

MINUTES

OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENTS OF CIRCUITS  
TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF  
The Canadian Wesleyan Methodist

NEW CONNEXION CHURCH,

HELD AT

CUMMINGS'S CHAPEL, FLAMBORO EAST,

GORE DISTRICT ;

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<i>Caledon</i> . . . . .	Erin Post Office.
<i>Cayuga</i> . . . . .	York, Grand River.
<i>Crosby</i> . . . . .	Beverly, Johnstown District.
<i>Dunham</i> . . . . .	Cowansville, Canada East.
<i>Elizabethtown</i> . . . . .	North Augusta Post Office, J. D.
<i>Goulburn and Drummond</i> . . . . .	Huntley, Bathurst District.
<i>Hamilton</i> . . . . .	Hamilton, Gore District.
<i>Henrysburgh</i> . . . . .	Hemmingford Post Office, C. E.
<i>Howard</i> . . . . .	Clearville Post Office, W. D.
<i>London</i> . . . . .	London, Canada West.
<i>London Circuit</i> . . . . .	McGillivray Post Office.
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<i>Newcastle</i> . . . . .	Cobourg, Newcastle District.
<i>Owen Sound</i> . . . . .	Arthur, Wellington District.
<i>Prince Edward</i> . . . . .	Picton, Prince Edward District.
<i>Stukely</i> . . . . .	Stukely Mills, Canada East.
<i>Stanstead</i> . . . . .	Georgeville, Canada East.
<i>St. Thomas</i> . . . . .	St. Thomas.
<i>Trafalgar</i> . . . . .	Hornby Post Office.
<i>Waterford</i> . . . . .	Waterford Post Office.
<i>Welland Canal</i> . . . . .	St. Catharines Post Office.
<i>Whitchurch</i> . . . . .	Whitchurch, Yonge Street, H. D.
<i>Western Mission</i> . . . . .	Mersea Post Office, Western District.
<i>Yorkville</i> . . . . .	Toronto, Home District.
<i>President of Conference</i> . . . . .	Middleton Post Office, Talbot District.
<i>General Superintendent, and</i> <i>Corresponding Member of the</i> <i>Annual Committee,</i> . . . . .	Box 371, Toronto, Home District.
<i>Treasurer of the Connexion</i> . . . . .	Hamilton, Gore District.
<i>Editor of the Christian Messenger,</i>	Box 321, Post Office, Toronto.

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ACCORDING to the appointment of the last Annual Conference, which was held at Mallorytown, Johnstown District, in June, 1847, the Ministers and Lay-representatives assembled at CUMMINGS'S CHAPEL, in Flamboro East, on the 7th of June, 1848; and, after singing and prayer, proceeded to business.

QUESTION I.

Who compose the present Conference?

ANSWER.

Ancaster . . . . .	J. Caswell, J. Cummings.
Barnston* . . . . .	_____
Bolton and Potton* . . . . .	_____
Caledon . . . . .	W. Ramage, P. Ableson.
Cavan . . . . .	J. Simpson, J. Swaine, Esq.
Cayuga . . . . .	_____, J. Cryslaer.
Crosby . . . . .	J. C. Warren, J. Leggett, Esq.
Drummond . . . . .	By letter.
Dunham* . . . . .	_____
Elizabethtown . . . . .	W. Preston.
Goulburn . . . . .	By Letter.
Hamilton . . . . .	J, Brennan, T. Lottridge, Esq.
Henrysburgh* . . . . .	_____
Howard . . . . .	By letter.
Lansdowne . . . . .	T. Rump, W. Judd.
London . . . . .	W. Bothwell.
Malahide . . . . .	F. Weaver, P. Johnson.
Nassagaweya . . . . .	H. Wilkinson, J. Youart.
Newcastle . . . . .	N. C. Gowan, J. Lapp.
Owen Sound . . . . .	H. Coates.
Prince Edward . . . . .	J. Hales, D. Ruttan.
St. Thomas . . . . .	J. Bell, W. Crowther.
Stanstead* . . . . .	_____
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Toronto . . . . .	D. D. Rolston, J. Good, Esq.
Trafalgar . . . . .	J. Glass, J. Freeman.
Waterford . . . . .	J. Wilkinson, R. A. Clement.
Welland Canal . . . . .	E. VanNorman, W. D. Smith.
Western Mission . . . . .	_____, J. Bradt.
Whitchurch . . . . .	T. Goldsmith, A. Jakeway.
General Superintendent . . . . .	H. O. Crofts.
Supernumerary . . . . .	J. Jackson.
Editor of the Christian Messenger . . . . .	T. T. Howard.
Treasurer of the Connexion . . . . .	J. Hughson, Esq.
* Representative from the District Meeting, C. E. . . . .	L. P. Adams.

The following brethren, being Elders, were entitled to a seat in Conference, by the terms of the Union, but were not present :—

R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, R. Garry, J. Gear, I. Haney, H. N. Kimball, I. Marshall, W. Martin, D. Nickerson, J. Reed, J. Sheldon, A. Smith, J. Williams.

Question II. *Have the characters of the Ministers been examined?*

Answer. They have, agreeably to rule.

Question III. *What Preachers have been admitted into full connexion?*

Answer. J. Caswell, B. Haigh, N. C. Gowan, J. Histon, E. Williams, W. Bothwell.

Question IV. *Who have been ordained Elders?*

Answer. W. Bothwell, E. Williams, N. C. Gowan, C. Childs\*, W. Preston\*.

Question V. *Who remain on trial?*

Answer. C. Childs, L. Olmstead, W. Preston, (these have travelled three years); J. Reed, H. Coates, (these have travelled two years).

Question VI. *Who have desisted from travelling?*

Answer. W. Ramage.

\* Ordained for special purposes.

Question V

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J. Breakenridge

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Question IX

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Crosby—J. C. W

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Hamilton—D. D.

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Question VII. *What Preachers are received on trial?*

Answer. D. D. Rolston\*, T. Brown†, T. M. Jefferist, J. Breakenridge, B. P. Brown, jun.

Question VIII. *Who has died during the past year?*

Answer. Hervey Plum.

Brother P., though not engaged in our itinerant work, has been an elder in our body for many years. But "the prophets do not live forever;" and the God of the prophets has, during the past year, called his servant from the toils and sufferings of this life, doubtless, to enjoy the prepared reward.

Question IX. *How are the Preachers stationed this year?*

Answer. In the following order, viz. :

Ancaster—J. Brennan; one to be sent.

Barnston—P. V. West.

Barton—B. P. Brown.

Bolton and Potton—L. P. Adams; R. Bowen, supernumerary.

Caledon—J. Hales.

Cavan—J. Simpson, T. Browne; W. Robinson, supernumerary.

Cayuga—F. Weaver.

Crosby—J. C. Warren, T. Reed.

Dunham—B. Haigh; G. W. Stone, supernumerary.

Elizabethtown—T. Jefferis.

Goulburn and Drummond—J. Shilton, A. Armstrong.

Hamilton—D. D. Rolston.

Henrysburgh—F. Hunt.

Lansdowne—T. Rump; one to be sent.

London—C. Childs.

London Circuit—E. Williams.

Malahide and Norwich—J. Wilkinson, L. Olmstead; J. Jackson, supernumerary.

Prince Edward—E. Vannorman, J. Breakenridge.

\* Brother R. is received as a probationer of two years' standing, having travelled one year in Ireland and one in Canada.

† These brethren are received as probationers of one years' standing, having laboured under the direction of the Annual Committee during the past year.

*Nassagaweya*—J. Glass.  
*Newcastle*—N. C. Gowan.  
*Owen Sound*—One to be sent.  
*Howard*—One to be sent.  
*Stukely*—F. E. Powers.  
*Stanstead*—H. Bursell; Isaac Blake, supernumerary.  
*St. Thomas*—J. Bell.  
*Toronto*—T. Goldsmith, for three months.  
*Trafalgar*—H. Coates.  
*Waterford*—H. Wilkinson.  
*Welland Canal*—W. Preston.  
*Whitchurch*—J. Caswell.  
*Western Mission*—W. Bothwell.  
*York*—F. Haynes.  
*General Superintendent*—H. O. CROFTS.  
*Editor of the Christian Messenger*—T. T. Howard.  
*Returned to England on business, by permission of the Conference*—J. Histon.

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## State of the Connexion.

CIRCUITS.	Chapels Building.		Congregations.	Circuit Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Members.	On Trial.	Members of Families.	Deaths.	Removals.	Sabbath Schools.	Sab. School Scholars.	
	Chapels.	Classes.											
Ancaster	2	1	10	11	1	2	172						
Barnston			2	9	1	2	21	120	1	9	2		
Bolton and Potton	2		7	17	1	5	140	200					
Caledon			4	8	1	2	32	39		5	1		
Cavan*	4	3	23	28	2	1	250		2	12	4		
Cayuga			3	9	1		40						
Crosby	1		7	14	2	2	200	35	156	4	20		
Drummond					1		17						
Dunham	1	2	9	14	1	5	160		1				
Elizabethtown			6	11	1	5	91	1	4	3	1	50	
Goulbourn					1		60			1	1		
Hamilton	2		3	3	1		56	194	2	6	1	140	
Henrysburgh	1		5	9	1	1	60		1	4			
Howard			5	8	1	2	50	2	150	1	7		
Lansdowne	1		9	14	2	2	141	32	554	6	13		
London	1		5	10	1	1	100	12					
Malahide & Norwich		1	14	15	2	6	260	25	400	2	4	1	30
Nassagaweya	3	2	9	9	1	1	120			2	3		
Newcastle	2	1	7	10	1	6	90		1	4	2	80	
Owen Sound	1	3	8	17	1	1	96		203	1	18	1	30
Prince Edward	3		9	17	2	6	163		290		3		
Stakely			5	12	1		69			10	5		
Stanstead				9	1		23			1	1		
St. Thomas	3		8	14	2	5	134	17	400	1	11	2	50
Toronto	4		8	4	1	6	80	3		1	5	3	116
Trafalgar	6		7	7	1	1	90			3	3	2	
Waterford	1		6	16	1	4	159	35		1	3	3	160
Welland Canal	5		11	16	2	1	148		4			1	
Western Mission				14	1	3	97					1	
Whitchurch	1	1	4	6	1	2	68		214		2	1	
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\* 100 too many were returned last year, through a typographical error.

## Resolutions of Conference.

1. That the Ancaster Circuit henceforth include the appointment at Wills's School House, and all the appointments west of that place; and, that the Ancaster and Nassagaweya Circuits be travelled separately.
2. That the Toronto City Circuit be divided; the Yorkville, Blue Bell, and Mount Pleasant appointments to constitute the York Circuit; the remainder to be known as the Toronto City Station.
3. That the limits of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton be henceforth the boundary of that Station; that the Welland Canal Circuit occupy only the appointments east of the Thirty-mile-creek; and, that the remainder of the Hamilton and Welland Canal Circuits constitute the Barton Circuit.
4. That the Town of London be received as a Mission Station.
5. That the case of the 'Peterboro' Chapel be left at the disposal of the brethren on the Cavan Circuit.
6. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. J. Bell, and those other friends, by whose successful efforts an indisputable title to the St. Thomas Chapel, is secured.
7. That this Conference regrets its inability to render assistance to the Trustees of the Owen Sound Chapel.
8. That this Conference regrets its inability to grant the request of our brethren in Percy.
9. That, for the information of the next Annual Conference the Superintendents of Circuits and Missions shall be required to furnish a correct list of Chapels, Parsonages and Burial Grounds on their several Circuits and Missions: together with full information respecting the *titles* and liabilities, (if any,) in each case.

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10. That this Conference requests the Missionary Committee of the Methodist New Connexion in England to send out the Rev. Mr. Gilton, as Assistant Superintendent, according to the proposal of said Committee.

11. That, having received intimation, from the Methodist New Connexion Missionary Committee in England, that two young men, possessing the requisite qualifications for engaging in the work of the Ministry, have consented to cast in their lot among us, this Conference unites in requesting our brethren in England to send these two Missionaries to Canada, on the conditions submitted by the Committee.

12. That, having received information that the Rev. W. McClure, of the Methodist New Connexion in Ireland, proposed emigrating to Canada, and uniting with our Connexion as an Itinerant Minister, this Conference regrets that circumstances have arisen on account of which he has, for the present, postponed his intention; and, that, should Providence open his way to come among us, we shall feel great pleasure in availing ourselves of his services in the Connexion.

13. That the General Superintendent be requested to communicate this Resolution to the English Missionary Committee; and the Secretary of this Conference be requested to communicate this decision to the Rev. Mr. McClure.

14. That the Quarterly Meeting of each Circuit, in connexion with the Superintendent Preacher, be requested to carry into effect the rule of Discipline respecting *quarterly payments* for the support of the Ministry; and, in order to promote this, it is recommended that each Class have a regular class-book.

15. That every Minister, in charge of a Station, Circuit, or Mission, who shall neglect to make collections for the different funds of the Connexion, shall forfeit and pay for every such neglect the sum of one pound; which sum shall be applied to the fund for which the collections have been neglected.

16. That the Superintendent of each Circuit shall see that a local Missionary Committee be formed on his Circuit; and that said Committee shall, at an early period, appoint Collectors; and that by the first of May each year, a Report of the operations of the Society during the current year, be forwarded

from each Circuit (post-paid) to the General Secretary of our Auxiliary Missionary Society.

17. That, in order more extensively to enlist the energies of Juvenile Collectors for the support of our Mission funds, cards be prepared and forwarded to all our Circuits for the use of such parties.

18. That the following brethren compose the Missionary Committee the ensuing year: Rev. H. O. Crofts, President; Rev. J. Caswell, Secretary; T. Lottridge, Esq., Treasurer; the Superintendent of Toronto Station; the Rev. J. Brennan, J. Doel, Esq.; and Messrs. W. Sharpe and W. Hamilton.

19. That no Itinerant Minister hereafter locating shall be received again into the Itinerancy without a recommendation from the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit on which, as supernumerary, he has laboured; and, should his location be fixed where there is no Quarterly Meeting, a satisfactory recommendation from the people among whom, during the time of his desistance to travel, he has laboured, forwarded through the Quarterly Meeting of the nearest Circuit, to the Annual Conference.

20. That this Conference approves of the course pursued by the Annual Committee, relative to the Universal Question.

21. That this Conference utterly repudiates the endowment of Religious Denominations in this Province by the Government; and further, decides that the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church will not participate in such endowments, whether derived from the Clergy Reserves or other public resources.

22. That a Committee be appointed, consisting of Revs. H. O. Crofts and T. T. Howard, together with J. Doel, Esq., Messrs. J. Good, R. H. Brett, W. Sharpe, J. Foster, J. Pell, and J. Dobson, to prepare and forward an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, expressing the sentiments of this Conference relative to the endowment of Religious Bodies in Canada; and praying that the proposed distribution of the Clergy Reserves fund may not be carried into effect.

23. That the Revs. H. O. Crofts and T. T. Howard, J. Doel and J. Good, Esqrs., be a Committee to endeavour to secure in the Provincial Statistics, a column for the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church.

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24. That means be employed to obtain funds for the establishment of a Theological Institution, to train for usefulness the Connexion, young men of talent and character, who profess to be called to the work of the Ministry: the Institution be established and managed according to the plan suggested by our esteemed Brother W. Ridgeway, Esq., of England, and approved by our Annual Conference in 1841; and that, in order to carry out the intention of the Conference, a Committee be appointed, to consist of the General Superintendent, the Superintendents of Toronto Station and of the Whitchurch and Ancaster Circuits; together with Messrs. J. Doel, J. Good, T. Cosford, M. Aikman, and John Cummings.
25. That the Revs. H. O. Crofts, J. Jackson, and J. Brennan, with J. Tyner and J. Good, Esqrs., be the Annual Committee the ensuing year for Canada West; and Revs. L. P. Adams, B. Haigh, H. Bursell, and M. E. Knowlton and Lawrence, Esqrs., for Canada East; the Rev. H. O. Crofts, corresponding Member *ex officio*.
26. That the latter clause of the 6th, and the 7th Resolution of the published Minutes of last Conference be rescinded: these alterations not to take effect until the termination of the present volume of the *Christian Messenger*.
27. That each Travelling Preacher, and all other friends who take an interest in our Connexional paper, be requested to endeavour to secure five new subscribers for the second half of the current year, the subscriptions (if possible) to be paid in advance; and that each agent make all possible efforts to collect, at the earliest opportunity, all that remains due to the journal.
28. That all Travelling and Local Preachers in our Connexion be requested to act as agents for our Connexional Journal; and every agent furnishing ten new subscribers, assisting in collecting such subscriptions, shall be entitled to a copy, *gratis*.
29. That the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be considered responsible to the Annual Conference for the management of the Journal; and that he have the privilege of consulting the Printing Committee on all matters affecting its interests.
30. That the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, and a man appointed by the Printing Committee, be the

representatives of our Connexional Journal, and members of the next Annual Conference.

31. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Printing Committee, for their valuable services during the past year; and that the same brethren, with the addition of the Superintendents of Toronto Station and Whitechurch Circuit, M. Aikman, Esq., and Messrs. W. Hamilton, J. E. Pell, B. Picard, N. R. Leonard, and A. Jakeway, compose the Printing Committee the ensuing year.

32. That, should the Printing Committee feel warranted in continuing to publish the *Christian Messenger* after the completion of the current volume, they be respectfully requested to make the necessary arrangement for the carrying out of that object.

33. The Address from the District Meeting in Canada East being received, it was resolved—that this Conference deeply sympathizes with the brethren in the eastern section of our work in Canada amid their trials, and assures them of an affectionate and continued interest in its prayers.

34. That this Conference records its gratitude for the efficient services rendered to the Connexion by our esteemed Brother J. Hughson, Esq., as Connexional Treasurer, for several years past; expresses its regret and sympathy in view of the bodily indisposition which obliged him to retire from office; and sincerely hopes, that his health may be restored and his valuable life long preserved.

35. That T. Lottridge, Esq., be requested to act as Connexional Treasurer the ensuing year.

36. That the unanimous thanks of this Conference be presented to our Editor, and that he be requested to continue his services during the ensuing Conference year.

37. That the next Annual Conference be held at North Chapel, Newcastle Mission, and Newcastle District, commencing on the first Wednesday in June, 1849.

J. JACKSON, *President*.

T. GOLDSMITH, *Secretary*.

That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the President, for his efficient services in the chair.

That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Secretaries, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

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# Address of the Twentieth Annual Conference,

TO THE  
MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST  
NEW CONNEXION CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Grace to you, and peace from God be multiplied. The earth has again passed through its annual revolution; and, through the mercy and longsuffering of a kind and beneficent providence, we have been permitted to meet in our Twentieth Annual Conference, to contemplate the interests, and adopt such measures as we think, through your prayers, and with the blessing of God, will be beneficial to the Church, and prove the salvation of precious, immortal souls.

It becomes our painful duty to announce to you, that, since our last anniversary, many of our dear brethren and sisters have been called to pass the mysterious boundary of life, to try the realities of an endless hereafter; but, while we open the fountains of grief in our hearts, to reflect that we no longer labour in, nor pray for, the church of God below, yet we rejoice that we can state to you, that their lives are the lives of the righteous, their death was triumphant, and, we trust, their souls have gone to join with the general assembly and church of the first-born, and now help to swell the anthems of the unnumbered millions before the throne of God. While, with deep regret, we record the death of the Rev. Harvey Plum, so long identified as a local preacher in our ranks, we record with gratitude the goodness of God, who has not permitted death to select from our itinerant ministry a victim to feed his insatiable appetite, during the past conference year. But we shall not be able long to say this; for the pale countenances and wasted forms of some of our ministers plainly declare, that their bodies must soon fill the missionary's grave; therefore we call upon you, brethren,

to pray, that when the mantle falls from the shoulders of an Elijah, an Elisha may be prepared to take it up; that when a Moses is taken to his reward, a Joshua may be called to go before the tribes of Israel.

It, also, affords us the greatest pleasure to tell you, that souls have been converted during the year—souls that, one year ago, were in the gall of bitterness, and in the bonds of iniquity, travelling the broad road to hell, are now members of the church of Christ, and in the way to heaven.

The arranging of the appointments of the preachers for the several circuits caused the stationing committee much anxiety and prayer; and, after listening to the instructions of your representatives, relative to the stations, we have taken into consideration the general good of the whole connexion, and have endeavored, as far as possible, to meet every exigency, and after mature deliberation before God, appointed those men to labour among you whom we think will be useful, if you receive them in the name of the Lord. We earnestly entreat you, dear brethren, to co-operate with your ministers in carrying out those measures which have been adopted for the promotion of the cause of God, and the welfare of the church. Assist them in enforcing discipline, in keeping up the means of Grace, and in maintaining the interests of the cause generally. We hope, also, that you will sustain their character as ministers of the Gospel, and esteem them very highly for the work's sake. Supply their wants, receive them into your affections, and earnestly pray the Divine Being to crown with living fire the head of those who come to you in the name of the Lord.

We would, also, remind you of your duty relative to our connexional journal. Remember that its existence depends in a great measure, upon the reception you give it; and we hope you will both subscribe yourselves, and make every effort to advance its circulation. Remember, dear brethren, that this is the only organ we have by which we can know the operations of the church through our wide-extended field of labour; think, that while it lives, it comes weekly on the wings of the wind, silently diffusing light and information through our almost boundless field of operation; and we wish you to consider, that its perpetuity depends, in a great measure, upon

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the exercise of your fidelity, and that its death would close up all those avenues of light and information, and would, in a degree, subject the connexion to wear the garments of ignorance and mourning. Therefore, dear brethren, put your shoulders to the wheel, and use every means within your reach to extend the circulation of so excellent a periodical.

We would inform you that much business has been brought before the present conference, and many questions of a very perplexing nature have been discussed by its members; but, whatever may have been our feelings during the heat of discussion, we are now happy to state, that there has been a disposition on the part of all the members to accede to terms of Christian charity and forbearance, and nothing is allowed to pass the threshold of conference but true cordiality and confidential friendship.

We earnestly entreat you, dear brethren, to seek for a deeper work of Grace in your own souls; and fear lest, a promise being left you, any should let it slip.

In conclusion, permit us to exhort ministers, class-leaders, stewards, and members, both male and female, to do their duty; and we believe that the ensuing year will be crowned with abundant success and prosperity, and that many sinners, who are now in the path that leads to the regions of dark despair, will be, through your instrumentality, renewed by the power of divine grace, and numbered with Christ's militant church on earth.

And now, dear brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his Grace, praying that he may build you up in your most holy faith; and when the clangour of Gabriel's trumpet shall rend the vaulted skies, and the entombed millions of the dead shall stand before the flaming throne of the Almighty, you may appear an unbroken company on the right hand of his glory.

**JAMES JACKSON, President.**

**T. GOLDSMITH, Secretary.**

## Address of the English Conference,

TO THE

CANADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST NEW CONNEXION  
CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN,—We feel great pleasure in receiving your address, and in reciprocating those sentiments of affection and Christian esteem which you have so properly expressed.

The principles of our common Christianity naturally kindle affection, and awaken a spirit of mutual anxiety for each others' welfare. Believers are all united in one common brotherhood, and feel deeply interested in everything which relates to each other's happiness and usefulness. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Such are our feelings towards the Church in general, but especially towards you. Harmonizing, as we do, with you in name, in doctrines, in discipline, and in the bonds of Christian fellowship, tidings of your peace and prosperity cannot fail to excite our gratitude, and call forth our warmest expressions of praise. The Lord hath done great things for you, whereof we are glad.

As a religious community, and especially as a Missionary establishment, your great object should be to scatter the seed of the kingdom as extensively as possible, and to plant a church in every place to which your labours are directed. Let your movements be aggressive, but take care that they are directed by prudence, that unequivocal evidence of real and permanent good may mark your progress. In striving to awaken general attention to divine things, always aim at the conversion of those who hear. A mere nominal connexion with the Church should not suffice; for, "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Teach them to cherish the spirit of genuine piety, and urge them to seek after that holiness without which no man can see the Lord.

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in the formation of churches. In admitting individuals to your communion, see that you have sufficient evidence of a work of grace having been begun in their hearts; and, when once enrolled with the servants of God, never suffer them to languish for want of proper attention. Instruct them in the fear of the Lord; watch over them in Love; guard them against the snares and allurements of the world; encourage them in every duty by your own pious example; and allure them onward to a career of usefulness, by your zealous and unwearied devotion to your Master's service. Thus shall the whole "building, fitly framed together, grow into an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye, also, are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

We rejoice to hear that your way is opening to new and important spheres of usefulness. Toronto, with proper attention, will doubtless prove a valuable accession to your Mission. To encourage you in this good work, notwithstanding the pressure of the times, and the state of our funds, we have voted £200 towards the expences incurred by the erection of the chapel in that city, on condition that the Trustees and friends on the spot raise, at the least, £200 more, for the same purpose, and thus place the estate in easy circumstances.

But, whilst we render our assistance to your Missionary operations, we shall naturally look for a spirit of self-reliance on your part, as far as possible. The churches already formed among you, should sustain themselves as soon as practicable, that the means we now apply to their assistance may be available in carrying the Gospel to "regions beyond." We are glad to find that your attention is already directed to the aborigines of your country. Go unto the heathen, and supply them with the privileges of the Gospel to the utmost of your power. "Freely ye have received, freely give." And the obligation rests on you as well as on us, to send the Gospel to every creature.

We have heard of our esteemed Brother Croft's affliction with deep regret. He is suffering under the hand of God; and, we trust, that that hand which smote him will graciously sustain and comfort his mind. Our prayer is that he may be speedily and effectually restored; and that he may long be useful in serving his generation by the will of God. In this

hope and expectation we have again given him charge of your Mission. We have, also, appointed Messrs. Rolston and Brown to labour among you in word and doctrine. Their approved piety and zeal encourage us to hope they will prove a blessing in those places to which the finger of God may direct their labours.

We need not remind you that the past year has been to us a season of severe trial. Ireland has been ravaged by famine and pestilence, and England has drunk deep into the cup of sorrow. The depressed state of trade and commerce, together with the high price of provisions, have subjected millions to the most painful privations. All classes in society have felt these awful calamities, and many of our own people have suffered in common with others. This has crippled our resources, and paralyzed our best energies in many places. Some of our dear people have been denied the means of supporting the cause of God as in days past. Others have been driven to seek the means of subsistence in places where we have no interest, and not a few have left our shores for distant lands. Yet, amid all, we have cause for thankfulness. We can sing of mercy and of judgement: unto thee, O Lord, will we sing.

The present Conference has been distinguished by the unanimity and love which ought to characterize all such assemblies. Its public services have been numerously attended, and gracious influences have rested on them.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

WILLIAM BURROWS, *President.*

E. W. MAKINSON, *Secretary.*

HANLEY, May 31st, 1847.

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## Address of the Twentieth Annual Conference

OF THE  
CANADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CHURCH,  
TO THE  
METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—With gratitude we acknowledge the distinguished favours which, as a Conference, heaven has bestowed upon us during the past year. The grievous pestilence which, unmoved by sympathy, and unsated by the multitude of its slain, has not been permitted to sever from our ecclesiastical assembly a single victim. As living monuments of providential care, we therefore feel great pleasure in approaching your venerable body, through the medium of our Annual Address; convinced that the skilful Disposer of all events, directed the plan which issued in bringing our infant cause in Canada into a relation with you, so close and interesting—a relation alike honourable to both bodies, and calculated (as the issue has proved) to subserve the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, to check the progress of despotic rule in the Christian Church, and to give stability and efficiency to the efforts of the few who regard the rights of the Laity. Convinced of these things, we should, even under adverse circumstances, feel it a duty in some respects pleasing, to furnish a brief account of past trials and labours, of our present standing, and of our cheering prospects. Favoured, however, as we have been, during the past year, the pleasure usually felt in performing a similar duty, is, in the present instance, very much enhanced. In whatever part of our enlarged field of operation we glance—whether we contemplate the location of the “back-woodsman,” or the more favoured sections of our interesting Colony, we find the most gratifying monuments of the benevolence of our English brethren. Where Chapels and Parsonages present no “monumental stone,” we have the Missionaries you have sent us, or those raised up among us; both of whom, owe much of their limited comforts to your abounding liberality. Thankful to God, who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, for having placed at our disposal the means of more extensive usefulness, we would surrender the most cordial expression of gratitude to the

honoured and esteemed agents through whom these gifts are conferred. But monuments to the praise of your liberality, and to the honour of God, more sublime and satisfactory than all that is implied in the most refined, grateful feeling, presents itself in almost every part of our borders. While in towns and cities we are doing what we can, and in the thickly-settled portions of the country endeavouring to cultivate the field, we rejoice—and our esteemed brethren in England will mingle with us in our rejoicings—to know, that, in the remote and less favoured sections, to the poor the Gospel is preached, with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven: thus souls are converted, societies are established, and the name of God glorified.

It will be gratifying to our patrons and benefactors in England to find, that the state of our finances during the past year has been more prosperous than at any previous period of our history, as a body. By a reference to our Missionary Report it will be seen, that the subscriptions to our Auxiliary Missionary Society have exceeded those of the preceding year about one hundred pounds; and although many of our Missionaries have failed to obtain the small pittance allowed them by discipline, yet the deficiency is less than that of former years. Taking into account the enlargement of our Connexional Journal, and its publication weekly, which has involved the body in a heavy item of expense, the above facts, in a season of unprecedented commercial depression, furnish ample encouragement, and a strong assurance of more glorious results, in connexion with faithful and persevering effort in the future. Scarcely a month passes without bringing to light some additional evidence of the entire adaptation of our reasonable, scriptural, and truly liberal system of Church Government, to the circumstances of Canada. A tide has set in, which is evidently destined to reduce to a state of equality all the Churches in this Province, freeing form the trammels of Government interference, and requiring each community to depend exclusively on its own liberality for support, and on its own energetic exertions, aided and rendered efficient by the Divine blessing, for success. Standing, as heretofore, aloof from political parties we have, during the past year, through our Connexional organ, felt bound to assert our firm adherence to the voluntary

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principle, and our determination, in a constitutional way, to oppose the endowment of Religious bodies in Canada. These subjects have been discussed during the present session of our Annual Conference; and with the utmost unanimity the sentiments propounded and defended through the columns of the *Christian Messenger* have been sustained. And it affords us pleasure to state, that while the sentiments of other Religious communities, on these great questions, have deprived them of the confidence of the public, and have scattered the seeds of discord among themselves, our connexion has risen in public estimation, and has become more firmly united together.

New, extensive, and interesting openings for the extension of our cause, far more rapidly than even our present augmented means of usefulness will enable us to occupy, are presenting themselves for our consideration, and urging their claims upon us. The settlement of the unoccupied lands in Canada, though for several years past in progress, to a considerable extent, is undertaken by the Government on a very broad scale. This will vastly increase the demands for men and means; in order that the poor emigrant, who bids adieu to his native land, with its inestimable privileges, may enjoy, as far as possible, in his wilderness abode, the advantages of the living ministry; that while the wilderness becomes literally a fruitful field, the fruitful field, in a moral point of view, may not become a forest.

Contending, however, with opposing influences, and pressing through difficulties which our esteemed brethren in England can scarcely estimate, the extent of the field we occupy, and the increasing demands for a greater number of labourers, urge to greater zeal and diligence: for we can never rest until every part of our Mission is transformed into a cultivated field. To this subject we have directed our attention during the present session of our Annual Conference; and indulge the hope, that by the carrying out of the resolutions adopted, every department of our operations will be conducted in a more systematic manner, and, with the blessing of God, will accomplish more extensive results.

It will afford satisfaction to our brethren in England to find, that although the present Conference has discussed a number of questions, intricate and important to the interests

of our body, and to those of the cause of God generally, in this country, yet freedom of debate has, for the most part, led to an unanimous decision. Never before has an equal amount of business, so intimately connected with our prosperity, been transacted in one of our Annual Conferences; to sum up the whole in one statement, the people (both Ministers and Laymen) "had a mind to work."

During the past year our General Superintendent has, in the absence of a regular supply, been to a great extent occupied with the Toronto Station. This, of course, circumscribed his efforts among the Churches; but now, being freed from this engagement, and in view of an assistant Superintendent, whose coming among us we hail with the greatest pleasure, we doubt not but renewed energy and efficiency will characterize the efforts both of Superintendents and Missionaries.

And now, dear Brethren and Fathers, in view of the extensive fields already white unto harvest, the additional labourers whom you propose to send to this country, to join our Missionary band; and in anticipation of that pecuniary aid which your past liberality warrants us in expecting, we rejoice to state that our prospects of future success, exceed those of any former period of our history. And we are confident, that, were it in our power to enlist the energies of double the number of Missionaries now engaged, the accumulated host of standard bearers would find ample room for benevolent and successful exertion. But, small though we be among the thousands of Judah, we are resolved never to quit the field, or cease to toil and pray until our agents are engaged in breaking the bread of life, not only in every town and populous district, but wherever the woodman's ax resounds. Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Lord may make us glad according to the days wherein he hath afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. May the good work of the Lord appear unto his servants, and his glory unto their children: may the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and may he establish the work of our hands upon us.

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

J. JACKSON, *President.*

T. GOLDSMITH, *Secretary.*

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# GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE PATERNAL FUND,

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Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, 1847	1	7	11	Adams, L. P. 3 child'n	4	17	0
Grant from England	30	0	0	Bell, J. . . . . 3 "	4	9	0
Ancaster	1	11	3	Bursell, H. . . . . 2 "	3	2	0
Barnston	0	13	9	Glass, J. . . . . 4 "	5	1	0
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Crosby	0	11	9	Ramage, W. . . . . 4 "	5	16	0
Drummond	0	0	0	Rump, T. . . . . 1 "	1	7	0
Dunham	0	5	6½	Shilton, J. . . . . 3 "	4	1	0
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Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1847	16	8	9½	Rev. J. Jackson's annuity	10	0	0
Repaid from Connexion- al Debt	11	0	8	Do. do. paid in advance	10	0	0
Grant from England	30	0	0	Loan to Rev. E. Van- Norman	35	0	0
Interest on loan to Rev. J. Wilkinson	1	10	0	Rev. E. VanNorman's note considered as loan	8	15	0
Do. on do. to Rev. T. T. Howard	4	4	0	Balance in hand	12	14	1½
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Rev. J. Shilton	£2	10	0	/			
" H. Bursell	0	5	8				
" E. VanNor- man's note	8	15	0				
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*Monies at Interest, belonging to the Beneficent Fund.*

Balance due by Connexion- al Debt	£63	4	4
Interest on ditto, (amount not known,)	0	0	0
Loaned, on approved security	165	0	0
Notes of Ministers	76	5	0
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Balance in Treasurer's hands	12	14	1½
	£317	3	5

*Subscriptions on account of the Connexion- al Debt.*

Amount paid the Treasurer. in 1847	£7	4	11
Subscriptions paid the Treasurer, in 1848—Crosby Circuit, 18s. 9d.; Lansdowne, £2 12s.; Malahide, 5s.	3	15	9
<b>Total</b>	£11	0	8

**Dr. STATEMENT OF THE CONNEXIONAL DEBT.** **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Due Beneficent Society. 1846	74	5	0	Repaid B. Society, 1847	7	4	11
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