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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES
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QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference ?

ANS.—WILLIAM SAMUEL PASCOE, President of the Conference of 1881 ;
GEORGE WEBBER, Secretary of the Conference of 1881.

* F. W. BOURNE, Delegate from the English Conference.

J. Harris, Sup't of the	P. E. Island	District
A. Clarke, “	Cobourg	do.
W. Kenner, “	Bowmanville	do.
W. Jolliffe, “	Peterboro' and Victoria	do.
J. J. Rice, “	Toronto	do.
L. W. Wickett, “	Cleveland	do.
G. Haycraft, “	Wisconsin	do.

Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.

S. Collings,	(District Representative) of the	Cobourg	District
J. Williams,	Representative		do.
J. Nott	do.		do.
† F. Reynolds,	do.		do.
L. Martiñ,	do.		do.
I. Garnet,	do.		do.
J. Wade,	do.		do.
W. Windatt,	(District Representative) of the	Bowmanville	do.
R. Souch,	Representative		do.
J. Rundle,	do.		do.
W. Bond,	do.		do.
W. Gummow,	do.		do.
T. Courtice,	do.		do.
W. Yelland,	(District Representative) of the	Peterboro' and Victoria.	do.
J. Coone,	Representative		do.
T. Broad,	do.		do.
† J. Bickle,	do.		do.
J. Clarke,	do.		do.
A. Wilson,	do.		do.

* An imperfection in the wording of Bro. Bourne's credentials was corrected per Res. 19, in the General Business.

† Brethren marked thus, failed to attend Conference.

J. Ellicott,	(District Representative) of the	Toronto District.
J. Binsted,	Representative	do.
† H. C. Brent,	do.	do.
W. Vanstone,	do.	do.
† T. Burrows,	do.	do.
T. C. Pickard,	(District Representative) of the	Exeter do.
J. Pickard,	Representative	do.
J. P. Clarke,	do.	do.
H. L. Wills,	do.	do.
W. Stoneman,	do.	do.
T. Morrish,	do.	do.
T. Hobbs,	(District Representative) of the	London do.
W. Dinner,	Representative	do.
† R. Kennedy,	do.	do.
R. Prouse,	do.	do.
W. Hutchings,	(District Representative) of the	Cleveland do.
† J. Venning,	Representative	do.

Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.

J. H. Eynon, authorized by the	Bowmanville	District.
R. Hurley,	Cobourg	do.
J. W. Butcher,	Exeter	do.
J. Gale,	Bowmanville	do.
J. Whitlock,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
W. R. Roach,	Toronto	do.
T. R. Hull,	Cobourg	do.
G. Bodle,	do.	do.
A. Gordon,	Toronto	do.
J. Kenner,	Bowmanville	do.
E. Roberts,	Toronto	do.
G. Dunkley,	Cobourg	do.
W. Ayers,	Bowmanville	do.
W. Medland,	do.	do.
H. J. Nott,	do.	do.
R. T. Courtice,	Cobourg	do.
W. C. Beer,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
R. Allin,	do.	do.
† J. H. Collins,	P. E. Island	do.
J. Archer,	London	do.
J. G. Yelland,	do.	do.
G. Smith,	Bowmanville	do.
W. Quance,	Exeter	do.
R. B. Rowe,	Bowmanville	do.
W. H. Butt,	Cobourg	do.
J. Holmes,	London	do.
† G. H. Copeland,	do.	do.
J. Ball,	P. E. Island	do.
M. Metherell,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
R. Mallett, B. A.,	Bowmanville	do.

† Brethren marked thus, failed to attend Conference.

District.	Name	Location	District.
do.	J. Kestle,	Cobourg	do.
do.	R. Davidson,	Wisconsin	do.
do.	T. H. Dry,	Toronto	do.
do.	W. Limbert,	Peterboro' & Victoria	do.
do.	S. J. Allin,	Cleveland	do.
do.	W. Rollins,	Wisconsin	do.
do.	† H. Moore,	Cleveland	do.
do.	R. Thomas.	Exeter	do.
do.	† T. J. Sabine,	Toronto	do.
do.	J. Pooley,	"	do.
do.	D. Williams,	Cobourg	do.
do.	F. M. Whitlock,	Exeter	do.
do.	† J. A. Dafoc,	P. E. Island	do.

WILLIAM SAMUEL PASCOE was elected President ; and
 JAMES JOSEPH RICE, Conference Secretary.

Q. 2—Who remain on the list of Approved Preachers ?

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District.	Name	Location	District.
do.	Paul Robins,	(superan.)	do.
do.	John Langdon,	do.	do.
do.	John Hicks Eynon,	do.	do.
do.	John Edwards,	do.	do.
do.	Robert Hurley,	do.	do.
do.	John Chapple,	do.	do.
do.	John Williams,	do.	do.
do.	George Haycraft,	do.	do.
do.	John W. Butcher,	do.	do.
do.	Jacob Gale,	do.	do.
do.	Jesse Whitlock,	do.	do.
do.	William R. Roach,	do.	do.
do.	William S. Pascoe,	do.	do.
do.	William Kenner,	do.	do.
do.	Thomas R. Hull,	(superan.)	do.
do.	George Bodle,	(superan.)	do.
do.	Andrew Gordon,	do.	do.
do.	John Kenner,	do.	do.
do.	George Webber,	do.	do.
do.	Edward Roberts,	do.	do.
do.	William Jolliffe,	do.	do.
do.	Archibald Clarke,	do.	do.
do.	Henry A. Newcombe,	do.	do.
do.	George Dunkley,	do.	do.
do.	Walter Ayers,	do.	do.
do.	John Harris,	do.	do.
do.	William Medland,	do.	do.
do.	James J. Rice,	do.	do.
do.	Lewis W. Wickett,	do.	do.
do.	Henry J. Nott,	do.	do.
do.	Richard T. Courtice,	do.	do.
do.	William C. Beer,	do.	do.
	Stephen H. Rice,	do.	do.
	Alexander Richard,	do.	do.
	Roger Allin,	do.	do.
	James H. Collins,	do.	do.
	Joseph Archer,	do.	do.
	John G. Yelland,	do.	do.
	George Smith,	do.	do.
	William Quance,	do.	do.
	Richard B. Rowe,	do.	do.
	Thomas Broad,	do.	do.
	William H. Butt,	do.	do.
	John Holmes,	do.	do.
	John Veale,	do.	do.
	George H. Copeland,	do.	do.
	John Ball,	do.	do.
	Moses Metherell,	do.	do.
	Richard Mallett, B.A.,	do.	do.
	James Kestle,	do.	do.
	Robert Davidson,	do.	do.
	John Greenway,	do.	do.
	Thomas H. Dry,	do.	do.
	Thomas Mason,	do.	do.
	John M. Tredrea,	do.	do.
	William Limbert,	do.	do.
	Samuel J. Allin,	do.	do.
	Edwin A. Tonkin,	do.	do.
	William Rollins,	do.	do.
	Herman Moore,	do.	do.
	Richard Thomas,	do.	do.
	Thomas J. Sabine,	do.	do.
	John Pooley,	do.	do.
	Daniel Williams,	do.	do.

† Brethren marked thus, failed to attend Conference.

Francis M. Whitlock,
William Bryenton,

James A. Dafoe.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full Communion?

A.—James Hoskin, William H. Spargo, John W. Cannon.

Q. 4.—Who remain on trial?

A.—Thomas Brown, John S. Lean, Fergus O'C. Jones,
These have travelled *three* years.

Thomas-W. Blatchford, B.A., Andrew C. Courtice, B.A., S. W. Muxworthy,
William Coombe, William E. Reynolds, S. T. Bartlett.

These have travelled *two* years.

Wesley Down,

*John H. Oke.

These have travelled *one* year.

Q.—5. What Preachers have died during the the year?

A.—CEPHAS BARKER, who was born at Chatham, England, on the 26th day of February, 1818, and died at London, Ontario, on the night of the 13th of November, 1881. He devoted himself to God when 14 years of age, and was soon called to suffer, for Christ's sake, a kind of persecution the hardest to be borne. He commenced the work of preaching in a local sphere while yet a lad in years, and God gave him favor in the sight of the people, and made him useful in his work. He entered the Itinerancy in 1838, and soon rose to eminence and popularity as a preacher. After laboring for 18 years in England, as home-missionary, Circuit-preacher, and Missionary Secretary, he was sent to Prince Edward Island as a deputation, for the special purpose of setting the work there upon a better footing, by removing certain hindrances to prosperity which for some time had prevailed. His mission to that island was designed to terminate in two years, but it was lengthened out to nine. While laboring in the Island he took an active part in educational reforms, which led to his being mobbed and frequently in danger of his life from Romanists and others. Not content with trying to do him bodily injury, his persecutors assailed his good name; but he steadily pursued his way, and grandly lived all opposition down. He negotiated the transference of the Island work to this Conference; and, in 1864, was made President of the Canadian Conference, by ap-

pointment of the English Conference. He filled the chair with great ability on that, and on two other occasions, (in 1865 and 1868,) when he was elected unanimously to the Presidency by his brethren. In 1867, he was elected to the office of Conference Secretary.

He removed from P. E. Island to Ontario in 1865, and was stationed on the Cobourg Circuit. In 1866, when the connexional paper—the OBSERVER—was started, Bro. Barker was appointed editor; and for 14 years he filled that office with marked ability. During a large portion of that time, he was the Manager of the Book and Printing establishments, and also one of our General Treasurers—an office which he filled at the time of his death.

After nearly a year spent in England, where he was in labors most abundant, he returned to Canada; and, by the last Conference, was appointed to the Horton Street church, London, and to the Superintendency of the District. With his wanted ardor, he threw himself into his work. Attention was soon roused to his forceful mode of ministering in holy things, the number of his hearers increased from week to week, fruit of his labors began to appear in the conversion of sinners, and an era of prosperity apparently had set in, when, in the mysterious providence of God, our brother was suddenly removed. He had spent a happy Sabbath in his usual work, and during a Lovefeast,

* Bro. Oke, having been employed immediately after last Conference, is set down as having travelled one year

which terminated his day's labors, he had given solemn and triumphant testimony to the power of grace, and his assurance of heaven; then he retired to rest, and when morning dawned "he was not, for God had taken him."

Bro. Barker was not a common man. He was physically and mentally strong, with marked individuality of character. He excelled equally on the platform and in the pulpit. He was singularly fearless in insisting upon what he believed to be the truth, and unsparing in his denunciations of the prevailing sins of the age. At times his pulpit appeals were overwhelming in their earnestness and power; and often, as he led the devotions of the people, he pleaded with God for himself and them with a pathos and a power that indicated habitual intercourse with God. During his 43 years of ministerial life, he labored ardently, suffered much, and gathered a large harvest of souls.

WILLIAM HOOPER was born at Limestone, in the parish of Brixton, in the Isle of Wight, November 2nd, 1818. He was the youngest of ten children. His father was a pensioner in the British navy, and reared his children in humble but honest poverty. About the time of William's birth, his parents were both soundly converted to Christ, and at once established family prayers, and openly avowed their religious profession. Mr. Hooper remarks in his journal, "What a blessing are truly pious parents: under God I owe everything to the example and prayers of my dear, devoted parents,"—a confession that does unspeakable honor to both parents and son. He also remarks "That his home was under that strict family discipline so necessary to restrain and guide inexperienced youth." So that from a child he was surrounded by godly influences and engirdled in piety; and this was a piety persecuted and tried, for the little Methodist Society, of which Mr. Hooper's parents were members, worshipping in the consecrated barn of his native parish, were soon driven and dispersed by persecution; and a not less malignant attempt was several times made subsequently to drive the pioneer Bible Christian missionaries from the same parish; but, thank God, without effect. The baser sort, urged on by formal and dignified church folk, and

the example and persecuting intolerance of their rector, Samuel Wilberforce, did their utmost to oppose and scatter and destroy the Dissenting sect. But William M. Bailey, the Bible Christian missionary, was not made of such stuff as despots like; fearless in spirit, undaunted in courage, true as steel to his little flock, and faithful to his Master's commission, he continued to hold forth the word of life in that parish, in the cottage by the wayside, on the village green, until a church was reared, against which the gates of hell could not prevail. Amongst the scores and scores who were converted to God there, was William Hooper, who was received into the Church in his *fourteenth* year, in March, 1832, by William M. Bailey. Converted in a good revival, amid the shouts of the redeemed, he ever loved revivals, and rejoiced in a good shout. For a time Bro. Hooper lived near to God, and drank deeply of the spirituality and power of his fellow Christians, though he was living away from home and had several severe trials; but, unfortunately, after this he declined in zeal and piety, neglected class meetings and became a backslider, though presently God restored unto him the joys of his salvation, in answer to the fervent prayers of his parents and friends. Soon after he was restored, he felt constrained to preach Christ to others. His first feeble discourse was preached at Brixton, at the invitation of Bro. F. Havercraft; the next Quarterly Meeting placed him on the plan, and as a local preacher he was very useful and gave some promise; but he felt no preparation or desire for a wider field. His education was limited; his range of knowledge circumscribed; his opportunities few, through no fault of his; he felt he had neither the education nor the information necessary for the regular ministry, and therefore hesitated when urged by Richard Sedwell to enter the Itinerancy. But Mr. Sedwell pressed him into the work, and he was received into the Ministry by the Langtree Conference, in 1840. Without question, Mr. Sedwell was guided of God in directing his servant into the work to which God had called him, and in which he has been so signally honored and blessed. His first appointment was to the Tenterden Mission, with James Way for his pastor. The station was large and poor, and ungainly, and Mr.

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Hooper met with many discouragements in that field; but, through the kindness and counsel of Mr. Way, he held on his course, made proficiency in his studies, greatly improved his gifts and acquirements, and God blessed his labors to the conversion of souls. In 1842, he was removed to the Farnham Mission, where he spent two years with much success, though the field was large and the work hard, and the remuneration small, yet, by close study and a wise economy of time, he immensely improved his stock of information, and made himself much more efficient as a minister of Christ. At the St. Austell Conference of 1844, Mr Hooper was received into full connexion. From this Conference he was appointed to the Shebbear Circuit, where he remained for one year, and was then removed to Somerton, where he worked hard and did much good, but left before the year was closed for America. It was in the spring of 1846 that Bro. Hooper, with Mrs. Hooper and the brethren, Paul Robins and Henry Ebbott, sailed from Padstow, Cornwall, for the American mission field, and landed safely at Quebec. Bro. Hooper's first appointment on this side of the Atlantic was in Wisconsin, as the pioneer missionary in that distant field. After five years of hard and trying labor in the west, he returned to Canada, and was stationed in Peterboro', where he was made a great blessing in building up the Church and leading sinners to Jesus. After this, he was stationed in Bowmanville, Hampton, Cobourg, Cleveland, London, Exeter, Mitchell, and St. Thomas. In all of these stations he was greatly respected, and was more or less useful. At Ebenezer, in the Hampton Circuit, and at Camborne, he realized his largest revivals and his richest harvests of souls; but in no station was he permitted to labor without some souls being saved; and when, after forty-one years of faithful ministry, (thirty-five of it on this continent) he was compelled, at the last Conference, to seek rest and superannuation, he was worn out in the work, and near the end and the home. His was a long, faithful and honored ministry, much honored of his brethren, and more honored of God. Twice he filled the Presidential chair, while for many years he was one of the leading officers and members of this Conference. It is given to but few men

to command so wide a respect and fill so conspicuous a place in the confidence and love of their brethren, for so long a time, as did Bro. Hooper. He did not command so marked a respect because of pre-eminent gifts of intellect, or genius, or oratory. His abilities were good rather than great; and his talents fine rather than conspicuously distinguished. His influence and commanding position among his brethren may be said to have arisen from a combination of good qualities, rather than the dazzling splendor of one rare gift. Chief among these qualities, were his fine manly presence, open and radiant countenance, good and original mental powers, splendid voice, fine self-possession, power of declamation, large and varied information, deep sympathy of nature, signal piety and goodness, and warm and genial love of his brethren. He was one who loved much, and was much loved in return. His rest and change came too late to be of permanent value for the preservation of his life. For a time, the change and sea air on Prince Edward Island seemed to benefit him; but the hopes raised were soon blighted, and a combination of diseases, (organic disease of the heart and dropsy) developed rapidly. For five months he suffered greatly, sometimes excruciatingly, but, in the midst of his greatest agonies, his confidence in God never faltered. If a murmur or complaint was breathed, he immediately hushed it, saying, "God knows best"; "God is good"; "God is too wise to err"; "All is right, all is well." At times his soul was very happy, and between the paroxysms of pain he would talk or shout or sing of his Father's love and home. One day, a little before his death, he bore this remarkable testimony to his Pastor, "I am on the verge of eternity; the invisible world is all about me, but I have no more doubt of the truth of God's word and of my own relation to him, than I have of my existence. The spiritual, the eternal is true; and there it is, right before me as clear as day." God was indeed glorified in him; in afflictions, in trials, in much patience, in the assurance of hope. His last entry in his journal, on his *sixty-second* birthday, was, "I hope to fire a few more arrows for my Master, and win a few more souls for him. I was never more conscious than now that without him I can do nothing." His last utter-

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ance before passing away, on March 1st, 1882, in the sixty-fourth year of his age, and the forty-second year of his ministry, was, "I am too weak to say anything, but it is all right." And all right it was, and is, for one to leave the sorrowing, suffering scenes of earth for the vision and home of God.

ROBERT BAKER, who was born near Barnstaple, in the County of Devon, England. Of his early life, we have no knowledge. He emigrated to Canada in 1862, and for the next three or four years resided in the neighborhood of Exeter. During a protracted meeting, conducted by Bro. L. W. Wickett, at Providence, in the Exeter Circuit, Bro. Baker sought and found mercy at the hands of God, and received a note of admission into our church from Bro. Wickett. He at once showed the vigor of his religious life, by engaging at once in earnest work for God, especially in the prayer-meeting. Feeling a yearning for the salvation of sinners, he soon engaged in the work of preaching Christ in a local sphere,—having in the meanwhile removed to Hampton, where he hoped to obtain a much needed opportunity to increase his educational efficiency. In his new home, our Brother so lived and labored

as to obtain, in due course of time, a recommendation from the Hampton Quarterly Meeting, as a candidate for the ministry. In 1867, he was appointed to the Mitchell Station; and in succeeding years labored in Prince Albert, Fenelon, Bowmanville, Ingersoll, Huntingdon, and Palmyra Stations; and at the Conference of 1881, he was appointed Superintendent of the Wisconsin District. In all these stations, our departed brother was successful in winning souls to Christ. He lived in the affection of his people and his brethren. He greatly delighted and excelled in revival work. Not brilliant as a preacher, he nevertheless brought to the pulpit the fruits of earnest study, and from year to year grew more and more effective in pulpit work. During his brief and fatal illness, his mind was in great peace, and the closing scene of his life was one of holy triumph. He was cut down in the fulness of his strength, in the 14th year of his ministry and the 39th year of his age, leaving us an example of fine Christian activity and earnest zeal. When such a dispensation of providence afflicts us, as this unexpected removal of such a brother from us is, we can only, with bowed heads and submissive hearts, cry, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight."

THE STATIONS.

Q. 6.—How are the Preachers stationed?

A.—As follows:—

I. P. E. Island District.

1. CHARLOTTETOWN—J. Harris.
2. UNION—J. M. Tredrea.
3. VERNON RIVER—J. Ball.
4. MURRAY HARBOR—E. A. Tonkin.
5. WHEATLEY RIVER—W. E. Reynolds.
6. SUMMERSIDE—J. A. Dafoe.
7. WEST CAPE—W. Bryenton.
8. STURGEON—To be supplied.

J. HARRIS, *Superintendent.*

J. BALL, *Church Secretary.*

E. A. TONKIN, *S. School Secretary.*

II. Cobourg District.

9. COBOURG—R. T. Courtice.
 10. CAMBORNE—S. W. Muxworthy.
 11. WELCOME—A. Clarke, one from England, R. Hurley, superannuated.
 12. PORT HOPE—G. H. Copeland.
 13. HUNTINGDON—G. Dunkley.
 14. CAMPBELLFORD—J. Kestle, J. H. Oke.
 15. BELLEVILLE—D. Williams ; G. Bodle, superannuated.

A. CLARKE, *Superintendent*

J. KESTLE, *Church Secretary.*

G. H. COPELAND, *S. School Secretary.*

III. Bowmanville District.

16. BOWMANVILLE—J. Kenner, R. Mallett, B. A., S. T. Bartlett, H. J. Nott, Editor ; P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, and J. Gale, superannuated.
 17. HAMPTON—R. B. Rowe, W. Down.
 18. COLUMBUS—H. Moore.
 19. OSHAWA—W. Ayers.
 20. PRINCE ALBERT—W. Kenner, another ; J. Langdon, superannuated.
 21. PERRYTOWN—T. R. Hull.

W. KENNER, *Superintendent,*

R. B. ROWE, *Church Secretary.*

R. MALLETT, *S. School Secretary.*

IV. Peterboro' & Victoria District.

22. PETERBORO'—W. Jolliffe ; J. W. Butcher, superannuated.
 23. LITTLE BRITAIN—W. C. Beer, A. Richard, Another.
 24. LAKEFIELD—R. Allin.
 25. FENELON—M. Metherell.
 26. LINDSAY—W. Limbert.
 27. MANVERS & CARTWRIGHT—J. Whitlock, T. Brown.
 28. ASHBURNHAM—To be supplied.

W. JOLLIFFE, *Superintendent.*

A. RICHARD, *Church Secretary.*

M. METHERELL, *S. School Secretary.*

V. Toronto District.

29. TORONTO—E. Roberts.
 30. HAMILTON—J. H. Collins.
 31. PICKERING—W. R. Roach
 32. UXBRIDGE—J. W. Cannom.
 33. SUTTON—J. Pooley.
 34. PALMERSTON—G. Smith.
 35. WIARTON—T. H. Dry.

W. R. ROACH, *Superintendent.*

J. H. COLLINS, *Church Secretary*

G. SMITH, *S. School Secretary.*

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VI. Exeter District.

36. EXETER—G. Webber.
 37. MITCHELL—W. S. Pascoe; J. Williams, superannuated.
 38. FULLARTON—J. Weale.
 39. USBORNE—W. Quance, W. Coombe.
 40. CREDITON—T. Broad; J. Edwards, superannuated.
 41. BETHESDA & HENSALL—F. M. Whitlock.
 42. CLINTON—J. J. Rice. T. W. Blatchford, B.A.
 43. COLBORNE—T. J. Sabine.

W. S. PASCOE, *Superintendent.*

W. QUANCE, *Church Secretary.*

F. M. WHITLOCK, *S. School Secretary.*

VII. London District.

44. LONDON CENTRE—W. H. Butt.
 45. LONDON SOUTH—A. C. Courtice, B.A.
 46. LONDON EAST—L. W. Wickett.
 47. LAMBETH—J. G. Yelland.
 48. ST. THOMAS—J. Holmes.
 49. TALBOTVILLE—S. H. Rice.
 50. DEREHAM—H. A. Newcombe.
 51. INGERSOLL—J. Archer.

L. W. WICKETT, *Superintendent.*

J. HOLMES, *Church Secretary.*

W. H. BUTT, *S. School Secretary.*

VIII. Cleveland District

52. CLEVELAND—S. J. Allin.
 53. ORANGE—F. O'C. Jones.
 54. CHAGRIN FALLS—R. Thomas; J. Chapple, superannuated.
 55. NEWBURG—To be supplied.

R. THOMAS, *Superintendent.*

S. J. ALLIN, *Church Secretary.*

F. O'C. JONES, *S. School Secretary.*

IX. Wisconsin District.

56. PALMYRA—W. Medland.
 57. LISBON—J. S. Lean.
 58. YORKVILLE—W. Rollins.
 59. LITTLE PRAIRIE—G. Haycraft.
 60. BURLINGTON—R. Davidson.
 61. WALDO—Left open.

W. MEDLAND, *Superintendent.*

W. ROLLINS, *Church Secretary.*

J. S. LEAN, *S. School Secretary.*

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H. J. Nott,

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X. Manitoba District,

- 62. CRYSTAL CITY—J. Greenway.
- 63. ALEXANDRIA—A. Gordon.
- 64. GRAND VALLEY & SOURIS—J. Hoskin.
- 65. WINNIPEG—One wanted.
- 66. BRANDON—One wanted.

A. GORDON, Superintendent.
 J. GREENWAY, Church Secretary.
 J. HOSKIN, S. School Secretary.

XI. Station Unconnected with Districts.*

- 67.—WINDSOR—T. Mason.
- 68. COLCHESTER—W. H. Spargo.

Q. 7.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

A.—As follows:—

CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Deaths.	Removals	From other Circuits		On Trial.	Approved Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
							Admitted in the year	the year						
Charlottetown.....	1	6	1		1	5		1		112	112	15	200	
Union.....	1	6	4	1		2	1		14	22	110	132	37	216
Vernon River.....	1		3			1	2				67	67	1	30
Murray Harbor.....	1		2	1		1	2		3	8	67	75	18	172
West Cape.....	1		5			1	6		8	8	100	104	16	117
Cobourg.....	1	1	1			2	3	5	28	25	65	90	17	120
Camborne.....	1	3	2			1	1		12	1	91	92	14	79
Welcome.....	2	7	5			1	4		18		187	187	23	163
Huntingdon.....	1	3	5	1	3	17	10	30	33	33	112	145	27	204
Bowmanville.....	7	3	8		10	23	3	93	93	93	511	604	63	597
Hampton.....	2	11	6		5	38	3	11	7	7	237	264	40	325
Columbus.....	1	2	4		2	16		15	12	89	161	18	113	
Oshawa.....	1	4	1		2	42	2	2	20	20	156	170	19	188
Little Britain.....	3	12	9		1	21	4	31	31	31	403	434	99	645
Lakefield.....	1	7	5			5		15	3	3	174	177	30	143
Exeter.....	1	4	2		3	25	4	40	30	30	220	220	39	454
Mitchell.....	2	2	2		7	17	3	3	3	3	170	173	21	244
Fullarton.....	1	4	3		2	18	2	28	28	154	182	19	184	
Usborne.....	2	3	7		3	4	4	10	18	219	237	56	291	
Crediton.....	2	7	5		1	40	37	34	34	190	224	36	289	
Bethesda & Hensall.....	1	3	2		1	20	7	5	5	125	130	19	137	
Colborne.....	1	6	4		2	25		37	37	145	182	31	143	
London Centre.....		3	1		4	2	1	1	1	78	79	16	103	
Dereham.....	1	3	4		1	6		13	13	84	97	13	82	
Cleveland.....	1	3	1		3	7		5	5	97	102	18	130	
Orange.....	1	1	2	1		2	2	2	2	74	74	6	35	
Chagrin Falls.....	2	1	1		1	2	1	1	1	58	58	13	100	
Palmyra.....		2	4	1	2					91	91	29	196	
Lisbon.....	1	1	2			4	2	2	2	7	90	97	19	176
Yorkville.....	1	4	4	1	2	6		11	9	110	119	29	189	

* The Missionary Secretary sustains the same relation to these stations as Superintendents of Districts do to the several Stations in their Districts.

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	Itinerant Preachers	Local Preachers	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Deaths	Removals	From Other Circuits	Admitted in the year	On Trial	Approved Members	Totals	Teachers	Scholars
Summerside	1		1	2		4		24	11	46	56	9	61
Wheatley River	1	1	2	1	1	2		13	2	74	76	14	128
Sturgeon	1		2	3				2	3	18	21	11	70
Port Hope	2	2	1		2	6	2	29	29	92	121	14	114
Campbellford	2		4	2	2	5	3	15		98	98	23	164
Belleville	2		3		3	4	2	29		49	56	8	71
Prince Albert	2	3	6		1	13	8	32	25	118	138	22	134
Perrytown	1		3	2		1	1	3	1	45	46	7	65
Peterboro'	1	3	3		2	10	10	5	5	141	140	21	160
Lindsay	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	2	5	60	65	6	100
Fenelon	1	4	5	2		8	4	15	15	107	122	16	89
Manvers & Cartwright	1	1	6	3	2	33		30	26	213	239	40	305
Ashburnham	1		1			1	1	1	1	31	31	5	27
Toronto	1		1		1	17	2	11	8	85	93	13	144
Hamilton	1		1			2		14	6	42	48	10	135
Pickering	1	7	6	1	1	16		35	35	100	135	24	219
Uxbridge	1	5	3			4		6	2	63	65	14	68
Sutton	1		4	1		8	2	10	10	51	61	22	170
Palmerston	1	2	2		2	4	2	21	11	62	73	12	108
Warton	1	4	3	3	2	1		6	2	95	97	23	165
Clinton	2	7	4	2	2	15	11	15	11	151	162	35	270
London East	1		1		2	12	12	21		80	80	14	120
London South	1	1	1		1	6	2	2	3	64	67	11	89
Lambeth	1	1	3		1	24	1	6	4	85	89	16	102
St. Thomas	1	1	1			4	3	2	1	60	61	14	130
Talbotville	1		2			10	2	2	1	53	54	16	110
Ingersoll	1	2	2	1	2	7	3	30	12	90	102	15	172
Windsor	1		1		2	10		27	16	39	55	12	92
Colchester	1	3	1	2		2		8	8	55	63	15	72
Newburg		4	1				2		10	35	45	7	40
Little Prairie	1	1	1	1	1	3		1		44	44	10	51
Burlington	1	1	1	2	1					61	61	19	141
Waldo	1		1			2		6		10	10	8	45
Crystal City & Snowflake	1		1	3			12	5	2	37	35	10	73
Alexandria	1		1	2						11	11	7	32
Total	81	167	185	40	93	896	177	905	724	6807	7831	1344	10091

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Totals	Teachers	Scholars
112	16	200
132	37	216
87	1	30
75	18	117
104	16	117
90	17	120
92	14	79
187	23	163
145	27	204
604	83	597
264	40	325
101	18	113
170	19	188
434	99	645
177	30	143
250	39	454
173	21	244
182	19	184
237	56	291
124	36	288
30	19	137
82	31	143
79	16	103
97	13	82
02	18	130
74	6	35
58	13	100
11	28	196
7	19	176
9	29	189

Q. 8.—Who are the Conference Officials?

A.—W. S. Pascoe, President; J. J. Rice, Conference and Corresponding Secretary; G. Webber, Secretary of the Church Loan Fund; H. J. Nott, Editor and Corresponding Secretary with England; E. Roberts, Financial Secretary and Book Steward; J. Kenner, Secretary and Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund; W. Quance, General Church Secretary; W. H. Butt, General School Secretary; R. T. Courtice, Missionary Secretary; J. Kenner and R. Souch, Joint-General Treasurers; W. C. Beer and J. Hull, Auditors.

Q. 9.—Who compose the Executive and Missionary Committee?

A.—The President, Secretary, Editor, Missionary Secretary, Superintendents of Districts, Chairman of Examining Committee; Financial, Church and Sabbath School Secretaries, General Treasurers, J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, G. Webber, J. Hull, J. Pickard, T. Bowden.

SUB-COMMITTEES—(WEST).—President and Secretary, G. Webber, J. Pickard. (EAST)—J. Kenner, H. J. Nott, A. Clarke, W. Windatt.

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Q. 10.—Who compose the Stationing Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendents of Districts, District Representatives, Editor, Missionary and Financial Secretaries, and J. Kenner.

Q. 11.—Who are the Examining Committee?

A.—W. C. Beer, A. Richard and W. Quance.

Q. 12.—When and where shall the Executive Committee Meetings be held?

A.—The *first* meeting in September, at Toronto; the *second* meeting in January, at Bowmanville; the *third* meeting, at Exeter, on the Friday previous to next Conference.

Q. 13.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—On the first Wednesday in June, 1883, at the Bible Christian Church, Exeter.—The Preparatory Committees to meet at the same place, on the previous Friday, at 9 o'clock, a.m.

Q. 14.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—P. E. Island District, at Charlottetown, on the *first* or *second* Friday in May; Cobourg, at Welcome; Bowmanville, at Oshawa; Peterboro', at Lakefield; Toronto, at Uxbridge; Exeter, at Elimville; London, at Ingersoll; Cleveland, at Cleveland—all on the *second* Wednesday in May; Wisconsin, at Yorkville, and Manitoba, at Crystal City, both on the *first* Wednesday in May.

Address to the Societies.

DEARLY BELOVED.—The flight of time having again brought around our Annual Conference, we once more address you on matters which, in common with ourselves, you feel and acknowledge to be most important. The fact that you are connected with the visible church of God, is an acknowledgment by you of your conviction that spiritual and eternal things are of infinitely more moment than the things that are temporal. As the years of your lives shall multiply, that conviction will come to you with ever-increasing strength.

We rejoice in the relation which you sustain to our common Saviour, and to all who lovingly bear His name. You have paid your vows unto Him, and He holds you to the daily fulfilment of those vows. The obligations you have assumed are to be more than life-long in duration. By your own solemn consecrating acts, your all was to be given to God, and used for Him, according to His revealed will. You dedicated to Him your affections, your intellect, your influence, your possessions, your lives—for ever.

Nothing is truer than that God demands just such a consecration as this from all His intelligent creatures, and it behoves you from time to time to consider how far you are meeting, or are attempting to meet His demands. He knows and will not forget how far faithfulness or unfaithfulness towards Him has characterized your lives. The past, your past, is on record. As more and more it recedes from you, your recollections of it may and will become fainter. Many things that once stood out with prominence and distinctness in your lives have already faded out of recollection, but you cannot have forgotten the obligations to which by God's great grace you have submitted yourselves, nor the strong and valid reasons you had for assuming those obligations. To forget utterly is impossible, but if possible, it would be sinful. Can you forget the rich and full mercy that brought you your pardon, or the grace that lifted you up into liberty and life? Or that the paternal love of our God has provided for you, guided you, defended you, educated you for a life of higher possibili-

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ties than our earth-life possesses, and by gracious communion, often made your "days as the days of heaven?"

And yet, how much of frailty the past has betrayed.—weakness of faith, lack of zeal, unwatchfulness, too little religious progress made. The recollection of these things, should lead to humiliation before God, to re-consecration, and to the more earnest pursuit of things divine and eternal. Never more than now is this necessary. The age is largely skeptical, you should therefore "hold fast the form of sound words, . . . in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus;" adding to the ardency of your piety, the power which cultivated intelligence and accurate knowledge can give. Your stronger faith should answer and rebut the challenges which avowed unbelief is making. You "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The materialistic tendencies of the age should be rebuked by your ever-increasing spirituality of mind and life. Your religious life should be one of constant growth.

In one only way can these things be realized by you. You must assert your privileges in Christ our Lord. His blood can cleanse you, and you must not rest until it has fully cleansed you. You may, and therefore you ought to be "filled with the Spirit." Religion must be to you a thing of common every-day life. All you do must be for God. You are "called unto holiness," and its fruits must be seen in your tempers, principles, words, and deeds. You are to demonstrate the true sacredness of life by the God-like qualities which real piety imparts to it. "As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation," is a scriptural law to which you must be willingly subject and obedient. If this law shall be operative within you, it will lift and keep you above all that is sordid and selfish, all that is hurtful and God-dishonoring, and make you instruments of blessing to all within your reach.

"A holy people unto the Lord!" What a calling, and what a destiny! Blameless in life, reverent in worship, conscientious in service, zealous in well-doing, fit to live, ready to die, meet for heaven. That is what you should be. There should be no strife among you but for this great end, no contention but as to how you may excel

in all that pertains to godliness, no dominant concern save as to how you may best serve God in the world.

Too many, alas! content themselves with far less of spiritual attainment than this. They give too little time and care to the pursuit of the "most excellent gifts." They are not so devout, so prayerful, so consistent in their behaviour, so regular in their attendance upon the means of grace, or so conversant with the Book of books as they ought to be. Are there not too many homes where Christ is not fully honored, where no altar-fires burn, and no daily sacrifices are offered? Is it not true, that, in too many instances, the vows of consecration are held to mean but little of effort for God and the souls of men, and smallness of gift in aid of evangelizing work to perform which, the church of God was called into being? This state of things will not cease to be, until another Pentecost is sought and experienced, and all are "filled with the Holy Ghost." "We beseech you brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and please God, so ye would abound more and more."

We would remind you of how short your time is. Many and loud calls are constantly given to you to be faithful to God, and be ready for His call. Death is continually invading the church, the pulpit, and the family circle. True, heaven is the richer for the doings of death. During the last year 93 have gone from our churches, they have finished their course, and have been summoned home. Our ministerial ranks have thus been depleted also, three of our brethren having gone to their rest and reward, and to continue their service for God, under better conditions than this life affords, as well as to realize perfection of life forever. Two of those brethren had long been prominent amongst us, for they were among the foremost in council and in work. The first fell in the harness: after a happy and full Sabbath's work, he suddenly and quietly passed out of life. Bro. C. Barker had long been known as a brother of great and various gifts, all of which he had, from his youth, consecrated to God. He was a brother beloved, whose loss to us is not a small one. To very many his memory is and will be blessed. Bro. W. Hooper was too well known to you to need description here. He was a

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man highly honored of God. His ministry was a fruitful one, and both at our council boards, and in our denominational work he did great and gainful service. After many months of exquisite bodily pain, he has triumphantly ascended to his rest. We miss those two men of marked presence and power from our Conference more than we can tell; but their God and ours liveth. Bro. R. Baker, a much younger man than either, has gone from us too. Stricken down in the fulness of his life and strength, his death was a sad and unexpected surprise to us all. His was a life of zealous labor, upon which, in all his stations, the Master set His approving seal. Do not forget that these blows have fallen heavily upon widowed hearts and orphaned lives. Let your prayers go up for them before the Lord. Another of the brethren leaves the active work, for the comparative rest and obscurity of a superannuated relation. Bro. Butcher seeks the rest and quiet which advancing years and increasing infirmity require. He carries into his retirement the happy knowledge that he has not lived in vain, for God has used him as His instrument in the conversion and building up of many souls during his thirty-nine years of itinerant life. May God be gracious to our brother in the gift of abounding blessings. The fathers still remain with us, grey and bent, and feeble in body; but living and laboring for the Master still, and awaiting with tranquility and joy the summons that must come soon. May it be given both to you and ourselves to follow them as they have followed Christ.

One important question has lately been discussed with much interest by ministers and members of the several Methodist bodies. We refer to the question of Methodist Union. Doubtless you have thought of it with that gravity and care which its

importance demands. It is one of the great questions of the day. And it demands recognition. We cannot afford, for many reasons, to neglect it, or to fail to act decisively with it in some way. It will be for you really to decide what course we, as a denomination, shall pursue in relation to it. We entertain the expectation that you will consider it, and act respecting it in the fear of God, prayerfully, calmly and intelligently, and that you will be careful as far as possible to make your decision concerning it subordinate to this one only consideration,—“What course will most glorify God, and benefit mankind?” Whatever our Denominational relationship shall be in the future, it is well for you and us to recollect, that we shall soon be beyond the weariness and strife of earth. Let us hold ourselves ready to join “the church of the first-born” in heaven. We shall be ready if we adorn our lives as we may adorn them, by Christlikeness, “by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the armor of righteousness, on the right hand and on the left.” If in these things we abound, it will matter little to us how early we may fall in the battle field, or how long we may have “to bear the burden in the heat of the day.” We shall live “as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things;” and afterwards shall pass away in triumph to where

“Every heart
Catches God’s smile; each eye reflects it: all
In body and in spirit, sunless myriads.
Filled with empvreal vigor, filled with God,
And radiant with the glory of the Lamb”—
shall live and reign forever.

W. S. PASCOE, *President.*

JAMES J. RICE, *Secretary.*

Address to the English Conference.

DEAR AND HONORED BRETHREN.—From our annual Conference we again greet you in the Lord, and send you our unfeigned and fervent love in the gospel of Christ, feeling that the bonds of the gospel are no

common ties, and, therefore, that we are one not only in denominational name and attachment, but in the yet higher and more abiding fellowships of the one spirit and faith and hope of the Eternal Word.

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Born again of the same regeneration, transformed by the same Holy Ghost, baptized into the same baptism, sharers of the same trials, servants of the same blessed Master, set for the defense of the same truth, accepting the same grand old text-book, the Bible of God, and pre-eminently aiming at the same simple but sublime results, a harvest of souls for Christ, it is therefore meet that we should, from year to year, seek to express, and deepen, and perfect those bonds which unite us so truly and permanently.

We rejoice greatly in your successes and in the trophies you have won for Christ. We have watched with unabated interest the manifested presence and power of God among you from place to place and from month to month; and we now beg to assure you how fervently we prayed for and how greatly we rejoiced in the ingathering to the churches you have been honored to share. May God more abundantly bless you, that you may never have to ask, Is the Word true? Is Christ able to save? Is God still with us as with our fathers? but with tremulous gladness may you ever feel, God is with us, while the multitudes of the saved shall testify back: Yes, the Lord of Hosts is in your midst as a crown of glory.

We rejoice to have been permitted this year to lead some souls to Jesus, but our conversions, as reported, average only about twelve souls for each minister employed, and but five for each church and preaching place occupied; a result by no means commensurate to the needs of men or the power of God.

We are therefore hoping, in the near future, to realise much greater prosperity, for there must be arrows of truth yet lodged in the hearts of the King's enemies, and prayers bottled till the demand becomes so pressing that He who is mighty to save shall make haste to avenge His own elect.

The past year has been to us exceptionally trying and severe in the demands made upon our ranks by death. We know that in this we are called to share in a common grief and loss, for the past year has been exceptional in both church and state, in the large number of great and distinguished men that death has called away. Perhaps thereby God is teaching us all lessons of the greatest value and the widest application on the vanity of the

earthly, however great, on the splendor and eternity of the spiritual, on the need and final dependence of all men upon God without them and the spiritual within them. To see President Garfield and Morley Punshon, Edward Miall and Cephas Barker, Dean Stanley and William Hooper, leaning on the same Saviour and finding their only support in the same precious truth at last, is a delightful testimony to the divinity and adaptation of that word which liveth and abideth for ever.

The first death we were called to mourn was that of Cephas Barker, in November last, after forty-four years of faithful, successful and distinguished ministry. His was a ministry of rare gifts, of rare power, because of a still more rare consecration; the whole man was laid upon the altar, and *always* upon the altar. From what he conceived to be the Master's will, nothing could divorce him. He was true to his work, to his brethren, to the church, because true to God. He lived and labored as one who must give an account; and well he did, for when the reckoning time came there might be no delay. He had preached his last sermon on "Justification by faith," and held up the cross over the perishing and lost. He distributed the memorials of the Saviour's death, of which he was never again to partake until he drank it new in the Father's kingdom. He spoke to his dear people of a good hope through grace, retired to rest, whispering his last good-night, to awake in the light and sweetness and glory of heaven.

The second death we were called to mourn was that of our much loved William Hooper, a fellow-laborer of over forty years, and nearly all of that long and honored ministry spent on this continent. A form so prominent, that had never been absent from one of our Conferences since it was formed, cannot but be greatly missed; but he has passed from the work and fellowship he loved so well, and the suffering and weariness and griefs he endured so patiently, to the rest and home of God, where the inhabitants never say, "I am sick."

The third death we were called to deplore was that of Robert Baker, only thirty-nine years of age, in the prime of life, full of vigor and robustness, delighting in his ministry and bringing to it an

It is one of the days. And it does not afford for it, or to fail to in some way. It decide what course shall pursue in relation to the expectations, and that you will be to make your subordinate to this

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unquenched ardor with a passion for souls, he was summoned so soon, so swiftly, to the life beyond; while a young wife and little children, and a twice bereaved and helpless widow leaned upon him for support and counsel. But neither friends, nor work, nor service could detain him to whom the Master had said, "Come up higher; enter into my joy and sit down on my throne." Under these circumstances we are sadly bereaved as a Conference, and have not ministers enough to fill our stations. Oh! that the Lord of the harvest would raise up laborers to fill the place and emulate the example of the noble departed.

This Conference is a sort of transit on one; our fathers, many of them, are absent for the first time, and the work is passing into younger hands. But we trust God is not less present with us; certainly He is not less necessary. "Brethren pray for us." The presence of our good Bro. Bourne—your delegate—in this Conference, is a great pleasure to us. His pleasant intercourse, his genial bearing, his wise counsels, his fine spirit, his tender and powerful ministry, have made him to be deeply loved by us all, and we shall ever retain a grateful memory of his visit to our Conference and Dominion. The only drawback to the otherwise full cup of pleasure which his presence affords, was the strange, unaccountable oversight of yours in failing to appoint him our President. Please send him again soon with his appointment fixed and his credentials unquestionable. But be assured of this, he has fulfilled his mission with an ability, a delicacy, a generosity that reflects great

credit on him and you. Accept our sincere thanks for his visit and your love.

We have asked you to agree to the superannuation of our highly esteemed brother, John W. Butcher, whose growing infirmities, after upwards of forty years of faithful service, have compelled him to seek rest and retirement, where we hope he may find a sphere of quiet work fitted to his age and failing strength, and so finish his course with joy. During the sessions of our Conference, very important matters have engaged our attention and called forth animated and exhaustive discussion; notably, the extension of our mission field, so as to overtake the wants of our great new Western country, and the question of "Methodist Union." But notwithstanding widely divergent views at times expressed, we have maintained the unity of the spirit in the bonds of love, and the Conference, on the whole, has been pleasant and profitable. The public means of grace have been well attended, and many of the services times of refreshing and power. And we hope to live and labor as in the great Master's eye and for the Master's glory, so that we may finish the work which He has given us to do. And now, brethren, we commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to keep you from falling and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified. For so an abundant entrance shall be ministered unto you into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

W. S. PASCOE, *President.*

J. J. RICE, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS

from the Australian to the Canadian Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN.—The opportunity again presents itself to send you, from our annual gathering, a few words of sympathy and goodwill. We assure you of our unabated interest in the work to which you have given the best energies of your life. Time only deepens the conviction with us that the spread of pure religion is essential to the happiness of men

and the strength and prosperity of nations. God will ever honor those who honor Him, but to despise him is to be lightly esteemed.

We can rejoice with you in all your success, for your success is ours. Every heart comforted, every life reformed, every home brightened, and every soul saved is a joy to us. Our work must, in

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many respects, bear a close resemblance to yours. Our field of labor is of immense extent, and every year new settlements are formed, and the energies and resources of the church are taxed to supply the people with the word of life.

We have seen the remark made respecting your country that it "extends from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth;" so that new doors are constantly opening and inviting your entry. Your country has furnished a home to the over-crowded population of England, and we also have drawn largely from the same source. We are thankful that so many have heard the glad tidings from your lips, and that by the preaching of the gospel your country is being established on a secure basis. True religion has nothing to fear from enlightened science. God's word, when rightly interpreted, will speak in harmony with nature, when her secrets are disclosed and her mysteries explained. The bible, though often assailed, lives on, and as the years go by and fresh discoveries are made, the truthfulness of its records is placed beyond all doubt. We welcome light from every quarter, and all who can bring it, whether from the heavens above or the earth beneath, we will hail as co-workers. We do not tremble for the safety of the ark of God, but for the men who speak contemptuously of that which has been sought and prized by the noblest and the best of all ages. The religion of Christ is to day the joy and inspiration of millions of our race. We have read with great pleasure the revised New Testament, and whilst, we lose the ring of some of the familiar passages, it is a great satisfaction to know that so much care has been taken to present to the world the exact truths which Christ uttered and the Apostles wrote. The sale of so large a number of copies is a sufficient proof that the bible still lives in the affections of multitudes. It must hold its own, for it responds to the deepest cry of the human heart. It promises the very blessings we need:—rest to the weary, comfort to the sad, peace to the troubled, and full and free forgiveness to all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one but Jesus has so sweet an invitation to the weary as this: "Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Our ranks have recently been broken by the unexpected death of Bro. J. Rock. His illness was of short duration. He was preaching on Wednesday evening, the 25th of January, and the Wednesday following went to his rest. Bro. Rock was sixty years of age, and he labored for twenty-five years with considerable success on several of our Stations. The brethren Keen, Ashton and Rock, have died at about the same age, in full work, their harness on, and their spirits hopeful, their illness in each case of only a few days. Their prayer has been realized.

"Oh that without a lingering gown
I may the welcome word receive;
My body, with my charge lay down,
And cease at once to work and live."

And still more sudden was the death of Bro. C. Barker. We read with surprise the account of his labors during his stay in England, and we were pained to find that his work was closed by death so soon after his return to you. Preaching to others, distributing the memorials of the Lord's death to the saints, and then speaking to each other of all the way the Lord had led them, and then an abundant entrance into the Kingdom, all crowded into one short but ever memorable Sabbath. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." We trust that his mantle may fall on others, and that we who remain may work with increased earnestness and devotion, because the night in which no man can work is so near at hand.

This Conference will be a very memorable and profitable one with us. It will be memorable because Bro. Bourne is our President, and the service he is rendering by his preaching and addresses; and his demeanor and Christian-like spirit must result in good to us all. Our brother's praise is in all the churches, and deservedly so. We esteem him very highly for his works, sake, and we pray that his life may long be spared, and his health continued; that he may, with his wonted tenderness and power, make known the unsearchable riches of Christ, and proclaim the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

Bro. Foster's health necessitates his superannuation, and Bro. Hancock's is not sufficiently re-established to enable him to enter into full work again. The brethren J. Way, J. Roberts, T. Allen, and J.

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Ridcliff, are still spared, and render, in various ways, service to the church.

Our success has not been what we have desired, but the souls converted during the year prove that the Lord is still in our midst.

"Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. Amen!"

By order of the Conference,

F. W. BOURNE, *President*.
JAMES STOYEL, *Secretary*.

Address to the Australian Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN, AND FELLOW-LABORERS IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, GREETING.—Your annual Address to us, so expressive of sympathy and goodwill, was received while in Conference assembled, under circumstances of more than an ordinary character, being borne by the hand and expressed by the living voice of the dear and honored brother of whom you made choice to preside over your annual Conference, thus wisely seizing your opportunity to make his visit among you what it has been, and attended with such beloved results.

Although representing you in the relation mentioned, yet equally with yourselves, we hail with pleasure the presence of Bro. Bourne among us in our Canadian Conference, and, as time and opportunity may offer, we shall be glad for him to visit some of the most important points in our Canadian field, believing, as we do, that we shall be highly benefitted and that important service will be rendered to our cause. His stirring addresses, his wise counsels, combined with the genial Christ-like spirit, as with you, has won our highest respect and most sincere love.

We beg to assure you that any joy of yours, induced by our success, not only brings to us a noble inspiration but wakes kindred feeling on our part. The cause of Christ, in which we serve, is common both to us and you, hence the similarity of labor to which you so happily allude, and the same will largely apply, doubtless, to the fields of labor occupied.

The fact of our relation as partners of like precious faith and fellow-heirs to the grace of life, gives us the warrant to address you as fellow-laborers in the Gospel of Christ, called to serve under the same Master, prompted by the same spirit, declaring the same message; one in hope, in object and aim; with the same incen-

tives to continue to labor until the Master shall dismiss from service, pronounce the well done, and graciously confer the promised reward.

Instances, still very fresh in memory, have occurred, both with us and you, as evidence of the fact, that however efficient and honored the laborer, he may suddenly terminate his labors, and it be left to others to fill his place. A solemn feeling steals upon us at the mention of names of highly esteemed brethren, which have been called on our active ministerial list for the last time, such as C. Barker, W. Hooper and R. Baker. These removals by death from our ranks are felt to be an all but irreparable loss, yet we bow submissively in our acknowledgment of Divine wisdom. "Even so Father for so it seemeth good in thy sight" They were ripe for the harvest, and ready for the garner.

Bro. J. W. Butcher, after thirty-nine years of successful labor in the ministry among us, seeks a superannuated relation, which has been readily accorded him. He is sufficiently vigorous, however, to render some service to the cause where he may choose to locate.

We deeply sympathize with you in the loss you have sustained through the death of Bro. J. Rock, who was so highly esteemed and sincerely loved, and whose place in the ministry, arising from the paucity of laborers, you doubtless will find it difficult to fill.

The reported area of our field, namely, "from the river to the ends of the earth," as you have heard, though not altogether untrue, even when playfully applied, yet, does not seem to form a boundary line beyond which the rush of immigration does not seem to pass, even to regions yet beyond. How to man and sustain our new mission field in Manitoba and the

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North West, to which many hundreds, if not thousands, of our own people are going, has been and still is a question of serious deliberation; and the new settlements in your own Colony, formed, doubtless, in part at any rate, by those of your own societies, who have migrated from older settlements, open to you inviting doors, which, because of limited resources, you find it difficult to enter. May the Lord of the harvest thrust out laborers, and the liberal devise liberal things in supplying pecuniary means.

The question of Methodist Union, now so generally under discussion, will demand from us serious deliberation, and, as other Methodist bodies have done in their annual gatherings, we shall need to place ourselves in a position to receive and consider proposals of a union basis. The immaturity of the movement will require caution, and should debar precipitancy. We need the wisdom that is profitable to direct, on a question of such grave import. Whether any basis can be laid that will secure greater success in a united, than in our present relation and manner of working, the future must reveal. As a Conference, we have been necessitated by the force of circumstances to appoint a committee to confer with other committees in regard to preliminaries.

The discussions on important matters brought before our Conference, have been conducted in a spirit of harmony and kindly Christian feeling. Our public ser-

vices have been seasons of refreshing, and the presence of the Master has been blessedly realized.

The limited measure of success, as shown by our statistical record for the present year, moved us to honest enquiry, and great searchings of heart, and prompts us to greater diligence in the use of every means necessary to more satisfactory results. Holiness is power, may it be written on every heart, and practised in every life.

The ultimate issue and triumph of Divine truth are certain. God hath spoken it. The Cross and Christianity are the greatest moral forces in the Universe today. The gospel provision is the only adequate supply for human want. The name of Jesus is being increasingly exalted, and at His supremacy every knee shall yet bow, and every tongue confess, and a world redeemed, conquered, blessed and saved by the might of Divine love, shall pay universal homage to Him whose right it is to reign.

Conscious of the honor and obligation of any divinely appointed instrumentality to help carry out the commission of the Great Head of the Church; we repeat our greeting as fellow-heirs of grace, and fellow-laborers in this service, and pray that in the day of Christ all may rejoice that we have not run in vain, nor labored in vain.

W. S. PASCOE, *President.*
J. J. RICE *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

FINANCE REPORT.

In submitting their report, the Treasurers deem the following points noteworthy, viz.:—1. That according to the investigations of committee, our total connexional liabilities at June, 1880, were. \$65,579 26 The supposed assets were..... 11,698 00

Leaving a balance to be provided of..... \$53,881 26 Of the assets, it has been found that \$500 that stood against St. Thomas church had long previously been voted by Conference,

though not written off; that in arranging with the friends in Lindsay, it was necessary to throw off \$950 held against the estate, while the old church has decreased \$50 in supposed value; that the \$600 which had stood against the Windsor estate had been reduced to \$418.12, showing a loss of \$181.88, and a total reduction in the value of assets of \$1,681.88.

2. That the interest on borrowed capital had only been calculated up to June 1, 1881, and the canvass not being completed

in time to secure pledges till the first of August, at which time a number of thousands of dollars remained unpaid, thereby produced loss in interest on said amount.

3. On June 1, 1882, there remained a balance of unpaid subscriptions of \$1,289.72, showing the districts to stand as follows, viz.:-

Cobourg, still due.....	\$ 45 50
Exeter, " "	170 00
London, " "	287 75
Toronto, " "	252 60
P. E. Island, still due.....	25 00
Victoria and Peterboro', still due.	376 50
Brimanville, still due.....	123 32
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Windsor, \$1.00 to the good; Rock Lake, complete; Wisconsin, complete; Cleveland, surplus; E. Roberts' list, \$347 95 to the good; Special list, \$210.00 to the good.

4. In borrowing and paying off, in receiving of subscriptions, paying interest and reducing indebtedness, about \$700.00 per week in the average have passed through the Treasurer's hands during the two years. An effort has been made amidst much anxiety to get at a correct knowledge of our financial position at the present time; to that end the following figures are submitted:

Total amount of money borrowed.....	\$33,119 00
Interest to the 1st of June, 1882.....	1,223 27
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ASSETS.

Loan to Belleville.....	200 00
Lindsay old church.....	750 00
" " new church and parsonage.....	2,224 70
Peterboro' church.....	2,603 50
Alexandria parsonage.....	230 00
Interest on the above to June 1, 1882.....	135 18
Do - as overpaid to W. Kinley.....	87 50
Balance of subscription promised.....	1,289 72
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	4,292 53
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Balance of Connexional indebtedness.....	22 534 14
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The amount of cash borrowed bears the following rates of interest:

At 6 per cent.....	\$19,219 00
At 6½ per cent.....	4 000 00
At 7 per cent.....	5,500 00
At 8 per cent.....	1,400 00
At \$50 per quarter.....	3,000 00
	33,119 00

The average interest is \$6.37 and a fraction per cent. or a total of \$2,110.14.

J. KENNER.

The report was adopted. Bro. Kenner was heartily thanked for his services, and reappointed.

CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting this Annual Report your Secretary regrets that he still is unable to express himself as satisfied with the state of things in this department. It seems that even yet sufficient care has not been bestowed upon the accounts in filling up the schedules, or perhaps in auditing the Church Steward's and Trustee Steward's books.

We find the total receipts for the year to be \$27,503 29½; disbursements, \$33,157 50½, showing an increase of receipts over last year of \$4,147 36½, and of disbursements \$12,707 04½.

The Comparative Statement is as follows: Total value of church property last year was \$370,998 75; present value, \$387,042 32, the increase for the year being \$16,195 41. The returns show that there have been improvements to the extent of \$9,155 16; new church property, \$6,710 25; new parsonage property, \$800.

On the debt side we have the following: Debt returned last year, \$58,906 81; present debt, \$59,582 52, being an increase of debt of \$675 71. Toward this debt there are subscriptions promised to the amount of \$3,926 16, making the total debt unprovided for \$55,656 36.

Taking up the separate districts, showing as far as the returns from the District Secretaries will enable me to do, we find the following:—

1. *P. E. Island District.*—Here two churches have been built and opened during the year, valued at \$1,350. Murray Harbor church has been completed and opened for worship, at an additional cost of \$306. There has been paid as principal \$699 75. The increase of value from new property and improvements is \$1,826 14; present value is \$26,836 99; debt, \$2,562 66.

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2. *Cobourg*.—On this district one church has been built at Eldorado, on the Huntingdon circuit, at a cost of \$1,100. Very extensive alterations and improvements have been made in the Cobourg church, at a cost of \$883.09, and the whole of the expenses have been met. The Campbellford church has been painted and fenced, and the Camborne church has been painted. The increase of church and parsonage for the year is \$2,093.64. Present value for the district, \$38,052.63. Present debt, \$5,273.60.

3. *Bowmanville*.—Considerable activity has been manifested in connection with our church estates on this district during the year. The following sums have been paid in reducing the principal: Bowmanville church, \$120.00; Hampton church, \$300.00; Enfield church, \$134.00; Brooklin church, \$60.00; at Oshawa \$600.00 has been paid on the church and \$110.00 on the parsonage. The Bowmanville church has been improved and the improvements paid for; Bethesda church, on the same circuit, has been improved at a cost of \$429.00 and all met. Siloam church, on the Columbus circuit, has been improved and paid for. On the Oshawa church \$185.00 has been expended for the same purpose. Total value of church property for the district, \$61,948.46, being an increase this year of \$822.97. Present debt \$6,024.71.

4. *Peterboro, and Victoria*.—In this district one church has been built on the Lakefield circuit, at a cost of \$1200.00 and paid for. Principal paid off during the year \$1,536.35. Value of church property in this district is \$56,534.04, being an increase for the year of \$1,376.76. Present debt \$10,582.10.

5. *Toronto*.—Though this is a mission district, the debt on the estates is larger than on any other, being \$13,073.92. Principal paid off during the year \$213.02. Present value of property \$47,872.39, being an increase of \$233.61. Present debt \$12,876.00.

6. *Exeter*.—The largest increase to our church estates for the year has been on this district. At Exeter a large addition has been made to the church, involving an outlay of \$4,400, \$2,200 of which has been paid, and providing increased ac-

comodation for 330 persons. At Holmesville, on the Clinton circuit, one of the most beautiful churches in the denomination has been built at a cost of \$2,080, towards which \$1,870 have been paid. At Crediton a Parsonage has been purchased, at a cost of \$800. Considerable improvements have been made in all the circuits in this district as \$4,929.65 has been returned as improvements. Value at present is \$57,899.20. Increase this year \$7,449.65. Present Debt \$5,159.26.

7. *London*. This district has also shown great zeal during the year in connection with our church estates. At London Centre the parsonage has been improved and furnished at a cost of \$346.46. At Delaware, in the Lambeth circuit, the church has been very much improved and an organ has been put into the Lambeth church. At Dereham \$140 has been paid for improvements—and \$113.22 at St. Thomas. Ingersoll has during the past year made a very fine effort, and paid off \$300, thus reducing the debt from \$900 to \$600. Present district value \$36,967.51. Increase for the year \$1,064.39. Present debt \$9,099.92.

8. *Cleveland*.—Our friends across the line are desirous of keeping their churches in good condition. The church in Cleveland has been improved at a cost of \$175. Improvements to the amount of \$243 have been made. Present value \$26,135.19. Present debt \$3,986.15.

9. *Wisconsin*.—The returns from this district are so imperfect that very little can be said about church property on the district. A church has been built at Waldo, costing \$845.25. Present value \$26,102.75. Increase for the year \$1,085.25. Present debt \$610.

10. *Stations unconnected with districts*.—Your Secretary learns that in the North-West two churches have been built, but no information concerning them has been forwarded to him.

On the whole there is a very laudable activity manifested by our friends, in relation to our Trust Estates. And the prayer of your Secretary is, that, upon those who assemble to worship in those churches, the Spirit of God may abundantly rest, that great grace may be upon all.

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SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT—1881-2.

Your Sabbath School Secretary, in presenting the statistical returns of our Sabbath School work, begs to call your attention to the following important points:—

1. The schools on the Prince Edward Island District, on the whole, are in a flourishing condition, there being an increase of 1 school, 15 teachers, and 112 scholars; while the cash receipts are over \$95 in advance of last year. In this District there is a decided preference shown for the *Sunday School Ensign* over all other papers. It strikes me, however, that the literature in Charlottetown school is inadequate to the wants of the children, there being but 200 volumes in the library, with only 30 copies of the *Ensign* subscribed for to provide reading matter for a school of 200, with an average attendance of 150. West Cape, with 3 schools, takes only 2 *Ensigns*, and no other papers. Some suggestions from the District Meeting I will lay before you in a separate form.

2. Cobourg District, with the same number of schools as last year, reports an increase of 10 teachers, 28 scholars, and \$224.91 raised for school purposes. There is an increase in the circulation of the *Ensign*, which stands well as compared with the circulation of other papers, there being 343 *Ensigns* against 183 other papers.

3. Bowmanville District reports an increase of 2 schools, 11 teachers, 79 scholars, 705 books in the libraries, and \$73.80 cash receipts. Perrytown returns are very imperfect, and the District Secretary wonders how the friends on that Mission carry on schools without raising any money. There is in this District a decrease of 32 *Ensigns*, while there is an increase of 57 other papers. Prince Albert mission, with 3 schools, does not take a single *Ensign*, while 85 other papers are subscribed for.

4. Peterboro' & Victoria District presents a bad showing throughout—a decrease of 2 schools, 3 teachers, 32 scholars, and \$6.68. In the matter of *Ensigns*, the report is still worse. There is a decrease of 249 *Ensigns*, while there is an increase of 333 other papers. There are taken on the District 249 *Ensigns*, as against 552 other papers. Little Britain circuit appears in a bad light in this department. It has 8 schools, with 645 scholars, and only takes 19 *Ensigns*, while 230 other papers are subscribed for. Better things should be expected from what, in most respects, may be termed the banner circuit of the District. Both Manvers and Fenelon show a lack of appreciation of our own literature, as compared with other periodicals, there being 45 against 196, and 11 against 80, respectively.

5. Toronto District shows an increase all along the line—5 schools, 4 teachers, 119 scholars, 80 *Ensigns*, and \$84.74 raised for school purposes. Uxbridge, receiving a grant of \$130 from the Conference, with 2 schools on the Mission, numbering 68 scholars, takes no *Ensign*, but subscribes for 20 other papers. Toronto School, with 144 scholars, takes only 35 *Ensigns*, as against 170 other papers. Warton takes 30 *Ensigns* and 84 other papers.

6. Exeter District reports the same number of schools as last year, with an increase of 1 teacher, 130 scholars, and 146.38 cash receipts. It is to be deplored that there is such a falling off in the circulation of the *Ensign* in this District, as well as in the Peterboro' & Victoria District. While there is an increase of 317 other papers, there is a decrease of 197 *Ensigns*. Fullarton, with 3 schools, and 184 scholars, takes no *Ensigns*, but subscribes for 55 other papers. In the support of denominational literature, Exeter is doubtless the banner school in

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the Conference, as the returns of the 2 schools show that 180 *Ensigns* are taken, as against 60 other papers.

7. London District appears to be doing well in the Sabbath School department. Special mention is made by the District Secretary, of the prosperous condition of London East and London South schools. As Windsor District was abolished last year and a part of the ground transferred to the London District, I cannot give a comparative statement of the latter, as compared with last year's returns. There are 269 *Ensigns* taken, as against 389 other papers. Ingersoll, with 2 schools and 172 scholars, and drawing \$90 from the Missionary Society, takes no *Ensigns*, but distributes 85 other papers.

9. Cleveland District, though small, presents a fair showing. It reports an increase of 4 teachers, 9 scholars, and \$20.68. In all the Districts there is not a single *Ensign* taken, while 165 other papers are received and distributed among 308 scholars. For some reason or other, the *Ensign* does not receive much favor nor patronage from our American friends.

10. Wisconsin District reports the same number of schools, with a decrease of 10 teachers, and an increase of 36 scholars, and \$64.78. Palmyra is the only circuit in the District that takes *Ensigns*, and that is to the extent of 52 copies, while on the District 304 other papers are subscribed for.

11. Stations unconnected with Districts report as follows:—

Windsor, 1 school, 12 teachers, 92 scholars 6 conversions, 8 church members, 100 volumes in library, 50 *Ensigns*, and \$23.97 raised for school purposes. The pastor says, "This school is doing well. The attendance is more than double what it was a year ago; so are the collections."

Colchester, 2 schools, 15 teachers, 72 scholars, 5 conversions, 13 church members, 100 volumes in libraries, 43 *Ensigns* taken, and \$10.82 raised for school purposes.

Manitoba, 2 schools, 13 teachers, 63 scholars, 4 church members, 15 *Ensigns*, and \$10 raised for school purposes. The pastor says, "Crystal City Sabbath School was only very recently organized, and this accounts for papers not being taken, etc."

In summarizing, I would say that the returns under the head of "teetotallers," are so imperfect and irregular that but little reliance can be placed upon the figures. They vary very much from year to year. We would suggest the propriety of forming Juvenile Temperance Societies in connection with our Sabbath Schools, and the desirability of circulating temperance pledge cards, so that not only fuller and more complete returns may be secured, but that the children may grow up fully indoctrinated with teetotal principles.

It is pleasing to note a large increase in the average attendance of teachers, as well as in the regular attendance of scholars. There is a marked improvement in the number of schools kept open during the year, and a greater interest is evidently being manifested in teachers' meetings, which, in the majority of cases, are held quarterly. The international lessons are almost universally used in our schools.

The greatest drawback, and one which must have struck your minds rather forcibly, in connection with the former part of this report—one which your Secretary called attention to in part; through the *Observer*—one that presents so

serious an aspect as to call for a close and searching examination, is the fact that the Sunday School *Ensign* does not receive that patronage and support from our Sunday Schools which it deserves. While there has been an increase of 850 other papers, there has been a sad decrease of 451 *Ensigns*; so that instead of our own denominational paper being in the ascendant as it should be, it is cast into the shade by other papers of lesser merit. The totals show that only 2443 *Ensigns* are taken, as against 3,026 other papers. Is not the decrease of the *Ensign* largely due to its change of form and the inferiority of its mechanical execution? We hope this matter may receive due consideration, and that more attention be given by the brethren to the circulation of the *Ensign*.

W. H. BUTT

REPORT OF BOOK-STEWARD.

In presenting my annual report, I do it with feelings of gratitude and pleasure, for while the duties connected with the office have been at times quite onerous, and the time required to perform them more than could well be spared from other important duties, yet it has been a service not devoid of pleasing aspects, nor unblest with some degree of satisfaction; for it has placed me in direct correspondence with a large number of my brethren, enabling me to enjoy their confidence, and the consciousness that in serving the interest of the Book-room, I was also, by my liberal discounts and suitable selection of books, promoting the welfare of my patrons. I trust the interest taken by so many in ordering Libraries, Rewards, and literature of all needed kinds, will be felt by all, as we are prepared to allow as large a discount on all books as can be procured from any establishment in Canada or the United States. The accounts for the year are as follows:—

Cash received for sales through the year.....	\$1530.56
Cash paid for goods.....	\$1334.70
Salary.....	50.00
	1384.70
Balance in Cash.....	\$ 145.86

TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Stock last year.....	\$1144.54	Stock in hand.....	\$1423.25
Accounts due last Conference.....	50.00	Accounts due.....	148.83
Amount due England.....	100.00	Cash in hand.....	145.86
Reduction in value of Stock.....	70.00		
Profit on the year's operation.....	353.40		
	\$1717.94		\$1774.94

E. ROBERTS,

EDITOR'S REPORT.

Shown that the receipts for the year ending May 31st were, including the balance of previous year.....	\$3483.02
Disbursements.....	3122.58
Balance on the year's operations.....	\$ 360.44

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Officers & Teachers		Scholars in classes.				Preachers			Lib. & Papers		Cash Received.													
	No of Preaching Places in the District.	No of Schools in the District	Members of B. C Church.	Non-Members	Tota's.	Average Attendance.	Infant Classes.	Intermediate Classes	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	No. of Conversions of scholars during the year.	Scholars members of Church	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Number of Volumes in Libraries.	Copies of Ensign taken	Copies of other papers	For Missions.	For School purposes	Total.			
Prince Edward Island	27	18	105	27	132	104	252	457	328	1037	663	110	110	83	764	847	329	232	158	104	17	296	92	401	
Chatham	25	15	114	12	126	102	195	417	276	827	587	65	135	102	513	615	179	343	183	26	38	544	77	571	
Parsons	26	20	161	28	189	140	387	600	425	1419	836	51	203	133	627	780	2157	249	552	119	61	544	00	1006	
Pasadena & Victoria	32	23	173	44	217	144	413	722	334	1469	903	15	170	134	856	990	2417	249	552	119	61	544	00	1006	
Toronto	30	19	99	15	118	98	293	378	340	1019	635	52	121	109	818	927	1660	232	364	118	42	436	58	553	
Keweenaw	16	12	100	14	114	94	230	489	200	909	631	12	79	66	552	618	835	269	389	17	90	279	00	296	
London	6	4	44	3	47	40	94	161	62	317	207	7	33	19	60	79	250	60	170	18	176	18	176	18	
Leveland	18	14	97	17	114	94	206	356	212	774	478	11	105	99	556	650	3194	52	304	21	83	301	17	323	
Wisconsin	5	30	30	10	40	33	73	93	61	227	153	11	25	37	152	185	224	108	41	79	44	79	44	79	
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Totals for 1882	215	158	1154	199	1353	1035	2310	4693	2781	1039	6389	346	1356	919	6896	6815	1080	2443	3076	487	28	4238	30	4722	
Totals for 1881	223	155	127	192	119	959	2311	4349	2859	9709	6371	398	1294	926	5995	6124	1512	2894	2176	624	15	3614	18	4238	
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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It is with feelings of devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church that your Committee, after a careful investigation of the accounts, are able to report that in every department save one there has been a marked and gratifying improvement during the year

The Missionary receipts show an increase of.....	\$ 699.50
The Quarterly receipts have improved.....	677 89
The Beneficent Fund is in advance.....	89.77
The Church Aid Fund is in excess of last year.....	54.57
The Contingent Fund has improved in receipts.....	87.77

Being a total increase of.....\$1609.50

The only Fund that shows any deficiency is the General Debt Interest Fund, which has the slight decrease of \$30.21 We are also pleased to find that the Contingent Fund, that had on it a debt, at the commencement of the year, of \$428.35, has now only \$284.47, being a decrease of \$143.88. The Church Aid Fund, which was in debt \$60.98, has now in hand \$102.37. While the Beneficent Fund, that began the year with the indebtedness of \$211.39, has now a debt of \$149.23, being a gain on the year of \$62.16. These added together show an improvement of \$369.39. We are also gratified to find that the Book Steward's report shows a profit on the year of \$353.40. For this we thank God and take courage.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE CHURCH LOAN FUND.

Your Secretary-Treasurer begs to report the following showing:—

1. Lindsay Estate, by loan to Church and Parsonage, \$3171.80	} Loss \$971.80	
Repaid, as per arrangement.....		2200.00
Interest paid in full.....		253.97
Old Church, held for 800.00 not yet sold,.....		
2. Peterboro' Estate—Loan by special arrangement \$3000.00	}	
Repaid on Principal account.....		400.00
Interest in full to Feb. 1st.....		176.00
Due and secured by mortgage.....		2600.00
3. Hamilton Estate—Loan as per advance.....	\$1773.52	
By Interest to 1st Sept.....	35.48	
Sept. 1st, repaid in full.....	\$1809.00	
4. St. Thomas Estate—By loan with Int. in full, Aug. 14	\$432.48	
5. Windsor Estate—By loan.....	\$415.14	
Balance on Interest account.....	14.00	
Repaid in full.....	\$429.14	
6. Palmerston Estate—By loan with accum. Int. \$515.00	} By loss...\$ 36.55	
Oct. 27th, repaid.....		401.45
By sale of Lot.....		77.00
	\$ 478.45	\$1008.35

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7. Belleville Estate—By loan.....	\$600.00	} Due \$200.	Exp. \$11.00
March 3rd, repaid on loan.....	400.00		
Interest account.....	42.67		
Total losses and expenses.....			\$1019.35

TOTALS RE-STATED

By original loans in total.....		\$10,683.70
By cash repaid.....	\$6075.35	
By mortgage and property held.....	3600.00	
By losses irrecoverable.....	1008.35	\$10,683.70

G. WEBBER, Sec. Treas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Having examined the Statistical Returns from the several Districts, we find the following results, viz : there is a decrease of three ministers, three local preachers, three churches, six preaching places, 481 admitted during the year, 136 total membership. On the other hand, there is an increase of 145 approved members, 34 teachers and 544 S. S. Scholars: This shows that there has been considerable activity and success in the Sabbath School department. The decrease of admissions and total membership demand serious attention. We recommend that in the Statistical Table, prepared by the Conference Secretary and published in the Minutes of Conference, the distinction between Circuits and Missions be abolished, inasmuch as it involves additional labor, and can serve no good purpose, as the Missionary Secretary prepares and publishes the Missions' Statistics in the Missionary Report in separate form.

SPIRITUAL STATE.

The reports from the several Districts throughout our work present a varied showing. The fact is recognized, that many are living witnesses of the Gospel of Christ being the power of God unto salvation, and are giving evidence of advance in spiritual life, and increasing strength and activity in christian service. We are pleased to notice indications (though to a limited extent,) of a love for and attachment to the social means ; such as class, prayer and fellowship meetings, and that these are felt to be a necessity, in order to the cultivation of true spiritual mindedness. It is, at the same time, cause of regret that such a large proportion in our societies fail to attach value to these profitable means, in absenting themselves therefrom. The cause, we think, is not far to seek, not so much does it lie, in the habit of a peculiar training, or defect in conducting such services, as in lack of that christian spirit, which will of necessity seek and delight in the fellowship of saints. Any improvement in this direction must necessarily begin in a clearer apprehension of christian privilege, accompanied with a desire which seeks and a faith which appropriates all promised blessings. Prosperity of a general character is reported by some districts, in others a lack is deplored. The number attending the ministry of the word is probably as large as at any former period, and many have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Again, in other instances, like the seed falling by the wayside, labor has not been attended with such fruitful results. Effort in the Sabbath School department has not gone unrewarded, although greater results might have been reasonably expected. A fair measure of liberality has been evinced, but doubtless not beyond our means or obligations. On the whole, while we hail with gratitude and pleasure tokens of Divine approval and blessing, yet may it not charitably be asked : Are we in any

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fair proportion measuring up to the standard of our full privilege in Christ Jesus, and thereby qualified to do the work committed to us? Evidences are to the effect that a richer baptism of the Holy Spirit is a necessity ; and a present full salvation, as a matter of every day's experience ; all should seek to obtain.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We desire to reaffirm those teetotal principles which have been so long cherished and promulgated by us—principles which we regard as being in harmony with scriptural teaching, and consistent with christian living. As a church we believe we are second to none in the observance of these principles, still, in view of the fact that cider-drinking is on the increase throughout the country, we would urge upon our friends the propriety of abolishing the use of hard-cider and home-made fermented wines, as their use have been proven to be injurious to the moral and spiritual interests of those who indulge in their use.



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RECEIPTS

P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.		\$	\$
Charlottetown.....	4 00		
Union.....	3 61		
Wheatley River.....	2 16		
Vernon River.....	1 25		
Murray Harbor.....	1 80		
Sturgeon.....			
West Cape.....	1 25		
Summerside.....	2 00	16 07	
COBOURG DISTRICT.			
Cobourg.....	4 20		
Camborne.....	3 32		
Welcome.....	6 89		
Port Hope.....	2 01		
Huntingdon.....	2 37		
Campbellford.....	3 70		
Belleville.....	1 90	24 36	
BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.			
Bowmanville.....	19 30		
Hampton.....	10 20		
Columbus.....	2 23		
Oshawa.....	2 60		
Prince Albert.....	3 55		
Perrytown.....	1 06	38 34	
PETERBORO' & VICTORIA DIST'			
Little Britain.....	7 59		
Peterboro'.....	5 30		
Lakfield.....	6 93		
Fenelon.....	6 86		
Lindsay.....	1 00		
Manvers & Cartwright.....	5 00		
Ashburnham.....	1 25	33 93	
TORONTO DISTRICT.			
Toronto.....	3 58		
Hamilton.....	1 46		
Uxbridge.....	4 02		
Pickering.....	1 50		
Palmerston.....	4 92		
Warton.....	4 50		
Sutton.....	2 83	22 81	
EXETER DISTRICT.			
Exeter.....	18 00		
Mitchell.....	8 60		
Fullarton.....	6 33		
Usborne.....	11 22		
Crediton.....	8 11		
Bethesda & Hensall.....	7 11		
Clinton.....	6 46		
Colborne.....	4 72	70 55	
LONDON DISTRICT.			
London Centre.....	6 00		
London East.....	4 00		
London South.....	4 00		
Lambeth.....	10 20		
St. Thomas.....	2 25		
Talbotville.....	4 50		
Dereham.....	5 00		
Ingersoll.....	2 00	37 95	
Windsor.....	2 36		
Colchester.....		75	

RECEIPTS (CONTINUED).

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.	
Cleveland.....	7 00
Chagrin Falls.....	4 55
Orange.....	3 98
Newburg.....	1 10 16 53
WISCONSIN DISTRICT.	
Palmyra.....	3 00
Lisbon.....	6 00
Yorkville.....	6 00
Little Prairie.....	1 00
Burlington.....	66
Waldo.....	2 05 18 71
Balance due Treasurer.....	149 23
	431 59

DISBURSEMENTS. \$ \$

Balance due Treasurer, with Int.	211 39
DOCTORS' BILLS.	
J Ball.....	15 00
J Harris.....	8 00
J Kenner.....	20 00
W Medland.....	60 00
H J Nott.....	40 00
T Mason.....	21 20 164 20
Lucy Price, Salary.....	28 00
Lucy Davis, Salary.....	28 00
	\$431 59

Church Aid Fund.

RECEIPTS

F. E. ISLAND DISTRICT. \$		\$
Charlottetown.....	4 00	
Union.....	1 00	
Wheatley River.....	2 20	
Vernon River.....	50	
Murray Harbor.....		
Sturgeon.....		
West Cape.....	1 25	
Summerside.....	1 10	9 95
COBOURG DISTRICT.		
Cobourg.....	1 50	
Camborne.....	3 07	
Welcome.....	9 96	
Port Hope.....	2 50	
Huntingdon.....	80	
Campbellford.....	4 07	
Belleville.....	2 71	24 61
BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.		
Rowmanville.....	16 85	
Hampton.....	9 20	
Columbus.....	2 94	
Oshawa.....	3 00	
Prince Albert.....	2 80	
Perrytown.....	1 02	34 79
PETERBORO' & VICTORIA DIST		
Little Britain.....	8 24	
Peterboro'.....	7 33	
Lakefield.....	6 26	
Fenlon.....	4 33	
Lindsay.....	1 56	
Manvers & Cartwright.....	3 58	
Ashburnham.....	1 03	32 35
TORONTO DISTRICT.		
Toronto.....	3 10	
Hamilton.....	1 04	
Uxbridge.....	2 87	
Pickering.....	1 07	
Palmerston.....	2 75	
Warton.....	2 00	
Sutton.....	2 36	14 39
EXETER DISTRICT.		
Exeter.....	12 00	
Mitchell.....	8 00	
Fullerton.....	5 17	
Usborne.....	8 91	
Crediton.....	6 78	
Bethesda & Hengall.....	4 32	
Clinton.....	6 51	
Colborne.....	4 20	55 89
LONDON DISTRICT.		
London Centre.....	4 00	
London East.....	9 45	
London South.....	3 00	
Lambeth.....	2 50	
St. Thomas.....	2 25	
Talbotville.....	2 05	
Dereham.....	4 00	
Ingersoll.....	1 40	22 65
Windsor.....		2 12
Colchester.....		75

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer.....	60 93
Interest on above.....	4 88
Voted to Windsor.....	29 27
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	102 37

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Children's Fund.

RECEIPTS.

P. E. Island District.....	\$ 149 50
Cobourg.....	154 50
Bowmanville.....	273 49
Peterboro' and Victoria.....	268 75
Toronto.....	125 76
Exeter.....	323 76
London.....	147 00
Windsor and Colchester.....	24 00
North West.....	7 75
Balance due Treasurer.....	35 74
	\$1510 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

P. E. Island.....	\$ 189 00
Cobourg.....	189 00
Bowmanville.....	357 01
Peterboro' and Victoria.....	136 50
Toronto.....	168 00
Exeter.....	204 23
London.....	172 00
North West.....	94 50
	\$1510 25

Contingent Fund.

RECEIPTS.

P. E. Island District.....	\$ 80 00
Cobourg.....	80 00
Bowmanville.....	90 00
Peterboro' and Victoria.....	100 00
Toronto.....	70 00
Exeter.....	100 00
London.....	80 00
Windsor and Colchester.....	20 00
North West.....	20 00
	\$640 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer with interest.....	\$428 35
J. M. Tredrea, travelling expenses.....	46 50
W. Medland, ".....	75 82
Wm. Hooper, Superan. allowances.....	100 00
FUNERAL EXPENSES.	
C. Barker.....	\$20 00
W. Hooper.....	20 00
T. Mason, daughter.....	20 00
S. H. Rice's Child.....	10 00
J. Kenner's Child.....	10 00
W. Medland's ".....	10 00
	\$90 00

President's Secretary's and Financial Secretary's allowances..... 30 00

TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

J. J. Rice.....	\$ 8 50
W. Jolliffe.....	6 25
W. C. Beer.....	1 50
E. Roberts.....	7 25
J. Kenner.....	13 30
W. S. Pascoe.....	19 75
G. Webber.....	18 75
R. T. Courtice.....	2 00
W. Kenner.....	9 25
W. Butt.....	4 55
	\$91 10

Voted Superintendent of Toronto Dis.....	8 00
Four Bibles for brethren ordained.....	7 40
Printing Examination papers &c.....	16 25
Gift to Journal Sec'y.....	3 50
Chapel and S. S. Secretaries.....	20 00
Stationery &c. for Conference.....	3 00
Returned to W. R. Roach unpaid.....	4 50

Balance due Treasurer.....	\$284 42
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GENERAL BUSINESS.

RES. 7. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the Brethren W. S. Pascoe and G. Webber, the retiring President and Secretary, for the efficient manner in which their onerous duties, as such, during the past year, have been discharged

RES. 9. That we convey to Bro. John Edwards our cordial and unanimous expression of sympathy in his affliction ; and fervently pray that he may be graciously sustained amid the growing infirmities of age ; and that his closing days may be full of Divine consolation, and that presently he may receive an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom

RES. 10. That we desire to convey to Mrs. Barker our sincere and unanimous expression of condolence, at the sudden and unexpected death of our greatly esteemed Bro. Cephas Barker, in November last, and beg to assure her in this, her crushing bereavement, of the high position and profound respect in which our deceased Brother was held by us all ; and would remind her that we shall ever hold her in esteem for his and her sake, whilst our journal will record the great respect in which he was held by his Brethren, and their high appreciation of his many and varied gifts and labors.

RES. 11. That after a long, honorable and successful course of ministry in this Church, and with the most sincere and heartfelt appreciation of his varied, laborious and blameless Christian life, we cheerfully comply with Bro. J. W. Butcher's request, through his District Meeting, and recommend him for superannuation.

RES. 12. That as it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his inscrutable wisdom, to take from our ranks and fellowship our much respected Brother, William Hooper, we hereby express our hearty appreciation of the valuable service he has rendered the cause of God, in connection with this section of the Church. He having been so closely identified with us in Canada and the United States for 36 years of his valuable life. His wise counsel, deep piety and fervent zeal, we remember with pleasure ; and though we sorrow, sincerely and deeply, at his demise, we devoutly thank God that the grace of God, which he so fervently recommended to others, sustained and cheered him as he passed through the vale to the sweet rest of Heaven. We hereby tender to Sister Hooper our heartfelt sympathy in her sore bereavement, and pray that the Father Divine, who has hitherto sustained her amid life's conflicts, will smile upon her through the rest of life's journey, and give her at last an abundant entrance into the saints' ever lasting rest.

RES. 19. That in placing on record our very great pleasure at the action of the English Conference in appointing Bro. F. W. Bourne a Deputation to visit this Conference, we beg to express our profound regret that they did not appoint him President of our Assembly, or otherwise have worded their resolution with such clearness as to have left no room for doubt as to his being a member of this Conference, in order that we might have had the gratification of making him, by our vote, our Chief Officer ; we, however, express to him our heartiest welcome—our loving sympathy, and request him to take a chair at the right hand of the President. We resolve, further, to place his name, in the composition of our Conference, next to our Secretary's, invest him with all the privileges belonging to legal members, and invite him to exercise the utmost freedom in the discussions that may ensue ; and we hereby determine to cover any possible informality

arising out of the above arrangement, by a final vote of confirmation of our Conference proceedings by those only who constitute its legal membership.

RES. 20. That a column be added in the cash department of the new Sabbath School Schedule headed "Church Expenses," and the column now headed "What portion of the year is the school kept open?" be headed "How many Sabbaths has the school been kept open?"

RES. 26. That in the death of Bro. R. Baker we have lost a genial companion, a faithful Christian, and a zealous laborer in the Master's vineyard; and this Conference hereby places on record its appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered the Denomination for many years as a faithful minister thereof, and rejoice that his labors were not in vain in the Lord. We also tender to Sister Baker our heartfelt sympathy, in the trying dispensation of Providence she has passed through, and assure her that we offer our united prayer to our covenant-keeping God, that she and the fatherless ones may largely share in the covenanted mercies here, and the glory of God's saved ones hereafter.

RES. 27. That we hereby place on record, and, at the same time, tender to Bro. Bourne our cordial thanks for his sermon to the Conference. We beg to assure him that we shall endeavor, by Divine grace, to utilize, in our future ministerial labors and life, his practical suggestions, and constantly stir up the gift that is in us by recalling the practical hints, the inspiring aims and motives, so eloquently advanced in his excellent discourse; and we unitedly pray that Bro. Bourne's health and life may long be continued, and he be enabled to bless the Church with his sanctified life, cultured mind, and ripe experience; and that at last abundant entrance may be ministered unto him into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

RES. 28. That the rate of Interest on our claim on Belleville estate be henceforth $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, instead of 8, as heretofore.

RES. 29. That the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of Conference claims on Local Trust Estate be adopted; and our hearty thanks tendered Bro. Webber for his valuable and efficient service in that connection.

RES. 30. That while we deplore the very limited success of our Missionaries in Manitoba, and feel saddened that two in succession should have retired into secular life, yet, feeling we ought to share in the great work of evangelizing the new provinces of the North-West, we resolve to continue our present Missionary and Missions in Manitoba, and pledge ourselves to increase the number of missionaries as soon as possible. We hope that both the men and means will be forthcoming, and that our churches will heartily sacrifice, if needs be, to share in the great work of spreading the Gospel of Christ throughout the Dominion.

RES. 32. While relating our Christian experience we felt much of the Divine presence and power. Many spokè of the happiness they felt when God, for Christ's sake, pardoned all their sins, and gave them his Spirit to bear witness with theirs that they were born of God and became heirs of heaven. Others spokè of severe mental conflicts, and of unfaithfulness and its results, of God's goodness in continuing to them His grace and salvation. Some spokè of inward peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, and a blessed hope of immortality and eternal life. Touching references were made to the holy, useful lives and happy deaths of the brethren, C. Barker, W. Hooper and R. Baker, who have passed to their reward, and expressed a determination to live always ready to obey the call of the Divine Master and meet our departed brethren in heaven. We all felt to say, "Jesus,

Master, it is good for us to be here." The Sacramental occasion was a season of hallowed delight, in which we all enjoyed the communion of saints and a foretaste of heavenly joy.

RES. 35. Whereas the P. E. Island District Meeting has appointed a Committee to ascertain the practicability, or otherwise, of publishing some of the writings of the late Bro. F. Metherell, with some account of the early history of the B. C. Church in P. E. Island, and of creating a Jubilee Fund, with the view of aiding in the erection of a Jubilee Church in the city of Charlottetown; therefore be it resolved, that we hereby express our approval of the steps taken by the P. E. Island District Meeting upon this subject, and we appoint Bro. J. Whitlock as a corresponding member of the Island Committee, with the view of gathering information from any of the ministers who have labored on P. E. Island, and of advising the Committee in regard to its efforts. Any amount arising from the profits of said publication must be applied to the Jubilee Fund for the purposes above indicated.

RES. 36. That we desire to have placed on record our high appreciation of the very excellent charge delivered to us by our worthy President, Bro. W. S. Pascoe, and that we hereby tender our sincere thanks to him for the same. We are resolved, God helping us, to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, by practising in our every-day life, the many worthy traits of Christian character pointed out to us by him, that when our mission on earth ends, we may each meet in our Master's house on high. Also, it would afford us great gratification to have the noble thoughts addressed to us put in the *Observer*, that we may have them for our permanent possession.

RES. 38. That the request of Columbus Quarterly Meeting, for permission to sell Elim Church be granted—the proceeds to be applied to some local connexional object.

RES. 39. That we comply with the request of Pickering Station, to be permitted to sell Providence church on that circuit.

RES. 42. That the claims of the *Ensign* upon our Denominational S. Schools be laid before our Teachers' Meetings, and the pastors be desired to exert all legitimate influence in behalf of that excellent publication.

RES. 43. That the action of the February Committee Meeting, acceding to a request for permission to remove Tweed church to the Lodge Room neighborhood, to be re-erected on a site given for the Connexion, and that the Tweed Parsonage be sold at once, and that one half the proceeds be paid over to the Missionary Treasurer, and the other half be devoted towards the re-erection of the Lodge Room church be now confirmed.

RES. 44. That Bro. D. Williams, of Belleville, be appointed to sell the White church, formerly of the Hungerford station, and that the proceeds be applied to Missionary Fund.

RES. 45. That it is desirable that Gray's church be continued in its present relation to Belleville charge, and that Ebenezer church be sold at the earliest favorable opportunity.

RES. 46. That the old church in Lindsay be not forced upon the market at present, as it would have to be done at a great sacrifice, and the property is yielding a good percentage as rental; at the same time, if a fair price can be obtained, we urge that it be taken advantage of and the sale effected.

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RES. 47. That the 28th Resolution, reducing the interest on the Belleville debt, be not regarded as retrospective in its operation, but only taking effect from the date of this Conference action.

RES. 49. That the following question be asked by the Pastors at the Teachers' Meetings: "Will you take the *Ensign*?" And, further, that the Pastors use their utmost endeavors to secure for our juvenile paper the patronage of the schools.

RES. 51. Whereas there is a manifest desire for the unification of Methodism in this Dominion, and as we desire to be in harmony with our sister churches, therefore RESOLVED that a Union Committee of eleven be appointed, to meet and confer with similar committees appointed by other Methodist churches, for the purpose of considering a basis of union; and when the Joint Committees shall have determined upon what shall appear to them to be the right basis of unification, our Union Committee shall report said basis to the Executive Committee, and shall be empowered to duly consider the whole situation, and submit their views and recommendations to our people, as soon as possible, for their consideration, and by the expression thus obtained the Executive shall be guided.

RES. 52. That the following be the Committee on Union viz:—W. S. Pascoe, J. J. Rice, E. Roberts, J. Kenner, H. J. Nott, G. Webber, J. Pickard, J. Hull, T. Courtice, J. Clark, W. Windatt.

RES. 55. That we unite to express sincere sympathy with Bro. and Sister Mason under their deep loss and sad bereavement in the death of their only child and loving daughter, and pray that they may be divinely sustained during the years of their loneliness, until they join their loved one on the better shore.

RES. 57. That we cheerfully recognize the denominational attachment manifested by Bro. W. Hayden and family, of Winnipeg, who, though for several years not connected with us in Church fellowship, owing to their being no B. C. minister in Winnipeg; yet, from year to year, express their love to the Church of their early choice, by liberal remittances to our Missionary Treasury, collected by Miss Gertie. We trust our young Missionary Collector will be abundantly blessed by the Master, who always rewards those who, in His name, do good to His disciples.

RES. 58. That the Report of Funds by the General Financial Secretary, as read, be received and adopted; and Bro. Roberts be tendered our hearty thanks for his services as such.

RES. 59. That our hearty thanks are due and hereby tendered to Bro. W. Quance, General Church Secretary, for the excellent service rendered the Demonstration, as such, during the past year; and that the Report, as read, be adopted.

RES. 63. Thus we unite to express our grateful appreciation of the Christian courtesy and liberal kindness of our Canada Methodist friends, in placing at the disposal of this Conference their very handsome and commodious church, for the holding of our Annual Missionary Meeting and the preaching of our Conference Sermon. We appoint Bro. W. H. Butt to convey this expression of our thanks, and also to take steps for the remuneration of the sexton and organ-blower.

RES. 64. That the Editor's Report be adopted, and Bro. Nott be tendered our hearty thanks for his valuable services, and that he be reappointed.

RES. 66. That the following Grants be made to the Mission Stations, viz:

P. E. Island District, all they can raise, and	\$ 90.00
Port Hope,	"
Campbellford,	"
Belleville,	" and 250.00

Prince Albert, all they can raise		
Perrytown,	"	
Fenelon,	"	
Lindsay,	" and	\$110.00
Manvers and Cartwright	"	
Ashburnham,	"	
Toronto,	" and	180.00
Hamilton,	" "	200.00
Pickering,	"	
Uxbridge,	" and	125.00
Palmerston,	" "	135.00
Sutton,	" "	100.00
Wiarion,	" "	140.00
Clinton,	"	
London South,	"	
London East,	" and	160.00
Ingersoll,	" "	80.00
Lambeth,	"	
St. Thomas,	" and	200.00
Windsor,	" "	175.00
Colchester,	" "	30.00
Peterboro'	"	
Crystal City,	" and	200.00
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RES. 68. Whereas the Upper Canada Bible Society, Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, have addressed this Conference, through their Secretaries, a circular letter, briefly epitomizing their extensive operation in the circulation of the sacred Scriptures throughout the world, and their great claims upon all the churches, as a necessary auxiliary in furnishing God's Word in every language which their mission work extends to; as well as in reference to supplies, in many cases gratuitous, and always below cost, for the use of the important Sabbath School operations of all lands, and all that without preference or partiality, and without any distinction as to sect or denomination; and urging this Conference to exert its influence, and lend its heartiest co-operation in carrying out the Society's benevolent aims: Therefore resolved, that the British and Foreign Bible Society is entitled to and has our very hearty sympathy; and we earnestly commend it to our ministers and people, as an indispensable instrumentality in promoting the evangelization of the world, and bespeak for it their fullest confidence and recognition.

RES. 69. That the reference to Bible Society operations as secular employment, in a resolution of the Conference of 1879, and printed in that year's Minutes, be eliminated, and that henceforth any brother engaging, to any extent, in Bible Society agency, must first obtain the consent of his District Superintendent, and the approval of his Quarter Board.

RES. 71. That, whereas the Quarterly Meetings have expressed the opinion that the best way to meet the expenses incurred by members attending the Conference, is by paying more attention to and manifesting more liberality toward the District Fund: Therefore, resolved, that the brethren be urged to advocate the claims of this Fund, and see that the District Fund Collection be made at all our places of worship.

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ALPHABETICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE ITINERANT PREACHERS.

PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN OUT.	PREACHERS' RESIDENCES.	NO. OF YEARS OF PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger.....	1868	Lakefield.....	2
Allin, Samuel J.....	1874	20 Henry St., Cleveland, Ohio, U. S.....	3
Aroher, Joseph.....	1869	Ingersoll.....	4
Ayers, Walter.....	1863	Oshawa.....	4
Ball, John.....	1872	Vernon River Bridge, Prince Edward Island.....	4
Beer, William C.....	1866	Little Britain.....	2
Blatchford, Thos. W., B. A.....	1830	Clinton.....	1
Bodie, George.....	1856	Belleville.....	3
Broad, Thomas.....	1874	Crediton.....	1
Bryenton, William.....	1877	West Cape, Prince Edward Island.....	2
Butcher, John W.....	1843	Peterboro'.....	1
Butt, William H.....	1871	299 Horton Street London.....	1
Brown, Thomas.....	1879	Janetville.....	1
Cannom, John W.....	1872	Uxbridge.....	1
Chapple, John.....	1834	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.....	4
Clarke, Archibald.....	1860	Welcome.....	3
Collins, James H.....	1868	Hamilton.....	1
Copeland, George H.....	1872	Port Hope.....	1
Coombe, William.....	1880	Elimville.....	2
Courtice, Andrew C., B. A.....	1880	Askin.....	3
Courtice, Richard T.....	1865	Cobourg.....	2
Dafoe, James A.....	1877	Summerside.....	1
Davidson, Robert.....	1872	Burlington, Wisconsin, U. S.....	2
Down, Wesley.....	1881	Hampton.....	1
Drv, Thomas H.....	1873	Wiarton.....	3
Dunkley, George.....	1862	Ivanhoe.....	3
Edwards, John.....	1831	Exeter.....	14
Eynon, John H.....	1826	Tyrone.....	22
Gale, Jacob.....	1843	Bowmanville.....	13
Gordon, Andrew.....	1850	Alexandria.....	1
Greenway, John.....	1872	Crystal City, Manitoba.....	3
Harris, John.....	1863	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.....	4
Haycraft, George.....	1841	Little Prairie, Wisconsin, U. S.....	3
Holmes, John.....	1871	St. Thomas.....	2
Hoskin, James.....	1871	1
Hull, Thomas R.....	1855	Port Hope.....	2
Hurley, Robert.....	1834	Welcome.....	3
Jolliffe, William.....	1858	Peterboro'.....	2
Jones, Fergus O'C.....	1879	Barry, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, U. S.....	1
Kenner, William.....	1854	Prince Albert.....	2
Kenner, John.....	1856	Bowmanville.....	4
Kestle, James.....	1872	Campbellford.....	2
Langdon, John.....	1825	Prince Albert.....	36
Lean, John S.....	1879	Sussex, Waukesha, Wisconsin, U. S.....	2
Limbirt, William.....	1874	Lindsay.....	2
Mallett, Richard, B. A.....	1872	Orono.....	3
Mason, Thomas.....	1873	Windsor.....	2
Medland, William.....	1843	Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, U. S.....	1
Metherell, Moses.....	1872	Fenelon Falls.....	3
Moore, Herman.....	1874	Columbus.....	1
Muxworthy, Samuel W.....	1880	Camborne.....	1
Newcombe, Henry A.....	1860	Mount Elgin.....	2
Nott, Henry J., Editor.....	1865	Bowmanville.....	3
Oke, John J.....	1881	Campbellford.....	1
Pascoe, William S.....	1853	Mitchell.....	4

Pooley, John.....	1875	Georgina	2
Quance, William.....	1869	Elimville	2
Reynolds, William E.....	1880	Wheatley River, Prince Edward Island.....	1
Rice, James J.....	1862	Clinton.....	1
Rice, Stephen H.....	1867	Talbotville Royal.....	3
Richard, Alexander.....	1867	Manilla.....	2
Rouch, William R.....	1852	Pickering.....	2
Roberts, Edward.....	1858	248 Simcoe Street, Toronto.....	2
Robins, Paul.....	1823	Bowmanville.....	8
Rollins, William.....	1874	Yorkville, Racine County, Wisconsin, U. S.....	2
Rowe, Richard B.....	1876	Hampton.....	4
Sabine, Thomas J.....	1875	Carlow.....	1
Smith, George.....	1869	Palmerston.....	1
Spargo, William H.....	1878	Gesto, Colchester.....	2
Thomas, Richard.....	1873	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.....	1
Tonkin, Edwin A.....	1873	Murray Harbor, Prince Edward Island.....	2
Tredrea, John M.....	1874	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.....	1
Veale, John.....	1872	Fullarton.....	3
Webber, George.....	1858	Exeter.....	4
Whitlock, Jesse.....	1848	Janetville.....	4
Whitlock, Frank M.....	1876	Exeter.....	3
Wickett, Lewis W.....	1864	London East.....	1
Williams, John.....	1836	Mitchell.....	10
Williams, Daniel.....	1876	Belleville.....	2
Yelland, John G.....	1869	Lambeth.....	2

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