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MINUTES

Of the Tenth Session of the Niagara Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, held at Oakland, Oxford County, commencing Wednesday, August 17th, 1853, at 10 o'clock A. M.

QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.—Marmaduke Archer, Amos Bradshaw, George Smith.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

ANS.—Wm. Perritte, Eli Bartram, Henry Taylor, James Curts, Thomas Atkinson, Alonzo Griffith, E. Draper.

QUESTION III.

What Preachers are admitted into full connexion?

ANS.—O. G. Collamore, A. L. Thurstan, H. Dockham.

QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—John Foster, N. Roy, O. G. Collamore,* John Ormerod, John Wood, A. L. Thurstan,* Elijah Harris, S. L. Kerr.

* These were Ordained this year

QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders ?

ANS.—James Richardson, John Bailey, Gideon Shepard, Charles Pettis, Daniel Pickett, J. W. Byam, Thomas Robson, Samuel Morrison, Schuyler Stewart, Wm. Cope, W. D. Hughson, John Gibson, N. A. Fraser, Wm. Woodward, I. B. Richardson, John Tufford, Barney Markle, A. Jones, J. W. Jacobs, George Crossfield, Romulus B. Cook, David Culp, Jesse Owen, Caleb Sweazy, Thomas Webster, C. W. Fraser, Samuel Dunnet, George Turner, Lewis P. Smith, Barnabas Brown, Emerson Bristol, John Hayward, Benj. Lawrence, George P. Harris, James Mitchell, Wm. Sutton, W. D. Brown, Thomas Dawes, John McLean, George Abbs,* Wm. F. Lowe,* George Bennet,* E. Lounsbury,* Henry Dockham.*

QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendents ?

ANS.—John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

QUESTION VII.

Who have located this year ?

ANS.—George Lawrence.

QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Supernumeraries ?

ANS.—James Mitchell, Elijah Harris, C. W. Fraser, Caleb Sweazy, Schuyler Stewart, Barnabas Brown.

QUESTION IX.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?

ANS.—Charles Pettis, Daniel Pickett, David Culp, Geo. Turner, Barney Markle, Jesse Owen.

QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year ?

ANS.—None.

* These were Ordained this year.

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QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year ?

ANS.—None. * See note appended.

QUESTION XII.

Were the Preachers characters examined ?

ANS.—This was strictly attended to.

QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year ?

ANS.—None.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society ?

Malahide.....	211	Norwich	275
Oxford	111	Southwold.....	100
Canboro	205	Garafraxa	52
Dorchester	139	Bosanquet.....	156
Thames.....	112	Hamilton	36
Niagara.....	88	Gainsboro.....	103
Barton.....	120	Dumfries	230
Blenheim	213	Oakland	166
Rainham.....	45	Orangeville	65
Darlington	153	Whitby	226
Markham	123	Yonge Street.....	215
Newmarket.....	66	Toronto	278
Saltfleet	130	Nelson	142
Georgetown	210	Welland	67
Howard.....	170	Oakwood	45
St. Clair	93	Maitland	74
Kincardine	21	St. Vincent.....	95
Notawasaga	58	Oneida	43
London.....	260	Sandwich	26
St. Marys	90	Traveling Preachers..	63
Total		5075	
Total last year.....		4830	
Increase this year.....		245	

* Rec. B. L. KOYLE having left his charge in an improper manner it was ordered that his name be dropped from the Minutes.

QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?

ANSWER.

TORONTO DISTRICT.—JAMES RICHARDSON, P. E.

Darlington Circuit—Wm. Perritte.

Whitby Circuit—Thomas Robson, C. W. Fraser, Supernumerary.

Markham Circuit—George Crossfield.

Newmarket Circuit—Henry Dockham.

Yonge Street Circuit—Samuel Dunnet, George Bennet.

Toronto Circuit—W. D. Brown, One to be sent.

Nelson Circuit—Samuel Morrison, Henry Taylor, S. Stewart, Supernumerary.

Georgetown Circuit—B. Lawrence, One to be sent.

Oakwood Circuit—George Smith.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.—THOMAS WEBSTER, P. E.

Barton and Hamilton.—I. B. Richardson, J. W. Jacobs, John Bailey who is our Book Steward, Gideon Shepard who is our Editor.

Niagara—E. Bartram, C. Swazey, Supernumerary.

Welland—W. Sutton.

Rainham—J. Wood.

Canboro—J. Tufford.

Gainsboro—R. B. Cook.

Saltfleet—J. Hayward.

Tuscarora—A. Bradshaw.

LONDON DISTRICT.—GEORGE P. HARRIS, P. E.

London Station—G. Abbs.

London Circuit—A. Jones. One to be sent, D. Culp and D. Pickett Superannuated, J. Mitchell, Supernumerary.

Maitland—O. G. Collamore, One to be sent.

Southwold—T. Atkinson.

Howard—T. Dawes, One to be sent.

Thames—N. Roy.

Sandwich—E. Draper.

St. Clair—A. M. Archer.

Bosanquet—One to be sent.

OXFORD DISTRICT.—E. BRISTOL, P. E.

Dumfries—W. F. Lowe, J. Curts, B. Markle, Superannuated.

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Blenheim—J. Ormerod, One to be sent, W. Cope left without an appointment at his own request; N. A. Fraser Supernumerary.

Oakland—J. W. Byam, One to be sent, J. Owen, Superannuated.

Norwich—E. Lounsbury, One to be sent.

Oxford—J. Gibson, G. Turner, Superannuated.

Dorchester—A. E. Griffith.

St. Mary's—J. McLean.

Malahide—L. P. Smith, C. Pettis, Superannuated.

Vienna—W. D. Hughson.

HURON DISTRICT.—WM. WOODWARD, P. E.

St. Vincent—A. L. Thurstan, (One to be sent.

Notawasaga—S. Kerr.

Orangeville—J. Foster.

Arthur—One to be sent.

Kincardine—One to be sent.

QUESTION XVI.

When and where shall the next Conference be held?

Ans.—At the village of Vienna; to commence on the 2nd Wednesday in August, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

QUESTION XVII.

What is the amount of the Fifth Collection?

ANSWER.

Circuits.	Amounts.	Circuits.	Amounts.
Barton	£4 6 10½	Oxford	1 10 0
Toronto	5 0 0	London	0 16 3
Yonge Street	2 5 0	Saltfleet	0 14 9
Dumfries	3 0 0	Orangeville	0 10 4
Whitby	1 12 7	Nelson	2 10 0
Gainsboro'	1 11 3	Newmarket	1 18 0½
St. Vincent	0 0 0	Markham	1 0 0
St. Clair	0 0 0	Malahide	1 3 9
St. Marys	0 15 0	Niagara	3 10 5
Southwold	0 0 0	Maitland	3 0 0
Oakland	1 10 0	Sandwich	0 0 0
Georgetown	1 8 5½	Oakwood	0 0 0
Hamilton	0 6 9	Oneida	0 0 0
Thames	3 0 0	Blenheim	3 2 6
Canboro	0 16 1½	Rainham	1 12 6

Dorchester	0 15 0	Howard	1 5 8
Norwich	3 1 10½	Welland	0 13 9
Darlington	1 4 3½	Garafraxa	0 0 0
Bosanquet	1 15 0	Sabbath Collection	4 1 9½
Kincardine	0 0 0		
Total			£60 1 9

QUESTION XVIII.

How was this Appropriated?

ANSWER.

David Culp	£10 14 3	D. Pickett	12 5 1½
George Turner	12 5 1½	Widow Huston	6 2 7½
Widow Roy	6 2 7½	Stationery	0 6 10½
Jesse Owen	12 5 1½		
Total			£60 1 9

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Societies of the Niagara Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERS,—Another year has passed away since you received our last pastoral address.

During that time, some of the pious of our people have been removed from the Church below to the Church above; but the last enemy has not been permitted to lessen our numbers. Life and health have been granted, so that by the grace of God we stand ready to enter on any field which He may in His Providence appoint.—Believing, as we do, that an itinerant ministry is both Scriptural and efficient, and has been signally owned and blessed of God and will be—for “many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

One thing, however, should be kept in mind by the members of our beloved Zion, that a praying people contribute much toward the success and efficiency of a gospel ministry. Without a believing reception of the truth, however faithfully preached, it will fall powerless on the heart. We ask therefore, “Brethren pray for us.”

If you would have the divine Presence rest upon

you and accompany the ministry of God's word among you live by rule; have the interests of religion at heart—have your set times for prayer. You read in the records of sacred Writ of the place of prayer—of the time of prayer—the answer of prayer. One thing, however, is awfully possible, against which you would do well to watch, the hour may be observed—the place may be honored by your promptitude and presence—but the spirit of prayer may be lost. The spirit of duty and your continuance in it are enjoined by the wisdom which cannot err. "Pray with the Spirit," "Pray without ceasing." "Whatsoever ye desire when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

Be ever mindful, beloved brethren, to cultivate a spirit of Christian devotedness in your families. Let prayer be offered, and God's word be read, at least in the morning and evening of each day. As parents respect the sacred injunction:—"These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Then offer the prayer, "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children." The Divine displeasure rests on such as neglect those duties: hence a Prophet prays—"Pour out thy fury upon the families that call not upon thy name." Discharge those duties in the fear of God, and let each resolve, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." When parents exert a religious influence over their families, their youthful minds are moulded and their habits formed for future usefulness, by which the good of society will be secured, and also the mutual happiness of parents and posterity. Revelation and reason show that man's temporal and eternal well-being are based on moral principle which derives its existence from the Gospel of the grace of God, in the absence of which it has never attained an elevated, permanent, or uniform character. Public worship will ever be attended by such as faithfully worship God in

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their families. When the time to meet God and his people arrives, being prepared by a contemplation of His word, family and private prayer, they will feel as David did on one occasion, when he expressed himself thus: "I was glad when they said let us go up to the house of the Lord." The business of life usually keeps you apart six days, but as man is a social being, and as his happiness can be increased by social intercourse, God has appointed one day in seven when his people can come together and enjoy his presence and blessing, and feel their fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. Never allow any surmountable circumstance to keep you from the house of God. It is in his house, especially, that the choicest blessings of His grace are communicated and received. One who had experience in these matters said, "I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth."—When you approach the house where God has so especially supplied your needs out of his fullness and glory, and under the influence of the grateful recollection of his goodness, you will understand and appreciate the feeling that prompted that expression of admiration, "How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts." Having entered into his house, and under a consciousness of the Divine presence, remember, "Thou God seest me." "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

The Sabbath is an ordinance of divine appointment, which all are commanded to keep holy unto the Lord. In the observance of this piety can be made apparent and influential. See that those under your care and control do not live in the habitual violation of an ordinance so well adapted to the general well-being of man. Carefully avoid talking of such things on the Sabbath as do not savor of Godliness, an evil common among some who take upon them the Christian name. Let your actions, words, and thoughts harmonize with the sanctity of that type of Heavenly rest: "Not doing thine own work, no

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We would call your attention to Sabbath Schools, this nursery of the Church and means of moral good to the rising generation; and which from their commencement have been of such general benefit to the world, and which are engaging so much of the talent of the church generally. We are happy to observe a rising interest in our own Denomination in this heaven-born institution; but hope the interest will be more general and intense in the future than it has been in the past.

As members of the Christian Church give your influence to the support of all the philanthropic Institutions of our country, such as the Bible, Tract, and Temperance Societies; which have been of such immense importance to mankind, but which might be greatly more so if the Church of God were fully alive to the aids these might in turn lend to her.

Our Missionary Funds are greatly improved this year, for which we thank God. But still they are unequal to the calls for the labors of our Church.—Several new Missions could be established were the funds at our command. All our funds are in an improved condition, and we are happy to add that there has been during the year an increase of membership. For the general improvement we feel thankful and ask your prayerful assistance for greater advances in the year on which we are just entering. We have no resources except the voluntary offerings of our people on which to depend, nor do we want, nor would we have any other. Yet if we meet the calls of our country your liberality must needs be increased.

We have witnessed with great pleasure the laudable efforts of the brethren on the Yonge street Circuit to raise a fund for the support of the Superannuated ministers, their widows and families. This is quite in Character with the liberality of the brethren on that charge, and we hope all the other Circuits will follow their example.

The present Conferencē has been one of great harmony. In this as in all other Conferences, matters

have come up that have required judgment and firmness, and on which difference of opinion has existed, yet great respect, forbearance, and christian courtesy have characterised all the proceedings. As a Conference we again say, "Brethren pray for us;" and by the grace of God we shall make it our great aim to serve your everlasting welfare. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

PHILANDER SMITH.

JAS. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

RESOLUTIONS.

ON THE CLERGY RESERVES.

Moved by Rev. Thomas Webster; seconded by Rev. I. B. Richardson, that

Whereas, the British Government has passed a Bill authorizing the Provincial Parliament to again legislate upon the Clergy Reserves; and whereas the members of the Niagara Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, are opposed upon scriptural and patriotic principles to every approach between Church and State connection, therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Conference feel conscientiously bound to use every constitutional means for the entire secularization of the Clergy Reserves, and of the funds thereof.

Resolved 2nd, That we have the utmost confidence in the voluntary system for the support of the Christian ministry, and we are willing to rely wholly upon the voluntary contributions of the people for the extension of our Missionary operations, as well as for the support of our ministers in the regular work.

Resolved 3rd, That a committee of three be appointed to be associated with the committees which have been or may be appointed by other christian bodies, to use their influence with Government to have the Clergy Reserve question so settled, as to meet the wishes of the people of Western Canada, so frequently expressed through their representatives in parliament, and thus obviate the evils which we fear will at-

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[NOTE.—Names of the Com. referred to above, Thomas
Webster, James Richardson, and I. B. Richardson.]

ON THE SECESSION OF REV. E. L. KOYLE.

Resolved.—That while this Conference fully recognizes the right of any of its members to withdraw therefrom and change their relation in regard to their religious connexion, whenever they may deem it their duty to do so, it at the same time expects that in so doing a due regard will be had to the rules of Christian courtesy and common propriety, which it is to be observed with regret have been violated in the case of Rev. E. L. Koyle: he having abandoned the charge committed to him, and proceeded without any certificate of standing or character, to connect himself with another religious community, and by receiving re-ordination at their hands, virtually to repudiate that under which for some years he had officiated as a Minister of Christ; and which to say the least of it is obviously as scriptural and as Methodistic in its form and order as that to which he has now submitted himself. And this Conference deem it due to itself and to our *common christianity*, to express the opinion, that secessions characterized as this is are alike reprehensible in the individuals who secede, and those communities who encourage or receive them.—Carried unanimously.

ON PARSONAGE PROPERTY.

Resolved.—That Trustees having the oversight of the Parsonage Property, are requested to hold Preachers personally responsible for any waste or mutilation during their occupancy of such property.

COURSE OF STUDY.—The same as last year.

BOOK COMMITTEE.—I. B. Richardson, J. Richardson.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.—James Richardson, G. Shepard, Samuel Dunnett, W. D. Brown, Samuel Morrison.

APPENDIX.

Names and Standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.

Malahide—J. Elliott, Deacon; David Griffin, Elder; F.eadly, Deacon Elect; O. H. Tyrell, William Yokom, R. okom.

London—James Bailey, Deacon; R. Smith, Deacon; R. Morden, Deacon; W. E. Cope, S. Lancaster, J. Morden, R. McGuffin, W. R. Morden, S. C. McNames, D. Winchall.

Thames—A. Scarlett, Deacon; E. Sutton, James Dobson, Elder; J. Bobier.

Southwold—Ira Bently, Deacon.

Bosanquet—N. Westover, S. M. Eastman, Deacon; John Jefferson, William Brown.

Sandwich—J. Cox, Deacon; Henry Scratch, Deacon.

Norwich—J. Connell, Elder; H. Tuttle, D. Drake, Thos. Haskin, J. Darling, O. Avery, E. Mudge, Deacon.

Oxford—A. Burse, Elder; D. M. Howell, A. Abbott.

Dorchester—R. Dexter, Deacon; W. T. Cartwright, Elder; J. Davy, A. Tullock.

St. Marys—T. B. Brown, Deacon; R. Vines, Deacon; James Vines.

Darlington—James Bradshaw, Elder Elect; William Hill, Deacon; J. Carscadden.

Whitby—G. Wells, Deacon; J. Fisher, Deacon; J. Orser, F. Lattimore, Deacon; J. Campbell, Deacon Elect; J. Fraser, R. Harnden, J. Moore.

Markham—J. Cunningham, J. Forsyth, James Gilray, T. Cobbit.

Yonge Street—N. Carroll.

Toronto—James Berry.

Nelson—L. Hagar, Deacon; A. Purnell, S. Griffin, M. L. Dimick.

Georgetown—R. Lyman, Elder; S. Kennedy, Deacon; F. Warren, J. Conkrite.

Oakwood—A. Wood.

Niagara—D. Collard, Deacon.

Welland—W. Dell, T. Roney.

Canboro—A. Rogers, W. Stringer, J. M. Collins, J. Scott, W. Ableson.

Saltfleet—J. Vandusen, Deacon.

Gainsboro—J. Pattison, Elder; S. Haney, Elder; G. Lane, Deacon; J. Upper, Deacon; J. Cutler.

Dumfries—M. Hendershot, W. Bawtenhimer.

Blenheim—G. F. Hill, Deacon; C. Reed, Deacon; L. White.

Oakland—J. Connell, Elder.

Rainham—J. Decow.

Oneida—H. Jones, Deacon; T. Funn, Deacon.

Notawasaga—J. Cook, H. Kenarick, J. Tyler.

Garafraxa—S. Bellamy.

Kincardine—E. Ryckman.

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MINUTES

Of the Tenth Session of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, held at Brockville, commencing on Wednesday, September 7th, 1853, at ten o'clock.

QUESTION I.

What preachers are admitted on trial ?

ANS.—Eli Woodcock, Peter P. Pomery, Daniel N. Robison, R. Sanderson.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial ?

ANS.—Josiah Sparrow, Wm. Sills, J. D. Bell, P. W. Hindmarsh.

QUESTION III.

Who have been admitted into full connexion ?

ANS.—Daniel Pomeroy.

QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons ?

ANS.—G. I. Betts, D. Pomeroy.*

* Ordained this year.

QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders ?

ANS.—Joseph Gatchell, Benson Smith, H. H. Johnson, W. Bird, L. S. Church, David Perry, Alexander Wright, James Gardiner, John Hill, Robert Earl, John Tuke, Ezra Orser, J. W. Sills, Wm. Graham, I. N. D. West, J H Johnson, T. Plato, S Young, W E Norman, Thaddeus Lewis, James McNally, Michael Davy, Henry Lane, George Jones, J. F. Wilson.

Wm. Brown, D. Wilson, J. G. Bull, D. F. Hutchinson, C. Manson, R. Perry, D. Brown, J. A. Rogers, B. W. Blanchard, S. W. LaDu, Hiram Williams.

QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendents?

ANS.—John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

QUESTION VII.

Who are the Supernumeraries?

ANS.—Daniel Brown, James McNally, Michael Davy, I. N. D. West.

QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANS.—Joseph Gatchell, Thaddeus Lewis, Robert Perry, David Perry, H. H. Johnson,

QUESTION IX.

Who have lccated this year?

ANS.—Luman Hurlburt.

QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year?

ANS.—John McMullen.

QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANS.—None. L. S. Church removed to U. S. by letter.

QUESTION XII.

Were the Preachers characters examined?

ANS.—This was strictly attended to.

QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year?

ANS.—None.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society ?

Hope.....	97	Wolf Island.....	36
Cobourg.....	49	Leeds.....	49
Brighton.....	210	Kingston.....	124
Consecon.....	63	Crosby.....	157
Hallowell.....	125	Elizabethtown.....	192
Milford.....	64	Farmersville.....	169
Percy.....	98	Brockville.....	80
Sidney.....	160	Augusta.....	128
Belleville.....	51	Matilda.....	158
Huntington.....	200	Stormont.....	74
Rawdon.....	169	Rideau.....	245
Tyendinaga.....	371	Bytown.....	71
Bay Quinte.....	255	Bonna Cheur.....	51
Camden.....	230	Ottawa.....	30
Waterloo.....	348	Winchester.....	108
Napanee.....	170	Traveling Preachers...	46
Seymour.....	86		
Total.....			4464
Total last year.....			3639
Increase this year.....			825

QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?

ANSWER.

BAY OF QUINTE DISTRICT.—S. W. LADU, P.E.

Hope Ct.—John Tuke, T. Lewis and J. Gatchell Superannuated

Cobourg Station.—Wm. Graham.

Brighton Ct.—Hiram Williams, Robt. Sanderson.

Percy Ct.—N. H. Howard.

Seymour Miss.—One to be sent.

Sidney.—S. Young, H. H. Johnson superannuated, I. N. D. West Supernumerary.

Consecon Ct.—J. A. Rogers.

Hallowell & Milford.—J. G. Bull, Thomas Plato, W. Norman, Superannuated.

Rawdon Ct.—E. Woodcock, D. Brown Supernumerary.

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KINGSTON DISTRICT.—BENSON SMITH P. E.

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- Belleville Ct.*—James Gardiner.
- Huntington Ct.*—Wm. A. Sills.
- Tyendinaga Ct.*—J. F. Wilson. One to be sent.
- Napanee Ct.*—Wm. Bird.
- Bay Quinte Ct.*—B. W. Blanchard. One to be sent.
- Robert Perry Superannuated.
- Camden Ct.*—P. W. Hindmarsh.
- Waterloo Ct.*—R. Earl. One to be sent. D. Perry Superannuated.
- Wolf Island.*—A. Wright.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—GEORGE JONES P. E.

- Brockville Station.*—D. F. Hutchinson, J. H. Johnson, Agent for Conference Seminary.
- Elizabethtown & Escott Miss.*—H. Lane. One to be sent.
- Farmersville Ct.*—G. I. Betts.
- Crosby Ct.*—J. Hill, D. N. Robinson.
- Rideau Ct.*—J. W. Sills.
- Augusta & Matilda.*—Wm. Brown, P. P. Pomeroy. Michael Davy, Supernumerary.
- Winchester & Stormont Miss.*—E. Orser. One to be sent.
- Bytown Station.*—C. Manson.
- Bonna Cheur.*—D. Pomeroy.
- Ottawa.*—J. D. Bell. J. McNally Supernumerary.

QUESTION XVI.

When and where shall the next Conference be held?

Ans.—At Canniff's Mills; to commence on the 2nd Wednesday in June, 1853.

QUESTION XVII.

What is the amount of the Fifth Collection?

ANSWER.

Amounts.	Circuits.	Amounts.
£1 0 9	Winchester	1 0 7½
0 10 3	Sidney	1 6 9

Ottawa	0 6 4	Hallowell	1 5 2
Elizabethtown	3 3 7	Bytown	0 8 1½
Rawdon	0 6 8	Consecon	0 17 5
Napanee	1 5 9	Augusta	1 5 9
Huntington	0 5 0	Waterloo	2 2 6
Brockville	1 7 6	Bonna Cheur	0 17 10½
Hope	0 15 0	Tyendinaga	1 16 3
Brighton	1 14 0	Matilda	0 17 3½
Belleville	2 1 0	Cobourg	1 8 6
Kingston & Leeds	0 12 6	Percy	1 3 0
Crosby	0 13 9	Seymour	0 10 0
Rideau	0 11 10½	Sabbath collection	2 9 9½

QUESTION XVIII.

How was this Appropriated?

ANSWER.

For Stationary	£0 5 0	I. N. D. West	6 18 2
Joseph Gatchell	6 18 2	Widow Sills	3 9 1
H. H. Johnson	6 18 2	Widow Powley	3 9 1
T. Lewis	6 18 2		
Total			34 15 10

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Societies of the Bay of Quinte Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—Being permitted by Divine providence to assemble together in our Annual Conference capacity to transact the business of Christ's kingdom among us, we again embrace the opportunity of sending you this our pastoral address. It is with unmingled feelings of gratitude to Almighty God that we record his mercies to us in the preservation of our lives as well as the other tokens of his loving kindness with which we have been favored during the past year.

As you will perceive by the annual report, God has sealed the ministry of his servants with abundant success. Hundreds have been spiritually brought to Christ through the preaching of his word, and about eight hundred added to the ranks of our own Israel. To God we unitedly ascribe the glory.

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you that our charges generally are in a healthy condition; a marked improvement appears in every department of the church, and our preachers generally seem to have been satisfied with the several charges which have been committed to their pastoral care. This, dear brethren, speaks volumes in favor of the voluntary system in supporting the ministers of Christ—a system which we hope our people will ever esteem it a privilege to adorn by a Christian liberality so intimately connected with Christian faith and practice.

In addition to this, we are much gratified to witness the zeal with which our friends generally, have sustained the Missionary department of our Church. The contributions to this fund have this year nearly doubled those of the preceding, and, upon the whole, we thank God and take courage, and returning to our several fields of labor, and continue our labors with renewed zeal, for your good and for the salvation of our fellow men. The Sabbath School, the Temperance cause, and the Ordinance of the Sabbath, which has occupied so much of our attention this Conference, will, we are sure, meet with your kindest approbation; and we sincerely hope that you will both by precept and example, carry out those Christian principles which we have acted upon in the fear of God and with an eye to his glory. The subject of a literary institution has also occupied a share of our attention, and we are of the opinion that such an institution is highly important and absolutely necessary to the well being of our Church; we have therefore appointed the Rev. J. H. Johnson as an Agent to travel through the different sections of the Province to solicit funds for this very desirable object. We expect you, dear Brethren, to co-operate with us in this matter; and we feel assured that your attachment to the Church this year, will be sufficiently exhibited in aiding her to advance with the age in which she now exists.

We exhort you, dear Brethren, to live in the spirit of our holy religion, faithfully to attend the means of grace and the sacraments of the Church; receive your appointed minister as the servant of the Lord Jesus, and

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And now brethren, we commend you to the blessing and care of our Almighty Redeemer, and remain your affectionate pastors in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PHILANDER SMITH.

WM. BROWN, SEC.

CLERGY RESERVES.

Resolutions on the subject of the Clergy Reserves passed by the Bay Quinte Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, at its Session in Brockville, on Friday, 9th Sept. 1853.

1st. That the question of the Clergy Reserves in Upper Canada, having been re-opened and referred to the Canadian Parliament for settlement, and being closely identified with the future prosperity of the country, this Conference feels itself called upon to express an opinion in reference to the final disposition of the matter.

2nd. That the Methodist Episcopal Church, is now, and ever has been, opposed, both in principle and practice, to the receipt of all and any pecuniary support from the state.

3rd. That the voluntary principle of sustaining the ministry, and the Church in all her operations—leaving it for individuals to give according to their ability, as directed by a sense of duty—is that on which Christ taught his people to rely; a proposition which is not only well established in the New Testament, but confirmed by the history of the Church.

4th. That, entertaining these sentiments, this Conference would urge upon the Legislature the necessity of passing as speedily as practicable an Act for the entire alination of these Reserves from every religious, and their devotion to some secular purpose.

5th. That while this Conference would rejoice to see the Clergy Reserves applied to the purposes of general education, it would view with regret appropriation to any purpose having a tendency to build up sectarian

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schools, or, even in an indirect manner to render any portion of the Church dependent on the state.

6th. That in order to give effect to these views, and to confer with the Government or the Legislature, or any other party, on this subject, the following persons be appointed a Committee to act either alone or in concert with the Committee of the Niagara Conference, until the next session of this Conference: viz. Rev. Messrs. J. H. Johnson, S. W. LaDu, and Wm. Brown.
WILLIAM BROWN, Sec.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to present the following Report:

That Your Committee, after giving the subject considerable attention, fully concur in the views expressed by the Conference upon this subject last year, and think the time has come when an Academy should be provided, and to be under our control, which shall afford all the advantages of a commercial and classical education, with the addition of a female department.

That the Niagara Conference should be respectfully invited to concur with us in the erection of this Academy, and to share in its management; but in the event of that Conference declining the invitation, this Conference should have the exclusive control.

That the Institution should be located either in Brockville or Belleville; that Brockville is preferable in some respects, and should sufficient encouragement be given by the inhabitants of the place to aid in the erection and support of the Institution, Brockville should be selected; but should the advantages in these particulars prove to be greater in Belleville, the Committee would recommend its selection.

That Your Committee would recommend the Annual Conference to appoint an Agent immediately to raise funds for the Institution, and that the said Agent be paid from the funds collected, according to the disciplinary allowance to a Methodist preacher.

That a Standing Committee be appointed by the Conference to fix upon one of the locations mentioned,

to determine upon the size and quality of the building, and to estimate the expense.

That the Committee be empowered to take sufficient security from the Agent for the funds which may come into his hands; and the Agent shall account to the Committee for the same.

That the subscriptions should be made payable to the Trustees; but the Agent may collect any subscriptions, and the Committee appointed by the Conference shall have the sole disbursement of the funds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. BROWN, *Chairman.*

J. H. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

W. GRAHAM.

S. W. LADU.

GEO. I. BETTS.

Brockville, 8th September, 1853.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave most respectfully to report.

Your Committee are fully aware of the exerted influence of this Conference for years that are past, in favor of the observance of the Holy Sabbath; but at the present crisis, Your Committee think that a speedy, special, and united effort is indispensable to counteract the unholy influence at present exerted in violation of this holy day. And as this influence is associated with those in high places, and even with the Government itself, in causing employment to be given to thousands on this day by means of River and Lake navigation and by the Post Office departments. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1st. That the ordinance of the Sabbath was instituted by God himself at the creation, and is therefore to be regarded as of lasting and perpetual obligation.

2nd. That being afterwards incorporated with the other commandments that are termed moral, it has all the sanction which accompanies the mandates

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Heaven, and a violation of it is to be regarded as an act of rebellion against God.

3rd. That the Holy Sabbath's being continued in the Gospel by the authority of our Lord Jesus himself, it is rendered still more sacred than it was in former dispensations.

4th. That being a day of rest from labor and designed for religious instruction and worship, it is absolutely necessary and should be observed by all with gratitude.

5th. That as ordained ministers of the Lord of the Sabbath, we pledge ourselves to renew our opposition to Sabbath breaking, and lay the subject before our respective congregations at least once every year; for your Committee are of opinion that the desecration of the Sabbatic Ordinance is an introduction to all other evils both temporally and spiritually.

And your Committee would further recommend that a committee of two be appointed to address the three branches of the Legislature upon this subject, praying for the abolition of Sabbath labor by governmental authority, and that such Committee confer with the government.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. F. HUTCHINSON.
WILLIAM BIRD.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

B. Smith, J. F. Willson, W. Brown, D. F. Hutchinson,
H. Johnson.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1st Year, Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Sermons to the 3rd volume, 1st part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, English Grammar [Kirkham's] Geography [Morse's].

2nd Year, Divinity, Bible with notes [Clark's or Benson's], Wesley's Sermons to the 5th volume, 2nd part of Watson's Institutes, Church History [Ruter's], Church Government [King's Original Church], Discipline with Hedding's Notes, English Grammar [Kirkham's], Rhetoric [Hutchinson's].

3rd Year, Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Notes, Horne's In-

roduction, third part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, Natural Philosophy [Comstock's,] Astronomy [Smith's,] Logic [Hedge's,] Mental Philosophy [Upham's,] English Grammar [Kirkham's,] Rhetoric [Hutchinson's.]

Fourth Year, Divinity, Bible, Watson's Apology, Fletcher's Checks, English Grammar [Kirkham's,] Rhetoric [Hutchinson's,] Natural Philosophy [Comstock's,] Astromomy [Burrett's,] Moral Philosophy [Paley's.]

APPENDIX.

Names and Standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference.

- Hope.—James Lent, D. Lent.
 Cobourg.—D. Crouter.
 Brighton.—C. P Worden, E. Worden, J Webster, Elder.
 Percy.—Joseph Stone, J. L. Sweet.
 Rawdon.—Ira Hays, J. Ranous.
 Consecon.—A. Wood.
 Huntington.—Peter Wright, John Border.
 Tyendenaga.—W. Conner, Peter Holmes, W, Bennett, Jas. Burdon.
 Napanee.—S. D. Shorts Elder, D. Unger Deacon, Augustus Shorts Elder, G. D. Greenleaf Elder, B. Huffman.
 Bay Ct.—George Sills Elder, M. German Elder.
 Camden.—P. G. Selden Deacon, C. Thompson Deacon, B. Lewis.
 Waterloo.—E. Ash, E. Z. David.
 Kingston.—B. Atkinson.
 Crosby.—W. Brown Elder, A. Wiltsie, L. Hurlburt Elder.
 Rideau.—J. Andrews Elder, E. Landon Deacon.
 Elizabethtown.—Joseph Mallory, James Smith.
 Farmersville.—R. Stevens, D. Smith.
 Augusta.—J. C. Bass, I. Errit Deacon, A. B. Pardee.
 Matilda.—E. Tuttle.
 Winchester.—B. Meeker, Deacon.
 Ottawa.—J. Pickering,
 Bonna Cheur.—G. E. Hutton.
 Hallowell.—S. Terwilliger Elder.
 Milford.—Wm. Williams, Wm. Ranous.

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STEWARD'S REPORT.

Claims, Receipts, and Deficiencies of Effective Preachers within the bounds of the Bay of Quinte Conference.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	CLAIM.			RECEV'D			DEFIC'Y		
		£	s	D	£	s	D	£	s	D
Bay Qui. Dist.	S W LaDu	59	13	0	59	13	0			
Hope	J Tuke	89	0	0	69	0	0	20	0	0
Cobourg	J H Johnson	102	10	0	70	12	4	31	17	8
Brighton	H Williams	85	0	0	85	0	0			
Percy	N H Howard	85	0	0	82	0	0	3	0	0
Rawdon	W A Sills	70	0	0	70	0	0			
Sidney	G Jones	90	0	0	90	0	0			
Consecon	J A Rogers	70	0	0	33	12	10	36	7	2
Hallowell	S Young	No returns								
do.	W E Norman	No returns								
Kingston Dist.	B Smith P, E.	70	0	0	70	0	0			
Huntington	A Wright	72	0	0	65	0	0	7	0	0
Tyendinaga	J F Wilson	70	0	0	70	0	0			
do	J Sparrow	27	10	0	27	10	0			
Belleville	S W LaDu				32	2	0			
Napanee	W Bird	70	0	0	60	0	0	10	0	0
Bay Quinte	J G Bull	paid in full								
do	— Sanderson	No returns								
Camden	H Lane	75	0	0	65	0	0	10	0	0
Waterloo	D Wilson	75	0	0	57	9	0	17	11	0
do	J W Sills	65	0	0	37	10	3	27	9	9
Kingston & } Leeds }	J Gardiner	70	0	0	68	0	0	2	0	0
do	P W Hindmarsh	68	0	0	62	0	0	6	0	0
Augusta Dist.	W Brown P. E.	90	0	0	75	0	0	15	0	0
Crosby	J Hill	85	0	0	65	14	11	17	5	1
Rideau	D Pomeroy									
Elizabethtown	W Graham	85	0	0	85	0	0			
do	E Woodcock	25	0	0	25	0	0			
Brockville	G I Betts	70	0	0	70	0	0			
Augusta	R Earl	80	0	0	80	0	0			
Matilda	T Plato	65	0	0	48	10	9	16	9	3
Stormont	No returns									
Bytown	D F Hutchinson	100	0	0	95	14	0	4	6	0
Ottawa & } Lachute }	J D Bell	65	0	0	60	19	0	4	1	0
Winchester	E Orser	70	0	0	66	10	0			
Bonna Cheur	C Manson	68	0	0	68	0	0	3	10	0

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