. W. Risdon, in amendment, seconded by Mr. H. J. Cadman,—

That the motion be laid over until all the members of the Conference are present.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion prevailed.

Moved by Mr. Warring Kennedy, seconded by Hon. W. G. Strong,—

That the Nominating Committee be requested to appoint a Committee to consider the matter of a Day of Thanksgiving.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. R. Fowler, M.D., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, and

*Resolved*,—That Committees be appointed to prepare Addresses in reply to the Addresses of the Australasian and other Conferences, to be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The Rev. W. R. Barker, M.A., moved the reference of his Resolution, relating to the Chairmanship of the President of an Annual Conference, to the Committee on Discipline ; and the motion was so referred.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson presented the Report of the Superannuation Fund Committee, and moved that it be adopted.

That part of the Report which was of a general character was adopted without debate ; but to certain special recom-

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mendations it was moved in amendment by Mr. John Macdonald, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Dewart,—

That upon every Circuit a Sermon shall be preached annually upon this subject, when the special collection for this object is taken up, and that each minister be urged to secure the members of his Church and Congregation as subscribers to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

The debate on this amendment was postponed at four o'clock in order to hear Fraternal Delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and from the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.

The Rev. H. N. McTyeire, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, addressed the Conference.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nelles, and unanimously

*Resolved*,—That this Conference desires to record its deep satisfaction at the visit to our Conference and country of the Rev. Bishop McTyeire, the Fraternal Delegate from our Brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. We heartily welcome Bishop McTyeire among us, on account of the great and honoured branch of the Methodist Family which he represents; and also because of what we know of his high personal character, and the love and esteem in which he is held in the Church in which he occupies such a prominent position. We have heard with great gratification his words of fraternal sympathy, and his statements with regard to the progress of the work of Southern Methodism. We sincerely hope that the visit and intercourse of our honoured brother may strengthen the ties that have been formed between Canadian and Southern Methodism. We earnestly pray that the blessing of God may abundantly rest upon our beloved brother, and the branch of Methodism which he so worthily represents.

The Revs. T. Griffith and J. C. Antliffe, B.D., were next introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Williams, it was unanimously

*Resolved*,—That the Conference extends a cordial and brotherly welcome to the Revs. J. C. Antliff, B.D., and T. Griffith, fraternal delegates from the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada. We have listened with interest to their statements, we rejoice in the measure of success with which it has pleased the Head of the Church to bless the Branch of Methodism which they represent; and we earnestly pray that the day may not be distant when the very slender barriers which divide us may be removed and a united Methodism follow the victorious banner of our common Lord.

The Rev. William Cather, of the Irish Methodist Conference, was introduced and gave a brief address, also the Rev. R. Boyle, of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.

A hymn was sung; the Rev. Bishop McTyeire, at the request of the President, pronounced the Benediction; and the Conference adjourned to meet at nine o'clock a.m. on Monday next, September 18th.

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#### TENTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 18th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. After the reading of the Scriptures, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. J. A. Rogers led in prayer.

The minutes of the Saturday Afternoon Session were read and confirmed.

The following lay-members of the Conference asked and obtained leave of absence:—

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Mr. J. N. Freeman,—On account of the death of a member of his family.

Sheriff Patrick,—On account of imperative duties of his office.

Mr. J. E. Carson,—On account of urgent business.

Mr. W. H. Lambly,—On account of official duties in connection with Temperance work in Quebec.

On motion of the Rev. W. W. Carson, the consideration of the recommendations of the Superannuation Fund Committee were resumed.

Moved by the Rev. H. F. Bland, in amendment to the amendment of Mr. Macdonald, seconded by the Rev. W. Galbraith, LL.B.,—

1. That a special effort be at once organized to raise the Endowment Fund to \$150,000.

2. That all Circuits and Missions be urgently requested to add at least 50 per cent. to last year's givings.

3. That at the next May District Meetings, each Chairman shall make special enquiry as to the circumstances and action of every Circuit and Mission on his District.

A vote was now called for, and the call being sustained by the Conference, the Rev. Mr. Bland's amendment to the amendment was submitted to the Conference, and lost.

Mr. Macdonald's amendment was also put and lost.

The recommendation of the Committee's Report was put and carried.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, it was

*Resolved.*—That when the statement is made in the Financial District Meetings of the amount to be raised by each Circuit or Mission, the meeting may take into account the circumstances of any Circuit or Mission, which may be regarded as exceptional, and make provision for the relief

of such exception ; provided the District, as a whole, contribute the amount designated as its proportion.

The Conference proceeded to consider the scale of allowances recommended by the Report.

At twelve o'clock a hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference adjourned, to meet again at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 18th.*

The Conference met at half-past three, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. C. Jost, M.A., led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The Rev. T. W. Jeffery gave notice of motion,—Respecting basis of membership and basis of returns. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Moved by the Rev. Wm. Hansford, seconded by Mr. J. J. Pearson, and

*Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed to consider applications for leave of absence, and to report thereon to the Conference.

NOTICES OF MOTION

were called for, and the following were presented :—

By the Rev. Thomas Marshall,—Respecting the salary of Ministers on Mission Circuits.

By the Rev. Dr. McMurray,—Respecting the insertion of the hymn, beginning, “And can it be that I should gain,” in future editions of our Hymn-book.

By the Rev. Wm. Tindall,—Respecting the appointment of a *pro tempore* Chairman of a District Meeting.

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The consideration of the Report of the Superannuation Committee was resumed.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. L. Gaetz, seconded by the Rev. Jas. Gray,—

That the Report be re-committed, for the purpose of consulting an actuary and obtaining legal advice.

The amendment was put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. J. G. Laird, in amendment to the Report,—

That Ministers who have rendered fifteen years of effective service be permanent claimants on the Fund.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, in amendment to the amendment,—

That the Report of the Committee be amended, by inserting ten years instead of eight years, as the time during which the claim shall continue.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

In amendment to the clause of the Report fixing the rate for those Superannuates who had rendered from thirty to thirty-five years' service, at the sum of \$9 per year, the Rev. Dr. Hunter moved that the rate be \$10 per year, and the amendment prevailed.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, in amendment to the clause of the Report relating to the allowances to widows,—

That widows receive from the Fund according to the length of the term of their married life.

The amendment was put and lost.

On motion of the Rev. T. M. Campbell, the session was extended for fifteen minutes.

At six o'clock the Conference adjourned, with the singing of a hymn, and the Benediction by the President.

## ELEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 19th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and Mr. Stephen Washington led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Dr. Allison presented Report No. 7 of the Nominating Committee, as follows:—

## COMMITTEES ON FRATERNAL ADDRESSES.

1. *Australasian Conference*—The Rev. T. W. Smith, and the Rev. Prof. Shaw.
2. *Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada*—The Rev. H. F. Bland, and the Rev. C. Jost, M.A.
3. *Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States*—The Rev. Dr. Withrow, and the Rev. W. Galbraith, LL.B.
4. *Methodist Episcopal Church South*—The Rev. Dr. Burns, and the Rev. Dr. Pope.

COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A DAY OF  
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(9 Members.)

John Macdonald.	Hon. Senator Ferrier.
Hon. J. J. Rogerson.	Judge Jones.
Hon. W. G. Strong.	Rev. W. McDonagh.
Rev. H. S. Matthews.	" George McRitchie.
" E. A. Stafford, B.A.	

The Rev. Dr. Withrow read the memorial notice of the late Rev. Dr. Ryerson, which was unanimously adopted by the Conference, as follows:—

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Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His Divine wisdom, to call from a life of faithful service in the Church of Christ on earth, to his everlasting reward in heaven, our revered and honoured father in the Gospel, the Reverend Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., the first President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, this General Conference desires to place upon record its deep feeling of gratitude to God for His gift to the Methodist Church and to the people of this land, for so many years, of a man so richly endowed with native gifts, and so largely adorned with the Christian graces, and its profound sense of the great loss the Church and country have sustained in his death. As the devoted Christian missionary and pastor; as the faithful defender of the rights and liberties of the people of this land against ecclesiastical assumptions and civil disabilities; as the editor for many years of the *Christian Guardian*, the official organ of our Church, and the first religious journal in Canada; as the first President of the University of Victoria College, the oldest institution of higher learning of Canadian Methodism; as the trusted representative of his Church in the religious councils of Methodism in the Old World and in the New; as the Superintendent, for over thirty years, of the educational system of his native province—a system which he almost created, and which he developed to a state of efficiency unsurpassed by that of any country in the world; as the wise counsellor in the union movement which led to the organization of the Methodist Church of Canada; and as the prudent administrator of its highest office during the first quadrennium of its history, Dr. Ryerson has an imperishable claim upon the love and gratitude, especially of his own Church, and also of the entire community. We magnify the grace of God as manifested in him; we revere his memory as that of a true patriot and devout Christian; we rejoice in his labours for the glory of God and the welfare of man; and we deeply sympathize with his bereaved family, and pray that the consolations of God may more and more abound in their souls to their lives' end.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

were given, as follows:—

By the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—Respecting the Mode of Appointing Members of the Board of the Superannuation Fund.

By the Rev. T. M. Campbell,—Respecting the Relinquishment of their Claims by Superannuated Ministers.

The consideration of the Report of the Superannuation Fund Committee was resumed.

The Report of the Supernumerary Fund of the Eastern Provinces was presented and read by the Rev. Robert Duncan, and adopted.

(For Report, see Appendix 4.)

A Revised Constitution of the Supernumerary Fund of the Conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, was read by the Rev. J. Cassidy, and confirmed by the Conference.

The Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented and read by the Rev. Dr. Hunter.

The clauses of the Report were taken up *seriatim*, and paragraphs one and two were passed.

The Rev. Bishop McTyeire, in a brief address, took leave of the Conference.

Mr. J. J. Pearson read Report No. 1 of the Committee on Applications for Leave of Absence, as follows:—

The Committee appointed on the nomination of the President, to consider the applications of members of this Conference wishing leave of absence, met in the Centenary Church, at six o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 18th September. All the members were present. Mr. G. W. Webb was appointed Chairman, and Mr. J. J. Pearson, Secretary.

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The application of Mr. C. M. Eastman, for permission to leave the Conference and return home on business was considered ; and your Committee recommend that his application be not granted.

The Report was adopted.

A hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop McTyeire, and the Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock, to meet again at two o'clock p.m.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 19th.*

The Conference met at two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. J. S. Coffin led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Clause No. 3 of the Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. Warring Kennedy moved in amendment, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nelles,—

That if a favourable opportunity occurs to sell the present newspaper press, the Book Committee be instructed to dispose of it, and purchase a new printing press and folding-machine, in view of changing the size and form of the *Christian Guardian*.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Potts,—

That this Conference expresses its preference for the form of the *Guardian* as asked for by the London Conference, and instructs the Book Committee of the Western Section, to make such arrangements as will enable the Book Steward to meet this preference.

The amendments were severally put and lost, and clause No. 3 of the Report was adopted.

Clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were read and adopted.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Withrow,—

That a Committee consisting of the Revs. Drs. Burwash, Withrow, Dewart and Harper, be appointed to adjust the proof texts in the Catechism, and carry out the recommendation of the General Conference as to its publication.  
*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. W. S. Griffin, and,—

*Resolved*,—That, whereas the General Conference of 1878, by special Resolution, requested the Rev. G. H. Cornish of the London Conference to furnish as soon as practicable his “Cyclopædia of Methodism in Canada;” and whereas said request has been complied with, thus giving the Methodist Church of Canada, a complete record of all its past history, and furnishing such a synopsis of its men and work as is possessed by no other Church in the world; this Conference hereby expresses its appreciation of the value of said “Cyclopædia of Methodism in Canada,” and recommends it to the hearty support of the Church generally.

Moved by the Rev. John Hunt, seconded by the Rev. Dr. McMurray,—

That in regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Publishing Interests, respecting the publication of a Hymn-Tune Book, for the appointment of a Committee to cooperate with the Committee of the Eastern Section on this work, that in addition to the Book Stewards, East and West, the Nominating Committee be authorized to

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nominate a Committee of five persons who shall consult with one or more thoroughly competent musicians, and shall co-operate with the Eastern Musical Committee, in the preparation of materials for a Hymn-Tune Book adapted to the use of our Church; and to secure the publication of such Book at an early period.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Allison,—

That the Western Section of the Book Committee shall appoint a small Committee of competent men to act in concert with the Brethren of the Eastern Section in the matter of the proposed Hymn-Tune Book.

The amendment prevailed.

The election of Book Stewards and Editors was taken up:—

On nomination of the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, the Rev. W. M. BRIGGS was re-elected by acclamation Book Steward for the Western Section.

The Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., was nominated as Editor of the *Christian Guardian* by W. W. Ogden, M.D.

The Rev. Ezra A. Stafford, B.A., was nominated by the Rev. S. Bond.

The Rev. Dr. Ryckman was nominated by the Rev. John Shaw.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland was nominated by Judge Jones.

A ballot was taken, and

The Rev. Dr. DEWART was declared duly elected.

The Rev. Dr. Withrow was nominated as Editor of the *Methodist Magazine*, by the Rev. Dr. Nelles.

The Revs. S. J. Hunter, E. A. Stafford, B.A., and Dr. Ryckman were also nominated.

A ballot having been taken,

The Rev. Dr. WITHROW was declared duly elected.

The Rev. S. F. HUESTIS, was nominated as Book Steward for the Eastern Section, by the Rev. R. Duncan, and re-elected by acclamation.

The Rev. T. WATSON SMITH was nominated as Editor of the *Wesleyan* by the Rev. W. C. Brown, and elected by acclamation.

The Rev. John Douse, Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Rose presented the Report of the General Conference Fund.

(See Appendix.)

On motion of the Rev. W. W. Percival, the Report was referred to the General Conference Finance Committee.

It was ordered that the Report of the Sabbath-school Committee be the first business to-morrow morning.

It was also ordered that the Report of the Children's Fund Committee shall be the Order of the day after the Report of the Sabbath-school Committee.

On motion it was

*Resolved*,—That the Committee on Discipline be permitted to retire from the Conference Session this evening.

The Union Committee was also granted permission to meet this evening.

On motion the Conference adjourned at half-past five o'clock to meet at half-past seven o'clock this evening, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 19th.*

The Conference met at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung and the Rev. Dr. Milligan led in prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.B., read clause No. 9 of the Report of the Committee on Education as follows:—

That the Charter of Victoria University be so amended as to provide that the heads of all affiliated Institutions and the Professors of the Wesleyan College, Montreal, shall be members of the Senate.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Nelles, the clause was adopted.

Dr. Inch presented the Report of the Educational Institutions at Sackville, N.B.

On motion of Dr. Inch, seconded by the Rev. Dr. McMurray, the Reports were adopted.

(See Appendix.)

The Committee recommended that the following constitute the Board of Governors of Mount Allison College:—

Rev. J. McMurray, D.D.  
 " H. Pickard, D.D.  
 " H. Pope, D.D.  
 " C. Stewart, D.D.  
 " A. W. Nicolson.  
 " J. Lathern.  
 " W. H. Heartz.  
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 J. D. Dixon.  
 E. Allison, LL.D.  
 J. R. Inch, LL.D.

On motion it was resolved that the recommendation be adopted.

It was then,—

*Resolved*,—That application be made to the Legislature for such amendment of the Charter as will provide for the addition of four Ministerial and four Lay Members of the Board, and that the Board be authorized to appoint for the present Quadrennium the additional members of the Board provided for by said change of Charter.

CLERICAL DIRECTORS—ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Committee on Education recommended the following persons as Clerical Directors of the Ontario Ladies' College for the next four years:—

Revs. John Shaw, Edward H. Dewart, D.D., David C. McDowell, Hugh Johnston, B.D., George Leech, Wm. H. Laird, and Calvin Shaw.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Burns presented the Report of the Hamilton Wesleyan Ladies' College, which on motion was adopted.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.B., read the Report of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, which on motion of the Rev. Dr. Nelles, seconded by the Rev. Louis N. Beaudry, was adopted.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

DIRECTORS—MONTREAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The Committee submitted the following names as Directors of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal:—

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Hon. Senator Ferrier.	Rev. George Douglas, LL.D.
John Torrance.	" J. A. Williams, D.D.
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Samuel Finley.	" J. Potts, D.D.
George Bishop.	" H. F. Bland.
James Paterson.	" W. Jeffers, D.D.
James Lord.	" L. Gaetz.
D. Graham, B.C.L.	" L. Hooker.
C. Morton.	" G. H. Davis.
Prof. S. P. Robins, LL.D.	" J. T. Pitcher.
W. Gooderham.	" E. B. Ryckman, D.D.
H. Miller.	" H. Johnston, M.A., B.D.
J. J. Maclaren, A.M., LL.B., Q.C.	" W. Williams.
J. J. Dugdale, M.D.	" A. Langford.

Directors resident in Montreal to constitute the Executive Committee.

The Board is authorized by the General Conference to fill vacancies created by death or resignation.

Clauses 5, 6, 7, and 8, of the Report of the Committee on Education were read and adopted.

(See Appendix.)

Mr. J. J. Pearson presented the following Report:—

The Committee on applications for permission to leave the Conference before it rises, Report that they have considered the application of Mr. W. A. Morrow, to leave the Conference this evening in compliance with a subpoena from the Court of Chancery, to attend said Court at Peterborough, and recommend that the request of Mr. Morrow be granted.

The Committee have also considered the application of Mr. Wm. Risdon, for leave to return home, to attend the St. Thomas County Fair, and recommend that the request be not granted.

The Committee also report that the application of Mr. W. Caldwell, of Halifax, for permission to leave on Thursday

morning of this week, and return home, has been considered, and as Mr. Caldwell's remaining longer would occasion the violation of engagements which he could not control, the Committee recommend that his request be granted.

The Report was adopted.

The Conference adjourned at a quarter to ten o'clock, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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## TWELFTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 20th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Hon. W. G. Strong led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McMurray, it was,—

*Resolved*,—That the subject connected with the proposal for a new Hymn-Tune Book be reconsidered.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Briggs, and,—

*Resolved*,—That at the first meeting of the Eastern and Western Sections of the Book Committee, a small Committee of competent men, shall be selected from the Western Conferences to act in concert with the Brethren from the East in the matter of the proposed Hymn-Tune Book.

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By the Rev. H. F. Bland,—To expunge paragraph 520 of the Discipline.

By the Rev. Dr. Nelles,—Respecting the time and manner of administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

By the Rev. Dr. Williams,—Respecting a Disciplinary Rule for the use of our own Hymn Book.

By the Rev. R. Fowler, M.D.,—Respecting the Superannuation Fund.

By Mr. Thomas Holtby,—To amend paragraphs 231 of the Book of Discipline.

By the Rev. A. Campbell,—Respecting the Transfer of Ministers.

By the Rev. D. L. Brethour,—Respecting the publication in separate form of changes in the Discipline.

The Rev. S. Bond addressed the Conference on his Resolutions, relating to the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences.

The discussion continued till twelve o'clock, when the Conference adjourned with the usual devotional exercises, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON, *Sept. 20th.*

The Conference met at two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. John Shaw led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The discussion on the Rev. S. Bond's Resolutions relating to the Rights and Privileges of the Annual Conferences was resumed.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. S. J. Hunter, seconded by the Rev. S. F. Huestis,—

That inasmuch as no Resolution is before the Conference which is likely to harmonize the various views represented,—

*Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed, with instruction to prepare a Resolution relating to the questions at issue, which shall be printed and circulated among the members of Conference at as early a date as possible.

Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., moved that the vote be now taken.

The motion was carried and the Conference proceeded to vote.

The amendment of the Rev. S. J. Hunter was put and carried.

On motion of the Rev. J. Wakefield, seconded by the Rev. S. J. Hunter,—

The President was requested to appoint a Committee of seven, in accordance with Mr. Hunter's amendment.

A hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference adjourned at five o'clock, to meet again at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 20th.*

The Conference met at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Hon. J. J. Rogerson led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

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of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund, namely, the nomination of the members of the Board.

The Rev. Dr. Hunter brought up his Resolution, respecting the mode of constituting the Superannuation Board, but the same did not prevail.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson read the nominations of the Committee, which were confirmed by the Conference.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, seconded by the Rev. John Bredin, and,—

*Resolved*,—That the Report of the Committee be now adopted as a whole.

(See Appendix.)

The President nominated the following as the Committee under the Rev. S. J. Hunter's Resolution, respecting the Rights and Privileges of Annual Conferences:—Revs. Dr. Hunter, J. H. Robinson, John Lathern, E. A. Stafford, B.A., and Mr. Warring Kennedy, D. Allison, LL.D., and Hon. C. R. Ayre.

The Rev. C. Jost, M.A., presented the Report of the Committee on the Course of Study.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by the Rev. J. Hunt,—

That Watson's Institutes, Part II., Chapters 1 to 17, be substituted for Pope's Theology.

The amendment was lost.

On motion of the Rev. C. Jost, M.A., the Report of the Committee with its amendments was adopted as a whole.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A., presented the Report of the Committee on a Day of Thanksgiving as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report,—That inasmuch as it has become the usage of the Dominion Government to appoint a day of general Thanksgiving for the Dominion, we recommend that the Conference adopt such day as shall be designated by the said Government ; and that the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to inform the Government to this effect.

JAMES FERRIER, *Chairman.*

At nine o'clock a hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference adjourned.

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### THIRTEENTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept. 21st.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and Mr. John Macdonald led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Warring Kennedy, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—

That the following be added to the Report of the Committee on a Day of Thanksgiving : That if no such appointment be made by the respective Governments, then this General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, does hereby appoint that the last Thursday in November, in the present year, shall be set apart as a day of praise for abundant Providential gifts received, and of prayer that showers of spiritual blessings may descend on all the Churches of our land.

The motion was lost.

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By the Rev. T. G. Williams,—To re-consider the Report of the Committee on the Course of Study.

By the Rev. Dr. McMurray,—Respecting the length of term of Ministerial Probation in certain cases.

Moved by the Rev. H. F. Bland, seconded by the Rev. George McRitchie, and,—

*Resolved*,—That clause 520 of the Discipline be rescinded on the ground of unfairness and inequity.

Moved by the Rev. T. M. Campbell, seconded by the Rev. H. S. Matthews,—

That any Annual Conference concerned, on receiving a petition signed by ten of its members, may, by a two-thirds vote of its members present, request any of its claimants to relinquish their claim on the Superannuation Fund, either in whole or in part, and if the claimant so requested, refuse, the ensuing Conference may refer the case to the Board of the Superannuation Fund, and the said Board shall be authorized to settle with said claimant, upon the scale of payments in force when the said claimant was received into Full Connexion with his Conference.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by the Rev. John G. Laird,—

That the General Conference shall elect the Treasurer of each Connexional Fund.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Wm. Eyres,—

That inasmuch as the Constitutions of the Superannuation Fund, the Sabbath-school Board, the Book and Print-

ing Establishments, the Missionary Society, and the Contingent Fund, expressly provide for the election of such members of these several Boards as are to serve during the ensuing quadrennium; and inasmuch as said members should be selected in fair proportions from the Annual Conferences concerned, this General Conference hereby directs that the delegates from said Annual Conferences shall meet during the Sessions of this Conference for the purpose of selecting the persons whom they desire to serve as members on the several Boards indicated.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by Mr. Thomas Holtby, seconded by the Rev. John Hunt,—

That section No. 231 in the Discipline be amended by striking out the words, "on nomination of the Superintendent," and the words "by ballot," be inserted instead thereof.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. D. L. Brethour, seconded by the Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A.,—

That the Book Steward receive instructions to publish in separate form, and index, all additions to, and changes made in, the Discipline, at this Conference.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. R. Fowler, M.D., seconded by the Rev. John Hunt,—

That the yearly deficiency of the Superannuation Fund be apportioned among the ministers, on the scale of amount of contribution to the Circuit and Connexional Funds of the respective Circuits, and that each Superintendent be at liberty to use the means best adapted in his judgment to raise the necessary assessment.

The motion was put and lost.

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The Report of the Committee on Methodist Union, was presented and read by the Rev. W. C. Brown, Secretary of the Committee.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., and,—

*Resolved*,—That the Report just read be printed immediately and placed in the hands of the members of the Conference, and that the discussion of the Report be the Order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Dr. Withrow presented and read the Report of the Sunday-school Committee.

The recommendations of the Report were considered *seriatim*.

In amendment to the first recommendation it was moved by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Wm. Hill,—

That this Conference set apart a suitable person who shall edit our Sabbath-school Publications, preach sermons on Sabbath-school work, hold District and Circuit Conventions, and promote our Sabbath-school interests generally.

The amendment was put to the Conference and lost.

Mr. Warring Kennedy presented and read the Treasurer's Report of the General Conference Sabbath-school Fund.

The Report was adopted.

(See Appendix.)

Mr. J. J. Pearson read Report No. 4 of the Committee on applications for leave of absence as follows:—

The Committee have considered the applications of Messrs. Isaac England, J. Tuttle, and G. Sturgeon, all of whom wish to return home for purely business purposes, and while your Committee sympathize largely with these brethren, as they state their business must suffer if they remain longer from home, yet feeling that the importance of

the work still to come before this Conference requires that nothing but the most imperative demand, such as could not have been foreseen when accepting the appointment at the hands of their District Meetings, should call them away, the Committee therefore recommend that the request of these brethren be not granted.

The Report was adopted.

A hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference adjourned to meet again at two o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 21st.*

The Conference met at two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung and the Rev. John Shaw led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by the Rev. J. Shaw, and,—

*Resolved*,—That the Editor of the *Methodist Magazine*, Rev. Dr. Withrow, be required to edit the Sunday-school Publications of our Church.

The Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., read the Report of the Committee on the Children's Fund, and moved its adoption by the Conference as follows :—

Your Committee consisting of an equal number of ministers and laymen, having carefully considered the Memorials and Resolutions referred to them, and having thoroughly examined into the relations and workings of the Children's Fund, both as it relates to ministers and Circuits, beg leave to submit the following :—

1. In view of the fact that the Children's Fund is still continuing largely to accomplish the objects for which it was established by the intelligent laymen of our Church,

both as it respects our Circuits, the families of the members. Therefore,—

*Resolved*,—to continue the contribution on each Circuit Fund.

2. With a view to the Fund, as well as upon all, we recommend the Children's disbursement of payments :

1. All ministers of the preceding session not less than \$

2. All who are allowed not less than \$

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both as it regards its helpful relations to a large number to our Circuits, and the valuable and important assistance to the families of Superannuated and deceased ministers. Therefore,—

*Resolved*,—That we recommend the General Conference to continue the Regulations in the Discipline making it obligatory on each Annual Conference to maintain a Children's Fund.

2. With a view to the more equitable distribution of the Fund, as well as for the purpose of lightening the burdens upon all, we would recommend that the Constitution of the Children's Fund be so amended as to admit of the disbursement of the Fund according to the following scale of payments:—

1. All ministers who received for ministerial support, the preceding year, a sum less than \$600 shall be allowed not less than \$30 for each child.

2. All who received \$600 and less than \$900 shall be allowed not less than \$25 per child.

3. All who received \$900 or upwards shall be allowed not less than \$20 per child.

The term ministerial support as applied in the above cases shall be understood to include the items—salary, board, and fuel, together with any grant on salary received from the Missionary or Contingent Funds.

4. The children of superannuated or deceased ministers shall continue to receive, as in the past, the sum of not less than \$30 each per year.

5. All the above payments shall be continued for a term of not less than 18 years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEROY HOOKER, *Chairman.*

W. C. HENDERSON, *Secretary.*

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Wm. Gray, seconded by Mr. Wm. Hill,—

That at the end of the current Annual Conference year, the Children's Fund shall be abolished.

The Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

It was moved by the Rev. L. Gaetz, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Harper, and,—

*Resolved*,—That this Conference has heard with profound interest the thrilling words of greeting that the Rev. Dr. Ormiston has kindly offered to this Conference, and joins in earnest prayer that the great Head of the Church will crown his honoured life with continued tokens of His favour; and we assure Dr. Ormiston of our sincere affection and regard for himself and his work.

The Hon. W. G. Strong read the Report of the General Conference Fund Committee.

The Report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Report of the Special Committee on the Rev. S. J. Hunter's Resolution, relating to the Rights and Privileges of the Annual Conferences, was read by the Rev. Dr. Hunter.

The consideration of the Report was laid over.

At half-past five o'clock, a hymn was sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, at the request of the President, and the Conference adjourned, to meet again at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

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THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept 21st.*

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The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Rev. C. Jost, M.A., read the address of this Conference in reply to the address of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.

The address was adopted.

(See Appendix.)

The Secretary read the address of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States to this General Conference. The address was referred to the Committee appointed to draft a reply.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. S. Bond read the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The Report was adopted.

(See Appendix.)

It was moved by the Rev. W. Galbraith, LLB., seconded by the Rev. H. F. Bland, and,—

*Resolved*,—That this General Conference appoint a small but influential Standing Committee on Sabbath Observance, which shall take all needful steps to secure the proper observance of the Sabbath, and also to confer and co-operate with similar Committees appointed by other Churches and Secretaries of Evangelical Alliances for this end.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw read the final paragraphs of the Report of the Committee on Education.

The Report was adopted paragraph by paragraph.

(See Appendix.)

At a quarter past ten o'clock, the President pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

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#### FOURTEENTH DAY

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 22nd.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A., led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Notice of Motion was given by Mr. W. Gray,—Respecting a Fund for the Children of Deceased Ministers.

The discussion on the Report of the Children's Fund Committee was resumed.

The vote of the Conference was taken first on the amendment of Mr. W. Gray.

It was decided by the Conference that a constitutional question was involved, and that a three-fourth's majority vote was requisite to carry the amendment.

The amendment was then put and lost.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—

That in the judgment of this Conference, in view of the many interests involved, it is inexpedient to make any radical change in the constitution of the Children's Fund until the Conference is in possession of fuller information. Therefore,

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*Resolved*,—That a commission be appointed to collect and tabulate all available information in regard to the practical working of the Children's Fund, and that they have authority to print the same, and send a copy to each member-lect of the next General Conference, at least one month before the date fixed for the assembling of the Conference.

The amendment prevailed.

The consideration of the clause relating to the scale of children's allowances was taken up:

Moved in amendment by the Rev. J. Wakefield, seconded by the Rev. A. Langford,—

That the Children's Fund rest upon the same basis in all particulars as during the last quadrennium.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Thomas Marshall, seconded by Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.,—

That for the present the constitution of the Children's Fund, as found on page 162 of the Discipline, be continued, with the exception of the words, "and uniformly," in section 556, and leaving out altogether section 557.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was then put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. S. F. Huestis,—

That the word "more" be substituted for the word "less" in the scale of payments.

The motion was put and lost.

The Conference then decided to vote on the Report of the Committee, and also that a three-fourth's majority was necessary to carry it, being a constitutional question.

The Report was then voted upon and declared lost.

At twenty minutes past twelve o'clock the Conference adjourned, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 22nd.*

The Conference met at two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. S. J. Hunter led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. J. Pearson read Report No. 5 of the Committee on Permissions to Leave Conference:—

The Committee submit—That they have considered the application of the Rev. C. Jost, M.A., Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.B., Rev. J. S. Phinney, Hon. J. J. Rogerson, and Messrs. John J. Weddall, Alexander Ferguson, J. Tuttell, Thomas Langrell, and Thomas Elliott, and as the demands for the return of the first seven are such as they could not have provided for before leaving home, and the last two are indisposed, your Committee recommend that the said requests be granted.

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Contingent Fund Committee was read by Mr. T. H. Willmott, and adopted by the Conference.

(See Appendix.)

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was read by the Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., and adopted by the Conference.

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On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dewart the Report was ordered to be printed in tract form for general circulation.

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*Resolved*,—That the Delegates of the several Conferences meet in this church immediately at the close of this session to appoint the Book Committee for the ensuing term.

Mr. W. F. Hall gave Notice of Motion,—Concerning Expenses of Lay-Delegates to General Conference.

The Rev. W. C. Brown presented the Report of the Committee on Methodist Union.

Mr. J. J. Pearson moved the reception and adoption of the Report.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. W. W. Carson, seconded by the Rev. R. Whiting,—

That the clauses of the Report be considered one by one.

The amendment was carried.

The Preamble of the Report of the Committee on Union, as far as the bottom of the first page of the printed document, was adopted.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Dewart,—

That having considered the Preamble of the Report of the Committee on Union, this Conference affirms the desirability of an organic Union of the various Methodist Churches in the Dominion of Canada; provided a basis can be arrived at that will carry the cordial assent of the Ministers and members of the Churches proposing to unite.

In amendment to the second paragraph on the second page of the Report of the Committee on Union, the Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved the following :—

That while this Conference is not aware of any general desire among the members of the Methodist Church of Canada for Lay-Representation in the Annual Conferences, yet it agrees, in order to promote Union, to concede the principle; provided no change is made in regard to the examin-

ation of ministerial character, or the composition of the Stationing Committee.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. A. Langford, seconded by the Rev. J. Graham,—

That the question of Lay-Representation in the Annual Conferences be referred to the Committee on Union recommended to be appointed, to furnish all necessary details, and report as hereinafter provided.

The Conference adjourned at half-past five o'clock to meet at half-past seven o'clock this evening, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept. 22nd.*

The Conference met at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. W. McDonagh led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Permission to Leave the Conference reported,—

That they have considered the application of Mr. J. Carscallen to leave for home on Saturday. As the person in charge of Mr. Carscallen's business must leave on Monday, and he has no one at home to take charge in his absence, your Committee recommend that the request be granted.

The Report was adopted.

The discussion on the Report of the Committee on Union was resumed.

At half-past nine o'clock the Conference, on motion, adjourned, after the singing of a hymn, and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the President.

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## FIFTEENTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept. 23rd.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. W. W. Carson led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. J. Pearson presented a further report from the Committee on Leave of Absence, as follows:—

The Committee on Permission to Leave Conference report that they have considered the applications of the Rev. J. S. Coffin, the Rev. Dr. Elliott, the Hon. C. R. Ayre, the Rev. T. G. Williams, and Messrs. George Sturgeon and Alfred Frost, to leave for home to-day, or Monday morning; and finding that the demands on these brethren are such as can not well be refused, your Committee recommend that these requests be granted.

The Report was adopted.

The President called for the Report of the Committee on Discipline.

The Rev. Dr. Williams presented a portion of the Report.

To the recommendation of the Committee that the Conference take no action on Rev. John Shaw's motion that "All our Church Courts should be held with open doors,"

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. L. Gaetz, seconded by the Rev. W. Williams;—

That the various Courts of our Church may be open to the public, provided, nevertheless, that any Church Court, may, for sufficient cause, decide by vote to sit with closed doors.

The amendment was lost.

The discussion on the Report of the Committee on Methodist Union was resumed.

On Motion of the Rev. A. Campbell, seconded by the Rev. P. Addison, the time of the speeches was limited to five minutes each.

At five minutes after twelve o'clock, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Burns, it was resolved that the session be prolonged fifteen minutes.

It was decided by the Conference to proceed at once to take the vote on the Report and its Amendments.

The Rev. A. Langford's amendment to the amendment, was put and declared lost.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland's amendment was put and carried.

The President called for the Reports of the Conferences as to the election of members of the Book Committee.

Reports were rendered as follows :—

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. S. J. Hunter.	W. Kennedy.
" Dr. Harper.	R. Brown.
" J. G. Laird.	W. W. Ogden, M.D.
" Dr. Sutherland.	T. H. Willmott.
" N. R. Willoughby, M.A.	

LONDON CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. Dr. Williams.	James Mills, M.A.
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" A. Langford.	Joseph Lister.
" Dr. Sanderson.	A. S. Fisher.
" Wm. Williams.	

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A.	Hon. J. Ferrier.
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## NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
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## NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. Dr. Milligan.	Hon. C. R. Ayre.

The Conference adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock, to meet again at half-past two o'clock, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 23rd.*

The Conference met at half-past two o'clock. The President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. Jas. Gray led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. J. Pearson presented a further report from the Committee on Leave of Absence, as follows:—

Dr. Allison requests conditional leave of absence. Being a Government officer, and his leave of absence expiring the middle of next week, he desires permission to return home on Monday, if further leave of absence cannot be secured by telegraph. The Committee recommend that the request be granted.

The Report was adopted.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Burns, and

*Resolved*,—That this Conference strongly recommends the formation, wherever practicable, in connection with the congregations of our Church, of Mutual Improvement Societies, having for their object the promotion of the study of the word and works of God, and His Providential dealings with the race. And that this Conference further recommends, as a most valuable assistance in the promotion of this object, the adoption of some such approved and definite lines of reading and study, as shall at once cultivate the intellectual and moral powers, and promote friendly and social relations among the membership of our Church, and shall guard their public and private entertainments against frivolous and dissipating tendencies.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

To the clause of the report respecting the appeal of an expelled person, it was moved in amendment by the Rev. W. C. Brown, seconded by the Rev. J. Lathern, as follows:—

Add to paragraph 377, page 113. "Provided that the member so accused have the right of appeal to the next Annual District Meeting."

The amendment prevailed.

On motion by the Rev. John Philp, M.A., it was

*Resolved*,—That the recommendation of the Committee on Discipline, concerning the location of a minister, be referred back to the Committee to define and determine his claim on the Superannuation Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Hunter moved, seconded by the Rev. J. Philp, M. A. That the notice of motion of the Rev. J. Philp, M.A., concerning the reappointment of a minister, to a Circuit, after six years instead of three years, be held over until the Report from the Committee on Itinerancy be brought in.

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The Committee on Permission to Leave the Conference reported,—

That Mr. W. A. Ferguson, of Nova Scotia, desires permission to leave for home this evening, and as the reason for his return seems legitimate, the Committee recommend that the request be granted.

The Report was adopted.

The Conference adjourned at four o'clock, to meet again at nine o'clock on Monday morning, Sept. 25th, a hymn being sung, and the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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### SIXTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 25th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. Joseph H. Robinson led in prayer.

The minutes of the Saturday afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Burwash read further portions of the Educational Report.

Moved by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nelles, and,—

*Resolved*,—That paragraph 426, in the Constitution of the Educational Society be amended by the insertion of the words "where practicable," after the word "meetings."

Notices of motion were given as follows:—

By Dr. Inch,—Respecting Connexional Collections.

By Dr. Ogden,—Respecting the Constitution of the Stationing Committee.

By Mr. J. Lister,—Respecting the Recording Stewards in the May District Meetings preceding the General Conference.

Moved by the Rev. J. Shaw, seconded by the Rev. G. H. Cornish, and

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of each Annual Conference shall prepare duplicate copies of all memorials and special resolutions from the Annual Conference and District Meetings, and shall see that they are properly endorsed, and placed in possession of the Secretary of the General Conference on the first day of its meeting.

Moved by the Rev. J. Shaw, seconded by the Rev. G. H. Cornish, and

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Annual Conference to furnish the Secretary of the General Conference, not later than ten days before the assembling of the General Conference, a certified list of all Delegates, and such lists shall constitute the Roll from which the names shall be called.

The Rev. Dr. Williams presented further recommendations of the Committee on Discipline.

Moved by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., seconded by Mr. W. Kennedy,—

That the clause of the Report referring to the method of giving out the hymns, be referred back to the Committee, to so amend it as to secure uniformity of usage throughout our entire Connexion.

The motion was lost.

On the subject of "lining" the hymns,—Mr. Warring Kennedy moved in amendment to the Committee's Report, seconded by Mr. S. Washington,—

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Whereas it is the usage of the Methodist Church of Canada for the minister to line each verse, in singing the hymns,

And whereas there is no written law on this subject,—

*Resolved*,—That this Conference recommends, in order to secure uniformity in this respect, that the hymns be given out and lined, verse by verse.

The motion was lost.

On motion of the Rev. Charles Fish, the President was requested to nominate the Committee ordered on the Children's Fund, and also that on Legislation.

The Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock, with the usual devotional exercises, to meet again at two o'clock this afternoon.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 25th.*

The Conference met at two o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. C. Jost, M.A., led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read, amended, and confirmed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Leave of Absence, the following brethren were granted permission to return home before the close of the Conference, namely: Rev. W. H. Hartz, Rev. J. A. Rogers, and Messrs. W. J. Porte, Joseph Burrill, W. G. Stafford, and G. H. Bowes.

Moved by the Rev. C. Jost, M.A., seconded by Mr. Wm. Eyres, and

*Resolved*,—That upon resuming the Order of the Day, the speeches be limited to five minutes.

A re-consideration of the resolution was moved by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, but failed to carry.

The Conference then resumed the discussion of the Report of the Committee on Union.

The Rev. W. C. Brown, moved the adoption of the clause of the Report recommending a General Superintendency, and the Rev. Wm. Williams seconded the motion.

The Rev. A. Langford moved, seconded by the Rev. James Graham,—

That the Report be amended as follows:—

That inasmuch as the Report of the Committee on Union, on the important question of an Itinerant General Superintendency, is not clearly defined, this whole question be referred to a Special Committee on Union, to express definitely what form, and to what extent, a General Superintendency is proposed, and will be submitted to the Quarterly Official Boards of our Church.

In amendment to this amendment it was moved by the Rev. John Shaw, and seconded by His Honor Judge Jones,

That in order to meet as far as possible the views and wishes of our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, this Conference will not object to an Itinerant General Superintendency, provided the powers and duties of the office be so defined as to prevent interference with the duties and powers of Annual Conference Officers, or of Church Courts.

After a lengthened discussion, on motion of Judge Jones the Conference proceeded to a vote.

The amendment to the amendment was then submitted to the Conference and carried by a large majority.

At half-past five o'clock, on motion of the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., the session was prolonged for fifteen minutes.

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*Resolved*,—That there shall be an equal number of ministers and laymen on the Committee on Methodist Union to be appointed.

Moved by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M.A., seconded by the Rev. A. Langford, and

*Resolved*,—That the whole number of the Committee be forty-two, besides the President of the General Conference—distributed as follows:—Toronto Conference, 12; London Conference, 12; Montreal Conference, 8; Nova Scotia Conference, 4; New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference, 4; and the Newfoundland Conference, 2.

At a quarter to six o'clock the Conference adjourned, to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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MONDAY EVENING, *Sept. 25th.*

The Conference met at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. Peter Addison led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The President called for Reports of the Committees appointed on Fraternal Correspondence.

The Rev. T. Watson Smith read the reply of this Conference to the Address of the Australasian General Conference.

The address was adopted by the Conference.

The Rev. S. Bond read the Report of the Committee on Itinerancy.

The recommendations of the report were taken up *seriatim*.

To the clause of the Report relating to the length of the Pastoral Term, it was

Moved in amendment by the Rev. H. F. Bland, and seconded by the Rev. Geo. McRitchie,—

That the extension of the Pastoral Term may embrace a fourth year on the conditions named by the Committee, subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

In amendment to the amendment, it was,—

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Jeffers, and seconded by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A.,—

That the Stationing Committee may station a Minister on the same circuit for a fourth or fifth year, on the request of the Quarterly Official Meeting, and with the permission of the Conference.

It was decided by the Conference that to extend the term of Pastoral Service required a three-fourths majority vote.

The amendments were successively put to the Conference, and declared lost.

The recommendation of the Committee, to the effect that the Pastoral Term may be extended in certain circumstances to five years, was also put and declared lost.

The following Resolution was introduced by the Rev. John Philp, M.A., seconded by the Rev. James Graham,—

That paragraph 139, on page 51 of the Discipline, which reads, "nor shall a Minister be re-appointed to a circuit or mission within a less interval than three years," be so amended as to read, "nor shall a Minister be re-appointed to a circuit or mission within a less interval than six years."

Moved in amendment by the Rev. S. F. Huestis, seconded by the Rev. W. C. Brown,—

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That a period of not less than four years shall elapse before a Minister can return to a circuit.

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The original motion was put and carried.

While the subject of the Transfer of Ministers was under consideration, ten o'clock arrived, and the Conference adjourned with the singing of a hymn, and the Benediction by the President.

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### SEVENTEENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 26th.*

The Conference met at nine o'clock, the President in the Chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and the Rev. James Woodsworth led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The consideration of the composition of the Committee to be appointed on Methodist Union was resumed.

Dr. Inch gave notice of motion to reconsider the Resolution of yesterday, relating to the parity of numbers of ministers and laymen on the Committee.

On motion of Dr. Inch, the rule of order was suspended that the motion to reconsider might be acted upon at once.

Moved by Dr. Inch, seconded by the Rev. S. J. Hunter,—

That the Union Committee consist of the following representatives of the various Church interests, namely: Dr.

Sutherland, Missions; Dr. Nelles, Victoria University; Dr. Burwash, Educational Society; Dr. Douglas, Montreal Theological College; Dr. Stewart, Mount Allison College; Rev. W. Briggs and Rev. S. F. Heustis, Book and Publishing interests; Dr. Dewart and Rev. T. W. Smith, Editors; Dr. Sanderson, Superannuation Fund; Dr. Pickard, Superannuation Fund; Rev. James Gray, Contingent Fund; together with thirty to be elected by the delegations of the Annual Conferences, half the number to be ministers and half laymen, as follows:—Toronto Conference, 8; London Conference, 8; Montreal Conference, 6; Three Eastern Conferences, 8.

It was afterwards, on motion,

*Resolved*,—That Dr. Inch's name be added to the list.

Moved by Dr. Allison, seconded by the Rev. D. V. Lucas, M.A.,—

That at the close of this session the several Conference delegations meet separately to elect representatives to the Committee on Methodist Union, in order that the result of the elections may be announced at the afternoon session.

The motion prevailed.

The Rev. Dr. Burwash, read the concluding portion of the Report of the Committee on Education.

The Report was adopted.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. J. R. Gundy read the Report of the Committee on Statistics.

The Report was adopted.

(See Appendix.)

The Rev. E. Clement read the Report of the Committee on Boundaries.

The Report was adopted.

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The Conference resumed the discussion of the Report of the Committee on Itinerancy, as far as relates to the transfer of Ministers.

It was moved, in amendment, by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland,—

1. That in regard to transfers, each Annual Conference shall be represented by its President and one other member elected by ballot, annually, by such Conference.

2. The President of the General Conference shall have authority, in consultation with the Representatives of Annual Conferences concerned, to arrange for the transfer of Ministers from one Conference to another, provided that the concurrence of at least one of the representatives from each Conference concerned shall be necessary to effect such transfer; provided also, that any brother whom it is proposed to transfer, shall be notified at least one month before the transfer is made, and shall, if he think himself aggrieved, have the right of appeal to the Special Committee of his own Conference, who shall determine finally whether the transfer shall take effect.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Mr. W. E. Sanford, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Harper,—

That in view of the Unity of the Methodist Church of Canada, and the consequent necessity of the availability of the talents and qualifications of its ministers to all its fields of labour, instead of the present Transfer Committee, the following shall be substituted :

A Committee of thirty ministers, appointed by their respective Conferences in the following proportions, viz :—  
From the London Conference, nine members; from the Toronto Conference, eight members; from the Montreal Conference, six members; from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, four members; from the Nova Scotia Conference, four members; from the Newfoundland Conference, two members; shall meet at some Central

point, prior to the meeting of the Annual Conferences, and shall station all the ministers and preachers within their bounds; said work of stationing shall include all transfers that may be necessary or requisite.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was then put and was declared lost.

The Report of the Committee was put and carried by the requisite two-thirds majority.

The Report of the Committee was then adopted as a whole.

Moved by the Rev. A. Campbell, seconded by the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., as an addition to the Report of the Committee on Itinerancy,—

There shall also be a Quadrennial Transfer Committee composed of the President of General Conference, all Presidents of Annual Conferences, and one minister in Thirty in the active work of each Annual Conference.

(1) The Annual Conferences shall elect their representatives to the Quadrennial Transfer Committee by ballot at the Conferences preceding the General Conference, and from the General Conference delegates.

2. The Quadrennial Transfer Committee shall meet before the General Conference, and at the same place, and shall look over the whole work, and make as many transfers as in their judgment the interests of the work require. Provided always that they shall transfer not less than 4 per cent. of the ministers in the active work in all Conferences in which such transfers may be desired.

3. These Transfers shall take effect at the next ensuing Annual Conference to which ministers may be transferred, except in case of the President and Secretary of Conference and the Chairmen of Districts, in which case the transfers shall not take effect until the close of the Conference to which they may belong.

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The Rev. S. Bond moved, seconded by the Rev. D. V. Lucas, M. A.,—

That each section of the Transfer Committee shall transfer at least three per cent. of the men in the active work, between the Conferences included in the section concerned.

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by the Rev. James Gray, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Williams, and—

*Resolved*,—That the Rev. Dr. Rose, Treasurer of the General Conference Fund, be empowered to settle all claims of delegates appointed to this Conference, whose cases the General Conference Fund Committee have not been able to decide, in consequence of the absence of many members of the above Committee.

The Conference adjourned at twelve o'clock, noon, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 26th.*

The Conference met at two o'clock. The President in the chair. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. A. Campbell led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The result of the elections for members of the Committee on Methodist Union, by the Annual Conference delegations, was announced as follows :

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

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Rev. John Shaw.  
 " John G. Laird.  
 " Dr. Hunter.  
 " Dr. Harper.

*Laymen.*

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## LONDON CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. Wm. Williams.	Judge Jones.
“ Dr. Williams.	Joseph Lister.
“ Dr. Ryckman.	A. S. Fisher.
“ A. Langford.	W. E. Sanford.

## MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. E. A. Stafford, B.A.	Hon. Senator Ferrier.
“ George McRitchie.	W. H. Lambly.
“ Wm. Hansford.	W. F. Hall.

## EASTERN CONFERENCES.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. W. C. Brown.	Dr. Allison.
“ Dr. McMurray.	Hon. S. L. Shannon.
“ J. A. Rogers.	J. E. Irvine.
“ R. Duncan.	John Palmer.

The following Special Committee was appointed on Statistics, in accordance with the recommendation of the Report of the Committee on Statistics :

Rev. Geo. H. Cornish.	Rev. J. R. Gundy.
“ H. S. Matthews.	“ T. G. Williams.
“ J. A. Rogers.	“ Robert Duncan.
“ George Boyd.	

Moved by the Rev. A. Campbell, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Withrow,—

That in view of union, and in order to remove financial difficulties that might ensue, this Conference recommends that before the consummation of Union, earnest efforts be made in all the Churches connected therewith, to raise at least \$100,000 as a Sustentation Fund, to be managed in a manner similar to that of the Contingent Fund, for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of weak circuits.

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Moved by the Rev. T. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. John Palmer,—

That as no scheme of Union will be satisfactory to this Conference that does not provide in some efficient way for a guarantee that ministers stationed on mission circuits shall not receive less salaries than they are at present receiving.

The motion was lost.

Moved by Dr. Inch, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—

Whereas there is reason to believe that collections made on some Circuits for Connexional Funds are not appropriated in full to the objects for which they were ostensibly taken :

And whereas the so-called envelope system has, in some cases, been so managed as to prove a disadvantage to the Connexional Funds ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in all cases in which the collection shall have been announced for any Connexional Fund, the whole amount collected shall be so appropriated.

The motion prevailed.

The Rev. W. C. Brown read the concluding portion of the Report of the Committee on Union.

In amendment to the Report it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—

That after the words "February Quarterly Meetings," the following shall be inserted, "and also to the next ensuing Annual Conferences." And further, the words "and also a majority of the Annual Conferences" be inserted after the words "Quarterly Meetings voting thereon."

The amendment was carried.

The Report in full as amended was, upon motion, then adopted.

Moved by Dr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Pearson, and

*Resolved*,—That in assessing circuits for the Children's

Fund, children under 16 years of age, who may be members of the Church, shall not be included in the number forming the basis of Assessment.

The Rev. W. W. Ross presented the Report of the Committee on the Government of the Church, which was adopted.

(See Appendix.)

Moved by Mr. Joseph Lister, seconded by Judge Jones,

That the following be added to the closing words of paragraph 142, page 52, in the Discipline,—“Nevertheless the Recording Stewards present at the District Meeting, unless they shall have been so elected by the last Quarterly Official Meeting, shall have no voice or vote in the election of lay representatives to the General Conference; nor shall the delegates sent by the Quarterly Board be permitted to vote on any other question than the election of delegates to the General Conference.

The motion was lost.

The Rev. David Hill, English Wesleyan Missionary to China, was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Cochran, and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Williams continued the Report of the Committee on Discipline.

In reference to the notice of motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams, on the election of Stewards in the composition of Quarterly Official Meetings, the Committee recommend that it be not adopted. The recommendation was adopted.

In reference to Dr. Hunter's notice of motion, respecting the Stationing Committee, and the formation of Districts, the Committee recommend that no action be taken. The recommendation was adopted.

In reference to changes in the marriage service, the Committee recommend that page 187 of the Discipline, beginning with the 17th line, be changed so as to read, “Almighty

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God who at the beginning created our first parents, Adam and Eve, and sanctified and joined them together in marriage." The recommendation was accepted.

Paragraph 18 of the Committee's Report, in reference to Financial Districts Meetings, was adopted.

Paragraph 19 of the Committee's Report, in reference to the vote in the election of lay members to General Conference, was declared lost.

Paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 49, 50, and 51 were adopted.

The Rev. John Shaw presented the Report of the Committee on Missions.

All the recommendations of the Report were adopted, with the exception of one to which the following amendment was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, and seconded by James Mills, M.A.,—

That the restriction, adopted by the last General Conference, which prevents missionaries from sending communications directly to our Church periodicals, be removed.

The amendment prevailed.

The Hon. J. W. Sifton, on call of the President, addressed the Conference in reference to the bequest of the late Rev. Edward Morrow, M.A., to the Missionary, Educational, Church Extension, and other Funds of the Church.

Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Young, seconded by Mr. W. E. Sandford, and unanimously

*Resolved*,—That this Conference gratefully recognizes the grace of God in the benevolent provisions of the will of our late Brother, the Rev. Edward Morrow, M.A., whereby the Educational, Missionary, Superannuation, and other Departments of our work are so largely benefitted; and that we

tender our thanks to the executors, S. C. Biggs, Esq., Hon. J. W. Sifton, and W. A. Morrow, Esq., for the promptness and fidelity with which they have discharged their trust.

This Conference would also record its admiration of the honorable course pursued by the heirs-at-law, W. A. Morrow, and Thomas Morrow, Esqs, in promptly executing a deed confirming the provisions of the will, without which the benevolent intentions of the testator could not have been carried into effect.

On motion the Conference proceeded to the election of the General Secretary, and the Treasurers of the Missionary Society.

The Rev. Dr. Potts nominated the Rev. Dr. SUTHERLAND as General Secretary, whereupon Dr. Sutherland was elected by acclamation.

On nomination of the Rev. S. F. Huestis, JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., was elected Lay Treasurer of the Missionary Society by acclamation. The Rev. Dr. Sutherland was also unanimously elected Clerical Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

The Conference adjourned at half-past five o'clock, to meet at eight o'clock this evening, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 26th.*

The Conference met at eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair. The Rev. Dr. Hunter led in prayer.

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Moved by the Rev. Dr. Burwash, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Milligan, and

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Conference are very cordially presented to the friends in the City of Hamilton who have so generously and sumptuously entertained the members of the Conference.

Moved by the Rev. John Hunt, seconded by Mr. Warring Kennedy, and

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Conference are hereby presented to the Press—the *Spectator* and *Times*, of this City, and the *Globe* and *Mail*, of Toronto—for the full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the Conference, which they have published in their columns.

On motion of the Rev. W. W. Percival, it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the pastors of the city for their kindness in making such excellent provision for the members of the Conference.

Moved by Mr. Geo. W. Webb, seconded by Mr. J. J. Pearson, and

*Resolved*,—That this General Conference desires to express its hearty thanks to the several Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have allowed the delegates to travel at reduced rates.

Moved by the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., seconded by Mr. W. H. Lambly, and

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the Choirs of the Churches in this City, in which public services have been held in connection with the Conference, for the delightful and appropriate music with which they have favored us.

The Rev. Dr. Williams continued the Report of the Committee on Discipline.

Paragraphs 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, and 62, were read and adopted.

The Report in full, with the emendations made by the Conference, was adopted.

Moved by the Rev. W. Tindall, seconded by the Rev. J. G. Laird, and,—

*Resolved*,—That the Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, the Rev. Dr. Williams, is hereby appointed to edit the new issue of the Discipline of the Church, with power to correct all typographical and orthographical errors, and to re-arrange paragraphs where necessary for clearness and perspicuity.

The Rev. S. F. Huestis presented the Report of the Committee on North-West affairs.

The recommendations of the Committee were taken up *seriatim*, and adopted.

The Report was then adopted as a whole. (See Appendix.)

Mr. James Edwards read the Report of the Committee on the Government of the Church.

In amendment to the first recommendation of the committee, on motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, it was,—

*Resolved*,—That the President of the General Conference shall, *ex-officio*, possess the powers and discharge the duties hereinafter expressed and defined.

1. He shall hold office during the quadrennial period following his election.

2. He shall preside over all sessions of the General Conference during his term of office; and shall be, *ex-officio*, Chairman of all Standing Committees of the General Conference during the same period.

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4. He shall attend as many of the Annual Conference Sessions as possible, to bring before them any matter of connexional interest.

5. He shall have authority to rule in any question of law submitted to him, provided, however, that if the Annual Conference or any member thereof dissent from the ruling, they may refer the case to the Court of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

6. It is understood that the President of the General Conference shall devote especial attention to matters of a general Connexional character, leaving local affairs to the oversight of Annual Conference authorities.

Moved by Mr. John Macdonald, and seconded by Dr. Inch,

That the salary of the President of the General Conference, be the same as that of the other Connexional officers, and be paid out of the General Conference Fund.—*Carried.* (Afterwards amended, see p. 132).

To the second recommendation of the Committee, it was moved in amendment by Mr. John Macdonald,—

That the President of the General Conference shall nominate the Court of Appeal.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. S. Bond, seconded by the Rev. L. Hooker,—

That a Court of Appeal shall be constituted by the General Conference, consisting of the President of the General Conference, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, and twelve other persons, to be elected as follows, viz: The President of the General Conference shall nominate twelve Ministers and twelve Laymen, from whom the General Conference shall elect twelve, six of whom shall be Ministers and six Laymen.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

The third, fourth, and fifth recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

To the next recommendation of the Committee, it was moved in amendment, by the Rev. S. Bond,—

That a majority of those present shall be necessary to render a decision. But such majority shall not be less than five.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Harper, in amendment to the amendment,—

That in all cases a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to render a decision, which shall be final.

The amendment to the amendment having been put and lost, the amendment was put and carried.

It was moved by the Rev. S. Bond, seconded by the Rev. L. Hooker,—

That it shall be the duty of the Court of Appeal to try all cases of appeal from rulings of the President of the General Conference on questions of law, arising in the Committees over which he presides.

It was moved in amendment,

That it shall be the duty of the Court of Appeal to try all cases of appeal on the following subjects :—

1. All questions of law arising in the Annual Conferences.
2. All rulings of the President of the General Conference arising in the Committees over which he presides.
3. All actions taken by the General Conference on questions involved in paragraphs, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—

That all questions involving a conflict of opinion, between the General and the Annual Conferences, touching the

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The amendment to the amendment was carried.

On motion the Conference adjourned at forty minutes past ten o'clock, the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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### EIGHTEENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 27th.*

The Conference opened at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The Rev. J. F. German, M.A., led the Conference in prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Moved by the Rev. S. Bond, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Hansford, and

*Resolved,* That no member of the Court of Appeal who is personally interested in an appeal shall sit on the case. On appellant or respondent objecting on this ground, the remaining members of the Court shall determine whether he is thus disqualified.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, and

*Resolved,* That any person or Church Court appealing to the Court of Appeal shall have the right to appear before the Court in person or by representative to prosecute such appeal ; the same right shall be accorded to the respondent ; but in every case such representative shall be an accredited member of the Methodist Church of Canada.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wm. Beatty, LL.B., and

*Resolved*, That in all cases unprovided for, the Court of Appeal shall have power to frame rules of order for itself.

Moved by the Rev. Wm. Williams, seconded by the Rev. James Gray, and

*Resolved*, That in case a vacancy should occur in any General Conference office, through the death or disability of such General Conference Officer, the General Conference Special Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy, in all cases not otherwise provided for.

Moved by the Rev. A. Langford, seconded by the Rev. James Gray, and

*Resolved*, That in the case the transfer of a minister who has not requested to be transferred, his moving expenses shall be paid by the General Conference Fund.

The President nominated twenty-four persons, twelve ministers and twelve laymen, from whom the General Conference is to elect the Court of Appeal.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, and

*Resolved*, That the amended scale of payments to claimants upon the Superannuation Fund, enacted by this General Conference, shall be applied to all present and future claimants,

Nevertheless, in no case shall the scale be applied when the income of the claimant shall thereby be less than it would be according to the law existing at the time when such claimant was ordained and received into Full Connexion: provided, also, that any increased annual subscriptions paid into the Fund beyond what was required by the law, existing at the time of the claimants' ordination and reception into Full Connexion shall be refunded to such claimant.

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It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, seconded by the Rev. John Bredin,—

That the Board shall be, and is hereby, authorized by this General Conference to apply to the Legislature for an amendment to the Charter of the Superannuation Fund for power to extend the time from fifteen to twenty years, in order to constitute any one a permanent claimant upon the Fund, and for other needful purposes, if, on consultation with eminent legal authorities, it is found necessary and desirable so to do.

In amendment it was moved by Judge Jones, seconded by the Rev. W. W. Carson, That the following words be added :—

Provided always that such legislation shall not have the effect of putting any claimant off the Fund who is now a permanent claimant thereon, but such claimant shall still continue to receive from the Fund according to the scale of allowance to be determined on by the Board.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by the Rev. James Hannon, seconded by the Rev. William McDonagh,—

That the application for the amendment to the Charter be not made until the new scale of payments be laid before the Annual Conferences, that the claimants may have an opportunity of expressing an opinion concerning it.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was then put and lost.

The original motion was then put and also declared lost.

Rev. J. Shaw presented the final Report of the Committee on Missions, which on motion was adopted.

The President called for the ballot vote for members of the Court of Appeal, and the following, after count, were declared elected :—

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
Rev. James Gray.	Judge Jones.
" Dr. Williams.	Judge Dean.
" Dr. Sutherland.	J. J. McLaren, Q.C.
" Dr. Douglas.	John Macdonald.
" Dr. Jeffers.	Dr. Inch
" E. A. Stafford, B.A.	Hon. James Ferrier.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Williams,—

That this Conference appoint one fraternal delegate to each of the following Methodist bodies :—

1. The British Wesleyan Conference.
2. The M. E. Church in the United States.
3. The M. E. Church South.
4. The M. E. Church in Canada.
5. The Primitive Methodist Church.
6. The Bible Christian Church.

The first three to be appointed by ballot after nomination ; the last three by nomination and open vote.

The votes on the above were taken *seriatim*, and carried in each case.

The Conference proceeded to receive nominations for a delegate to the English Wesleyan Conference. Five persons were nominated ; a ballot was taken, and after count the Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D., was declared elected.

Nominations were called for a delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, United States. Three persons were nominated ; a ballot was taken, and after count the Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL D., was declared elected.

Nominations were called for a delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Two persons were nominated ; a ballot was taken, and after count the Rev. Wm. Briggs was declared elected.

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Nominations were called for a delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada. Three names were submitted; a vote was taken, and the Rev. John Wakefield was declared elected.

Nominations were called for a delegate to the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada. Four were named; a vote was taken, and the Rev. John Shaw was declared elected.

Nominations were called for a delegate to the Bible Christian Church. Five were named; a vote was taken, and the Rev. Wm. Hansford was declared elected.

#### NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, it was

*Resolved*,—That the next General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, shall assemble in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on the first Wednesday in September, 1886, at nine o'clock, a m.

#### ADJOURNED GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Moved by the Rev, Dr. Sutherland, and,—

*Resolved*,—That if it be found necessary to hold an adjourned meeting of the General Conference in connection with the Union Movement, it be held in the Bridge Street Church, in the City of Belleville, Ontario.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The President nominated the following as the Committee on Legislation;—The President of General Conference; Judge Jones; Hon. J. W. Sifton; Rev. Dr. Nelles; Judge Dean; J. J. McLaren, Q.C.; Hon. J. Ferrier; Hon. S. L. Shannon; C. H. B. Fisher, and W. Heard.

The nomination was confirmed.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President nominated the following as the General Conference Special Committee, which was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Rice.	Hon. James Ferrier.
" Dr. Pickard.	J. Macdonald.
" Dr. Nelles.	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.
" Dr. Sanderson.	W. E. Sanford.
" S. F. Huestis.	Sheriff Glass.
" Dr. Dewart.	Dr. Allison.
" Dr. Milligan.	

On motion, it was resolved to re-consider the question concerning the source from which the salary of the President of the General Conference shall be paid.

It was then moved by Dr. Sutherland,—

That the salary of the President of the General Conference be provided as follows :—

From the General Conference Fund, three-eighths.

From the Missionary Fund, three-eighths.

From the Educational Fund, two-eighths.

The motion was adopted.

On motion it was

*Resolved*—That the Journal of the General Conference shall be published.

Moved by the Rev. John Wakefield, seconded by the Rev. James Gray, and,—

*Resolved*,—That it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the District at each District Meeting, to call special attention to the General Conference Fund, and enquire if it has

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COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FUND.

The President of the Conference, nominated the following as a Special Commission on the Children's Fund.

*Western Section.*

Rev. G. H. Cornish.  
A. J. Donly.  
Rev. J. S. Ross.  
Rev. S. J. Hunter.  
J. J. Pearson.

Rev. J. H. Starr.  
T. H. Willmott.  
W. F. Hall.  
Rev. W. Hansford.  
E. A. Stafford, B.A.

*Eastern Section.*

Rev. Thomas Marshall.  
J. W. Smith.  
Rev. Dr. Milligan.

Rev. A. D. Morton.  
W. E. Dawson.

REPRESENTATION IN NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Williams, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, and

*Resolved*,—That the ministerial delegates to the General Conference of 1886, shall consist of one member in every ten members of each Annual Conference.

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE.

The minutes of Wednesday's Session were read, and confirmed.

At fifteen minutes after one o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, 1882, the President briefly

addressed the Conference. The 790th hymn was sung, the Rev. Dr. Potts led in prayer, and the Sessions of the Third General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada closed, the President pronouncing the Benediction.



SAMUEL D. RICE, D.D.,  
*President.*

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## APPENDIX A

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### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND CONNEXIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AS PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND REFERRED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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#### REPORT OF CENTRAL MISSIONARY BOARD.

##### I. RELIGIOUS AND STATISTICAL.

*To the Reverend the President, and Members of the General  
Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada :*

Commencing with the Indians of various tribes on the Reserves in Ontario, the principal feature is the formation of a new settlement of the Iroquois people from Oka, Lake of the Two Mountains, Province of Quebec. These Indians have been forced to seek a quiet home in the northern part of the Province of Ontario to escape the incessant annoyance of a persecuting spirit, the result of their having embraced the Protestant faith. They are firm and devoted adherents of the Methodist Church, and, as such, call for our Ministry to supply their spiritual wants. Forty families have already settled on a Reserve, in the Township of Gibson, and sixty more are expected from the East this fall, which will make a community of adults and children approaching to four hundred. Immediate measures should be taken to erect a sanctuary, school-house, and Mission premises.

The older Indian Missions and day-schools in the Province have been well sustained throughout the past four years, and the fruits of them have given general satisfaction to all interested in the Indian's welfare.

After long and persistent appeals to the Indian Department, for a larger number of Indian pupils to be sent to the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution, the request has been granted; yet such is the desire amongst the different bands claiming the right to send their children there, that more than thirty had to be refused admittance during the past year. It is fully expected this change will reduce the cost of maintenance from the funds of the Society, as but little addition will have to be made in the labour department of the Institution.

Our Missions at Rossville, Norway House, and at Oxford House, continue to exercise beneficial influence on the minds of the natives dwelling in these northern latitudes. Mr. O. German has thoroughly mastered the language of the people, and is engaged in translations which will greatly assist the devotions and Scriptural knowledge of the membership of the Church and Congregations. Nelson River, and several localities of smaller bands of Indians are also visited by the Missionaries, who also attend to their duties on the Mission stations they occupy. Beren's River has not answered former expectations as to its becoming the residence of a large Indian population; hence the removal of the Missionary to Fisher River, leaving the former in charge of an Assistant, was judged to be a judicious arrangement. The Mission here is prosperous, and these immigrants from our Church care at Norway House have now the advantages of all the religious ordinances they formerly enjoyed. They are reported to be an industrious, contented, and peaceful community.

During the summer of 1880, the General Secretary visited all the Mission Stations in the Saskatchewan District. The details of, and observations made in, this extensive tour are placed at the end of the Report for 1879-

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80. In addition to his statements, our churches and congregations have listened to addresses and appeals on behalf of these Missions from Messrs. J. McDougall and H. Steinhauer, both of whom are diligent and successful laborers among the Indians of that fertile portion of our Dominion.

For more than forty years the Methodist Church has been laboring for the salvation of these Indian Tribes, and many have been seals to her ministry, who have safely, and in many instances triumphantly, passed to the Church above. If we are not to lose hold of a section of territory where the moral influence of the Society's Ministerial and lay Agents has done so much in the maintenance of peace among the different tribes of Indians, and for the cause of civilization, the Committee must increase the number of its Missionaries, and exercise wise liberality in its appropriations for Church purposes. This is one of the sections of Methodist Missionary work, where, if we "sow plenteously, we shall also reap plenteously." What is especially needed is a vigorous policy, carried out by zealous, gifted, soul-saving "Ambassadors for Christ." Nowhere are the fields broader, whiter to the harvest, or more inviting to the reaper.

In British Columbia, the formation of the Indian work into a separate District, will have its advantages by executive authority dwelling amongst Missions at such a great distance from Victoria, the capital of the Province. The Chairman's late visit to Ontario and Quebec has awakened a lively interest in the welfare of these numerous bands, and tended much to strengthen and increase the Missionary spirit for which the Canadian Methodist Church has long been distinguished. His glowing descriptions of what the power of the Gospel has already done for hundreds of the Indians, and his earnest appeals for additional help to carry out the plans adopted for the elevation of these tribes, met with a generous response, which, doubtless, assisted materially in producing the largest income from ordinary

resources, which has yet been placed in the hands of the Treasurers for any one year of the Society's existence.

Favorable accounts have been received throughout the quadrennial term of the progress of Gospel Truth in Japan—our only Foreign Mission. If the conversion of souls from idolatry and persecution, to a reception of the Faith of Christ, accompanied by the fruits of the Spirit in the lives of such converts, be evidence of the Divine presence, and His blessing resting upon the Mission, then may we rejoice in the honor conferred upon the Society by its representatives lifting up the standard of the Cross where profound darkness broods over the minds of millions of human beings. Could the resources of the Society justify an enlarged appropriation to this Mission field, to increase the native agency and to establish day-schools, the results would amply repay the outlay, by the more rapid spread of the "truth as it is in Jesus." We hopefully look forward to practical sympathetic assistance in the Educational Department of the work connected with this prosperous Mission, from the recently organized "Woman's Missionary Society."

Our German Missions have gradually disappeared. Some of the appointments have been transferred to the "Evangelical Association," and some have been incorporated with the English-speaking congregations. For some of these changes the Missionary Society is not responsible.

There have been some features of interest and success attendant upon the French Missions in the Province of Quebec. At no former period do we remember the existence of so many indications of providential guidance and blessing which attend some portions of our Evangelizing work in that Province; whilst in other localities the ground is covered with difficulties, disheartening to the workers for Christ. The peculiarities of the work are such that all agree the good which is done is not to be estimated by numerical calculation of membership; yet, admitting this, we have sufficient visible proofs of real conversions to God,

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Gradual growth has marked the history of the work of God in the Missionary Districts generally, but in Manitoba, in consequence of the large immigration to that Province and the North-West, Missions and Missionaries have rapidly increased. At the commencement of this term there were Ten Missions and Nine Missionaries. There are now Thirty-five Missions and Thirty-six Missionaries in the active work. Prompt attention is needed to keep pace with the spiritual wants of the settlers, many of whom are our own people from all parts of the older Provinces of the Dominion.

There are Thirty-seven Domestic Missions less than in 1878 receiving assistance from the Funds of the Society. Most of those going off have given courteous expressions of gratitude to the Committee for the help they have received in their struggles for the maintenance of the ordinances of religion. It is worthy of consideration whether these appropriations could not be more rapidly reduced.

The Central Board, though unable through want of funds to make any appropriation to the "Crosby Girls' Home," established already by Mr. and Mrs. Crosby at Port Simpson, felt it to be a pleasant duty to endorse the effort and to recommend it to the liberality of the friends of Missions. A very cheering response has been given, stimulated by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby in Ontario and Quebec, during last fall and winter.

The cherished purpose of the late Rev. George McDougall, the fulfilment of which was delayed by his mysterious death, and still further by the severe financial pressure of the few years past, is now about being accomplished. Special contributions, invited by the Central Board, have been made to an amount sufficient to warrant the Rev. John McDougall in erecting buildings at Morley, and making other preparations for opening the "McDougall Orphanage and Training School." It is expected that the Institution will go into

operation this fall on a limited scale, to be enlarged when increased means shall permit.

On the 7th of June, 1880, a few ladies of Hamilton met and organized a Woman's Missionary Society in connection with the Church there. On the 8th of November, 1881, at another meeting in the same city, arrangements were made for the formation of the wider organization of THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA. Since then sixteen other branches have been formed, and the "Ladies' French Missionary Society of Montreal" has become affiliated. The ladies thus associated have already given material aid to the Crosby Girls' Home at Port Simpson, and to the McDougall Orphanage and Training School at Morley, besides the assistance given as before by the Montreal Branch to the French and Indian Work in the Province of Quebec. The Society has also in contemplation the equipment of a Woman's Mission to Japan, to strengthen the Mission of the General Society there.

In concluding this brief review, it is our pleasurable duty to notice the difference of the Society's position between the beginning and ending of the past quadrennial term. The term began with a debt of Sixty-three Thousand Dollars; by the generous offerings of Ministers and people that has been extinguished, and the term ends with the largest Ordinary Annual Income the Treasurers have yet received. It is due to our worthy and much-esteemed lay-Treasurer to state, that although at one time financial obligations amounted to over \$120,000, he never hesitated a moment to pledge his personal security for the means absolutely required for carrying on the Society's operations. Whilst devoutly praying that no changes may ever occur which will produce similar embarrassments, we give all praise to God the Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for past deliverances and spiritual successes; rejoicing in the peace, unity, and growing strength of the Methodist Church throughout the Dominion of Canada, which inspire the hope of not only maintaining our present agencies, but pursuing an aggressive policy against paganism, idolatry, and superstition.

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	Missions.	Missionaries.	Native Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total Paid Agents.	Members.
<b>Domestic Missions—</b>							
Toronto Conference .....	60	60	..	..	..	60	4,912
London " .....	35	42	..	..	..	42	3,202
Montreal " .....	58	59	..	..	..	59	4,553
Nova Scotia " .....	53	52	..	..	..	52	4,609
New Brunswick & P.E.I. Conf. ....	54	58	..	..	..	58	4,788
Newfoundland Conference ....	37	37	..	..	..	37	6,374
Missionary Districts .....	35	36	..	..	..	36	1,631
	332	344	..	..	..	344	30,149
<b>Indian Missions—</b>							
Toronto Conference .....	10	7	1	6	4	18	603
London " .....	8	7	2	7	4	20	842
Montreal " .....	2	2	..	3	1	6	163
Winnipeg District .....	5	3	1	4	..	8	686
Saskatchewan District .....	6	4	..	6	1	11	330
Victoria and New Westminster District .....	2	1	2	..	..	3	78
Port Simpson .....	10	3	6	4	1	14	675
	43	27	12	30	11	80	3,377
<b>French Missions—</b>							
Montreal Conference .....	9	9	..	2	..	11	360
<b>Foreign Missions—</b>							
Japan .....	4	10	1	..	..	11	265*
Bermuda .....	2	4	..	..	..	4	456
	6	14	1	..	..	15	721
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>34,607</b>

\* Of these, 54 are under 12 years of age.

A. SUTHERLAND,

*General Secretary.*

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*Honorary Secretary.*

MISSION ROOMS,

Toronto, 6th Sept., 1882.

## II. FINANCIAL.

## I.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

	1878-9.	1879-80.	1880-1.	1881-2.
<b>INCOME.—</b>				
Subscriptions & Collections.	\$106896 85	\$103399 10	\$108724 63	\$124359 56
Juvenile Offerings.....	16094 00	15823 46	17054 45	21580 38
Legacies .....	630 00	407 33	1428 33	4363 00
Grant from England.....	4833 33	4870 90	.....	.....
Donations on Annuity.....	1850 00	1405 40	1000 00	2000 00
From the Indian Department	3867 00	3957 00	5530 00	5945 42
From other Sources.....	1062 90	1241 07	1105 41	995 15
	\$135234 08	\$131204 26	\$134842 82	\$159243 51
Relief and Extension Fund.	.....	67780 37	1250 00	2700 00
Total .....	\$135234 08	\$198984 63	\$136092 82	\$161943 51
Expenditure .....	140089 80	131035 09	136327 90	151100 72
Surplus on the Year.....	.....	\$67949 54	.....	\$10842 79
Deficit on the Year .....	\$4855 72	.....	\$235 08	.....
Gross Income for Quadrennial Period, exclusive of grants from the R. and E. Fund .....				\$560524 67
Gross Expenditure for Quadrennial Period, exclusive of grants from the R. and E. Fund .....				554603 51
Excess of Income over Expenditure for Quadrennial period .....				\$5921 16
Net Deficit, June 30th, 1878.....				63093 82
Net Surplus, June 30th, 1882.....				10607 71

## II.—STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BY CONFERENCES.

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Conferences, &c.	Income.	Incr'se.	Decr'se.	Expendit'g.	Incr'se.	Decr'se.
Toronto .....	\$38696 88	....	\$2311 16	\$17495 72	....	\$3043 58
Missionary Districts.	4196 04	....	43 44	39657 53	\$5848 27	....
Algoma .....	433 18	113 33	....	3429 45	....	526 53
Red River .....	2132 76	178 18	....	10192 76	1603 21	....
Saskatchewan .....	295 25	....	23 25	5734 13	....	163 77
British Columbia..	1324 85	....	262 20	9792 86	2158 06	....
Japan .....	10 00	..	49 50	10508 33	2791 30	....
London .....	36654 77	..	1134 48	15179 61	....	2447 20
Montreal .....	23586 41	....	3143 98	19791 14	....	4238 99
Nova Scotia .....	10024 76	....	1438 90	8955 48	....	1914 67
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	5738 81	....	1092 49	6843 06	....	2583 50
Newfoundland .....	4166 18	....	509 92	5958 35	....	239 36
Legacies.....	557 00	160 00	....	.....	....	....
Grant from England ..	4833 33	....	5 57	....	....	....
Donations on Annuity.	1850 00	1434 00	....	.....	....	....
From the Indian Dep'tmt	3867 00	1457 00	....	.....	....	....
From other Sources ..	1062 90	387 90	....	.....	....	....
Mt. Elgin Indus'l Inst'n	....	....	....	3000 00	....	1151 49
Sundry Appropriations	....	....	....	4950 00	150 00	....
Miscellaneous .....	....	....	....	18258 91	....	800 47
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$135234 08</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>\$140089 80</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>....</b>

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Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year.....	4855 72
Net Deficit, June 30th, 1879.....	67949 54

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Toronto.....	\$37763 63	....	\$906 23	\$16698 09	....	\$969 68
Missionary Districts	3555 09	....	649 95	35969 05	....	3688 48
Algoma.....	397 41	....	35 77	3 52 95	....	76 50
Winnipeg.....	2109 16	....	23 60	10844 50	651 74	....
Saskatchewan....	18 95	....	276 30	6573 78	839 65	....
British Columbia.	1029 57	....	295 23	8577 07	....	1215 79
Japan.....	....	....	10 00	6423 54	....	4084 79
London.....	35558 58	....	1096 19	15104 07	....	196 54
Montreal.....	24602 45	989 02	....	19261 34	....	604 20
Nova Scotia.....	8877 81	....	1146 95	8761 18	....	269 30
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	5070 96	....	667 85	7779 20	936 14	....
Newfoundland.....	3380 37	....	285 51	6812 03	783 68	....
Legacies.....	321 00	....	236 00	....	....	....
Grant from England..	4870 90	37 57	....	....	....	....
Donations on Annuity	1505 40	....	344 60	....	....	....
From the Indian Dep't	3957 00	90 00	....	....	....	....
From other Sources..	1241 07	178 17	....	....	....	....
Mt. Elgin Indus'l Inst'n	....	....	....	2000 00	....	1000 00
Sundry Appropriations	....	....	....	5575 00	625 00	....
Miscellaneous.....	....	....	....	13075 13	....	4671 33
Total ..	\$131204 26	....	....	\$131035 09	....	....
R. and E. Fund, to liquidate the debt..	67780 37	....	....	....	....	....

Net Decrease in Income for the year, exclusive of grant from the Relief and Extension Fund .....	\$4029 82
Net Decrease in Expenditure for the year ..	9054 71
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, exclusive of grant from the Relief and Extension Fund .....	169 17

## 1880-1.

Conferences, &c.	Income.	Incr'se.	Decr'se.	Expendit'e.	Incr'se.	Decr'se.
Toronto.....	\$40131 81	\$1970 77	.....	\$17888 17	\$1190 08	.....
Missionary Districts.	3640 18	482 50	.....	39356 82	3387 77	.....
Winnipeg.....	1591 14	214 14	.....	8399 52	.....	.....
Emerson.....	186 59	.....	76 91	2114 05	2859 62	.....
Portage la Prairie.	447 85	.....	20 81	3190 55	.....	.....
Saskatchewan.....	325 85	306 90	.....	8776 06	2202 28	.....
British Columbia.	1078 75	49 18	.....	9000 71	423 64	.....
Japan.....	10 00	10 00	.....	7716 72	1293 18	.....
London.....	37285 26	1726 68	.....	14721 20	.....	382 87
Montreal.....	26545 31	1942 86	.....	17534 92	.....	226 42
Nova Scotia.....	9101 93	224 12	.....	8303 42	.....	457 76
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	5362 05	291 09	.....	7163 40	.....	615 80
Newfoundland.....	3972 87	92 50	.....	6290 36	.....	521 67
Legacies.....	1.68 00	847 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grant from England..	.....	.....	4870 90	.....	.....	.....
Donations on Annuity.	1000 00	.....	505 40	.....	.....	.....
From the Indian Dep't	5530 00	1573 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
From other Sources...	1105 41	.....	135 66	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Elgin Indus'l Inst'n	.....	.....	.....	4000 00	2000 00	.....
Sundry Appropriations	.....	.....	.....	5250 00	.....	325 00
Miscellaneous.....	.....	.....	.....	11570 28	.....	1504 85
Investm't Fund Acc't	.....	.....	.....	2999 33	.....	.....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$134842 81</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$135077 90</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>
R. and E. Fund.....	1250 00	.....	.....	1250 00	.....	.....

Net Increase in Income for the year, exclusive of grants from the Relief and Extension Fund.....	\$3638 56
Net Increase in Expenditure for the year, exclusive of grants from the Relief and Extension Fund.....	4042 81
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year.....	235 08
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Conferences, &c.	Income.	Incr'se.	Decr'se.	Expendit'e.	Incr'se.	Decr'se.
Toronto.....	\$46799 96	\$6668 15	....	\$20112 32	2930 16	....
Missionary Districts.	7479 26	3839 08	....	40474 39	1276 78	....
Winnipeg.....	3811 02	2219 88	....	6852 74	....	....
Emerson.....	657 09	470 50	....	2780 58	....	....
Portage la Prairie.	1063 89	616 04	....	4743 12	....	....
Saskatchewan....	705 35	379 50	....	7518 58	....	....
Victoria and New Westminster ..	1050 40	96 15	....	3905 76	....	....
Port Simpson....	160 25	25 75	....	5969 98	....	....
Japan.....	41 26	31 26	....	8703 78	....	....
London.....	42798 33	5513 07	....	13055 85	....	1151 04
Montreal.....	29153 46	2608 15	....	30190 96	3069 72	....
Nova Scotia.....	9609 37	507 44	....	8838 40	689 08	....
New Brunswick&P.E.I.	5063 25	....	298 80	7226 17	230 49	....
Newfoundland.....	5131 31	1158 44	....	8582 20	2451 17	....
Legacies.....	4268 00	3350 00	....	....	....	....
Donations on Annuity.	2000 00	1000 00	....	....	....	....
From the Indian Dep't	5945 42	415 42	....	....	....	....
From other Sources ..	995 15	....	110 26	....	....	....
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Sundries.....	....	....	....	12039 30	....	618 70
Cost of Management..	....	....	....	7136 13	699 40	....
Investm't Fund Acc't	....	....	....	6745 00	3745 00	....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$159243 51</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>\$148400 72</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>....</b>
R. and E. Fund.....	2700 00	....	....	2700 00	....	....

Net Increase in Income for the year, exclusive of grants from the Relief and Extension Fund..... \$24400 69  
 Net Increase in Expenditure for the year, exclusive of grants from the Relief and Extension Fund..... 13322 82  
 Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year..... 10842 79  
 Net Surplus, June 30th, 1882..... 10607 71

THE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND, JUNE 30TH, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

From Subscriptions..... \$101,701 25  
 Interest on Deposits..... 553 40  
**Total..... \$102,254 65**

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## EXPENDITURE.

Payment of the Missionary Society's Debt.....	\$67750 37
Expense Account .....	2397 36
Appropriations for Mission Premises, &c .....	3950 00
Advance to Superaunuation Fund .....	8000 00
" Nova Scotia Conference.....	1000 00
" New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.....	1000 00
" Newfoundland Conference.....	1500 00
Cash in hand.....	16626 92
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$102,254 65</b>

JOHN MACDONALD, }  
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### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Educational work of our Church embraces the following departments:—

1. The Theological and literary training of candidates for our Ministry in Divinity Schools at Cobourg, Montreal, and Sackville.
2. Our University Colleges at Cobourg and Sackville, in which the principles of Philosophy, Literature, and Science are studied, in relation to fundamental Christian truth.
3. Colleges for the higher education of our daughters, in Hamilton, Sackville, Whitby, and Stanstead.
4. In the Stanstead College and Mount Allison Academy, provision for the intermediate education of boys; and in Newfoundland, a complete system of primary, secondary, and training schools in connection with the system of public instruction adopted in that island.

The present equipment and attendance of these institutions will appear from the following table:—

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TABLE 1.—EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

	Value of Prop'y.	Ann'l In'me.	Exp.	Stu'ts.	Stu'ts.	Graduates.	Lib'ry
University of Vic. Coll., Arts....	\$170,000	\$10500	\$12000	6	129	332	5000
“ “ Theology.	36,000	2500	2500	4	40	40	....
“ “ Law. . . .	....	....	....	4	21	76	....
“ “ Medicine.	....	....	....	5	144	1014	....
Mt. Allison Wes. Coll., Arts ....	110,000	6000	6000	} 5	53	92	4000
“ “ Theology.	15,000	1500	1500		....	....	....
Male Academy.....	40,000	5000	5000	4	67	....	....
Ladies' “ .....	35,000	5000	5000	6	112	....	....
Wes. Theological Coll., Montreal.	64,000	35000	35000	3	21	....	2000

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Wes. Ladies' Coll., Hamilton....	75,000	....	....	15	168	158	....
Ontario Ladies' Coll., Whitby...	....	....	....	13	108	21	....
Stanstead College .....	....	....	....	8	195	....	....
Meth. Academy, St. Johns .....	....	....	....	5	342	....	....
Schools in Nfld. 100, Teach'rs 101	....	....	....	..	....	5608	....

During the past four years there has been an average of about fifty probationers in training in our Divinity Schools each year. As the average number of candidates on trial is 150, we have still to make advance before all our candidates receive even the two years' training in Theology. It is to be hoped that, in view of the very rapid advance of the country in intellectual culture, we may be able to insist upon a much higher standard of literary qualification, and also to afford to all our Candidates for the Ministry not less than three years' scholastic training. We notice that this is the standard already exacted by our English brethren.

The importance of our University work was never greater than at present, and a simple reference to the figures of the foregoing table will show that much is yet to be accomplished. For the full equipment and support of the two institutions to which this great interest of the Church has been

committed we require an annual income of \$35,000 or \$40,000. The noble endowment effort in the East, and such princely gifts as the Dennis Moore Endowment of a Chair of Science in Victoria, make us more hopeful of the future. The work of the education of our daughters is being well done in our Ladies' Colleges. It is a matter of no small moment to our Church that 600 young ladies are being educated to occupy positions of social, intellectual, moral, and spiritual influence among us in the near future.

In Newfoundland the work is of a peculiar character, embracing the entire Educational provision for our people, and under the very able superintendence of the Rev. Dr. Milligan is assuming gratifying proportions.

The Educational Society is an auxiliary and a moral support to all these institutions, while some of them are largely dependent on its financial aid. We hope that with returning prosperity to the country the amount of that aid may be rapidly and largely augmented. We append a condensed abstract of the Financial work of the Society for the past four years:—

Net Income .....	\$25,069 35
Grants to Students.....	4,505 77
Paid Debt.....	2,799 74
Grants to Mt. Allison College.....	1,455 21
" Montreal " .....	1,455 21
" Victoria " .....	2,910 42
" Manitoba " .....	126 15
Salary of President of General Conference.....	800 00
Interest, Discount, &c.....	739 29
Expended by Annual Conferences for Examination of Candidates, &c.....	983 78
Balance on hand.....	293 78

N. BURWASH, *Secretary.*

Hamilton, Sept. 6th, 1882.

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GENERAL TREASURERS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Balance due Treasurers.....	\$2,799 74	
To Amount from London Conference.....	\$2,148 23	
"    "    Toronto    "    .....	1,500 70	
"    "    Nova Scotia    "    .....	435 92	
"    "    Montreal    "    .....	995 24	
"    "    Newfoundland Conference .....	225 93	
"    "    New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conf'nce	506 60	
		<u>\$5,812 62</u>

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Jan. 15. Paid balance Manitoba Grant .....	\$126 15	
Feb. 15. " Montreal College .....	600 00	
March 3. " Victoria " .....	870 57	
5. " Sackville " .....	697 50	
April 3. " Montreal " .....	500 00	
21. " Victoria " .....	266 20	
May 28. " " " .....	870 00	
July 10. " Sackville " .....	697 50	
15. " President of General Conference	200 00	
Sept. 30. " Victoria College .....	296 00	
Oct. 3. " Montreal " .....	152 00	
7. " Sackville " .....	148 00	
" Bank Discounts, Stamps, &c....	342 63	
		<u>\$8,566 29</u>

Due Treasurers ..... \$2,753 67

These disbursements include payments to students during the year 1878-79.

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Balance due Treasurers .....	\$2,753 67	
To amt. from London Conference .....	\$975 10	
"    "    Toronto    "    .....	771 00	
"    "    Montreal    "    .....	463 88	
"    "    Nova Scotia    "    .....	216 04	
"    "    New Brunswick    "    .....	289 51	
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May 11.	Paid President, General Conference.	200 00	
Aug. 9.	" Montreal College.....	400 00	
Sept. 10.	" Sackville "	400 00	
	" Bank Discounts, &c.....	290 61	
			\$6,011 08

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Balance due Treasurers.....	\$3,295 55	
To amt. from London Conference .....	\$1,112 00	
"    "    Toronto    "    .....	775 13	
"    "    Montreal    "    .....	583 54	
"    "    Nova Scotia "    .....	271 89	
"    "    New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conference...	289 32	
		\$3,031 88

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April 23.	Paid President General Conference...	\$200 00	
Aug. 22.	" Sackville College .....	450 00	
29.	" Montreal " .....	450 00	
	" Bank Discounts, &c.....	316 32	
			\$4,711 87

Due Treasurers ..... \$1,679 99

1882.

Balance due Treasurers .....	\$1,679 99	
To amt. from London Conference.....	\$1,307 00	
"    "    Montreal    "    .....	743 19	
"    "    Toronto    "    .....	954 54	
"    "    Nova Scotia "    .....	252 95	
"    "    New Brunswick and P.E.I.....	267 96	
		\$3,525 64

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April 24.	Paid President of General Conf'nce.	\$200 00	
July 3.	" Wes. and Theo'cal Coll., Mon'l.	457 20	
18.	" Victoria College .....	429 72	
25.	" Sackville " .....	457 21	
	Commission on Cheques, &c.	7 74	
			\$3,231 86

On hand ..... \$293 78

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

The Board of the Victoria University begs leave to present the following Quadrennial Report.

The Calendars for the past four years show an increase in the number of students, the details of which for the several departments are given below.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

	1st Quad.	2nd Quad.	Increase.
Arts.....	97	130	33
Medicine.....	107	132	25
Theology.....	48	66	18
Law.....	7	12	5
Science.....	5	11	6
Total.....			87

TOTAL ATTENDANCE.

	1st Quad.	2nd Quad.	Increase.
Arts.....	389	522	133
Medicine.....	430	530	100
Theology.....	194	263	69
Law.....	28	49	21
Science.....	19	42	23
Total Increase.....			346

GRADUATES.

1st Quad. 205      2nd Quad. 291      Increase 86.

The course of study in the Faculty of Arts has undergone careful revision, and in this revision an effort has been made to adapt the curriculum to the exigencies of the times, and to the views which now generally prevail among the most enlightened educators, and which have been adopted in the older universities of Europe and America. In these changes greater prominence has been given to the Natural Sciences

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and to Modern Languages, and fuller provision has been made for graduation with honors in special departments, and a number of friends have generously come forward to meet the expense of establishing gold and silver medals for honor work in special subjects. All the privileges of the University have also been made accessible to ladies, and a number of ladies have already availed themselves of these advantages.

The districts in the three Western Conferences have continued to contribute a small number of scholarships for competition in the Faculties of Arts and Theology. Some difference of opinion naturally exists as to the utility of such incentives to study, but the general practice in other universities seems to render it expedient to encourage gifts and helps of this description, that our own University may not be at a disadvantage in this respect as compared with sister institutions.

Diligent and earnest attention has continued to be given to the moral and religious welfare of the students, and the Board would here reiterate its former expressions as to the salutary effect in the University, arising from the Association of the Theological students with those of other departments.

The financial report of the University will be presented by the Treasurers, and will include a statement of the income and expenditure for the past four years, as well as a report of the Endowment Fund. It is right to make special reference to the handsome gift of Dennis Moore, Esq., of the City of Hamilton, by which an ample endowment has been secured for the Chair of Chemistry and Physics, and the salary of the professor of that department will, in future, be thus provided for, apart from the general endowment. The Board has also instructed the President of the University to proceed with a canvass for subscriptions to the Ryerson Chair of Moral Philosophy and Christian Evidences, a chair which was determined upon by the Board some two years prior to the decease of the late Dr. Egerton Ryerson. In

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accordance with the instructions of the Board and the earnest public appeal of the President of the General Conference, this work has been undertaken, and subscriptions to the amount of some \$21,000 have already been obtained for this object.

It will be found from the financial report, that the debt on the institution has somewhat increased during the quadrennium. The explanation of this will be furnished by the treasurers, but the Board may here refer to the fact that the scale of distribution of the funds of the Educational Society, adopted at the last General Conference, has left Victoria University in receipt of a much smaller annual grant than in previous years. The debt on the Educational Society having now been paid, it is hoped that by a better adjustment of the several claims upon the funds of the Society, and by a more vigorous effort to augment those funds, the way may now be opened for a more generous assistance to the Universities and Theological Schools. The old scholarship system, with its free tuition, having at length expired, the receipts from tuition fees will in future be somewhat larger than in the past, but, a limit is put to much improvement in this direction, by the low rate of fees in other Colleges, and by the free tuition provided in the Provincial University. Any further increase from this source will depend chiefly upon an increase in the number of students.

The present year of 1882, makes a period of fifty years during which Upper Canada Academy and Victoria University have been doing their educational work at Cobourg, and it is respectfully suggested to the General Conference whether this may not be a suitable time to make some greater effort for the endowment of the University. The work of the University, thus far, has been achieved amid continual financial embarrassments, from which the Church is abundantly able to relieve her. There is good reason for saying that the institution was never so efficient or so influential as she is to-day, but a more liberal spirit on the part of the Church, would, by increasing her resources, add very largely to her practical efficiency, her number of

students, and her sphere of usefulness. The staff of instruction urgently requires to be enlarged, and the salaries of the professors now employed to be raised to a figure corresponding to the increased expense of living, and the scale of remuneration obtaining in similar institutions.

All the Universities of the Dominion, have occasion, in like manner, to complain of inadequate resources, and heavy burdens of debt, but most of them are putting forth vigorous and successful endeavors for large endowments, and it may well be expected that the great Methodist Church of Canada will not be second to any other in her contributions for this object. The work already accomplished by Victoria University, as well as the general history of denominational Colleges on this continent, and especially the recent large donations made to them, together with the increasing attendance of students as compared with Colleges of a purely secular character, are an ample encouragement for us to adhere steadfastly to the past educational policy of the Church, but the responsibility of such a work in our day is much weightier, and the resources necessary for the purpose far larger, than in former times. The extension, too, of our missionary and pastoral home work, with the increasing demand for well-trained and competent ministers, renders it imperative upon the Church to enlarge and improve her educational facilities. The Missionary Society has hitherto found no supply of workers for her arduous fields of labor superior to that furnished by our own educational institutions, and it is reasonable and just to bestow upon those institutions a zeal and liberality in harmony with that given to the Missionary enterprise.

The amendment of the Charter of the University, through the action of the last General Conference, with the consequent admission to the Senate of representatives from the Alumni, has been found of great practical service to the institution, and as a memorial has been presented to the Conference asking for a similar representation on the Board, the Board would recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of the Conference.

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It is proper, in closing this report, to make mention of the loss sustained during the quadrennium, in the death of three members of the Board, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., the Rev. Anson Green, D.D., and the Hon. Senator Brouse. Senator Brouse was an early graduate of the University, a useful member of the Board and Senate, and a liberal donor to the funds of the institution. The Rev. Dr. Green was one of the earliest members of the Board, and for some years treasurer. He rendered very valuable service for many years by his large experience, his sound judgment, and his faithful devotion to the interests of the University. The Rev. Dr. Ryerson was the most active and prominent man in the origination of both Upper Canada Academy and Victoria College. He was instrumental in procuring the Royal Charter of the Academy in the year 1836, and subsequently, in 1842, became the first President of the University, an office which he occupied until his appointment as Chief Superintendent of Education, of Ontario, in 1844. He ever remained a warm friend to the University, and continued to defend and promote her interests by the use of his pen, by large pecuniary contributions, and by his wise counsels in the deliberations of the Board, Senate and Conference. One of the last acts of his life was to bequeath, from his own library, a gift of several hundred volumes to the library of the University. His name will ever stand honorably associated with the history of the University, as it will also with the general history of public instruction in Canada, and will be justly held in grateful recollection, not only by the Methodist Church, but, by the community at large, as the name of the foremost man, thus far, in promoting the educational and religious progress of this Dominion. Whatever great characters may hereafter find a place in the annals of this young empire, it can never be given to any man to stand so related to the opening, formation period of Canadian history, or by such a varied combination of critical opportunities, intellectual gifts, patriotic spirit, and religious consecration, to secure from all classes, and for all time, a tribute of gratitude and

praise like that which belongs to the name of Egerton Ryerson.

Cobourg, Sept., 1882.

S. S. NELLES,  
*Sec. of College Board.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TREASURERS OF  
VICTORIA COLLEGE FOR FOUR YEARS,  
1879 TO 1882, INCLUSIVE.

RECEIPTS.		1879.	EXPENDITURE.	
Graduation Fees .....	\$1389 00	Printing and Advertis-		
Matriculation Fees .....	203 00	ing. ....	\$146 67	
Incidentals Fees .....	603 00	Interest and Discount.	970 12	
Rent .....	139 00	Prizes .....	63 65	
Tuition Fees .....	648 00	Expense Account ....	1124 18	
Centenary Interest .....	472 00	Travelling Expenses..	68 35	
Endowment " .....	6089 80	Fuel—Coal and Wood.	344 05	
Theological " .....	2345 84	Repairs. ....	148 04	
Scholarship Fund Int.	216 00	Salaries. ....	10804 16	
Rent of Tables .....	155 00	Insurance. ....	20 00	
Prize Fund Interest....	62 00	Bonus to Montreal		
Education Society. ....	2000 00	School .....	200 00	
Unexpended portion of		Legislation .....	15 80	
loan. ....	97 41	Interest reserved. ....	522 63	
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RECEIPTS.		1880.	EXPENDITURE.	
Graduation Fees. ....	\$805 00	Printing and Advertis-		
Matriculation Fees....	333 00	ing. ....	\$ 306 74	
Incidentals " .....	630 00	Interest and Discount.	1805 47	
Rent. ....	142 00	Prizes .....	146 65	
Tuition Fees .....	1129 50	Expense Account ....	1061 09	
Centenary Interest. ..	551 00	Travelling Expenses..	148 90	
Endowment " ..	6529 53	Fuel—Coal and Wood.	203 81	
Theological " ..	2509 24	Repairs .....	86 99	
Scholarship Fund Int.	420 00	Salaries—five quarters.	13475 00	
Rent of Tables. ....	155 00	Insurance. ....	177 50	
Prize Fund Interest ..	36 00	Instalment on Loan...	1000 00	
Education Society....	2262 80	Education — written		
Interest reserved. ....	522 63	back.....	2000 00	
Miscellaneous.....	5 00			
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Graduation Fees.....	\$940 00	Printing and Advertis-	
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Registration " ..	13 65	Interest and Discount.	622 38
Incidentals " ..	611 00	Interest on Con. Loan.	905 86
Rent. ....	148 00	Prizes .....	72 50
Tuition Fees.....	1194 00	Expense Account ....	1101 90
Centenary Interest. ..	198 43	Travelling Expenses..	57 30
Endowment " ..	5938 05	Fuel—Coal and Wood.	335 77
Theological " ..	2427 84	Repairs. ....	226 81
Scholarship " ..	383 75	Salaries. ....	10700 00
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Graduation Fees. ....	\$977 00	Printing and Advertis-	
Matriculation Fees. ..	508 00	ing.....	\$149 35
Incidentals " ..	851 00	Interest and Discount.	785 59
Rent. ....	76 00	Interest on Loan. ....	905 86
Tuition Fees.....	1142 00	Prizes .....	63 10
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Endowment " ..	5713 27	Travelling Expenses..	59 40
Theological " ..	2425 00	Fuel—Coal and Wood.	303 75
Scholarship " ..	347 87	Repairs. ....	312 48
Prize Fund.....	31 00	Salaries. ....	10700 00
Rev. Dr. Rose, ad-		Insurance. ....	20 00
vanced.....	3847 17	Instalment on Loan ..	1000 00
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ASSETS IN 1882.

College Buildings ....	\$56000 00	Honey.....	\$800 00
Furniture and Chattels	2085 25	Roberts. ....	312 00
Cabinet of Mineral		English. ....	800 00
Specimens .....	800 00	Baptist. ....	600 00
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		Comrie. ....	110 00
		Marmora Lot.....	1000 00
		Sinclair Mortgage....	600 00
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Bates Mortgage .....	\$200 00
Dorans and Securities.	1338 00
Carruthers .....	308 00

PRIZE FUND.		ENDOWMENT FUND.	
Merchants' Bank St'k.	\$200 00	Invested by Treasurers	
Toronto Debenture. . .	200 00	to 1st May, 1882. . .	\$98017 94
Proceeds of Cobourg		Theological Endowm't	
Debenture . . . . .	200 00	Fund, 1st May, 1882	30348 00
		Apparatus. . . . .	2789 53
	\$600 00	Natural Science Rooms	958 00
CENTENARY FUND.			
Loaned B ok Room. . .	\$4497 40		\$132104 47
" College Treas'rs	2480 45		
		Total Assets. . . .	\$205,627 57
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## LIABILITIES.

To the Treasurer, Rev. R. Jones. . . . .	\$320 10
"       "       Dr. Rose . . . . .	10869 80
Centenary Fund. . . . .	2480 45
Confederation Life Association. . . . .	17457 93
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1st September, 1882.

RICHARD JONES, }  
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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
From Subscription. . . .	\$15165 78	Building, Furniture,	
" Rent . . . . .	197 60	&c., including Archi-	
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Canada Land Co. . . . .	8000 00	Paid on Interest. . . . .	2609 70
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		On Principal of Loan.	1000 00
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## REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY.

*To the Reverend the President of the University of Victoria College :*

REV. SIR,—The work done in this Faculty during the past quadrennium has embraced the following departments and classes of students :—

I. Theology ; including Systematic and Dogmatic Theology, Biblical Theology, History and Development of Doctrine, and Comparative Theology.

II. Exegesis ; including the Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldee languages, Biblical History and Introduction, and the exegetical study of the Pentateuch, the book of Job, the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, and Zechariah, in the Old Testament ; and the four Gospels, Acts, Romans, Hebrews, and 1 John, in the New Testament.

III. Church History, including the history of the Primitive and Mediæval Church, the Period of the Reformation, and the History of Methodism.

IV. Apologetics, including both Philosophical Theology and Historical Evidences.

V. Pastoral Theology, including Homiletics, and the Polity and Discipline of the Methodist Church. To this has been added opportunity for most excellent and extended instruction in Elocution.

The students under our charge have been divided into the following classes :—

I. Classes for the instruction and examination of Candidates for the degree of B. D. These have been examined in, and many have been instructed by daily lectures upon, all the subjects of the foregoing course. Thirty-eight students have been enrolled in this department of whom five have proceeded to the degree of B.D.

II. Classes for the instruction of probationers for the ministry, appointed to college by the several Annual Confer-

ences. The number in this class during the four years has been thirty-nine, who have pursued the course of study prescribed by the General Conference, and of whom twenty-two have been received into full connexion and ordained.

III. Classes for the instruction of candidates about to offer themselves for the ministry. Of this class thirty-nine have been in attendance, of whom twenty-four have been received on probation. The entire number of students in attendance during the four years has been 116. The average annual attendance has been 48.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Victoria University,  
September, 1882.

N. BURWASH,  
*Dean of Faculty*

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF  
THE MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN  
COLLEGE AND ACADEMIES.

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The Board of Governors of the Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies respectfully submit the following Report of the history and progress, during the past four years, of the Institutions under their charge.

The average annual attendance at the College classes during the period under review, has been fifty-three; the number of graduates has been twenty-eight, viz., in Arts twenty-seven; and in Philosophy one. This shows an increase of five in the number of graduates, as compared with the number during the preceding quadrennium.

In our last Report reference was made to the affiliation of the Mount Allison College to the University of Halifax—an examining and degree-conferring institution, on the model of the University of London, established by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in 1871. Through circumstances, which need

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not be further referred to in this Report, the University of Halifax ceased to exercise its functions in 1880; thus disappointing the expectations of many who had regarded its establishment as likely to promote the best educational interests of the country, by providing, what seemed to them, the only practicable method of securing University consolidation and reform in Nova Scotia. However disappointed the friends of Mount Allison College may have been by the failure of the University scheme, they had great satisfaction in noting the highly honorable position which our students won in the several University examinations into which they entered. The Mount Allison students, with only one exception, passed in the highest division, and won more than three-fourths of the prizes awarded in the first and second B.A. examinations.

The withdrawal, eighteen months ago, of the Nova Scotia legislative annual grant of \$2,400 would have greatly embarrassed the operations of the Institution, had it not been for the prompt aid rendered the Board by a few gentlemen in Halifax, who contributed at once more than two thousand dollars, to meet the current expenses of the year 1881-2. In order to provide a permanent income equal at least to that received before the withdrawal of the grant, the Board, at its annual meeting in 1881, made an appeal to the friends of the Institution to add at least \$50,000 to the endowment fund. This appeal was most generously met by former benefactors of the College and others in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland,—three of whom contributed \$10,000 each; another \$5,000; seven \$1,000 each; and eight \$500 each; so that in less than a year from the time of making the appeal the whole sum asked for had been subscribed. Before this gratifying result had been quite reached, a calamity—the second of its kind within a period of sixteen years—befel us, in the destruction by fire of the male academy building, involving a loss, partly covered by insurance, of at least \$25,000. This calamity, together with the necessity which has pressed upon us for years, and to which reference was made in our last quadrennial report,

in regard to increased accommodation for our university work, made another appeal for aid in building absolutely imperative. Convinced that the interests, if not the continued existence of our educational work in its integrity, urgently demanded not only the replacing of the building burnt down, but the erection of a new college edifice, adapted to the growing necessities of this the most important of our educational agencies in the eastern Conferences, your Board decided in February last to enter upon both these enterprises. The new academy, which will cost about \$20,000, is now approaching completion, and gives promise of being a very commodious and handsome structure, well adapted to the purposes for which it is intended. It is proposed to enter at once upon the work of erecting the new college building. Toward the expenses of this important undertaking, it is expected that a considerable sum will be raised in connection with a movement determined on, at their recent annual sessions, by the Conference of Nova Scotia and that of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, viz.: the commemoration of the centenary of Methodism in the eastern Provinces. It was wisely decided that a handsome Centennial College Hall will form at once a fitting memorial of an event so important as the founding of Methodism in these Provinces, and an expression of grateful acknowledgment to God for His wonderful goodness and mercy manifested in the history of the Methodist Church and people during the last hundred years. With whatever zeal this movement may be conducted by the ministers and people of the eastern Conferences, it is scarcely to be expected that after the repeated responses to appeals made to them on behalf of our Endowment and Building funds, they will be in a position to accomplish unaided this important and indispensable work. In this emergency your Board confidently count upon the sympathy and co-operation of this General Conference, and of its great constituency in these wealthy western lands.

Your Board would refer with thankfulness to the assistance rendered the institution by several scholarships con-

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Your Board has sustained during the quadrennium an irreparable loss in the death of its late Secretary, the Rev. Joseph Hart. He was one of the truest and most enlightened friends of our educational work. Impressed with the immense importance to the Church and to the world of educational agencies under religious influences, Mr. Hart was always in full sympathy with every progressive movement in connection with our work, and labored earnestly and unselfishly to promote the best interests of the Mount Allison Institutions.

#### THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In reference to the important department of theological instruction, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, the Rev. C. Stewart, D.D., whose zealous oversight of the spiritual interests of the students, and whose indefatigable labors in connection not only with the duties of his own chair, but with all that pertains to the welfare of the Institution, deserve our warmest recognition, makes the following report:—

“The work of the Theological Department during the past four years, has been conducted in relation to three classes of students—Conference probationers; Young men preparing for probation: and Post-graduates who have been reading in the Divinity course.

“1. The attendance of the first class has not been so large as formerly, being twenty-three in all, and giving a yearly average of nine. Of the above numbers five were from Newfoundland Conference, ten from the Nova Scotia

Conference, and eight from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. In each of these three Conferences fewer men have been taken out of late years than formerly, and the exigencies of the work have prevented several who desired it from attending the Institution.

"Of the above, five have taken the Undergraduate course, and consequently received but little theological training; the others took such studies as they most required, together with so much of the Theological course as they were fitted to receive. The average time in attendance has been two years; and of the total number, fourteen are now engaged in our circuit work, six remain in the college, and three have accepted work in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States.

"2. Of special students preparing for the work of the ministry, there have been eight in attendance, six of whom have passed their quarterly meetings and been accepted by their Conferences on trial.

"3. Of Post-graduates, five have been prosecuting the Divinity course while engaged in ministerial work, and one in the college. In the case of the former, frequent communication is kept up with the Professor of Theology, and the examination papers show that a most valuable means of improvement is being appreciated and used.

"Valuable assistance has been rendered in this department of the work by the other members of the Faculty of Theology, whose service has been emphatically a labor of love.

"A class in elocution has been under the careful training of the Rev. J. Burwash, A.M., and its progress has been furthered by the generosity of John Macdonald, Esq., who has given a series of monetary prizes.

"Several acceptable additions have also, by the kindness of friends, been made to the theological part of the college library, but there is ample room and urgent need for more to be done in this respect.

"The theological students have continued to render good

service by Sabbathian work to support themselves

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service by preaching in the Sackville and adjacent circuits. by Sabbath-school instruction, and by other forms of Christian work. For two years they had the Tintramar Mission to supply, and though often at serious disadvantage to themselves, they cheerfully fulfilled the duties of this charge.

“For the future it is exceedingly desirable that more time should be allotted to students in preparation for the ministry. Those who have finished the Arts course ought to secure two years, at least, of special training for their work. The completion of the former lays a good foundation for much needed direct training for the office of preacher and pastor, and neither the young men themselves nor the Church can well afford to do without it. Of still greater consequence is it that those who have not the full undergraduate course should have at least a firm basis laid for Theological culture in a sound literary education. There is still much room for improvement in regard to both these classes.

“And further, a student appointed to our Institutions ought to be absolutely free from the liability to be removed for Circuit work. The decision of a Conference on the case of a young man whom it judges to require a training at college should be regarded as final. This is due not only to the student himself and to his teachers, but to the Church in whose interests it is hoped he is to labor for long years. And so long as it is otherwise, labor is not only liable to be intermitted but thrown away altogether.”

#### MALE ACADEMY DEPARTMENT.

In the Male Academy we have maintained, during the past four years, the usual degree of efficiency.

Our course embraces the necessary amount of Classics, Mathematics, French, &c., to fit for college, and the ordinary English branches, with such thorough training in book-keeping and penmanship as is necessary to properly equip young men for commercial pursuits. Music also is taught by a thoroughly competent instructor.

The teaching staff consists of the Principal and five well qualified Teachers.

The attendance during the four years has been 269, giving an average of sixty-seven and a fraction.

On the 8th of January last, our main academic hall, 150 feet long by forty-five deep, and three storeys high, and containing ample accommodations, was destroyed by fire. Steps were immediately taken, however, to rebuild, so that we expect to have ready for occupation, in January next, a new edifice of more modern style, and in every way well adapted for our purposes.

#### LADIES' ACADEMY.

The numbers in attendance at the Mount Allison Ladies' Academy were: for 1878-9, seventy-six; for 1879-80, seventy-four; for 1880-81, seventy-six; and for 1881-2, 112. The average number in attendance eighty-four. The courses of study provided were, the Primary, the College preparatory, the Graduating course for the title M.L.A., the course in Instrumental Music and Vocal Culture, and the course in Drawing and Painting. Thirteen completed the graduating course. The department of music has been under the direction of a talented and experienced Professor and two accomplished lady Teachers. The course of instruction embraced a thorough training in instrumental music, vocal culture, class and solo singing, harmony, thorough bass, and composition. Five young ladies completed the course for the pianoforte and received appropriate diplomas.

The department of painting has been carried on with satisfactory results. The academy continues to occupy a place equal to that of any similar institution in the Maritime Provinces.

Signed on behalf of Board of Governors,

JOSEPH L. BLACK,  
*Secretary to Executive of Board.*



MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE,  
TREASURER'S REPORT.

1878-1882.

1878-9.	1878-9.	
1878.	Aug. to } By Nova Scotia Leg. Grant	\$2400 00
June To Balance, amt. of Debt...	June. " } By Endowment Fund.....	3019 25
1879.	" " Total amt. Students' Fees \$3009 48	
June To Expenditure, 1878-9, viz:	Less uncollected .....	785 27
" Salaries .....		2224 21
" Books, Stationery, &c. ...	" " Special Fund, E. B. A....	94 61
" Insurance, Advertis'g, &c. ...	June 4 " By Balance .....	8535 11
" Repairs, Fuel, Light, &c. ...		
" Lib. R. Room & apparatus		
" Interest acct. ....		
Total Expenditure .....		7773 18
" Grant to Academies ....		1000 00
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1879.			
June 4.	To Balance, Debt .....	\$8535 11	
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June	To Expenditure, 1879-80, viz:		
	“ Salaries .....	\$5000 00	
	“ Books, Stationery, &c....	495 96	
	“ Insurance, Advertis'g, &c.	388 61	
	“ Repairs, Fuel, Light, &c.	661 24	
	“ Library, R. Room, and apparatus .....	128 63	
	“ Interest acct. ....	549 26	
	Total Expenditure.....	7223 70	
	“ Grant to Academies .....	1000 00	
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		\$16,758 81	
1879-80.			
Aug. to June.	{ By Nova Scotia Leg. Grant	\$2400 00	
“	“ Endowment Fund .....	3344 52	
	“ Total amt. Students' accts. collected .....	2394 47	
	“ Grant from Educational Society .....	147 57	
June 4.	“ Balance .....	8472 25	
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MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE, TREASURER'S REPORT.—Continued.

Total Expenditure.....  
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MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE, TREASURER'S REPORT.—Continued.

1880.	1880-1.		
June 4 To Balance .....	Aug. to { By Nova Scotia Grant . . .	\$8472 25	\$1800 00
	June. } " Endowment Fund.....		3417 71
1881.	" " Total received from Students.....		2098 75
June To Expenditure, 1880-1, viz:	" " Grant from Ed. Soc., less Exch. ....		399 00
" Salaries.....\$5000 00	" " Special Fund, E. B. A.		94 61
" Books, Stationery, &c. . . . .	1881.		
" Insurance, Advertis'g, &c. . . . .	June By Balance.....		8193 05
" Repairs, Fuel, Light, &c. . . . .			
" Library, R. Room, and apparatus. . . . .			
" Interest acct. ....			
Total Expenditure.....		6780 87	
" Grant to Academies . . . . .		750 00	
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SUMMARY OF FOUR YEARS' ACCOUNTS.

1878-82.	
June, '78. To Balance, debt.....	\$7500 00
" Expenditure for 1878-9 .....	\$7773 18
"       "       1879-80 .....	7223 70
"       "       1880-1 .....	6780 87
"       "       1881-2 .....	7140 00
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" Total Expenditure .....	28917 75
" Grants to Academies.....	3604 20
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1882.	
June 8. To Balance .....	\$8508 75

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By Endowment Fund.....	\$13010 17
" Educational Society.....	996 07
" Special Fund, E. B. A.....	218 31
" Grants from N. S. Legislature ....	6600 00
" Sundry Subscriptions .....	2059 75
" Students' Fees, &c. ....	8508 75
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" Total Income.....	\$31393 05
1882.	
June 8. Balance.....	8508 75
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## MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

## ENDOWMENT FUND.

## ARTS COURSE.

June, 1878.	To amount collected .....	\$29706 27
“ 1879.	“ “ “ during year..	\$3261 00
“ 1880.	“ “ “ “ “ ..	1557 66
“ 1881.	“ “ “ “ “ ..	1861 34
“ 1882.	“ “ “ “ “ ..	4722 61
	“ Total collected in 4 years.....	11402 61
Aug. 31.	“ Collected since June 8th.....	16097 00
	Total collected and invested .....	\$57205 88
	Estimated value of subscriptions .....	42794 12
		<u>\$100,000 00</u>

## INVESTMENTS.

Loans (Bond and Mortgage) .....	\$33585 04
City and Municipal Bonds .....	4456 00
Promissory notes, &c. ....	5419 24
Bank deposits on interest .....	11000 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands awaiting preparation of conveyances.....	945 60
	<u>\$57,205 88</u>

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1878-9.	To interest from investments .....	\$1819 00	
	“ “ “ subscription notes..	1219 75	
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		\$3038 75	
	Less sundry expenses collecting ....	19 50	
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	Net income.....		\$3019 25
1879-80.	To interest from investments.....	\$2485 34	
	“ “ “ subscriptions .....	907 58	
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		\$3392 92	
	Less expenses .....	48 40	
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	Net income.....		3344 52
1880-1.	To interest from investments .....	\$2557 45	
	“ “ “ “ subscriptions.....	878 76	
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		\$3436 21	
	Less expenses .....	18 50	
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	Net income.....		3417 71
1881-2.	To interest from investments .....	\$2685 95	
	“ “ “ “ subscriptions.....	732 28	
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		\$3418 23	
	Less expenses .....	189 54	
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	Net income.....		3228 69
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*Investment Committee.*

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## STATEMENT

*Of the Securities constituting the Endowment Fund of the Charles F. Allison Theological Professorship, in the Mount Allison Wesleyan College, Sackville, N.B.*

1. Building Society and other Bonds.....	\$5000 00
2. Mortgages (7).....	3353 80
3. Notes of Hand (7).....	3210 00
4. Amount in Treasurer's hands .....	686 94
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	\$12,250 74

In addition to the above, there is belonging to the Fund  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY PREFERRED STOCK,  
\$4620, now unproductive, but worth in the market  
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Investments belongs to this Professorship ..... 4204 80

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*July 1st, 1882.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT, 1878-1882.

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June	To Balance, debt.....		\$1391 27
1878-82.	" Expenditure, 1878-9 .....	\$10814 34	
	" " 1879-80.....	7455 33	
	" " 1880-1 .....	9749 78	
	" " 1881-2 .....	11014 10	
	" Total Expenditure for Quadrennium.....		39033 55
			<u>\$40,424 82</u>

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June	To Balance .....		\$4093 32
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1878-82.	By share of Grant from N. S. Legislature....	\$1375 00
"	" Subscriptions, 1880-1 .....	427 10
"	Students' Accts., 1878-9 .....	\$10182 01
"	" " 1879-80.....	6059 75
"	" " 1880-1 .....	8413 22
"	" " 1881-2 .....	9874 42

Total amt. Students' Accts....	34529 40
Balance, debt.....	4093 32

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JOSIAH WOOD,  
Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF LADIES' ACADEMY.

1878-1882.

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June	To Balance, debt.....		\$977 68
1878-82.	" Expenditure, 1878-9.....	\$10304 41	
	" " 1879-80.....	9268 70	
	" " 1880-1.....	9554 68	
	" " 1881-2.....	13133 80	
	" Total Expenditure.....		42261 59
	" Balance.....		1042 77
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1878-82.	By share of Legislative Grants....		\$1375 00
	" " Spec'l Subscripts., 1881-2		427 10
	" Students' Accts., 1878-9.....	\$9832 01	
	" " " 1879-80.....	8879 58	
	" " " 1880-1.....	9031 50	
	" " " 1881-2.....	14736 85	
	" Total Students' Accts.....		42479 94
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REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL  
COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The Wesleyan Theological College was founded in the year 1873, by what was formerly the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, with a view to

1. Furnishing the Church with increased appliances for Theological Education.
2. Increasing the bonds of connexion between the different parts of the Church in the Western Conferences, so that young men sent from the West to Montreal, could acquire more sympathy and interest in the work in the East, and understand more fully the difficulties by which it is surrounded.
3. Providing for the training of candidates for the work of French Evangelization.

That the Institution is satisfactory, meeting the expectation of its founders and of the Church, is shown by the following evidences of increased prosperity. The attendance during the past quadrennium has been as follows ;—

6th Session, 1879, 16 ; 7th Session, 1880, 12 ; 8th Session, 1881, 23 ; 9th Session, 1882, 19.

The total number who have gone out from the instruction of the Institution is seventy-nine, of whom six are now stationed in the great North-west of our Dominion. In this latter fact, as in similar facts regarding other institutions of our Church, there is an illustration of the principle that our Colleges may be made eminently subservient to the promotion of missionary spirit and enterprise. The great aim of the Institution is to foster in the students a spirit of practical and enthusiastic devotion to the work of the ministry, joined with an intelligent appreciation of the importance of thorough mental training to increase their ministerial efficiency.

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The addition during the past quadrennium of a French department to the College, is an event of much interest and significance. The French Methodist Institute of Montreal was founded in 1881, on the recommendation of the Montreal Conference, and in connection with it, out of an attendance of twenty-five students, eight candidates for French missionary work have been instructed during each of the past two sessions. These candidates while thus connected with the Institute, are at the same time associated with the English-speaking students of the Theological College. In this way the Institute has been supplying the College with the French department so necessary to the fulfilment of the designs of its establishment. It is proposed to give further efficiency to this French department by employing additional help in instruction, and requiring that those who are presented to the Missionary Society for French Evangelistic service, shall be thoroughly prepared for this work.

The principal event of the past quadrennium and one to which the patrons of the College have looked forward with constant expectation since its establishment, is the erection of large, and commodious, and suitable buildings in the City of Montreal. This project was initiated nearly two years ago, by the spontaneous action of wealthy, intelligent, and generous laymen in Montreal; and last spring the corner-stone was laid by the esteemed and venerable chairman of the Board of Directors, Hon. Senator Ferrier. We are happy to report that the entire cost of the buildings is covered by subscriptions for \$31,500, secured by notes bearing interest, and that there is every probability that the buildings will be opened a year hence free from debt, and thus the friends of the College may be able to make a special effort to increase the present invested endowment, which now amounts to \$33,000, and to give such efficiency to the Institution as may make it second to none in the Dominion, and one of which our Church may justly be proud.

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The course of study prescribed by the General Conference has been faithfully observed during the quadrennium, but it is felt to be very desirable that students before their admission as probationers should have higher educational attainments, so that thus their time may be more profitably spent when at College, and that the curriculum for our Colleges may be elevated correspondingly with other curricula.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Registrar.*

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#### STANSTEAD WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

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*To the President and Members of the General Conference  
of the Methodist Church of Canada:—*

The Memorial of the Montreal Conference concerning the position and affairs of the Stanstead Wesleyan College, respectfully showeth:—

1. That the General Conference of 1878 received a Memorial from the Trustees of the Stanstead Wesleyan College, in behalf of the Montreal Conference, in which was contained a statement of the origin and operations of said College down to the Montreal Conference of 1876, and the transfer by deed of the property to Trustees appointed by the Montreal Conference, who were authorized to receive the same from the Directors acting under the original charter, which deed was duly registered, a copy of which may be attached to this Memorial or may be otherwise accessible.

2. The Memorial of 1878 further set forth the facts in reference to the proceedings of the Montreal Conference at Brockville the same year, whereby a scheme was initiated for the liquidation of the debt of the College, whereupon

the Montreal Conference then assembled, asked "the General Conference to ratify the acceptance of the Stanstead Wesleyan College, as it is absolutely the property of the Connexion," &c., and ordered "that the General Conference be requested to consider the premises hereinbefore set forth, and to take such steps as in its wisdom may be deemed wise and just, in order to ensure the permanency and prosperity of the Stanstead Wesleyan College."

3. The General Conference of 1878, considered the matter thus brought under its notice, and referred the whole case to the Committee on Education. In due time said Committee reported the two following resolutions, which were adopted by the General Conference. First, "That this Conference most heartily recommends the Stanstead Wesleyan College to the patronage and liberality of the whole Church." Second, "That the Conference hereby authorizes the Stanstead Wesleyan College to solicit aid throughout the Connexion."

4. Your Memorialists in behalf of the Montreal Conference acknowledge with gratitude the services rendered to the Institution by these resolutions, which, although not touching the question of title, nor in any way ratifying the acts of the Montreal Conference, yet opened the way for a general canvass, and sanctioned the movement made for the removal of the embarrassing debt. The Montreal Conference, under these auspices, proceeded with its plans and continued the operations of the College with varied success. Yet at the Conference of 1881, the affairs of the Institution were regarded as critical, and a special Committee was appointed to review the whole matter, and report to the next Conference. The Report of this Special Committee will be found in the Minutes of the Montreal Conference for 1882. From that report it will be seen that the question of title was duly considered, and the following presentments, prepared by the Rev. Wm. Scott and C. O. Colby, Esq., M.P., were submitted and adopted. First, "That the title of the Stanstead Wesleyan College

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is at present vested in Trustees who have power to convey the same either to the General Conference or to the Montreal Conference." Second, "That the improved financial condition of the College, by reason of the diminution of the debt, the increased patronage and income, and the progress already made in the Endowment scheme, together with the exceptional condition and needs of the Institution, would seem to justify the hope that the General Conference might now be disposed to assume a measure of responsibility in connection with the Institution." Third, "That in the opinion of the Committee, the interests of the College would be best promoted by a transfer of the property of the College to the General Conference, and of the management and control to the Montreal Conference." The Special Committee accepted the foregoing suggestions, and further recommended the Conference to appoint a Special Committee with a view to placing the exceptional claims of the Stanstead Wesleyan College before the next General Conference, in order that "the General Conference may accept the title of property, and that the Institution may be recognized for a limited period as a part of the Educational system of the Methodist Church of Canada."

5. Your Memorialists were, in accordance with the foregoing recommendation, appointed to bring the subject before the General Conference (now in session), and to initiate the legislation which may be hereafter deemed necessary for the confirmation of title in the General Conference, or in the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada."

6. Your Memorialists, after these recitals and references to existing and available documents, beg also to refer to the last reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. A. Hardie, and the Rev. A. Lee Holmes, the Principal, from which the vastly improved condition of the Institution will be seen, as compared with 1878, when the College was brought under the notice of the last General Conference. The Report of the Trustees containing these facts may be found in the

Minutes of the Montreal Conference, 1882, on pages 62-4 ; as also a statement respecting the success of the Endowment Fund. All of which are exceedingly encouraging, and obviate the objections urged against the prayer of the Memorial of the Montreal Conference in 1878.

7. The General Conference will fully appreciate the energy, liberality, and purpose of the Montreal Conference in regard to the Stanstead Wesleyan College, situated in a province where there is so much need of zealous perseverance in the maintenance of Education on an evangelical basis. Regarding the Stanstead Wesleyan College as the only Institution of the kind under the direction of the Methodist Church in the Province of Quebec, the Montreal Conference is of opinion that the interests of the College and its permanent prosperity will be best promoted by the direct recognition of the General Conference, and that such direct recognition will be most effectually secured by the title of the property being vested in the General Conference, and confirmed by legal Charter.

Finally, your Memorialists, therefore, in behalf of the Montreal Conference, respectfully urge the request of the said Conference, and pray the General Conference to consider the facts herein set forth, and to adopt such measures as in its wisdom may be deemed just and safe in order to give effect to the wishes of the Montreal Conference in regard to the title and management of the Stanstead Wesleyan College.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

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*Committee appointed by Conference.*

September, 1882.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE WESLEYAN LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Directors of the Wesleyan Ladies' College would respectfully submit their Report for the past quadrennium. In doing so they would point with pride to the fact that upwards of twelve hundred young ladies have received their education in this college, many of whom are now filling positions of honor and trust in our own and other lands. They would also call attention to the influence that the college has exerted in elevating the standard for the education of woman. The success of the college has also called into existence several other institutions, and thus reflexively has affected the attendance by dividing the patronage. At least half-a-dozen ladies' colleges are now contending for the territory which ten years ago was almost exclusively our own. For a while the attendance was seriously affected by the competition, but it is gratifying to see that it is again steadily increasing.

Four years ago the college sustained an incalculable loss in the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Rice, the honored President of this General Conference, who had been Governor and Principal of the College for sixteen years, and to whom its growth and efficiency had been chiefly due. The Rev. Dr. Burns was called from the presidency of a college in the United States to succeed Dr. Rice, and has had charge during the whole of the quadrennium just closed.

This period has been one of continued growth and prosperity. The attendance has steadily increased; 129 having registered in 1878, and 168 last year. Its graduates now number 167.

The financial exhibit of the college is very satisfactory. It owes not a dollar. The property and equipment are entirely unencumbered.

A very healthy Christian influence has always pervaded the college, and the religious meetings peculiar to our Church are all well attended, and are productive of the most desirable results. The authorities of the college have not forgotten that more than mere literary culture is expected of institutions under the patronage of the Church. A very prominent place is given to Biblical History, Evidences of Christianity, and Moral Philosophy. No lady can graduate without daily recitation and examinations extending through the junior and senior years in these subjects.

As this General Conference has kindly accepted an invitation to visit the College, we need say little regarding our building or its educational equipment. We ask you to examine our arrangements for the health and comfort, as well as the education, of the young ladies committed to our care. We think a careful inspection will satisfy you that this pioneer college of our Church is fully entitled to the patronage that for twenty-two years it has received from the country; and that our outfit of library, museum, apparatus, charts, globes, works of art, etc.—the accumulation of over twenty years—gives our pupils advantages that few colleges on the continent can furnish. Our location gives to our pupils social advantages of inestimable value.

We would respectfully request the General Conference to appoint the Rev. A. Burns, D.D., LL.D., as Principal and Governor, and the following Ministers as Directors for the quadrennium: Revs. Dr. Nelles, Dr. Rose, Dr. Potts, and Dr. Sutherland.

Very respectfully submitted.

D. MOORE, *President.*

A. BURNS, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF ONTARIO  
LADIES' COLLEGE TO THE GENERAL  
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST  
CHURCH OF CANADA.

The Directors of Ontario Ladies' College are pleased to be able to report that the College has been increasing in efficiency and patronage during the past four years, and the year ending in June last was, in many respects, the most successful in its history.

The average number of boarders in regular attendance has been 74, of day pupils 19. Making a total average attendance of 93.

The annual income has been between fourteen and fifteen thousand dollars.

The prospects from the number of pupils enrolled for the present year, are brighter than they ever were hitherto, at the commencement of any session. A large addition has been made to our college buildings at the cost of over \$16,000, dedicated by Dr. Ryerson, and known as "Ryerson Hall," containing six class rooms and twenty-four rooms for boarders.

We have ample accommodation for over 100 boarders. The building is thoroughly heated by new large heating furnaces, and well ventilated throughout. The rooms are large and airy, and the grounds invite to pleasant invigorating exercise, so that the good health of the pupils has been one marked characteristic of the College.

The staff of teachers has been selected with the greatest care, and their educational standing and attainments are of the highest order.

We consider our College, from its position and surroundings, one of the best, if not the best, in the Dominion.

We regret to report the death of our late esteemed President, James Holden, Esq.

G. YOUNG SMITH, *President.*

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE SUPERANNUATION FUND TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In presenting their Quadrennial Report to the General Conference, the Board of the Superannuation Fund beg to state that the income of the Fund, during the quadrennium, from all sources, has been \$128,953.

This aggregate sum of \$128,953 has been made up by the following annual receipts from the several Conferences, and other sources, viz. 1879, \$31,402; 1880, \$30,596; 1881, \$32,944; 1882, \$33,958. The expenditure for the same years has been as follows: 1879, \$30,972; 1880, \$33,094; 1881, \$32,661; 1882, \$32,405. Making a total expenditure of \$129,134, or a little less than \$200 in excess of receipts for the four years; and which balance is now due the Fund.

During the quadrennium, as during nearly the whole of that which preceded it, the superannuated ministers and widows have received but two-thirds of their legal claim annually—the last year but seven-twelfths. There is also the painful prospect of a further diminution of payments to them the present year. The difference between the legitimate claims and the sum paid during the years of shortened incomes amounts to more than \$70,000—a loss sustained by the claimants upon the fund. The loss of such a sum cannot otherwise than have entailed a great deal of inconvenience, and, in some cases, even no little distress to a body of men well worthy of the limited income provided for their support by the discipline of the church. This frightful loss is the more to be deplored, coming as it does at the close of active life, and when increasing infirmities exclude the hope of successful energetic effort in any legitimate enterprize for the supplementing of deficient allowances.

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The Board is impressed with a deep sense of the neces-  
sity of the most scrupulous care in placing claimants upon  
the Fund; and of the further necessity of *extraordinary*  
*efforts* being immediately put forth in order to augment the  
annual income of the Fund.

In harmony with the strongly and clearly expressed  
wishes of the Annual Conference, the Board very earnestly  
hopes that the General Conference will, in its wisdom, devise  
some practicable and effective plan by which the legitimate  
claims of all the superannuated ministers and widows will  
be fully met.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. ROSE, D.D., *Chairman.*

G. R. SANDERSON, D.D., *Secretary.*

Toronto, Aug. 3, 1882.

The capital of the Fund is at the present time \$73,457.

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### REPORT OF THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCES.

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The Committee, consisting of the representatives of the  
three Annual Conferences of the Maritime Provinces, to  
whom, by vote of their respective Conferences, the duty of  
dealing with the affairs of the Supernumerary Ministers  
and Ministers' Widows' Fund of the late Conference of  
Eastern British America was assigned, beg leave to res-  
pectfully report to the General Conference as follows :—

The working of the Fund, during the past quadrennium,  
has continued to be in every respect, save one, quite suc-

cessful and satisfactory. The current income has fully sufficed to meet the constitutional claims upon it each year until the last one, when a deduction of two per cent. had to be made from the annuity of each regular claimant. If the income from the Circuits had continued to yield the average per member which it did in the year 1873-4, or even in the years of the preceding quadrennium, not only would there have been no need of any such deduction, but there would have been a very considerable surplus for addition to the capital stock, as there had been in previous years.

The aggregate amount of annual claims upon the Fund has increased more than one hundred per cent during the last eight years, or from \$4,654 in 1874 to \$9,473 in 1882.

The total amount of income for the year 1881-2 was \$9,790.09; of which \$1,556.51 came from circuits, \$2,283.18 from ministers, \$5,150.40 from interest on investments, and \$700 from the Missionary Society. The capital stock of the Fund amounts at the present date to \$80,000.

The following is a summary of the accounts of the Fund from its commencement, 25 years ago, to July, 1882:—

I.—FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND IN 1857 TO THE END OF THE CONFERENCE OF E. B. AMERICA IN 1874.

RECEIPTS: VIZ., FROM

(1) Circuits.	(2) Ministers.	(3) Interest.	(4) Legacies.	Total Receipts.
\$20,288.20	\$24,129.90	\$35,650.79	\$10,075.72	\$90,144.61

DISBURSEMENTS: VIZ., FOR

(1) Expenses.	(2) Claims.	Total.	Balance for Capital Stock.
\$175.29	\$29,673.42	\$29,848.71	\$60,295.90
Less reduction by changing Capital Stock from Nova Scotia to Dominion Currency, and loss Coml. Bank Stock, 1870			2,402.50
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(1) Circuits.	(2) Ministers.	(3) Interest.	(4) Legacies.	Total Receipts.
<u>\$6,171.30</u>	<u>\$8,214.35</u>	<u>\$14,706.51</u>	<u>\$1,219.00</u>	
				\$30,310.89

DISBURSEMENTS: VIZ., FOR

(1) Expenses.	(2) Claims.	Total.	Balance.	
<u>\$59.30</u>	<u>\$23,146.94</u>	<u>\$23,206.24</u>	<u>\$7,104.65</u>	
				Net Capital, July, 1878 .....
				\$64,998.05

III.—FROM 1878 TO 1882.

RECEIPTS: VIZ., FROM

1) Circuits.	(2) Ministers.	(3) Interest.	(4) Legacies.	(5) Miss'y Society.	
<u>\$5,406.68</u>	<u>\$8,869.43</u>	<u>\$18,435.90</u>	<u>\$13,280.78</u>	<u>\$2,800.00</u>	
					\$48,792.79

DISBURSEMENTS: VIZ., FOR

(1) Expenses.	(2) Claims.	Total.	Balance.	
<u>\$74.00</u>	<u>\$32,873.35</u>	<u>\$32,947.35</u>	<u>\$15,845.44</u>	
				Less loss on Cowie Property .....
				842.84
				Net addition to Capital Stock .....
				\$15,002.60
				Net amount Capital Stock, July, 1882 .....
				\$80,000.65

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF RECEIPTS.

1. From Circuits .....	\$31,865.91
2. " Ministers .....	41,213.68
3. " Interest .....	68,793.20
4. " Legacies .....	24,575.50
5. Missionary Society .....	2,800.00
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*TOTAL AMOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS.*

1. For Expenses.....	\$308.59	
2. For Claims.....	85,693.71	
	<u>                    </u>	\$36,002.30
Balance (Capital Stock, July, 1882) .....		<u>80,000.65</u>
		\$166,002.95

Appended to this Report is a copy of a Revised Constitution which has been prepared by the Committee, as instructed by the Conferences, and for which the sanction of the General Conference is desired, and its insertion in the next edition of the Discipline is requested.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Chairman.*  
ROBERT DUNCAN, *Secretary.*

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NOTE.—The Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., and J. R. Inch, Esq., LL.D., were selected the Treasurers of the Fund for the Quadrennium.





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APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS FINALLY ADOPTED BY  
 THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

[NOTE.—Verbal and minor amendments are incorporated in the texts  
 of Reports; others are given in separate paragraphs.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the facts which have come before them indicate a healthy and encouraging state of affairs, in every part of our widely extended mission field.

In Newfoundland, and elsewhere, there have been widespread and blessed revivals. In our French work, notwithstanding discouragements, there have been cheering indications of success. Among the Indian tribes of the North-West and the Pacific coast, the gospel, as preached by our missionaries, has proved itself the power of God unto salvation; while in Japan, the conversion of souls from idolatry, and the manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit in the lives of native converts, inspire us with hope for the future.

In reference to a memorial from Revs. G. M. Meacham, M.A., and C. S. Eby, B.A., missionaries in Japan, asking the removal of certain restrictions upon the correspondence of missionaries, the Committee recommend that the said restrictions be removed.

In reference to the memorial of the Goderich District, stating that the Central Board had assumed the responsibility of publishing a costly periodical,—your Committee

find that no such responsibility was assumed by the Central Board, and that not a dollar of missionary money has been appropriated for that purpose.

Your Committee have also considered a memorial from the Goderich District, setting forth that the Board had consented to a journey by the Secretary through the North-West, whereas the General Conference clearly indicated that no such journey was necessary, and that as a result the Board had to employ additional assistance at the Mission Rooms. We find no such indication as that alleged was given by the General Conference, but that on the contrary the regulation remains in the Discipline, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make himself familiar by correspondence and personal visitation, when practicable, with every part of the mission field. The journey in question was taken by instruction of the Committee of Finance and Consultation, it has answered an excellent purpose, and has been the means of a more judicious expenditure of money in that part of our work; and the additional assistance referred to was not employed till a period subsequent to the said journey.

A communication from the President and Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada was laid before us, and we recommend that this General Conference express its strong conviction of the importance and usefulness of such an organization, and that it commend to the favorable consideration of the ministers and laity of our Church, this Society, and urge that, wherever practicable, branches shall be formed.

Touching a resolution from the Niagara District referring to the publication of missionary intelligence:—In the judgment of your Committee it is of great importance that missionary information be scattered as widely as possible among our people; but to do this gratuitously would be not only to return to an experiment already tried, but would be contrary to the policy of other Missionary Societies, most of whom have abandoned the practice of issuing

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gratuitous publications. We therefore recommend that the Missionary Board make arrangements for the publication of a monthly periodical at a price not exceeding twenty-five cents per annum.

The Committee also strongly recommends that in all our charges a monthly missionary prayer-meeting shall be held, at which special reference shall be made to our missionary work, and suitable extracts be read from our missionary paper.

Touching a resolution from the Central Board in reference to the payment of the moving expenses of supernumerary ministers of the Eastern Conferences, your Committee submit, that the practice having prevailed in former years of paying the removal of ministers who became supernumeraries, or superannuated, while stationed on missions, it is desirable that some uniform rule be adopted covering all the Conferences. We therefore recommend that the principle of allowing such expenses be accepted, with the following restrictions:

1. That it shall apply only to such ministers as have been employed on missions for ten consecutive years preceding superannuation.
2. That the sum granted in any case for such removal expenses shall not exceed fifty dollars.

In regard to a memorial of the Newfoundland Conference, and a resolution from the Nova Scotia Conference, asking that subscribers of one dollar have their names inserted in the Missionary Report, it was resolved, that we recommend that the present method of publishing the Missionary Reports be continued, but that the Eastern Conferences be allowed to include names of one-dollar subscribers in their Annual Reports.

In regard to a resolution from the London Conference to the effect that Indian Missions, Missionaries, Schools, Teachers, and Interpreters should be placed immediately and fully under the jurisdiction and control of the Chairmen of their respective Districts, and Presidents of their

Conferences, your Committee find that these Missions and Missionaries are now, with one or two exceptions, under the jurisdiction of Chairmen and Presidents in the same manner as domestic Missions, and therefore no change is recommended.

With reference to Indian Schools, it should be remembered, that they sustain a relation to the government, in respect to grants, which makes it important that all correspondence with the Indian Department should be conducted by the Missionary Secretary, and that the appointment of teachers should be made, and their salaries fixed by the same authority, subject to revision by the Missionary Board. At the same time we consider it expedient that Chairmen of Districts should supervise the Indian schools as they do other parts of our work. The appointment of Interpreters might be made by Chairmen in consultation with the Missionary, but even then the amount of the remuneration should be fixed by the Board. In this connection it should be said that communications from the Mission Rooms to Indian Missionaries are always made through, or with the knowledge of, the Chairman of the District.

In regard to another resolution from the same Conference, recommending that the Missions in the North-west or British Columbia be connected with the London Conference, your Committee are of opinion that as the formation of a Conference in the North-west is under consideration, it is not expedient to make any change in the relation of the Mission Districts at the present time.

Respecting a further resolution to the effect that a large part of the care, oversight, and direction of Missions and Missionaries, now performed by the Missionary Secretary, might be performed by Chairmen of Districts and Presidents of Conferences, your Committee have had no evidence before them to substantiate this opinion. They are not aware of any duties of this office that could be more efficiently or economically performed by Annual Conference Officers.

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Your Committee have great satisfaction in reporting that they have had before them two letters, each offering the sum of \$5,000 towards the establishment of a Mission Church Extension Fund, and they are informed that a legacy of \$10,000 is available for the same purpose. This concurrence of thought and benevolence, at the present time, we can but regard as the result of a Divine prompting, and we trust the matter will receive favorable consideration from the Conference. And inasmuch as the proposal has reference to the Mission fields of the Church, especially the North-west, your Committee recommend that the Central Board of Missions be authorized to inaugurate a Fund to be called "The Mission Church and Parsonage Aid Fund," the sources of income to be the following:—

1. The balance of the Extension Fund now at the Credit of the Western Conferences.
2. Donations and Legacies made for the purpose.
3. Legacies to the Missionary Society, the application of which is not specially indicated by the will of the testator.

Your Committee recommend that the name of the "Central Board," be changed to read, "The General Board of Missions," and that in order to enlist a larger number of our friends in our Missionary movements, we recommend that the General Board be increased by the addition of six members, and that the Committee of Finance and Consultation be enlarged by adding six members, one half of whom shall be within reasonable distance of Toronto.

Your Committee having considered a memorial from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference asking the General Conference to make an appropriation to the said Conferences, from the Missionary Fund, for four years, over which they would have control, with liberty to subsidize it in any way deemed feasible, and with a view of helping to increase the income of the Missionaries,—we recommend that the memorial be referred to the General Board of Missions.

The Committee beg to submit the following names as members of the General Board of Missions, in addition to the officers of the Society and those appointed by the Annual Conferences, for the ensuing quadrennium :

MINISTERS:  
 Rev. J. Gray.  
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 " Dr. Douglas.  
 " Dr. Potts.  
 " S. F. Huestis.  
 " E. Evans.

LAYMEN.  
 Hon. J. Ferrier.  
 John N. Lake.  
 W. E. Sanford.  
 James Paterson.  
 J. Wesley Smith.  
 Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. YOUNG, *Chairman.*  
 J. SHAW, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE COURSE OF STUDY.

*Courses of Study to be pursued by Candidates for the Ministry  
of the Methodist Church of Canada :—*

#### I.—FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT GRADUATES IN ARTS.

##### PRELIMINARY COURSE.

For the May Examinations of 1883 the subjects will be the Preliminary Course as provided in the Discipline of 1884, with Burwash's Edition of Wesley's Sermons ; and thereafter, commencing with the May Examinations of 1884, the standard of admission to the Ministry of our Church will be a Certificate of Marticulation in any accredited University, or, what may be deemed an equivalent by the Board of Examiners of the Conference concerned ; it being understood that the equivalent shall be in the same subjects as prescribed by Victoria University for the West and Mt. Allison Wesleyan College for the East ; and, in addition thereto, the Candidate will be required to pass a satisfactory

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Wesley's Sermons, I. to XX.

### FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Biblical Introduction* :—  
Angus' Hand Book, Pt. I., Chaps. I. to III., inclusive.
2. *Biblical History* :—  
Smith's New Testament History.  
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3. *Theology* :—  
Wesley's Sermons, I. to LVI. (Burwash.)
4. \**Exegesis* :—  
The Sermon on the Mount, in Greek.

### SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Hermeneutics* :—  
Angus' Hand Book, Pt. I., Chaps. IV. and V.
2. \**Exegesis* :—  
Gospel of St. John, in Greek, Chaps. I. to X. inclusive.
3. *Church History* :—  
Blackburn's History of the Christian Church.
4. *Theology* :—  
Pope's Theology, Vol. I.

### THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

1. \**Exegesis* :—  
The Epistle to the Romans in Greek, Chaps. I. to  
XI. inclusive, with Beet's Commentary on Romans.

\* In cases when the Candidate has been admitted without a know-  
ledge of Greek, the examinations in Exegesis will be based upon the  
Text of the Revised Edition of the New Testament.

2. *Rhetoric* :—

Bain's.

3. *Church History* :—

Steven's History of Methodism to the death of Wesley.

4. *Theology* :—

Pope's Theology, Vol. II. and Shedd's History of Doctrine, Vol. 1.

## FOURTH YEARS COURSE.

1. *Theology* :—

Pope's Theology, Vol. III.

2. *Apologetics* :—

Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences, and Diman's Theistic Argument.

3. *Logic* :—

Milne's Elementary Notions of Logic, and Day's Logical Praxis.

4. *Metaphysics* :—

Murray's Hamilton.

## II.—FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE GRADUATES IN ARTS.

## PRELIMINARY COURSE.

1. *Theology* :—

Wesley's Sermons (Burwash); "Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodists," No. II., Revised Edition.

2. *Biblical History* :—

Smith's New Testament.

## FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Biblical Introduction* :—

Agnes' Hand-Book, Part I.

2. *Theology* :—

Fletcher's Checks, I.-V.

## SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Biblical History* :—

Smith's Old Testament.

2. *Theology* :—

Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences, and Diman's Theistic Argument.

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## THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Exegesis* :—  
Westcott on the Canon ; Matthew's Gospel, Sermon on the Mount, in Greek ; John's Gospel, in Greek, with Notes in Ellicott's Handy Commentary.
2. *Church History* :—  
Kurtz' History of the Church to the Reformation.
3. *Theology* :—  
Pope's Theology, Vols. I. and II.

## FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Exegesis* :—  
Epistle to the Romans, in Greek, with Beet's Commentary. Westcott and Hort's Introduction to Greek Testament, Vol. II.
2. *Church History* :—  
Fisher's History of the Reformation ; Stevens' History of Methodism to the death of Wesley.
3. *Theology* :—  
Pope's Theology, Vol. III., and Shedd's History of Doctrine, Vol. I.
4. *Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada.*

## III.—FOR PROBATIONERS AT COLLEGE.

## FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

1. Systematic Theology.
2. Exegesis : The Greek Testament.
3. Homiletical Studies : Rhetoric, and the English Language.
4. Logic.
5. Church History, or Hebrew, or Selections from the Vulgate, or Natural Science.

## SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1. Systematic Theology.
2. Exegesis of the New Testament in Greek.
3. Homiletical Studies and Elocution.
4. Metaphysics.
5. Church History, or Hebrew, or Selections from the Septuagint, or Natural Science.

## THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

1. Historical Theology.
2. Exegesis of the New Testament in Greek.
3. Homiletical Studies.
4. Ethics and Evidences.
5. Old Testament Exegesis, or Natural Science, or Patristic Selections.

NOTE.—We strongly recommend students to use the edition of the Greek Testament (issued in separate volumes), edited by the Rev. J. J. O. Perowne, D.D., Dean of Peterborough, together with the critical helps therein. Published by Deighton, Bell & Co., Cambridge, and, with all other text books, sold at our Book Rooms.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ROOM,  
Hamilton, Sept. 26, 1882.

## IV.—POUR LES PROPOSANTS DANS L'ŒUVRE FRANCAISE.

## PRELIMINAIRE.

1. Grammaire Française et Composition.
2. Arithmétique et Géographie.
3. Histoire Ancienne et Moderne (Lenormant).
4. Catéchisme Méthodiste, No. II.
5. XXV. Articles de Religion et Règles générales de l'église Méthodiste.

## PREMIERE ANNEE.

1. Vie de Jean Wesley (Lelievre).
2. Voie du Salut (Wesley).
3. Perfection Chrétienne (Wesley).

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  5. Etude Biblique (Godet), Vol. I.
  6. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. I.
  7. Philosophie Naturelle (Ganot), livres I. et II.
- On requiert la lecture des sermons de Wesley, 1<sup>re</sup> Serie,  
No. 1 à 26.

## DEUXIEME ANNEE.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), Part I., Chaps. IV. à VII.
2. Etude Biblique (Godet), Vol. II.
3. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. II.
4. Histoire de la Litterature Française (Vinet), Vol. I.
5. Philosophie Naturelle (Ganot), livres III. et IV.
6. Histoire de l'Eglise (Bonneton).
7. Rhétorique (Girard).

On requiert la lecture des sermons de Wesley, 1<sup>re</sup> serie,  
No. 27 à 52.

## TROISIEME ANNEE.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), Part II., Chaps. I. à IV.
2. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. III.
3. Histoire de la Litterature Française (Vinet), Vol. II.
4. Histoire de la Théologie Protestante (Dorner), Part I.
5. Homilétique (Vinet).
6. Philosophie Naturelle (Ganot), livres VI. et VII.
7. Epître de St. Jacques (Chapuis),

## QUATRIEME ANNEE.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), Part II., Chaps. V. à VII.
2. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. IV. et V.
3. Histoire de la Théologie Protestante (Dorner), Part II.
4. Christianisme des Premiers Siecles (De Pressensé).
5. Philosophie Naturelle (Ganot), livres VIII. et IX.
6. Discipline de l'Eglise Méthodiste de Canada.

NOTE.—The proper editions of all the books in these  
Courses of Study will be kept on hand in the Book Rooms,  
at Toronto, Halifax, and Montreal.

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. JOST, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee record devout thanksgiving to God, that it is their privilege to report on the vital subject of Temperance to the General Conference of a Church theoretically and practically in pronounced sympathy with every wise moral and legal measure designed and calculated to pluck up the Upas evil of Intemperance, root and branch.

They are, nevertheless, constrained to affirm the apprehension, that in our very orthodoxy in sentiment and discipline, may lurk a peril of no small magnitude. *Total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage* is indeed a condition of membership in the Methodist Church. So far so good. What does this amount to, however, beyond an admirable and Scriptural organization, well calculated to conserve the sobriety and piety of the denomination, and to furnish an example well worthy of emulation by Christians of every name? Though we would by no means so assert, yet can we risk the *implication* that we regard this as our whole duty in the premises? It were sad beyond comparison if we could be betrayed into such a species of self-complacency.

Your Committee dare not breathe a word derogatory to the historic record of our Church in this great strife, nor tolerate for a moment the thought that she needs to vindicate herself from the dereliction of any recognized duty to "the world lying in the arms of the wicked one." And yet is it not significant that not a single memorial, on even one of the many phases of this Temperance movement, has been received from either of the several Conferences of the Methodism of this wide Dominion? They therefore think they are instructed to call the army of the Lord of Hosts to a general movement *all along the lines*. To match and master this insidious and unscrupulous foe, it behoves us to reconnoitre his position and so ascertain the strength of his fortifications, the extent of the sympathy derived from the

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Thus this traffic will so project its horrid shape before us that we can never more regard it in any sense a simple, isolated member in the family of legitimate trades, but a compact confederation of selfish allies; an organized iniquity whose constitutional crookedness is positively appalling; a political engine of very eccentric action and terrible power; and as the audacious robber of the wealth of earth in money and men, which, if laid on God's altar, would be sufficient instrumentally to evangelize the race, and hasten the grand consummation of Redemption, when "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh see it together."

Moreover, the *special methods* of the traffic challenge recognition, and read us instructive lessons. It no longer hides itself behind its curtained windows and screened doors—it has taken the open field, pressing into its service the *pen and the platform* with a desperate boldness and determined persistence worthy a righteous cause.

Then, too, it assumes—like its fell master—the similitude of the *angel of light to deceive*. It parades the forms and phraseology of *goodness*; and this wolf prowls in sheep's clothing. With a superlative audacity, if not through *judicial delusion*, it claims to be *more temperate* than *Temperance* itself, and impertinently gazettes its offensive organization as "The Trades' Benevolent Association."

It is matter of notoriety, also, how the *early closing* and the *Sabbath clauses* in the License Law are extensively ignored or violated, showing how utterly demoralizing is a business that transforms the very men that are preferred and protected by that law, into its frequent and flagrant violators!

Hence we need not wonder that where the sanctity of the law is transferred from the traffic to the people the

enforcement of the "Scott Act" is systematically and violently resisted by liquor dealers.

We respectfully submit, that this survey of the situation forces upon this Dominion, as the great national issue of the hour, *Shall the liquor traffic rule the community, or the community the liquor traffic?*

To contribute, in some humble measure, to the right solution of this problem, your Committee would venture the following recommendations:—

*Recommendation* 1st. That our people cease to patronize and bring into their homes newspapers and such other publications as assume a pronounced antagonism to the cause of Temperance, and give evidence of collusion with the dealers in rum.

2nd. That the pulpit, while eschewing all interference in party politics, shall, nevertheless, lay bare all attempts to demoralize the electorate; shall faithfully rebuke this national vice in high places as well as low; shall wake up the public conscience, and voice the urgent demand for an end to the fearful wreckage of the liquor business.

3rd. That while the educating influences of the liquor traffic are allowed to vitiate the tastes and deprave the morals of our children and youth, there should be introduced into all schools, and other institutions of learning, standard Temperance Text Books; and there should be established a *Temperance Society* in connection with every Sabbath-school throughout our Connexion; and the children joining such Society should be required to take the triple pledge against *Liquor, Tobacco, and Profanity*.

4th. Regarding the Temperance reform as eminently effectual in enabling His servants to obey the Master's injunction, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," and remembering that our help in removing hindrances and rendering legitimate means successful, must be realized in answer to prayer, it is earnestly recommended that on all our Circuits one prayer-meeting in each month be specially designated *The Temperance Prayer-meeting*, at which suitable items of

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5th. While ever and everywhere woman has been the most grievously wronged by this curse, and yet the most patient in enduring personal degradation and distress, we rejoice to see that she has recently arisen in her womanly might, and, wielding her intuitive genius with the gentleness that makes her great, she appears as a modern Deborah to rouse the lagging Baraks to deliver Israel from the dominion of Alcohol.

Thankful for her valuable services in the press and on the platform, we would especially commend to the Conference and the Church for recognition, sympathy, and co-operation, that excellent and efficient organization known as "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

6th. Although we cannot accept as *righteous*, absolutely, any License Law, yet if we must tolerate some one as the tentative regulator of an evil till we can have it removed, we must regard the "Crooks' Act" the best instrument for this suppression the Province of Ontario has ever had. We would emphatically deprecate any legislation that would impair its efficiency; and we would respectfully recommend our people, where this law obtains, to use their voice and franchise to prevent the control of this License System reverting to the municipalities, where the industrious ward politician and the interested liquor dealer so largely manipulate the elections.

7th. While we are fully alive to the policy of an educated public opinion in preparing the way for, and promoting the permanent efficiency of, measures for the suppression of the *liquor traffic*, we, nevertheless, caution our friends not to close their eyes to the glaring fallacy that becomes apparent when that principle is so strained by the *traffic* as to claim that you must delay indefinitely any legislative enactment designed to secure total prohibition. We are highly favored to have in the Statute Book of the

Dominion such a permissive Bill as the Scott Act, more especially as its constitutionality has been affirmed by the Privy Council of England. We, therefore, submit the following for acceptance:—

That this Conference, believing the "Canada Temperance Act of 1878" to be better fitted to secure the suppression of the liquor traffic within the Dominion of Canada than any other enactment that has ever been in operation within the country, hereby places on record its great satisfaction in the perpetuation of this law in a state of unimpaired efficiency, and also expresses its earnest protest against all attempts at legislative interference which would conflict with the original design of the said enactment.

If anything be more fitting than another to inspire anew our ardor and intensify our purpose on this line, it well may be the sentiment of the Rev. John Wesley, uttered over one hundred years ago, on the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic. In a tract known as "Thoughts on the Present Scarcity of Provision," he asks, "Why is food so dear? The grand reason is because such immense quantities of corn are used for distilling. Little less than half of the wheat produced in the kingdom is every year consumed, not by so harmless a way as throwing it into the sea, but by converting it into deadly poison—poison that not only destroys the strength of the life but also the morals of our countrymen. However, it is said, what is paid brings in a large revenue to the king. Is this an *equivalent* for the lives of his majesty's subjects? Would his majesty sell 100,000 of his subjects for £400,000? Will he then sell them for that sum to be butchered by their countrymen?"

In reply to another specious plea, "If there were no distilling and brewing, the seamen for the navy cannot be fed," he says, "Indeed; not unless they are fed by human flesh! Oh, tell it not in Constantinople, that the English raise the royal revenue by selling the flesh and blood of their countrymen."

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES FISH, *Chairman.*  
W. R. PARKER, *Secretary.*

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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1. The Board recommends that after the income from all other sources is ascertained, the principle of assessment shall be applied in an equitable manner to all the Circuits, in order so to augment the annual income of the fund, as to make it equal to the annual claims thereon.
2. That the basis of assessment shall be the ordinary amount raised on the circuit for ministerial support and for all connexional funds, the children's fund alone excepted.
3. That each circuit shall raise its proportion of the amount

requisite to pay the superannuated ministers widows' their full disciplinary claim.

4. That the calculation for each year shall be based on the income and returns of the year preceding.

5. That it shall be the duty of the Treasurers annually to notify the Chairmen of each District of the amount required from each circuit in his district, such notification to be made prior to the financial District Meeting, when it shall be the duty of the chairman to notify each superintendent of the amount to be raised on his circuit during the year for this fund.

#### SCALE OF PAYMENTS.

The Committee would further report the following as a scale of payments:—

1. The case of each superannuated minister who travelled less than *ten* years, prior to superannuation, shall be referred to the Board for consideration and adjustment.

2. Every superannuated minister who has travelled *ten* years and less than *fifteen* years shall have a claim of five dollars per year for each year of effective service he may have rendered, said claim to continue for *six* years only.

3. Every superannuated minister who has travelled *fifteen* years and less than *twenty* years shall have a claim of eight dollars per year for each year of effective service rendered, said claim to continue *ten* years only.

4. Every superannuated minister who has travelled effectively in our work for *twenty* years, shall have a permanent claim upon the Superannuation Fund.

(1) All permanent claimants who have rendered *twenty* years effective service, but less than *twenty-five* years, shall have a claim of eight dollars per year for each year of such effective service.

(2) All permanent claimants who have rendered *twenty-five* years effective service, but less than *thirty* years, shall have a claim of nine dollars per year for each year of such effective service.

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(3) All permanent claimants who have rendered *thirty* years and upwards of effective service, shall have a claim of ten dollars a year for each year of such effective service.

(4) Widows of deceased ministers, being members of our Church, shall receive four-fifths of the amount their husbands would have received, according to the above scale.

Except such widows as were fifteen years younger than their husbands, at the time of their marriage, and were married after their husbands were fifty-five years of age. Such cases shall be referred to the Board.

The following additional recommendations are presented :

All ministers and probationers now paying \$10 per annum shall henceforth pay \$12 per annum.

No probationer shall be admitted into full connexion unless four years' subscription, at least, shall have been paid.

Amend the clause in Discipline, p. 155, ¶ 518, 2, to read as follows :

"The claims of a minister on this Fund shall not be prejudiced by his having been engaged in the service of any department, society, or corporation, within the Church, provided such service is rendered by the appointment of his Conference."

Amend ¶ 524, 8, page 156, by omitting "*Central*" in 3rd line, and "*such*" in the 4th line. For "*the support*," read "*their support*." Omit the 5th line; and in the last line but one, for "*they*," insert "*the Board*." The amended clause reading—

"When a minister dies, who was employed in the active work thirty or more years, and leaves no claimant widow, but has a child or children unprovided for, the Board is authorized to make provision for their support. Nevertheless, the amount shall not be more than the widow would have been allowed—had there been one—and only for such a period as the Board shall deem proper and necessary."

All Superannuated Ministers must reside within the bounds of the Conferences paying them as claimants. Nevertheless,

the Conference or Board shall have power to grant, in special cases, an exemption from this clause, but even then, only year by year.

Recommended "That no application for a superannuated relation shall be granted by an Annual Conference, except on the recommendation of a Committee of Conference relations, to be appointed by the Conference, consisting of not less than seven (7) members, to whom such application shall have been referred. Nor shall the said Committee, in making their decision, take into consideration anything else than this question, namely, "Is the applicant really worn out, or temporarily disabled, in the itinerant service?" Provided, however, that in case the said Committee report adversely, the Conference may, by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members present, grant said application."

The Committee nominate the following as members of the Board:—

Rev. Dr. Douglas.	Hon. Senator Ferrier.
" Dr. Williams.	" J. C. Aikins.
" Dr. Elliott.	Sheriff Patrick.
" Dr. Rose.	Dr. Lavell.
" Dr. Sanderson.	John Macdonald.
" J. Douse.	W. E. Sanford.
" J. H. Starr.	J. N. Lake.
" W. Tindall.	Thomas Holtby.
" J. Bredin.	G. Robinson.
" W. S. Griffin.	Jas. Paterson.
" A. Langford.	James Beatty.
" J. T. Pitcher.	M. S. Smith.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUPER- NUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

##### I.—NAME.

This Fund, heretofore known as "The Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund," of The Conference of Eastern British America, shall hereafter be designated, The Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows'

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Fund of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church of Canada, embracing the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the Bermudas.

#### II.—MEMBERSHIP.

All members of the Nova Scotia, the New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and the Newfoundland Annual Conferences, complying with Article IV., Sec. I, of this Constitution, shall be members of this Fund.

#### III.—MANAGEMENT.

1. The representatives of the aforesaid Annual Conferences to the General Conference shall at some time during the session of each General Conference, at a meeting held at the joint call of the Presidents of the said Annual Conferences to consider the affairs of this Fund, elect by ballot two persons—a minister and a layman, as General Treasurers of the Fund.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers, so elected, to receive and disburse, from year to year, all the moneys constituting the *Current Income*, according to the provisions of the Constitution; and also to hold and manage, under the supervision and direction of the Investment Committee, the Capital Stock of the Fund.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurers to prepare and present at each of the meetings of the General Committee a particular account, duly audited, of all the business transacted for the Fund during the previous Conference year.

The Treasurers, so elected, are to hold office for *four years*, or until their successors are appointed, unless one or both should die, or resign, or become, in the judgment of the General Committee, disqualified for the discharge of the duties of the office. In any such case it shall be the duty of the General Committee to elect some other person or persons to fill the vacant place or places until the meeting of the General Conference.

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2. *The General Committee* of this Fund shall consist of eight members, viz. :—The two General Treasurers and six other persons, that is, one minister and one layman, to be appointed annually from and by each of the said Annual Conferences.

This Committee, so constituted, shall meet annually, at the call of the General Treasurers, and *five* of its members shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business.

It shall be the duty of this Committee, at each of its annual meetings, to carefully examine the reports of the Treasurers, and of the Investment Committee, of all the business transacted for the Fund, and to cause a full report of the results of such examination to be prepared for presentation to each of the Conferences interested, at its next annual meeting; also, a report embodying a summary of all the business of the four years, to be laid before the next quadrennial meeting of the representatives of the three Conferences aforesaid.

3. The Treasurers, together with *three* other persons, chosen by the General Committee, shall constitute an *Investment Committee*, for the management of the Capital Stock of the Fund.

4. Each Conference named in Article II., shall appoint, annually, a *Conference Committee*, composed of its members in the General Committee, and *six* other persons, one half of whom shall be ministers and the other half laymen. Each Conference Committee shall appoint its own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and it shall be its duty to look after the interests of the Fund in the Conference by which it is appointed, especially to examine the returns from the several Districts, to ascertain whether due attention has been given on all the circuits to secure, in the different modes prescribed in this Constitution, the proper income for the Fund, and to call the attention of the Conference to any cases of apparent negligence. Furthermore, it shall be the duty of the ministerial members of this Committee to see that persons are not placed upon the lists of Super-

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numeraries in their respective Conferences, so as to be constituted claimants upon the Fund, prematurely, or without due consideration by the Conference.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of each Conference Committee to receive all the moneys collected in his Conference for the Fund, and to account for the same to the General Treasurers; and, also, to prepare each year an abstract of the accounts of the current income and the capital stock, as reported by the General Committee, together with a list of the Ministers' Subscriptions, and of other subscriptions and donations of *Two Dollars* and upwards on the circuits, to be published in the Minutes of the several Conferences.

#### IV.—CURRENT INCOME.

1. Every member of the before-named Annual Conferences, not being a Supernumerary, shall be required to pay a subscription of *Ten Dollars*, annually, in advance, at the time of the District Meeting.

2. *Preachers on Trial* may pay the Annual Subscription for the period of their probation, either in advance, from year to year, or by one equivalent payment at the end of their probation.

3. *Each Circuit* shall be considered as responsible for a yearly sum, equal, at least, on an average, of *ten cents* per member, including persons on trial, the number of members, in all cases, being taken from the published Minutes of the preceding Conference.

Every minister shall, at the first quarterly visitation of the classes, after Conference, explain the nature and reasonableness of the claims of this Fund upon the justice and liberality of our Church. He shall then enquire of each member what sum he or she is willing to subscribe, and shall enter the respective sums in the class-book, and it shall be the duty of the class-leader to collect these, and also subscriptions from the members absent at the time of visitation, and to pay the amount to the Superintendent of the Circuit.

An *Annual Collection*, in aid of this Fund, shall be made in all the churches and other preaching places in the month of December, and private application shall be made by the minister to friends on each circuit for subscriptions and donations.

The subscriptions of Ministers and Preachers on Trial, the circuit contributions, the interest on the capital stock, and the amount received, from year to year, from the Missionary Society, shall constitute the current income for each year, available for the payment of annual claims.

#### V.—CAPITAL STOCK.

The *capital stock* of this Fund shall consist of the amount now reported by the Treasurers as constituting the present capital stock, viz. :—\$80,000<sup>66</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, and all sums hereafter received as legacies; payments received under Article VI, Sec. 2, and the excess of Current Income above Current Claims in any year.

#### VI.—CLAIMANTS.

1. Any minister, being a member of this Fund, on becoming a Supernumerary, except as hereinafter provided, shall have a claim on the Current Income, so long as he shall remain a Supernumerary in connection with either of the Conferences specified in Article II, for an annuity, equal to the sum of all the Annual Subscriptions of *Ten Dollars* each, which he shall have previously paid to the Fund.

2. A widow of any minister, having been a member of this Fund, except as hereinafter provided, shall, so long as she shall remain his widow, have a claim upon the current income for an annuity equal to one-half the sum of such subscription which her deceased husband shall have paid, provided, however, that if the wife of any member of the Fund shall die, and he should marry again, he must, in order to entitle his new wife to such an annuity, pay *five dollars* a year additional for each year of his connection with this Fund previous to his marriage, otherwise, her claim shall be considered as commencing only at the time of her marriage.



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3. Any claim upon this Fund, based upon not more than *ten years'* subscriptions thereto, shall not continue more years than the number of the Annual Subscriptions which constitute its basis; but the claims of ministers transferred to or from any other Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, who shall have paid subscriptions to the Superannuation Fund of the Western Conferences, or to this Supernumerary Fund, and whose Annual Subscriptions to the two Funds shall, together, be more than *ten*, shall not be subject to the limitations of the foregoing clause. Neither shall this limitation apply to ministers received into full connexion at or before the Annual Conferences of 1882.

4. Any minister of the Conferences specified in Article II, being a member of this Fund, who shall be transferred to any other Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, may retain the standing in connection with this Fund which he had acquired previous to his transfer.

5. It is provided always that, when in any year the Current Income shall be insufficient to meet the claims of that year in full, such claims shall be proportionately reduced by one equal percentage from all.

6. Any person who, by withdrawal, location, expulsion, or in any other way, shall cease to be a member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, may be repaid from the Capital Stock of this Fund, the amount of his Annual Subscriptions, with simple interest.

#### VII.—CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION.

No change shall be made in this Constitution until after notice thereof shall have been given to the General Committee, whose duty it shall be to report all such notices to each of the three Annual Conferences interested, nor then, unless the proposed change or changes shall have been concurred in by two-thirds of the members of the Fund present, and voting thereon, in the said three Conferences, the number of the contents and non-contents being carefully taken and put upon record in the Journal of each of the said Conferences, and shall be certified by the President

and Secretary of each Conference to the next meeting of the General Committee. When the aggregate required number of *two-thirds* of all the members voting in the three Conferences shall be found to have been given in favor of the proposed change or changes, it shall be the duty of the General Committee to so report to the representatives of the aforesaid three Annual Conferences to the next ensuing General Conference, in order that the said proposed and requested change or changes may be confirmed by the General Conference.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND REPORT.

The Committee of the General Conference Fund beg to present the following Report:—

That the expenses of the Delegates attending the General Conference, as far as ascertained, amount to the sum of.....	\$4175 00
That the amount for Printing, Stationery, &c. is .....	154 00
That there will probably be required to meet bills not yet rendered .....	250 00
Amounting in the whole to.. .....	\$4579 00
To meet this amount the Treasurer has on hand.....	2545 00
Leaving a deficit of .....	\$2034 00

which the Committee recommend the Treasurer of the Conference to provide for.

The Committee regret to be informed that in several circuits the collection authorized by this Conference has not been taken up, and would urge upon the Superintendents of Circuits in the future, to strictly observe this rule.

The Committee would express their entire confidence in the Rev. Samuel Rose, D.D., the Treasurer of the Conference during the last four years, and would recommend his re-appointment for the next quadrennium.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES GRAY, *Chairman.*

WM. G. STRONG, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Committee having met for the transaction of business, the Rev. G. H. Cornish submitted a statement of the Statistics of the Connexion, prepared by himself, which, on motion, was adopted.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the memorial of the London Conference asking the "General Conference to consider the advisability of taking steps to secure, as far as possible, uniformity of all numerical and financial returns throughout all the Conferences."

In harmony with the above memorial the Committee recommend that the Book Steward be instructed to so arrange the Circuit, District, and Conference Schedules, that they may follow the same order throughout, so as to prevent confusion and inaccuracy in the numerical and financial returns.

The Committee also recommend that full returns of all Statistics gathered for the District Meetings be published annually in the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences.

The Committee have to regret that on account of imperfect returns from some of the Annual Conferences the subjoined statement is not as complete as it would otherwise have been.

No report is given as to the Connexional Funds, they being fully reported to the Conference in the Report of the several Treasurers.

The Committee recommend the Conference to appoint a small Committee whose duty shall be to gather the Statistics of the several Conferences annually, with a view to preparing and presenting full numerical and financial returns to the next General Conference, and to whom shall be referred the work of seeing that the Conference Schedules are prepared in accordance with the above recommendation.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Chairman.*

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Statistical Report of the Number of Ministers, Members, Sunday-Schools, &c., of the Methodist Church of Canada.

I.—MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

1. WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	PROBATIONERS.		MINISTERS.				MEMBERS.		
	At College	At Work.	Effective.	Super'd.	Super'y.	Total.	On Trial.	Full.	Total.
Toronto.....	11	44	259	50	17	381	2167	36005	38172
London.....	19	31	238	41	15	344	1617	37024	38641
Montreal.....	8	15	159	21	6	209	930	21355	22285
Total, 1882.....	38	90	656	112	38	934	4714	94384	99098
Total, 1878.....	48	115	611	100	41	915	6200	90602	96802
Increase.....	..	..	45	12	..	19	..	3782	2296
Decrease.....	10	25	..	..	3	..	1586	..	..

2. EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia.....	3	5	78	21	..	107	411	9284	9695
N. B. and P. E. I.....	4	5	78	13	..	100	251	7763	8014
Newfoundland.....	2	8	37	4	..	51	925	7688	8613
Total, 1882.....	9	18	193	38	..	258	1587	24735	26322
Total, 1878.....	14	39	173	24	..	250	3230	22573	25803
Increase.....	..	..	20	14	..	8	..	2162	519
Decrease.....	5	21	..	..	..	..	1643	..	..

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Western Conferences.....	38	90	656	112	38	934	4714	94384	99098
Eastern Conferences.....	9	18	193	38	..	258	1587	24735	26322
Total, 1882.....	47	108	849	150	38	1192	6301	119119	125420
Total, 1878.....	62	151	787	124	41	1165	9430	113175	122605
Increase.....	..	..	62	26	..	27	..	5944	2815
Decrease.....	15	43	..	..	3	..	3129	..	..

Number of Ministers died, 1878 to 1882.....	61	Increase since 1874: Ministers and Probationers.. 161 Members..... 23474 S. Schools..... 435 S. S. Teachers..... 3621 S. S. Scholars..... 29415
Number of Ministers died, 1874 to 1878.....	49	
Total.....	110	

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On Trial.	Full.	Total.
2167	36005	38172
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.....	23474
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II.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

1. WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Meeting in Class.	Volumes in Library.	MONEY RAISED.		
						Missions	General S. S. F.	For Schools.
Toronto .....	593	5073	41769	5973	72033	\$ 4710 99	\$ 331 71	\$ 16493 03
London .....	558	5842	46382	6097	82096	4415 39	384 31	20801 01
Montreal .....	339	2682	16960	1750	33985	5618 91	76 78	5360 96
Total, 1882....	1490	13597	105111	13820	188114	14745 29	792 80	42655 00
Total, 1878....	1333	12678	97250	12432	179143	9524 10	728 45	34338 16
Increase.....	157	919	7861	1388	9971	5221 19	64 35	8316 84

2. EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia .....	174	1338	9650	978	17357	836 39	47 77	2550 85
N. B. and P. E. I. ..	162	1140	8721	822	14731	917 42	67 68	2522 20
Newfoundland .....	121	905	7147	81	4189	957 05	61 67	569 43
Total, 1882....	457	3383	25518	2615	36277	2710 86	177 12	5642 48
Total, 1878....	400	3103	23722	2609	35538	2100 67	114 53	5171 56
Increase.....	57	280	1796	6	639	610 19	62 59	470 82

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Grand Total, 1878.	1733	15751	120972	15041	214681	11624 77	842 98	39509 72
Increase. ....	214	1229	9657	1394	9710	5831 88	126 94	8787 76

## III.—CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES.

## 1. WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.		Value of Parsonage Furniture.	Total Value of Church Property.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
Toronto.....	648	\$ 2035492 00	189	\$ 254350 00	\$ 34254 10	\$ 2324096 10
London.....	664	1625630 00	169	269540 00	36692 00	1931862 00
Montreal.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
Total, 1882.....	..	.....	471	.....	.....	.....
Total, 1878.....	1614	4152510 00	414	703487 00	.....	4855997 00
Increase.....	..	.....	57	.....	.....	.....

## 2. EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia.....	202	.....	59	.....	.....	605080 00
N. B. and P. E. I. ....	198	.....	48	.....	.....	662485 00
Newfoundland.....	86	.....	29	.....	.....	285830 00
Total, 1882.....	486	.....	136	.....	.....	1553395 00
Total, 1878.....	432	.....	..	.....	.....	1166230 00
Increase.....	54	.....	..	.....	.....	387165 00

## 3. SUMMARY.

Western Conferences..	..	.....	471	.....	.....	.....
Eastern Conferences ..	..	.....	136	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total, 1882..	..	.....	607	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total, 1878..	2046	.....	484	.....	.....	6022227 00
Increase.....	..	.....	123	.....	.....	.....

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee have examined the Reports of the Eastern and Western Sections of the Book Committee, and recommend them to the General Conference for adoption.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the revised Wesleyan Catechism for use in all our Sabbath-schools and throughout the Church, with Scripture proofs selected from the Authorized Version.

In reference to a resolution of the London Conference, and a memorial from the Chatham District, requesting the General Conference to direct that the *Christian Guardian* be enlarged so as to form a 16-page paper similar to the New York *Christian Advocate*,—The Committee recommend that no change be made in the present form of the paper.

In reference to a memorial from the Sarnia District, requesting that the subscription price of the *Guardian* be reduced to \$1.50 per annum,—The Committee recommend no change in the price of the paper.

Your Committee favor the recommendation of the Western Section of the Book Committee in reference to an annual valuation of the various departments of the Book and Publishing interests.

In reference to the recommendation of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee in favor of the publication of a Hymn Tune Book, your Committee recommend the matter to the favorable consideration of the General Conference, but suggest that a small committee of competent men from the Western Conferences should be appointed to act in concert with the Eastern brethren, in order that such Book, if published, shall be adapted to general use in all sections of the Church.

In reference to the motion of John Macdonald, Esq., to restore the old readings of hymns, your Committee are of the opinion that in view of the lengthy discussion in the last General Conference, and the adoption of the report of the Hymn Book Committee as far as completed, and the re-appointment of that Committee with power to complete and publish the work, of which 150,000 have been already issued, it would be inexpedient and impracticable to carry out the recommendation of Mr. Macdonald's motion.

Your Committee recommend that clause 478 of the Discipline, page 146, be changed so as to read, "The Eastern and Western Sections shall each, at the close of the quadrennial period, carefully review the Book and Publishing business within its jurisdiction, of the preceding four years, and prepare a full report of the same to be presented to the General Conference."

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. DEWART, *Chairman.*

W. J. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

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The state of the Church calls for thanksgiving. At the same time, it calls for the serious and prayerful consideration of the following statements, especially as we are in danger of being led astray by the cry, "We are a great people!"

1. The supply of ministers suited to our work does not keep pace with the demands.

There has been an increase in the number of our ministers during the last four years, but it has not been in keeping with that of the former four years. During the former the increase was one hundred and thirty-four; during the latter it has been only twenty-seven. The decrease may be accounted for, in part, by the Church

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exercising greater care in receiving men into her ministry. Another cause, and one which other denominations are deploring, is the growing disinclination in young men of promise to enter the Christian ministry.

Where there is not an all-absorbing devotion to the Master, the inconveniences of the Itinerancy, the scant support frequently given to the ministry, with the inducements held out by other and secular callings, prove too much for some called of the Master, and they "follow not with us."

2. The state of the membership next calls for consideration.

True, there has been an increase during the quadrennium just passed, but it has been so small compared with that of the former, so small compared with our resources, that we do well to inquire if all our resources are being developed and by the most effective methods.

While the increase during the former four years was twenty thousand and upward, during the latter it has been less than three thousand. Doubtless the difference may be accounted for, in part, by emigration, many of our people having moved to Manitoba and beyond, and not having been gathered into circuits or missions they are, as yet, lost to us.

Another cause of the decrease, and one that should fill us with a lively fear, is a growing indifference to the obligations and advantages of Church membership. There is a large number of people, adherents of our Church, regular attendants on our ministry, and often liberal supporters of our Church and Institutions, who cannot be persuaded to join our Societies.

3. Our Sabbath-school interests have, in every particular, advanced. And yet even here, where so much special attention has been paid, there is, comparing quadrennium with quadrennium, a marked decline. In the first quadrennium, the increase of teachers was about twenty-five hundred; in the second, less than half that number.

To what is this comparative decrease owing? Will some of these now missing teachers and scholars be found in the

North-West? Yes. Is there a growing indifference to Sabbath-school instruction? We fear there is, especially on the part of the older youth, and many who might be teachers. Are other Churches drawing away our children? Not that we know of. Are we failing in our mission of gathering into our schools those uncared for by other Churches? Doubtless we are not as active in this direction as we might and ought to be.

4. As to connexional interests, indicated by connexional collections, we have been unable to obtain full information. We can speak with certainty as far as the following:—Comparing the last year of the quadrennium just passed, with the sum total at the close of the first quadrennium, there has been a general advance, but not particularly marked except in one item—the Missionary income. This advance is worthy of fuller notice.

In the closing year of the first quadrennium the income reached the unusually high figure of one hundred and forty-one thousand dollars; in the closing year of the quadrennium just passed it has reached one hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars and upward, this being the highest amount, from Canadian sources, ever reached in our history as a Church in this country. This amount is exclusive of the generous givings to the Relief and Extension Fund.

5. The unity of our Church, particularly the bond binding together the ministers and laymen, remains unimpaired; not only so, but the various changes in their mutual relationships made within the last eight years, have strengthened that bond, and added to the influence for good of all parties.

6. In matters of doctrine, our Church has never felt more deeply than now the importance of its members “proving all things, holding fast that which is good.” Therefore whilst, on the one hand, she defends our “doctrinal standards” as containing all things essential to salvation, on the other hand she recognizes the right of every man to liberty of thought in his search after truth.

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7. That our Church is rising in general intelligence and consequent influence, there can be no doubt. That there is, with many, an increase in zeal and spirituality is equally certain; and yet that there is room—large room—for improvement, is painfully felt. The danger to our Church lies not so much in the assaults of scepticism from without, as it does in worldly-mindedness from within. The old lines and landmarks of spiritual progress are too often lost sight of by ourselves.

Let us stand in the ways, and ask more earnestly and more unitedly after the "old paths." Let us stand separate from the world, outspoken and unequivocal in our testimony; a peculiar people, full of the Holy Ghost.

8. Our relationship toward other branches of the Methodist family in the country was never so satisfactory. Never were we more hopeful of an answer to our Lord's prayer—"That they may be one."

The spirit of Union is spreading. Cautious and yet prompt action has been called for. Large and influential committees, representing the different bodies, have been earnestly engaged in Conference. Very considerable progress toward agreement has been made. And the signs show, if we read them aright, that when the representatives agree on a Basis of Union, the consummation will follow in due time.

9. In conclusion, that our gains may be confirmed, and our lack made up, your Committee recommends this General Conference to request the Annual Conferences to set apart an evening—or some other suitable season—for the fuller consideration of such interests, specially spiritual, which have come under review in this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES HANNON, *Chairman*  
W. W. ROSS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE  
SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Committee on Sunday schools, appointed by the General Conference, consisting of twenty-five members, has held five meetings, and has carefully deliberated upon the several subjects brought under its consideration. It begs to report its great gratification at the general prosperity of the Sunday-school interests of our Church as evidenced by the documents and statistics submitted to its examination.

The following is an abridged form of the report of the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, corrected, as to figures, up to date, from the published report of the Book Committee:—

STATISTICS.

The number of schools has increased during the quadrennium from 1,733 to 1,948, being an increase of 217, or about  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. The number of teachers and officers has increased from 15,734 to 16,626, with a larger percentage of church members than was ever reported before. There are 131,857 scholars reported as against 122,859 in 1878, being an increase of 8,998. The number of conversions reported during the last *three* years is 16,481, the number for the first year of the quadrennium not being given; 16,435 scholars are reported as meeting in class, being an increase of 1,394 in 1878.

A marked improvement is shown in the attention given to the study of the Catechism, the number of scholars engaged in that study having increased, in four years, from 15,041 to 26,912, being an increase of 9,871, or over 60 per cent.

A great improvement has also taken place both in the character of the Sunday-school periodicals, and in the extent to which they circulate. Of *Pleasant Hours* and the *Sunbeam* 43,729 are reported in circulation, being an increase

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The *Canadian Scholar's Quarterly*, a new periodical, has reached in two years a circulation of 18,200, and the *Quarterly Review Service*, another new periodical, has reached a circulation of 13,350. Of the *Berean Leaf* 47,970 are taken. The total number of our own S. S. periodicals taken by the schools is 131,009, being within a small fraction of one for each of the 131,857 scholars. Of this number 24,920 is the increase of the five months ending August 31st, —nearly 20 per cent. Eleven hundred and ninety schools are reported as being kept open throughout the entire year —an increase of 188 ; and 1,359 as using the International System of Lessons, an increase of 269.

WINNOWNED LIST.

The list of books selected by the Library Committee, read and approved by ministers of our own Church, is now very large and varied, containing 1,661 volumes selected with great care from the best publishing houses in Canada, Great Britain, and the United States. Great heartiness has been manifested on the part of the ministers in all the Conferences, in reading and reporting on the books forwarded to them. The greatest courtesy has also been shown by our Book Rooms in assisting, as far as possible, in this work. We cannot refrain from urging the General Conference to continue vigorously this important matter of examination of all books put into our libraries.

GRANTS TO NEEDY SCHOOLS.

Many applications have been made for help to needy schools, \$1,660 having been expended for that purpose, besides 6,000 volumes of books donated for distribution, which have been sent to poor schools. These donations have accomplished, at a comparatively small cost, a great deal of

good in helping struggling schools in remote and religiously destitute parts of the country.

The Committee beg to call attention to the great increase in the Sunday-school missionary subscriptions, viz., from \$15,823 in 1880, to \$21,560 in 1882, an increase of \$5,737. This increase they consider largely due to the partial adoption of the Blake System of Collection, and to the prominence given to our own Mission work in the Sunday-school periodicals.

A steady increase has also been exhibited in the income of the S. S. Board, viz., from \$2,146 to \$3,893.83, nearly double. Nevertheless in many schools the collection for the General Conference Sunday-school Fund is not taken up—an omission, which it is hoped, will soon be remedied.

The analysed report of the Treasurer gives a clear exposition of the receipts and expenditure of the S. S. Board.

A memorial was received from the S. S. Board containing a series of resolutions passed at their last meeting on August 4.

The first of these resolutions recommended the appointment of a Sunday-school Agent, to take charge of the S. S. periodicals and attend S. S. Conventions, Institutes, and Normal Classes.

After a protracted discussion, in which nearly every member of the Committee took part, it was almost unanimously resolved,—“That in view of the great economy, and growing efficiency of the present system of administration of our Sunday-school affairs; and in view of the continued necessity for the exercise of rigid economy of management, in order that our Sunday-school periodicals may be still further increased in number, improved in quality, and reduced in price, so as to cope with the strong competition which they encounter; the Committee, after full and careful deliberation, records its judgment that, in the present juncture in the development of our Sunday-school interests, it would be highly inopportune and inexpedient to diverge

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The Committee concur in the recommendation of the S. S. Board that the S. S. Editor be a member, *ex-officio*, of the S. S. Board.

In the third recommendation of the S. S. Board that the Board be divided into an eastern and western section, the S. S. Committee do not concur, as not being asked for by the eastern members.

#### AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

Instead thereof the Committee recommend that the General Conference be requested so to amend the constitution of the S. S. Board that it shall consist of two ministers and two laymen for each of the three western Conferences, and one minister and one layman from each of the eastern Conferences. Also that this Joint Committee or Board shall meet once in four years during the sessions of General Conference, and shall appoint a sub-committee to meet once a quarter, or as often as necessary, to make grants to schools and transact any other business that may arise. Also that the western members of the Board shall meet annually at such time and place as the President of the General Conference shall direct.

The following recommendation as to the composition of the Board for the ensuing quadrennium, in accordance with the above plan, is unanimously recommended:—

#### TORONTO CONFERENCE.

Rev. S. J. Hunter.		W. Kennedy.
Rev. W. H. Laird.		J. B. Boustead.

#### LONDON CONFERENCE.

Rev. A. Andrews.		His Hon. Judge Jones.
Rev. W. J. Maxwell.		D. B. Chisholm.

#### MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. Dr. Potts.		Hon. Senator Ferrier.
Rev. Alex. Campbell.		Dr. Lavell.

#### NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. S. Coffin.		J. W. Smith.
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## NEW BRUNSWICK CONFERENCE.

Rev. S. T. Teed. | Hon. W. G. Strong.

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

Rev. George Boyd. | Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

It is also recommended that the clause in the Constitution of the Board, empowering it to publish a suitable S. S. paper for the Dominion, be struck out as obsolete.

## THE CATECHISM.

It is also unanimously recommended that the General Conference be requested to reiterate its injunction that the study of the Methodist Catechism be a part of the regular Sabbath instruction in our schools, in accordance with the present plan of giving sections of the Catechism in the Lesson Helps of our Church. Also that the ministers be required to call the attention of parents to the duty of catechetical instruction in the homes as well as in the schools.

It is recommended in response to a memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference that catechumen classes, under the guidance of judicious leaders, be formed, where practicable, for the special religious instruction of children whose hearts God has touched, that they may be led into membership with His Church. Also that a column be added to the S.S. schedules for enrolling the members of such classes.

## S. S. FUND COLLECTIONS.

It is recommended that the attention of the annual Conferences be respectfully called to the importance of having the collection in behalf of the General Conference S. S. Fund, in accordance with the requirements of the Discipline, taken up in all our schools previous to the District Meeting in each year, and that it be the duty of Superintendents of Circuits and Chairmen of Districts to see that these collections be annually taken up. Also that this fund be called the "General Conference S. S. Aid and Extension Fund."

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# GENERAL CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL FUND.

TREASURER'S QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT, 1878-1882.

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We have examined the Treasurer's Statement of the General Conference Sabbath-School Fund, for the Quadrennial period ending 1882, with vouchers for disbursements, and found the same to be correct.

RICHARD BROWN, }  
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TORONTO, 31st August, 1882.

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## TEMPERANCE PLEDGES.

It is also recommended that the General Conference require that in all the Sunday-schools of our Church every effort be made to inculcate in the minds of the young people principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors or injurious practices, and that for this purpose a form of pledge shall be provided, which shall embrace abstinence from the use of tobacco as well as from all intoxicating drinks, and the avoidance of bad words and bad books.

## S. S. MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Committee also recommend that inasmuch as it has been found that the adoption of what is known as the "Blake System" of Juvenile Missionary Collection, in accordance with a plan devised by the Missionary Secretary, has proved, wherever it has been tried, marvelously successful in increasing the missionary income of the Church, It be an instruction from this General Conference to all Superintendents of Circuits that they be required to promote, as far as possible, by co-operation with the Sunday-school officers, the formation, in connection with each Sunday-school, of a Juvenile Missionary Society in accordance with the principles and constitution of the Blake System above mentioned, or of some other approved system, for the collection of missionary money, the diffusion of missionary information, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit.

Also that Superintendents of Circuits be requested to secure, as far as possible, the presence of the Sunday-school in a body at the missionary meeting, and their participation in its services by singing missionary hymns and presenting their missionary offerings; in the firm conviction that such participation will increase the popular interest in those meetings, and will be of great reflex benefit to the schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. T. TEED, *Chairman.*

W. H. WITHROW, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee beg leave to report—That thirteen memorials and resolutions from Quarterly Boards, District Meetings, and Annual Conferences, were referred to them on the subjects of General Superintendency and Lay Delegations in the Annual Conferences; also, Dr. Sutherland's resolutions on the Duties and Powers of the President of the General Conference.

As this General Conference has already taken action on these subjects in connection with the Report of the Committee on Union, this Committee can see no necessity for reporting thereon.

[In amendment to the preceding clause, the following resolutions were adopted:—

That the President of the General Conference shall, *ex-officio*, possess the powers and discharge the duties hereinafter expressed and defined:—

1. He shall hold office during the quadrennial period following his election.
2. He shall preside over all sessions of the General Conference during his term of office; and shall be, *ex-officio*, Chairman of all Standing Committees of the General Conference during the same period.
3. He shall travel through the Connexion as the General Conference may direct, and to this end shall be relieved from Circuit duties. Provided, however, that in the discharge of his duty he shall not infringe upon the prerogatives of Annual Conference officers, or of Church Courts.
4. He shall attend as many of the Annual Conference sessions as possible, to bring before them any matter of Connexional interest.
5. He shall have authority to rule in any question of law submitted to him, provided, however, that if the Annual

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Conference, or any member thereof, dissent from the ruling, they may refer the case to the Court of Appeal, whose decision shall be final.

6. It is understood that the President of the General Conference shall devote special attention to matters of a general Connexional character, leaving local affairs to the oversight of Annual Conference authorities.]

That the General Conference having appointed a Special Committee to report on the Rev. S. Bond's resolutions, this Committee is thereby relieved from reporting thereon.

In regard to the resolutions of the Rev. James Graham on the subject of the Court of Appeal submitted to them, this committee recommend—

That the Court of Appeal shall be composed of the President and Vice-President of the General Conference and five ministers and five laymen, four of whom shall be selected from the Eastern Conferences, and six from the Western Conferences, to be elected by nomination and ballot of this Conference; whose decisions on all cases within its jurisdiction shall be final.

[In amendment to the preceding clause, the following resolution was adopted :—

That a Court of Appeal shall be constituted by the General Conference, consisting of the President of the General Conference, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, and twelve other persons, to be elected as follows, viz. :— The President of the General Conference shall nominate twelve ministers and twelve laymen from whom the General Conference shall elect twelve; six of whom shall be ministers, and six laymen.]

The President of the General Conference shall be *ex-officio* President of the Court of Appeal, which shall assemble at his call, but if he shall from any cause fail to assemble the said Court, then, in that case, the Vice-President shall do so *ex-officio*, and shall preside at its meetings; and in all cases of meeting the said Court shall chose its own Secretary.

In all cases of appeal, notice shall be given by the party appealing to the President of the General Conference, who shall, after notice of appeal, assemble the Court as soon as possible.

The Court shall keep a full and correct record of its proceedings during the current quadrennium, and shall report its proceedings to the next ensuing General Conference.

Seven members of the said Court of Appeal shall form a *quorum*, a majority of whom shall be competent to render a judgment in all cases which may be submitted to it for decision.

[In amendment to the preceding clause, the following resolution was adopted:—

That a majority of those present shall be necessary to render a decision; but such majority shall not be less than five.]

The following resolution in addition, was adopted by the Conference:—

That all questions involving a conflict of opinion, between the General and the Annual Conferences, touching the rights and privileges of the latter; and all questions of law arising in the Annual Conferences, shall be referred to the Court of Appeal, whose decision shall be final.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. GRAY, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION.

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The Committee appointed by the General Conference to consider the question of a Union of the several branches of Methodism in the Dominion, viz.,—The Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches, beg to submit the following Report:—

Your Committee, in accordance with instructions received from the General Conference, has met the several Committees appointed by other Churches above named, with a view to ascertain if such a general union is practicable, and what modifications, if any, of the existing economy of the various Churches would be regarded as essential in any proposed basis of Union.

We found the brethren composing the above-named Committees ready to co-operate cordially in the endeavour to reach a common understanding in reference to terms of Union, and by a hearty and unanimous vote, the Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada was accepted as a basis of negotiation.

At the same time it was felt that no union could be lasting or beneficial which did not carry with it the general consent of the membership of the Churches represented, and that, to secure this, some mutual concessions would be necessary.

In regard to Doctrines, General Rules, Usages, and Constitution of the Lower Courts, no difference of opinion was expressed.

In regard to General Government, there were two points on which certain concessions were desired, viz., General Superintendency, and Lay Representation in the Annual Conferences.

The representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church expressed themselves as attaching great importance to the



principle of Superintendency, but not in the particular form in which it has hitherto existed among them. They were of opinion that the Church which they represented would yield the life-appointment and separate ordination, but would firmly stand by the principle of an Itinerant Superintendency in *some* form, leaving the powers and functions of the office an open question.

The representatives of the Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches, while not advocating Superintendency, *per se*, expressed themselves as willing to accept the principle in order to promote a General Union, provided that the other bodies would concede the principle of Lay Representation in the Annual Conference in *some* form.

After free conversation the following resolutions were adopted by the United Committee.

1. That the principle of Lay Representation in all our Church Courts be so recognized as to admit Laymen into our Annual Conferences to some extent and in some form.

[The following resolution was adopted in amendment to the preceding clause :—

That while this Conference is not aware of any general desire among the members of the Methodist Church of Canada for Lay Representation in the Annual Conferences, yet it agrees, in order to promote Union, to concede the principle; provided no change is made in regard to the examination of ministerial character, or the composition of the Stationing Committee.]

2. That paragraph eighty-six, page 39, of the Discipline, referring to the election by the General Conference of its President, be so amended as to provide for an Itinerant General Superintendency in some form.

[The following resolution was adopted in amendment to the preceding clause :—

That in order to meet, as far as possible, the views and wishes of our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, this Conference will not object to an Itinerant

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General Superintendency, provided that the powers and duties of the office be so defined as to prevent interference with the duties and powers of Annual Conference Officers or of Church Courts.]

It further recommends that the General Conference direct the appointment of a mixed Committee consisting of twenty-seven persons, viz.: Seven by the Toronto Conference, seven by the London Conference, five by the Montreal Conference, three by the Nova Scotia and three by the New Brunswick Conferences, and two by the Newfoundland Conference, to meet the Committees of the other bodies in the City of Toronto, on the last Tuesday in November; the Church in which the meeting shall be held and the hour of meeting to be arranged by the Toronto ministers.

[The following resolution was subsequently adopted as a substitute for the former part of the preceding clause:—

That the Union Committee consist of the following representatives of the various Church interests, namely,—  
 Dr. Sutherland, Missions; Dr. Nelles, Victoria University; Dr. Burwash, Educational Society; Dr. Douglas, Montreal Theological College; Dr. Stewart, Mount Allison College; Rev. Wm. Briggs and Rev. S. F. Huestis, Book and Publishing Interests; Dr. Dewart and Rev. T. W. Smith, Editors; Dr. Sanderson, Superannuation Fund; Dr. Pickard, Supernumerary Fund; Rev. James Gray, Contingent Fund; together with thirty to be elected by the delegations of the Annual Conferences, half the number to be ministers, and half laymen, as follows:—Toronto Conference, 8; London Conference, 8; Montreal Conference, 6; three Eastern Conferences, 8.

The name of Dr. Inch was afterwards, on motion, added to the list.]

It further recommends that the members of the above named Committee be elected by the Representatives of the several Annual Conferences here present, and that said

Committee meet for organization before the rising of the General Conference.

It still further recommends, that should the present Committee agree as to the details of a basis of Union, the plan of Union agreed upon shall be submitted to the Quarterly Boards for approval or otherwise, at the next February Quarterly Meetings, and also to the next ensuing Annual Conferences.

It is further recommended that the Superintendents of Circuits be required to report immediately to the Secretary of the General Conference the vote of the Quarterly Meetings, and should it be found that two-thirds of the Quarterly Meetings and also a majority of the Annual Conferences voting thereon, have declared in favor of the Plan of Union proposed by the Joint Committee, the President of the General Conference shall convene the General Conference, in order to give effect to the proposed Union; said meeting of the General Conference to be held subsequently to the meeting of the Annual Conferences.

It is further recommended that when this General Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the call of the Chair.

All of which is respectively submitted.

WM. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

W. C. BROWN, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

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Your Committee have had before them only one resolution, and, consequently, no particular data are in our possession on which to make any specific recommendation or deliverance. We can but call attention to such phases of the general question as seem to us to demand attention from this General Conference. We have reason to fear that there is a growing laxity of opinion and practice on

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the duty of observing the Sabbath. Railroads have for years been in the habit of running trains much more than was necessary; but now there is strong tendency toward the running of excursion trains, and the conveyance of passengers generally. Steamboats also are now beginning to convey excursions of pleasure-seekers on the Lord's day. Greater temptation to disregard the sanctity of the Sabbath is thus put in the way of multitudes, and greater facility of pleasure-seeking is afforded to all who are inclined in this direction. The result is that increasing numbers violate the divine law of the Sabbath, and the quiet of great numbers of people is disturbed by the noise and bustle occasioned by these practices, and many persons who are employed by those thus transgressing, are compelled to labor. From these practices we are persuaded there must flow much demoralization and crime.

The existence of very extensive public works in some portions of our country, far from the centres of population, offers a temptation to the beginning of practices in this direction, which if allowed to continue will be in danger of becoming permanent.

The existence of increasing public disregard of the sanctity of the Sabbath may be taken as evidence of increasing laxity in private life. It is from this source that there comes the possibility of profit from the use of public conveyances for pleasure-seekers. There are ever increasing numbers of persons who, for a portion of the year, are away from home, and beyond the wholesome restraints of the observation of those whose good opinion they value. They who at home attend regularly the stated places of worship and maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath, are apt during their summer rest or rambles to be careless on these important matters. The man who can command the privilege of the summer retreat, is in duty bound to suspend for this day his pleasure-seeking, and to give his attention to public and private devotion, as much as he is bound at home to suspend his business for these purposes.

We have therefore to recommend the General Conference to urge upon all our Church courts and the membership of the Church generally, the utmost vigilance in maintaining the due observance of the laws of the land on this subject; and if it shall be found that the present laws are insufficient to secure a suitable public observance of the Sabbath, then to ask the legislatures, with any who will join with them, for such laws as will secure this end.

We also recommend the General Conference to urge all ministers, and any who are engaged in instructing others, to foster correct opinions on this subject, as well as encourage correct practice, even in the most retired and private forms of life. To this end we suggest that the ministers should frequently preach on the subject, and set forth the teaching of holy scripture on this question. Let parents be particular in correctly teaching and guiding their children herein. And that all classes may be reached and influenced, let a sound literature be disseminated as widely as possible. Tracts should be used for this purpose; and if suitable ones, free from all foreign phases of thought or practices are not available, as we fear they are not, then let encouragement be given to the production and publication of such as shall be specially suited to the thought and practices of the population of this country. The close connection between the Sabbath and the success of all our church work, especially the preaching of the Gospel to the largest numbers, must ever be a sufficient reason for deep solicitude on this subject.

W. J. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

S. BOND, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FORM-  
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Your Committee, having given long and careful consideration to the character and importance of our work in the North-West, beg leave to submit the following recommendations:—

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1. That the General Conference authorize the formation of an Annual Conference, to be called the "Manitoba and North-West Conference," to embrace the following Districts now included in the Toronto Conference, viz.: Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Pembina and Turtle Mountain, and Saskatchewan, and that the said Conference shall exercise all the rights and privileges of an Annual Conference, except as hereinafter provided. The said Conference shall be summoned to meet for organization in the City of Winnipeg, on the first Wednesday in August, 1883, the stations for that year having been made by the Toronto Conference.

2. That the General Conference authorize the General Board of Missions to appoint a Superintendent of Missions, who shall hold office for four years, and who shall also be President of the said Annual Conference for one year from its organization, after which the Conference shall elect its presiding officers annually. The said Superintendent of Missions shall devote his whole time to the oversight and extension of this work, and shall be supported out of the Mission Fund.

3. That we recommend the formation of an Advisory Committee, which shall consist of the Chairmen of Districts and an equal number of laymen, who shall meet for consultation with the Superintendent of Missions as often as he may deem it necessary; the laymen of said Committee to be appointed by the General Board of Missions, and to hold office until the next General Conference.

4. That the General Board of Missions be instructed to apportion grants to the Missions in said Conference, as has been done hitherto, until the next General Conference.

5. That the said Superintendent of Missions shall be *ex-officio* a member of the General Board of Missions, and also a member of the Stationing Committee of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, during his term of office.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*  
S. F. HUESTIS, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

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1. Your Committee has had before it the motion of the Rev. H. P. Matthews, proposing the division of the three Western Conferences into four ; but believing no necessity exists for the division the Committee recommends no change.

2. A Memorial from the Walkerton District was also before it, asking to be transferred from the Toronto to the London Conference, but seeing no sufficient reason for the transfer the Committee recommends no change.

3. Your Committee recommends the transfer of the Combermere Mission on the Belleville District, Toronto Conference, to the Pembroke District in the Montreal Conference; such transfer to take effect at the close of this Conference year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. E. RUSS, *Chairman.*

E. CLEMENT, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

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On the Memorial from Sarnia District, asking that the Form of Address in our General Rules, and in our Covenant Service, be so changed or re-cast as to make them suitable to our present condition as a Church :—

The Committee recommend the Conference to refer this Memorial to the Committee on Discipline.

On the recommendation from the Nova Scotia Conference to this General Conference, on the desirability of an injunction being issued prohibiting the formation or existence of any additional Supernumerary or Annuitant Society without authorization of the General Conference :—

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It is the opinion of this Committee,—That, while we cannot prevent the formation of benevolent societies, we would recommend the Conference to express its disapproval of the solicitation or reception of subscriptions, donations, or bequests, for such societies, inasmuch as it would be likely to interfere with the contributions of our people to the Connexional Funds.

We have also had under consideration a memorial from the Rev. Geo. H. Cornish, containing three parts :

1. Asking General Conference to consider the advisability of celebrating the Centenary of the organization of Methodism on this Continent.
2. And, in connection with this, to make an effort to raise a fund to be called the Relief and Extension Fund, to pay off all Church and Parsonage debts.
3. And, if such a scheme is entertained, to require the May District Meetings of 1883, to furnish a statement of existing Church liabilities, that the Conference may know the total amount required to be raised.

On this your Committee report,—

That, whereas the Church in the Maritime Provinces is now celebrating the Centenary of Methodism in those Provinces ; and as the Centenary of the introduction of Methodism will be before the Church in other parts of the Dominion in 1891, thereby preventing any movement in the direction of this memorial being general ;

We consider it to be inexpedient to take action in accordance with the prayer of this memorial.

We have also considered a memorial from the London Conference, asking this General Conference to take steps to secure, as far as possible, uniformity of all numerical and financial returns throughout all the Conferences.

Your Committee beg to refer this memorial to the Committee on Statistics.



We have also had referred to us a memorial from the Cobourg District, praying the General Conference,—on account of the diversity of opinion as to what should be uniform in action,—to express its decision as to what the basis of the returns of Church membership is, so as to insure correct returns of the membership of the Church.

Your Committee is of the opinion that, according to the discipline of the Church, the basis of returns of membership is attendance on class-meeting.

JOHN LATHERN, *Chairman.*

T. W. JEFFERY, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

On the resolutions and memorials from Brant Avenue, Metropolitan, and other Quarterly Official Meetings, on the subject of Public Worship, we report the following:—

That as the singing in public worship is under the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit, and as there is no specific law in regard to the mode of giving out the hymn, we recommend that no change be made in the Discipline.

With reference to the other parts of the memorials, relating to the order of worship, we recommend that no change be made in our present disciplinary order.

With regard to the repeating aloud of the Lord's Prayer by the congregation, and the reading of the Scripture Lessons in verses alternating with the minister, we deem it inexpedient to recommend the enactment of any rule on the subject, as there is no hindrance in the way of adopting either usage when the minister and people deem it desirable.

On the resolution and memorials from several Conferences, District Meetings, and Quarterly Official Meetings, in relation to Class Meeting, mainly suggesting the continuance of our

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present rule, we recommend that no change be made in the disciplinary rule on the subject of Class-Meeting.

On the memorial from the Local Preachers' Meeting, Charlottetown, New Brunswick Conference. We recommend the following: 1. The course pursued is irregular. 2. The Discipline provides a Circuit Court both for granting and renewing the licenses of Local Preachers.

On the Memorial of the Montreal Conference.—We recommend that the Discipline, page 58, par. 165, be so altered as to read—Do you take snuff, tobacco, or drams? and, Will you continue to abstain from them?

On Memorial from the Niagara District, London Conference,—We recommend an alteration in par. 367, page 110, Discipline, and that it read as follows:—"If any Minister or probationer for our ministry, follow a trade or engage in any secular business that would detract from his ministerial character and usefulness, or interfere with the proper discharge of the duties assigned him by the Church, he shall, on proof thereof, be dealt with as in other cases of delinquency, and if he persists he shall be excluded from the Itinerant work. Selling our own books is an exception."

On the Memorial from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, on Circuit records,—We recommend that no action be taken.

On the Memorial of the Montreal Conference,—We recommend that par. 167, page 59, Discipline, be so altered as to read—"If the Chairman deem it not convenient for the candidate to attend the District Meetings, he may, with two other Ministers, examine him and report the result to the District Meeting."

On the Memorial from the Brant Avenue Quarterly Official Meeting, respecting the election of the Chairmen of Districts,—We recommend that no change be made in our present law.

On the Memorial from the Brant Avenue Church, respecting changes in the composition of the Stationing Committee,—We recommend that no change be made at present.

Notice of Motion referred to Committee, by the Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL B., To amend par. 383. We recommend no change.

Notice of Motion of the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—On change of Discipline, par. 368, page 110. We recommend it read as follows:—After the word “members,” add—“Of any Circuit in the District.”

Notice of Motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams,—On change of Discipline, par. 272, page 111. After “District Meeting,” we recommend to add—“When the laymen are present.”

Notice of Motion of the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—On addition to Discipline, page 111, par. 372. We recommend no change.

Notice of motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams,—On the election of Stewards, and composition of Quarterly Official Meetings. The Committee do not recommend its adoption.

Notice of Motion of the Rev. Dr. Hunter,—On the Stationing Committee and the formation of Districts. Committee recommend the Conference to take no action.

Notice of Motion of the Rev. D. V. Lucas,—On the Marriage Service. Recommend such alteration in the service, on page 187, Discipline, that it shall read—“Almighty God, who at the beginning created our first parents Adam and Eve, and sanctified and joined them together in Marriage.”

Notice of Motion of the Rev. H. S. Matthews,—A change in Discipline on Members of Financial District Meeting. We recommend no change in Discipline.

Notice of Motion of the Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—Relating to composition of Quarterly Official Meeting—par. 225, page 70,—We recommend the alteration of the paragraph so as to read, after the word Church in the fifth line of the paragraph,—“One representative from each Board of Trustees, he being a member of the Church in the circuit to which the Trustee Board which he represents belongs, and whose appointment shall be annual.”

Notice of Motion of the Rev. D. G. Sutherland,—Relat-

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Notice of Motion of the Rev. W. C. Henderson,—On change of Discipline. We recommend the sub-paragraph (b) paragraph 80, be so amended as to read, "The Lay Members of the District Meeting, making such appointments to the General Conference, shall be elected by ballot by the Lay Members of the Quarterly Official Meeting next preceding."

Notice of Motion of the Rev. W. C. Henderson,—On change of Discipline. We recommend that paragraph 142 be so amended as to read,—"That the Lay Members of the District Meeting immediately preceding the General Conference shall have been elected by ballot by the Lay Members of the previous Quarterly Official Meetings of Circuits and Missions."

Add to par. 377, page 112, "provided that the member so accused have the right of appeal to the next Annual District Meeting."

Notice of Motion by J. Adams,—To amend clause of Discipline, par. 274,—On the duties of Superintendents. We recommend no action.

Notice of Motion by J. Adams,—To amend the Discipline on the election of Stewards. We recommend no action.

Notice of Motion by J. Adams,—To amend the Discipline as to the composition of Quarterly Official Meetings. We recommend that par. 228, read, 1.—"To receive the financial returns from the leaders, stewards, and other persons entrusted with the funds of the Church, to pay the salaries," &c.

Paragraph 231 to read, after "circuit,"—"The number to be determined by the meeting, but not to be less than three nor more than seven."

Paragraph 390, after "stewards" insert,—“The number to be determined by the Quarterly Official Meeting.”

Paragraph 394, to read,—“In the case of the death or disability of a steward, the ensuing Quarterly Official Meeting may fill up such vacancy, when a recording steward,” &c.

Paragraph 233, after “Annual District Meeting,” read, (4) To make arrangements for the appointment of representatives of the societies of the circuit, as provided in paragraph 225.” (5) “Where there is,” &c. (6) “To examine the characters of the exhorters and when there is no valid objection to renew their licenses.” (7)—

Paragraph 398, after “discharge” read,—“The erection of no new church on a circuit shall be proceeded with, without the approval of the Quarterly Official Meeting of the circuit in which such building is to be erected. It shall be,” &c.

Memorial of Walkerton District,—On the close of the financial year. We recommend that the time for closing the financial year be left to the Annual Conference to determine.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. W. Percival,—On change of Discipline. We recommend that par. 80 be changed by omitting the words “Within the bounds of the District,” so that it shall read—“From among the members of our Church, a representative,” &c.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. S. F. Huestis,—On Financial District Meetings. We recommend no change.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson,—On Location of Ministers. We recommend that par. 114, IX., be expunged, and the following inserted instead thereof:—“When a Minister is so unacceptable, inefficient, or secular, as to be no longer useful in his work, the Annual Conference may request him to ask a location, and if he refuse to comply, the Conference shall bear with him till the Session next ensuing, at which time, if he persists in his refusal, the Conference may, without formal trial, locate him without his

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Notice of Motion by the Rev. S. Bond,—On additions to par. 253, 102, and 104. We recommend no change in our present law.

On notice of Motion by the Rev. A. Campbell,—On amendments to par. 96. We recommend no change.

On Notice of Motion by the Rev. John F. German, M.A.,—To amend par. 270 of Discipline. We recommend no change.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. Dr. Williams,—On Public Worship. We recommend that the following be added to par. 59 :—“Let our own hymns be used in all our public services.”

Notice of Motion by the Rev. T. G. Williams,—On amendments to Discipline, sec. 4, chap. 4. We recommend the insertion of the following clause :—

“The authority of a Superintendent to administer Discipline upon the Circuit from which he is removing shall cease with the final reading of the list of Stations in the Conference.”

Notice of Motion by Warring Kennedy,—On alteration of sec. 4, par. 138, Discipline. We recommend said paragraph be altered so as to read,—“The first draft of Stations shall be placed on the table of the Conference at the close of the first Session; the second and final draft at any time before the close of the Conference, as the Conference itself may order.”

Notice of Motion by Warring Kennedy,—Concerning the attitude in prayer in Public Worship. We recommend no action, as we deem the direction in the Discipline sufficient.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. Dr. Pope,—In relation to

the omission of certain words from the baptismal service. We recommend no alteration.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. John Shaw,—In relation to Church Courts. We recommend no action.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. Tindall,—For addition to Discipline on the trial of accused members. We recommend that par. 346 read as follows:—“After the words “in full standing,”—“No person preferring charges, or giving evidence in a trial shall be allowed to vote on the decision of the case.”

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. Tindall,—On General Conference Officers. We recommend that members of the Annual Conferences appointed to office by the General Conference shall remain members of the Conferences with which they were connected before such appointment.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. R. Duncan,—On a change of the wording of paragraph 142. We recommend that it read,—“One other lay representative for each minister, or probationer for the ministry, appointed by the Stationing Committee to a circuit in addition to the Superintendent.”

Notice of Motion by the Rev. John F. German, M. A.,—For expunging par. 285, also par. 148. We do not recommend any change.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. R. Parker, M. A.,—On a change in defining the composition of Leaders' Meetings. We do not recommend any change.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. Stephen Bond, to add to par. 108. We recommend no change.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. Tindall,—Addition to the chapter on Chairmen of Districts. We recommend the addition of the following:—“That in the occurrence of an event which could not have been foreseen by which a Chairman of a District is prevented from being present and presiding in a District Meeting, it shall be lawful for the District Meeting to elect one of its own members to take the chair *pro tem* in order that the business may be proceeded with.”

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Notice of Motion by the Rev. Dr. Burns,—On kneeling while partaking of elements in the Eucharist. We recommend no action be taken.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A.,—On the section of Discipline regulating the duties and powers of the President of the Annual Conference. We recommend no change.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. T. W. Jeffery,—On the Memorial from the Cobourg Quarterly Official Board, asking for changes in the method of receiving members into the Church. We recommend no action.

Memorial from London Conference that the form of address in Covenant Service be so changed or recast, as to make it more suitable to our present condition as a Church. We recommend it be referred to the Committee already appointed on the Catechism, who shall report to the next General Conference.

Memorial from Barrie Quarterly Official Meeting, on the veto power of the Annual Conference, and on the Stationing Committee. We recommend no action.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Bowman,—On the election of Lay Delegates to District Meetings. We recommend no action.

Resolution from Owen Sound District,—On lay representation in Annual Conference. We recommend no change.

Memorial from Metropolitan Church Quarterly Official Meeting,—On reception of members. We recommend no action.

Resolution of the Listowel Quarterly Official Meeting,—On the subject of Trustees. We recommend no action.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. W. Hansford,—That the Annual Conference shall have authority to require that all appointments made by the Stationing Committee shall be in accordance with the Discipline of the Church. We recommend its adoption.



Notice of Motion by the Rev. T. G. Williams,—To change par. 72, page 32, Discipline. We recommend no change in our present law.

Memorial from the London Conference, and from several District Meetings, to add the term "Wesleyan" to the name of the Church. We recommend no action at present.

Notice of Motion by the Rev. Dr. Dewart,—To add to par. 91 a provision in relation to the veto power of Quarterly Official Meetings over the action of the General Conference. We recommend no action.

The Committee requests the Conference to appoint its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Williams, to edit an edition of the Discipline.

All which is respectfully submitted,

G. R. SANDERSON, *Chairman.*

J. A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY.

Your Committee beg to report that the Memorials presented, relating to the extension of the term of ministerial service on a circuit, are as follows:—

1. Against an extension of time:—

Two Memorials from individual members of the Church.

Five Memorials from Quarterly Official Boards, and

One Memorial from a District Meeting.

2. In favor of an extension of time:—

Five Memorials from Quarterly Official Boards, and

Two Memorials from Annual Conferences.

[A recommendation of the Committee and several amendments thereto, each proposing some modification of the term of service, were successively put to the Conference, and rejected.]

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Your Committee have had under consideration the Appeal of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference against the transfer of the Rev. Joseph Pascoe from the Newfoundland Conference, and beg to recommend that inasmuch as the Court of Appeal has decided the case, this appeal be not entertained.

Respecting the matter of the Transfer Committee referred to them, your Committee beg leave to recommend that—

1. The Transfer Committee shall be composed of the President of the General Conference, the President of each Annual Conference, and one minister, elected by ballot annually by each Annual Conference.

2. This Committee shall be divided into two sections, as follows:—(1) The Western Section, to include the Montreal Conference and all Conferences west thereof, and (2) The Eastern Section, to include all east of the Montreal Conference.

3. The President of the General Conference shall preside in all meetings of both Sections.

4. The Western Section shall meet on the first Wednesday in May in each year; and the Eastern Section, on the second Wednesday in May in each year; at such places as the President of the General Conference may appoint. The two sections shall act independently of each other in reference to such transfers as may be proposed within their respective Conferences; but a transfer between Conferences in the Western and Eastern Sections shall be effected only by a majority vote of both Sections.

It is also recommended that par. 134 in the Discipline be expunged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

KENNEDY GREIGHTON, *Chairman.*

T. G. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.

FRATERNAL ADDRESSES.

REPLY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
UNITED STATES, 1880, TO THE ADDRESS OF  
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE ME-  
THODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Your worthy Dele-  
gate and Representative, Rev. Edward B. Ryckman, D.D.,  
has borne to us your welcome fraternal message, and we  
have listened with delight and edification to his able and  
eloquent address. We remember with grateful pride the  
history of the planting of Methodism in Canada, and cherish  
the tender relations existing between our present Church  
organizations. We greatly rejoice in all your advancement  
and prosperity. Great and manifold have been the bles-  
sings of God upon the movements of Methodism in all the  
lands in which it has been planted. It behoves us all to  
recognize our responsibility and to guard our trust. Dur-  
ing the past quadrennium our work has been enlarging in  
many forms, both at home and abroad, and we record to the  
glory of God, that we have added 119,745 to our member-  
ship, and our church edifices have increased at the rate of  
more than one church for every working day of the four  
years.

Our fraternal delegate will bear you further greetings,  
and give you fuller statements of our work.

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May grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all, and may the growth and progress of the Church, both yours and ours, be as great in coming years as in the past.

By order and on behalf of the Conference,

GEO. W. WOODRUFF, *Secretary.*

Cincinnati, May 11, 1880.

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ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
THE AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHO-  
DIST CHURCH, 1881, TO THE GENERAL CON-  
FERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF  
CANADA, 1882.

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REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—We take the opportunity of our triennial gathering to send our fraternal greetings to you who share with us kinship in the great Methodist family. We are parted by wide spaces of sea and land, but we rejoice in the recollection of the many bonds that unite us in warm and loving brotherhood. It is not forgotten by us that we stand in the circle of one great, splendid Empire, and are ruled by the sceptre of one beloved Queen; but we rejoice to recognize nobler links of union. We stand together in the closest community of doctrine and discipline; we are united by the traditions of a noble history, and by the bond of a common ecclesiastical ancestry; we are struggling with common difficulties and are laboring at common tasks, and we rejoice at the encouragement afforded us by your example of arduous, devoted, and successful toil.

Like yourselves, we have rising about us the fabric of what promises to be a great Christian nation, and we are anxious to shape it on Christian lines, and stamp on it the very image and superscription of the Gospel of Christ. We

have many difficulties and not a few discouragements ; but on the review of our history during the past three years, we have ample cause to thank God for the success which He has given us. We have, in a comparatively short period in these lands, erected 3,500 churches ; we have an aggregate of over 357,000 persons gathered every Sunday under the teaching of our pulpits ; we have nearly 150,000 scholars in our Sunday-schools, and over 60,000 members meeting weekly in our Society classes.

The missions under our charge in the South Seas have been, by the blessing of God upon the labors of His servants there, successful in a degree almost without a parallel. Our mission in New Britain promises to rival its elder sisters in rapidity of growth. The missions in Tonga have been raised to the status of a self-governing Church, affiliated as a district to the New South Wales Conference, and we look forward to the time when all our Polynesian Missions will form a great sisterhood of Christian Churches, associated in like manner as ourselves.

The shadow of a great calamity has rested on our Conference by the wreck of a steamer on the coast of New Zealand while voyaging hither, and by which five of our number were hurried into eternity. One of them, the Rev. J. B. Richardson, was the President of the New Zealand Conference, another, the Rev. Joseph Waterhouse, was the Chairman of one of the largest Districts in Victoria. They were faithful servants of Christ and of His Church, and while the gloom of sorrow lies heavily upon us, the gladness of everlasting felicity is theirs.

We pray for your continued prosperity, and repeat on your behalf the ancient Apostolic benediction, "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

JAMES S. WAUGH, D.D., *President.*

JABEZ B. WATERHOUSE, *Secretary.*

Adelaide, South Australia,  
May 26th, 1881.

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN  
CANADA, 1882, TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF  
CANADA.

*To the President and Members of the General Conference of  
the Methodist Church of Canada :*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—We, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, in General Conference assembled, embrace the present opportunity to convey to you our most cordial expressions of brotherly love and Christian salutations. Your fraternal address was received in the kindly spirit in which it was conveyed ; and your fraternal delegate, as a messenger of your salutations, delighted us alike by the message he bore and the felicitous manner in which he performed his duty before our body.

Our fraternal delegate, Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., a brother beloved among us, will report to you somewhat of our prosperity so graciously vouchsafed to us by the Head of the Church during the last quadrennial period, and will take occasion to express more fully our cordial good-will toward you as brethren.

And now, rejoicing in your prosperity and triumphs as a Church, and praying that our fraternal relations may continue, we “commend you 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.”

Signed, in behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada,

A. CARMAN, *President.*

F. B. STRATTON, *Secretary.*

Hamilton, 1st Sept., 1882.

REPLY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA TO THE  
FRATERNAL ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL  
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCO-  
PAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—We have received with unfeigned gladness your fraternal greeting brought us by your honored representative, the Rev. Wm. S. Studley, D.D., and we have listened with great pleasure and profit to his warm-hearted and eloquent words of Christian friendship and sympathy. We cannot forget our early and intimate relations with American Methodism. The memory of your apostolic Bishops, Asbury and Hedding, and of many others of the zealous missionaries of your Church to what was then the wilderness of Canada, is still gratefully cherished among us.

We rejoice greatly, beloved brethren, in your prosperity, and magnify the grace of God in you, and are thankful to God for the kindly relations which subsist between our two Churches and our two countries. This international friendship, we believe, is fostered and strengthened by the exchange of Christian greetings between the Methodisms of Canada and the United States. Our fraternal delegate, the Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL.D., will convey to you the expression of our loving regard, and will more fully recount the progress of the work of God among us.

And now, beloved Fathers and Brethren, we wish you God-speed in the name of the Lord. May the grace, and wisdom, and prosperity, so abundantly vouchsafed you in the past, still more and more abound to you in the future; till your sacred mission shall be fulfilled in the spread of Scriptural Holiness throughout the entire land.

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference  
of the Methodist Church of Canada,

SAMUEL D. RICE, *President.*

A. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 22nd, 1882.

REPLY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF  
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, 1882,  
TO THE ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CON-  
FERENCE OF THE AUSTRALASIAN WES-  
LEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your truly fraternal address has given us much satisfaction. The absence of any Delegate from your section of the great Methodist family, while suggestive of the vast extent over which the operations of Methodism are spread, also reminds us that the sympathies of each band of workers know no limit from intervening oceans. Our common relations to an Empire of whose recent successes in diplomacy and in the field its subjects are justly proud, is a bond of union only less powerful than that which we find in the service of our common Lord and Master. Your trials remind us of this oneness; your successes lead to a similar conclusion.

A review of four years' work prompts us to grateful effort. The liberality of our people in the support of missionary, educational, and other departments has been steadily developed. The census returns of 1881 have shewn the adherents of the Methodist faith in this Dominion to be not only the most numerous, but to have increased during the last ten years in a proportion much greater than that of any other; and the preaching of the "great salvation" has been attended by the Divine sanction, both at home and abroad. In our distant Japan mission, and among



the new settlers and the Indian tribes of the vast Northwest, and the Roman Catholics of the Province of Quebec, such proofs of the presence of the Holy Spirit have been seen as leave no alternative but to press forward in the paths already entered. Let us add, that our Educational Institutions, presided over by able men, are sending forth youth well-fitted for our pulpits, and others equally prepared to do good service to the Church and the world, in other spheres.

Certain events call us at once to look back upon the past and forward into the future. In the eastern part of the Dominion, centennial memories of the going forth of William Black, the first Methodist itinerant of that section, are calling forth grateful gifts; while in the extreme West, the rapidity with which settlers from our older Provinces and from Britain are building up cities and towns, or scattering themselves over the rich prairies, bids fair to tax the energies of our own and all other Churches to their utmost extent, if the image and superscription of Christianity is to be ineffaceably stamped upon the people of these immense provinces at this the plastic period of their history.

Negotiations are in progress for the union of the several branches of Methodism in Canada. Committees from the several sections have already held several harmonious meetings. A strong desire has been expressed for our entrance upon further work with a combined front. Delay may be caused by the consideration of some important points, but the proposed issue cannot be long postponed. Meanwhile, arrangements will be made to prevent any needless rivalry in our new territories.

Beloved brethren are missed from our ranks, because called home. Foremost in the list of these is the first President of our General Conference, the venerable Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., whose recent departure called forth rare expressions of regard, not from his brethren alone, but from men of all ranks who knew his important influence upon religious equality in this country, his intimate connec-

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Permit us to assure you that we have learned with joy of your success, and have not been unconcerned observers of your losses. We "commend you to God and to the word of His grace," and trust that in the growth of all departments of work your future history as a Church may be not only as in the past, but "much more abundant."

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada,

SAMUEL D. RICE, *President.*

A. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

Hamilton, Ont., Sept, 22nd, 1882.

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REPLY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, 1882,  
TO THE ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CON-  
FERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH IN CANADA, 1882.

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*To the President and Members of the General Conference of  
the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada :*

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—We gladly embrace the opportunity afforded by our present meeting in General Conference, to reciprocate the expressions of Christian regard with which you have so kindly favored us.

Your fraternal message, and the strong and loving words of your fraternal messenger, the Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., have been very gratefully received by us.

We are glad to learn of your continued prosperity, and we pray that the God of our fathers may still more abundantly bless you in all your endeavors to glorify His Son, Jesus Christ, by spreading Scriptural holiness throughout these lands.

We, too, are able to rejoice in a good degree of prosperity during the quadrennial period now closed. Our pastoral labors, both in home and in foreign fields, have been owned of God in the promotion of His kingdom; and our Educational and publishing interests have never been in a more prosperous condition than at present.

We pray and believe that the Divine guidance which has been so manifestly vouchsafed to our beloved Methodism in the past will be given to us in all matters pertaining to our future relations to each other, and that your prayers will unite with our own in this behalf.

“Now, the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Signed by order, and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

SAMUEL D. RICE, *President.*

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Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 22nd, 1882.



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