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# EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE

## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference?

ANSWER,—WM. HOOPER, President of the Conference, 1874.

WM. S. PASCOE, Secretary “ 1874.

William Jolliffe, Superintendent of Cobourg District.

Jesse Whitlock, “ Exeter “

William Kenner, “ London “

George Webber, “ P. E. Island “

Samuel Jolliffe, “ Wisconsin “

*Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.*

George Ward, sent by Cobourg District Meeting

Samuel Naylor, “ do. do.

James Tape, “ do. do.

Robert Gordon “ do. do.

John Clarke, “ do. do.

\* Robert Logan “ do. do.

Thomas Bowden, “ Bowmanville do.

Charles R. Tamblyn, “ do. do.

James Rundle, “ do. do.

William Gilbert, “ do. do.

George Hazeldine, “ do. do.

William Hayes, “ do. do.

William Lander, “ do. do.

\* This Brother was not present.



Joseph Ellicott,	sent by	Bowmanville District Meeting.	
Thomas R. Courtice,	"	do.	do.
Frederick Phillips,	"	do.	do.
James Lane,	"	do.	do.
Henry Tiffin,	"	do.	do.
William Yelland,	"	Victoria & Peterboro'	do.
John Dix,	"	do.	do.
John F. Cummings,	"	do.	do.
Thomas C. Moynes,	"	do.	do.
John Mason,	"	do.	do.
John Hull,	"	do.	do.
Alonzo Boyington,	"	do.	do.
James Pickard,	sent by	Exeter	do.
Henry L. Wills,	"	do.	do.
William Passmore,	"	do.	do.
Thomas C. Pickard,	"	do.	do.
David Tiplady,	"	do.	do.
Henry J. Nott,	"	do.	do.
Henry Heal.	"	do.	do.
James Southcott,	sent by	London	do.
* Thomas Pratt,	"	do.	do.
William Field,	"	do.	do.
John Isaac,	"	do.	do.
William Fallick,	"	do.	do.
* John Lewis,	"	do.	do.
John Heal,	"	do.	do.
John W. Pickard,	sent by	P. E. Island	do.
* James Kinley,	"	do.	do.
* Henry J. Thorne,	"	Cleveland	do.
* John Snell,	"	do.	do.
Thomas Blakey,	"	do.	do.

*Preachers sent by their Respective District Meetings.*

Paul Robins,	sent by	Bowmanville District Meeting.	
John H. Eynon,	"	do.	do.
Thomas Greene,	"	London	do.

\*These Brethren were not present.

Robert Hurley,	sent by	Victoria & Peterboro' Dis. Meet.	
John Williams,	"	Bowmanville	do.
Cephas Barker,	"	do.	do.
John W. Butcher,	"	Exeter	do.
Jacob Gale,	"	Bowmanville	do.
William R. Roach,	"	do.	do.
Thomas R. Hull,	"	Cobourg	do.
George Bodle,	"	Exeter	do.
Andrew Gordon,	"	Cobourg	do.
John Kenner,	"	Bowmanville	do.
Isaac Ashley,	"	Exeter	do.
Edward Roberts,	"	Victoria & Peterboro'	do.
Archibald Clarke,	"	do.	do.
Henry A. Newcombe,	"	Cobourg	do.
John Guard,	"	Bowmanville	do.
John Kinsey,	"	Victoria & Peterboro'	do.
George Dunkley,	"	do.	do.
William Wade,	"	Exeter	do.
Walter Ayers,	"	London	do.
John Harris,	"	do.	do.
James J. Rice,	"	Bowmanville	do.
Lewis W. Wickett,	"	Cobourg	do.
Richard T. Courtice,	"	Cleveland	do.
William Kinley,	"	Bowmanville	do.
William C. Beer,	"	Exeter	do.
Robert Baker,	"	London	do.
Stephen H. Rice,	"	do.	do.
Alexander Richard,	"	Victoria & Peterboro'	do.
Roger Allin,	"	Exeter	do.
Joseph Archer,	"	Bowmanville	do.
John G. Yelland,	"	P. E. Island	do.
George Smith,	"	Bowmanville	do.
William H. Quance,	"	Cobourg	do.
Thomas Broad,	"	London	do.

JOHN KENNER was elected President ;

JAMES J. RICE, Secretary ;

WILLIAM H. QUANCE, Journal Secretary ; and

STEPHEN H. RICE, Duplicate Secretary.

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

A.—

Francis Metherall,	(Superant.)	Archibald Clarke,†
Paul Robins,	do.	Henry A. Newcombe,
John Langdou,	do.	John Guard,
John Hicks Eynon,	do.	John Kinsey,
Abraham Morris,	do.	George Dunkley,
John Brown Tapp,	do.	Samuel Jolliffe,
Thomas Greene,	do.	William Wade,
John Edwards,	do.	Walter Ayers,
Robert Hurley,	do.	John Harris,
John Chapple,		William Medland,
John Williams,	(Superan.)	James Joseph Rice,
Cephas Barker,		Lewis W. Wickett,
William Hooper,		Henry James Nott,
Henry Ebbott,		Richard T. Courtice,
George Haycraft,	(Superan.)	William Kinley,
John Watson Butcher,		William C. Beer,
Jacob Gale,	(Superan.)	Anselm Schuster,
Jesse Whitlock,		Robert Bakèr,
William Roberts Roach,		Stephen Henry Rice,
William Samuel Pascoe,		Alexander Richard,
William Kenner,		Roger Allin,
Thomas Raynor Hull,		James H. Collins,
George Bodle,		Joseph Archer,
Andrew Gordon,		John G. Yelland,
John Kenner,		George Smith,
Isaac Ashley,		William H. Quance,
George Webber,		Richard B. Rowe,
Edward Roberts,		Thomas Broad,
William Jolliffe,		John Dumbleton,

Q. 3.—Who is admitted into Full Connexion?

A.—William H. Butt.

Q. 4.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—

John Holmes,*	John Ball,	James Kestle,
John Veale,	Moses Metherall,	Robert Davidson,
George H. Copeland,	Richard Mallett,	B. A. John Greenway.
William Trethewey,		Matthew Nichols.

These have travelled *Three Years*.

\* Bro. Holmes is continued on trial another year, wholly on account of the delicate state of his health.

John Pooley,  
Thomas H. Dry,  
George Johns,

James Pollard Rice,  
Fergus O'Connor Jones.  
William Davis,

Thomas Mason.†

These have travelled *Two Years*.

Edwin Alfred Tonkin,  
William Rollins,  
Herman Moore,

John Gilson,  
‡Joshua Elliott,  
‡William Limbert.

‡Samuel James Allin.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on Trial?

A.—

Thomas Sabine, John Martin Tredrea, Richard Thomas.

Q. 6.—What Preachers have died this year?

A.—JAMES COLLINS, who was born Feb. 20th, 1841, in Devon, England. In early life, he was brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. While yet young, he removed to Canada, and settled in the Pickering Mission, where he became a Local Preacher; and from that station he was recommended to the Conference of 1867. He subsequently labored on the Hampton, Cobourg, Hungerford, Warton, Lindsay, Fenelon, and Perrytown Stations, and was ordained at the Conference of 1871. He was a diligent student, a man of unquestionable piety, an earnest preacher, and notwithstanding defects in his early education, a successful minister of the Gospel.

A succession of family afflictions, in the loss of his wife and two children, seem to have affected his general health. Shortly after last Conference, while engaged in the public service of the sanctuary, he ruptured a blood vessel. Great weakness followed, so that he was compelled to give up his much-loved work. He bore his affliction with Christian resignation; was often filled with rapturous joy at the glorious prospect that lay before him; and, after witnessing a good confession, and charging his friends and neighbors to meet him in the "better land," without a doubt

† Bro. Mason was taken out shortly after the Conference of 1873, and is now set down as having travelled *Two Years*.

‡ These brethren were taken out immediately after the last Conference, and are set down as having travelled *One Year*.



or a fear, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, on the 6th of March, 1875. Thus passed away, in early life, a Brother beloved.

The influence of his triumphant death, was evidenced in the immediate neighborhood by a glorious revival of religion.

MARK HARDY, who was born in the Isle of Wight, 1846. He, with his parents, emigrated to this country in the year ——. They ultimately settled in Mariposa, where Bro. Hardy received his moral and intellectual training. From a very early age, he felt impressed with the fact that it was his duty to give himself to God. The Holy Spirit thus striving with him, he finally, at the age of about 18, gave up his all to Christ, and united with the Church at Little Britain, on the Mariposa Circuit. The Society, with which he was connected, appreciating his piety and talent, recommended him to the Quarterly Meeting, which gave him work on the Local Preachers' Plan. Having labored successfully in this sphere for about four years, he was duly recommended to the District Meeting and Conference, to be received as a Probationer for the Itinerant Ministry. Being received by the Conference, he was sent to labor on the Exeter Circuit, under the pastorate of Bro. H. Kenner. The Lord abundantly blessed his labors, in the conversion of many souls, some of whom went home to heaven before him. At the end of the year, he was removed to Hampton Circuit, under the pastorate of Bro. E. Roberts, who, in consequence of ill health, was necessitated to take a trip to England, during which time the Circuit was left in the care of Bro. Hardy. On this station, too, God blessed Bro. Hardy's labors, in the conversion of many souls. In the middle of the year, his health failed him, and he had, in consequence, to abandon his active labors, to the great sorrow of his heart. He was very hopeful that he would soon be better, and be able to resume his labors. He patiently suffered his affliction, a little more than two years, sinking gradually. On the morning of the 25th of February, 1875, he suddenly fell asleep in Jesus. He was not, for God took him.

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Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed this year?

A.—As follows :

### I. Cobourg District.

1. Cobourg—J. Kenner, S. J. Allin. *Tredrea by Kinley*
2. Welcome—T. R. Hull ; R. Hurley, Superannuated. *Kettle*
3. Port Hope—W. H. Quance ; J. B. Tapp, Superannuated. *R. Kinney*
4. Perrytown—M. Metherall. *R. Baker*
5. Hungerford—R. Baker.
6. Huntingdon—R. Mallett, B.A. *Archer*
7. Campbellford—H. Ebbott, J. Elliott.
8. Belleville—L. W. Wickett.

J. KENNER, Superintendent of District.

W. H. QUANCE, Chapel Secretary.

### II. Bowmanville District.

9. Bowmanville—W. Jolliffe, E. A. Tonkin ; P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, J. Gale, Superannuated ; A. Schuster, Evangelist ; Conference Offices—C. Barker, Editor and Book Steward. *Ebbott*
10. Hampton—W. Wade, M. Nichols. *W. Wade*
11. Columbus—J. Guard. *W. B. Burr*
12. Oshawa—W. Kenner.
13. Pickering—G. Smith ; J. Williams, Superannuated. *Quance*
14. Prince Albert—W. Kinley, W. Rollins ; J. Langdon, Superannuated. *Rollins*
15. Toronto—G. Webber, J. M. Tredrea. *Mallett*
16. Uxbridge—J. Archer ; A. Morris, Superannuated.

W. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of District.

W. KENNER, Chapel Secretary.

### III. Victoria & Peterboro' District.

17. Mariposa—A. Clarke, J. Kinsey, F. O'C. Jones. *Schuster*
18. Peterboro' & Ashburnham—A. Gordon, J. P. Rice. *Rollins*
19. Lakefield—A. Richard.
20. Fenelon—H. A. Newcombe, J. Gilson.
21. Lindsay—E. Roberts, Gen. Agent ; W. Trethewey. *Guard*
22. Sutton—I. Ashley. *J. Kinney*
23. Manvers & Cartwright—J. Harris, R. Thomas. *Ashley*

A. CLARKE, Superintendent of District.

J. HARRIS, Chapel Secretary.

*S. J. Allin*  
*Butcher Holmes*  
**IV. Exeter District.**

24. *Butcher* Exeter—J. Whitlock, J. Ball, H. Moore, J. Edwards,  
 Superannuated.

25. *Butcher* Mitchell—W. Hooper, G. Dunkley.

26. *Butcher* Usborne—W. C. Beer, W. Limbert. *Hull D Williams*

27. Clinton—R. T. Courtice.

28. Colborne—T. Mason.

29. *Ball* Grey—G. Bodle.

30. Palmerston—W. H. Butt.

31. *Ball* Wiarton—R. Allin.

J. WHITLOCK, Superintendent of District.

W. C. BEER, Chapel Secretary.

**V. London District.**

32. *J. Whitlock* London—J. J. Rice.

33. *J. Whitlock* Lambeth—T. Broad; T. Greene, Superannuated.

34. *H. Davis* St. Thomas—H. J. Nott.

35. *Broad* Ingersoll—J. W. Butcher.

36. Dereham—J. Veale.

37. *Moore* Colchester—W. Davis.

38. *Quance Copeland* Hamilton—S. H. Rice.

39. Windsor—W. Ayers.

J. J. RICE, Superintendent of District.

S. H. RICE, Chapel Secretary.

**VI. Prince Edward Island District.**

40. Charlottetown—W. S. Pascoe.

41. *Yelland* Union—R. B. Rowe, J. Holmes.

42. *Medland* Vernon River—J. Kestle.

43. *Medland* Murray Harbor—W. Medland.

44. Sturgeon & Montague—J. Pooley.

45. *London* Summerside—J. H. Collins.

46. *Yelland* West Cape & Bideford—J. G. Yelland, T. Sabine; F.  
 Metherall, Superannuated.

W. S. PASCOE, Superintendent of District.

W. MEDLAND, Chapel Secretary.

**VII. Wisconsin District.**

47. *Palmyra*—R. Davidson.  
 48. *Lisbon*—J. Dumbleton ; G. Haycraft, Superannuated. *Greenway*  
 49. *Yorkville*—W. R. Roach. *Dumbleton*  
 50. *Little Prairie*—J. Greenway.  
 51. *Burlington*—T. H. Dry.

W. R. ROACH, Superintendent of District.

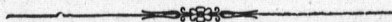
J. GREENWAY, Chapel Secretary.

**VIII. Cleveland District.**

52. *Cleveland*—S. Jolliffe. *Brode*  
 53. *Orange*—G. Johns.  
 54. *Chagrin Falls*—J. Chapple.  
 55. *Cleveland Mission*—G. H. Copeland. *J. P. Rice*

S. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of District

G. H. COPELAND, Chapel Secretary.



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f District.

Q. 8.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

A.—

STATIONS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	Received from other Circuits.	On Trial.	Approved Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg.....	2	4	4			8		6	125	131	23	206
Welcome.....	1	9	4	1	1	17	3	4	215	219	39	215
Port Hope.....	2	2	1		2	2	2		96	96	11	100
Perrytown.....	1		4			3		3	45	48	16	87
Hungerford.....	1	2	4	4	2	10			80	80	4	50
Huntingdon.....	1	4	4	2	3	4		15	110	125	6	50
Campbellford.....	2	2	5	1	1				93	93	22	112
Belleville.....	1	3	1	1		3	3		66	66	5	64
Total Cobourg Dis.	11	26	27	9	9	47	8	28	830	858	126	884
Bowmanville.....	6	9	8		11	31	8	7	403	410	74	697
Hampton.....	1	11	6		5	15	2	25	224	249	79	456
Columbus.....	1	5	3	1	2	4	2	1	118	119	20	120
Oshawa.....	1	2	1		3	21	1	3	106	109	22	137
Pickering.....	3	5	5	2	3	15	4	18	74	92	24	173
Prince Albert.....	2	5	8			7			115	115	20	144
Toronto.....	2	5	2			15		6	69	75	26	266
Uxbridge.....	2	3	3			11		33	46	79	18	135
Total Bowmanville District.	18	45	36	3	24	119	17	93	1155	1248	283	2128
Mariposa.....	3	11	11	1	7	13			386	386	86	772
Peterboro'.....	2	3	4		1	10			130	130	30	231
Lakefield.....	1	4	4		1	3	1		112	112	25	157
Fenelon.....	2	3	5	3	1	10	11	7	112	149	37	298
Lindsay.....	1		1		1	3	3	1	63	64	10	130
Sutton.....	1	2	4	2	1	8	1	18	54	72	20	90
Total in Victoria & Peterboro' Dist.	10	23	29	7	11	47	16	26	857	883	208	1678
Exeter.....	3	14	8	1	7	27	11	148	437	585	125	789
Mitchell.....	2	10	5	1	3	33		23	343	366	33	474
Usborne.....	2	4	8	1	1	10			195	235	61	263
Clinton.....	2	6	3	1			2	8	106	114	18	122
Colborne.....	1	3	4	2	2	4			105	107	26	205
Grey.....	1	1	2	1	2	4		3	35	38	7	50
Warton.....	1	2		9		2		9	65	74	8	40
Palmerston.....	1		1	2		5	3	10	22	32	7	50
Total Exeter Dist'ct	13	40	31	18	16	85	16	243	1308	1551	285	1993
London.....	1	9	2		2	4	1	5	117	122	24	269
Lambeth.....	2	2	2	1	1			2	65	67	3	60
St. Thomas.....	1	1	1			13	4		30	30	10	100
Ingersoll.....	1	2	2			2		1	49	50	6	55
Dereham.....	1	1	3			9	1	20	37	57	24	167
Colchester.....	1	2	1	1		5	2		27	27	7	52
Hamilton.....	1	1	1			4	2	1	33	34	10	100
Windsor.....	1		1			7			21	21	9	60
Total London Dis.	9	18	13	2	3	44	10	29	379	408	93	863

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## STATIONS.

STATIONS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	Received from other Circuits.	On Trial.	Approved Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Charlottetown.....	1	7	1			8		1	112	113	12	149
Union.....	2	9	7	1	2	5		15	144	159	19	148
Vernon River.....	1		3			2			70	70	4	42
Murray Harbor.....	1		2	2	1	4	1	11	80	91	19	101
Sturgeon & Montague.....	1	1	2	3					44	44	7	60
Summerside.....	2	5	3	4	1	6		40	72	112	10	110
West Cape.....	2		3	3	2	2		2	52	54	11	109
Total P. E. Island District.....	10	22	21	13	7	27	1	69	574	643	82	719
Palmyra.....	1	6	4	1	1	6		8	129	137	33	195
Lisbon.....	2		2	1	3	7			85	85	22	146
Yorkville.....	1	6	4	1	2	5		8	104	112	41	202
Little Prairie.....	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	21	58	79	16	116
Hurlington.....	2	1	2			3			39	39		
Total Wisconsin Dis.	7	14	13	5	7	22	1	37	415	452	112	659
Cleveland.....	1	3	1		1	17	4	4	80	84	9	90
Orange.....	1	1	2				4		64	64	15	83
Chapin Falls.....	1	3	1	2	1	4		7	56	63	8	86
Cleveland Mission.....	1	4	1	1		1		8	45	53	16	100
Total Cleveland Dis.	4	11	5	3	2	22	8	19	245	264	48	379
Totals in 1875.....	82	199	175	60	78	413	77	514	5763	6307	1237	9503
Totals in 1874.....	76	208	167	66	69	517	132	722	5472	6194	1214	8878
Increase.....	6		8		9				291	113	23	425
Decrease.....		9		6		104	55	178				

Q. 9.—What is the Spiritual state of the Denomination ?

A.—The several District reports speak of encouraging features in every department of our work ; such as, for example, general peace in our societies, attended with such a measure of prosperity as may warrant us to indulge in the bright hope of a successful future, if faithful to the grace of God ! Some stations have been visited with showers of blessing, resulting in the conversion of many, both old and young ; and in instances, not a few, throughout our entire work a gracious quickening is gratefully acknowledged.

Added to these, we have a growing interest in the several departments of religious instruction for the young, increased facilities in our church accommodation, a more general and hearty co-operation on the part of Officials and the Laity, in all matters

Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
131	23	206
219	39	215
96	11	100
48	16	87
80	4	50
10	6	50
125	6	50
93	22	112
66	5	64
858	126	884
410	74	697
249	79	456
119	20	120
109	22	137
92	24	173
115	20	144
69	26	266
79	18	135
1248	283	2128
386	86	772
130	30	231
112	25	157
112	37	298
63	10	130
54	20	90
857	883	2081
437	125	789
343	33	474
195	61	263
106	18	122
105	26	205
35	7	50
35	8	40
65	7	50
22	7	
1308	1551	1993
117	24	269
65	3	60
30	10	100
49	6	55
37	24	167
27	7	52
33	10	100
21	9	60
379	93	863



pertaining to the interest of the Denomination ; and generally, throughout our Societies, such a tone of feeling evinced as leads us to believe that there is not only a desire for, but a seeking after, a higher religious life, even the possession of the mind that was in Christ.

Notwithstanding the pleasure we are supposed to realize from these encouraging features, we can but regret the worldliness, selfishness, formalism, and a want of relish for spiritual things in many among us, professing the Christian name ; and we would most devoutly pray that every member throughout our entire beloved Denomination, may aspire to that type of piety so clearly revealed in the New Testament, and thereby become patterns of holy living and devotedness to God.

#### COMMITTEES :

Q. 11.—Who are the Executive Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary of the Conference, the ex-President, the Superintendents of Districts, the Editor, Missionary Secretary, Financial Secretary, J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, W. Kenner, G. Webber, T. R. Hull, J. Guard, W. Windatt, J. Pickard, C. R. Tamblyn, T. Bowden, J. Hull, James Rundle, T. Gilbard.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE :

The President, the Editor, W. Jolliffe, P. Robins, W. Windatt, C. R. Tamblyn.

Q. 12.—Who are the Stationing Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary, the ex-President, Superintendents of Districts, the Editor, the Missionary Secretary, and Financial Secretary, severally, and one Lay representative from each District.

Q. 13.—Who are the Examining Committee?

A.—G. Webber, W. C. Beer, and A. Richard.

Q. 14.—Who are the District Committees for the examination of Candidates?

A.—COBOURG DISTRICT : J. Kenner, W. H. Quance, L. W. Wickett.

BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT : W. Kenner, G. Webber, J. Guard.

VICTORIA & PETERBORO' DISTRICT : E. Roberts, A. Richard, J. Harris.

EXETER DISTRICT : J. Whitlock, W. Hooper, W. C. Beer.

LONDON DISTRICT : J. J. Rice, H. J. Nott, S. H. Rice.

P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT : W. S. Pascoe, W. Medland, J. H. Collins.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT : W. R. Roach, G. Haycraft, J. Dumbleton.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT : S. Jolliffe, J. Chapple, J. Shackson.

#### CONFERENCE OFFICIALS.

J. Kenner, President of Conference ; J. J. Rice, Secretary of Conference, and General Corresponding Secretary ; C. Barker, Editor and Book Steward, Corresponding Secretary with England, and Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund ; J. Harris, Missionary Secretary ; E. Roberts, General Financial Secretary ; W. H. Quance, General Chapel Secretary ; G. Webber, E. Roberts, and C. R. Tambllyn, Auditors ; C. Barker and W. Windatt, General Treasurers ; H. J. Nott, General Sabbath School Secretary ; P. Robins, Secretary of the Chapel Loan Fund.

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1876.

Q. 15.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held ?

A.—Cobourg District, at Zion, Huntingdon Circuit ; Bowmanville District, at Hampton ; Victoria & Peterboro' District, at Peterboro' ; Exeter District, at Elimville ; London District, at Salem, Dereham Mission ; all on the third Wednesday in May. P. E. Island District, at Charlottetown, the second Friday in May ; Wisconsin District, at Pleasant Valley, Palmyra Circuit, the first Wednesday in May ; Cleveland District, at Orange, the third Wednesday in May, 1876.

#### NEXT CONFERENCE, 1876.

Q. 16.—When and where shall the next Conference be held ?

A.—At Oshawa, on the first Thursday in June, 1876, at 9 a.m., the Executive Committee to meet on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 a. m.

N. B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports to lay before the Committee ; the Stationing Committee to meet the same day at 4 p. m. ; the Examining Committee on the following day, (Wednesday) at 9 a. m.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 1875-6.

The first Executive Committee Meeting shall be held in Bowmanville, on the 4th Wednesday in August; the second meeting at any place the Committee may appoint, on the 4th Wednesday in November; and the third meeting, at any place the Committee may appoint, on the 4th Wednesday in February, 1876.

### Address to the Societies.

DEARLY BELOVED,

In harmony with a time honored usage of our Church, we address a word of counsel and encouragement to you from the Conference.

From the statistical returns, and the ample reports of the several District Meetings, we are in a position to scan the tents of our Israel, as from the mounts of Moab, scattered in the valley below. By no other means could we get so general a view of things, unless we had more than human powers of discernment. Perhaps it is not assuming too much to conclude that, we can see and judge of the state of the Church as you can hardly do in your individual capacity.

We see much in the history of the past year, both to encourage and stimulate to further and increased efforts to promote a pure Christianity through the medium of our own Denomination. An organization, based upon principles of truth, is a great power for good, if well worked: Man can do but little, single-handed; two are better

than one, and a threefold cord is not easily broken. The strength or weakness of an organization depends upon the principles of its constitution, and the character of its members. As a church, we believe our principles are unquestionably sound and scriptural. Our Church polity is unique and liberal; and our approved usages, though somewhat singular, agree with Bible teaching and example. If, as a people, we lack any of the power of the past, we fear it has grown out of a departure from our principles, rather than a defect in them.

It is a matter of encouragement, that of late we have had great success in opening missions, in erecting large and commodious churches, in an increase of ministerial stipend, and other financial improvements. Beyond, above, and infinitely better than all this, souls have been saved. While we regret that some of our stations have been barren, others have yielded a plentiful harvest. (We cannot report so great an increase as we had hoped to do.)

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The returns from several stations show a falling off by means of names being *dropped*, not so much for falling into open sin as from a neglect of the means of grace, more especially the Class and Prayer Meetings. Your Ministers and Representatives now in Conference assembled, feel impressed to urge upon all the members and officers of our Church, the importance of regular attendance upon *all the means of grace*. The preaching of the Word is important, but the Lord's Supper, Fellowship, and Prayer Meetings, are of equal importance. We fear that many of you never attend the weekly meeting for prayer; others never attend the class meeting; some are very irregular in their attendance on the public preaching of the Word. Nothing will tend more certainly and rapidly to a decline in spiritual life and enjoyment, than indifference to the ordinances of the Sanctuary. God calls it "robbery,"—"Yet ye have robbed me."

The principles of piety are the same as under the old economy, and those who refuse to perform the duties of the Christian Church, are as verily robbing God as the Jews of old. While Christianity has, by Divine revelation, dropped from its list of duties and services the merely typical and ceremonial part of the Mosaic institution, it has by no means dropped the *spirit* of that service, nor dropped at all that spiritual worship, that Divine communion and holy fellowship ex-

pressed by the Prophet Malachi, ch. iii. v. 16, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name."

Church records on earth, tell alarming tales of negligence in duty; but could we glance into the "Book of remembrance" written before God, what would we see? Yet, doubtless, that Book is kept with the same unerring wisdom and justice that kept it in the days of yore, and will be one of those books out of which the dead will be judged, seen by St. John, Rev. xx. 21. Christianity, dear friends, is not a lax antinomian system; it not only retains the holy law of Sinai, as a rule of moral conduct, but it has its laws and means of spiritual life, and of progress in that life. *A dead faith* can no more save us than *dead works*. Spiritual life *must* be fed—regularly fed. We therefore urge attendance upon *all* the means of grace, as far as possible. To heads of families, we say, Worship God in your families; read the Scriptures and conduct family prayer once a day, at least, and oftener, when practicable. Supply your family with good reading, especially a Religious Weekly. We know of none better or cheaper than our own Organ the *Observer*, and we think this paper should circulate in every family in our Denomination; and should any family be too poor



to take it, let their rich neighbors supply them. Keep your families from contaminating companionship; encourage them to attend Bible Classes and Bands of Hope, and to every good word and work, and verily you shall have your reward.

Much has been said and written on some of our methods of raising funds for carrying on the work of God among us, and in the Church and world generally. We may congratulate ourselves that, as a Denomination, we have not imitated some branches of the professed Church, in a number of highly objectionable practices of which we hear and read; nor, as we hope, gone into extremes in others; nevertheless, we see a danger in this direction, and would respectfully and affectionately urge our friends to raise funds for all necessary purposes without those frequent Teas and Socials, in which mixed multitudes assemble, and the spirit of the world, rather than that of Christ, is in the ascendant. We believe, as a rule, the true friends of our Zion would find it quite as economical, and far more to the glory of God, and the spiritual interests of the Church.

Again, we venture to call your attention to another source of weakness, and, we fear, a growing evil among us, viz: An undervaluing of Local preachers. No doubt there has been, in some cases, a want of discretion in selecting and appointing persons to officiate in this important office; neverthe-

less, we fear there is a growing disposition to undervalue Lay preachers, however able to edify and instruct a congregation. How often have some of us been pained to learn that members of the Church, not to say congregation, have absented themselves from the house of God, or gone to some other place, only because it was a *local preacher*. "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph."

Again, we would not overlook the importance of *female* effort in our church, and we are prepared to acknowledge their very extensive usefulness in the Sabbath School department; but we think, in many other ways our sisters may render the church more influence for good than at present. God has abundantly blessed the labors of holy, zealous women, in all ages of the world. Among the thousands led to God by our denomination, a very large number of them are traceable to female effort, one way and another.

We hope that encouragement will be given to our sisters to work in every proper way for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. We will venture to suggest, in all kindness, that less style, less expense, and vain show in personal adornment, and more simplicity, humility, and devotion, coupled with prayer and earnest words of exhortation from our dear Sisters in Christ, would, we believe, under God, produce a mighty revolution in

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We will venture to call your attention to another evil which has been visible for years past, and is sapping the foundation of individual piety, and thus weakening the Church. We mean the practice of keeping very late hours of business on Saturday evening, especially in towns. This evil produces another, *i. e.*, late rising on Sabbath morning, which leads to very late attendance on morning service; in a word, it keeps hundreds from attending morning service at all. Near akin to this, is the practice of rushing from the sanctuary on Sabbath evenings, to spend an hour or two in promenading the sidewalks, instead of prayer and meditation on the word of God.

Sabbath visiting is another evil, keeping many from the house of God, and setting a bad example to the rising race.

We, dear friends, must not walk as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their minds. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present world."—Titus ii. 11-12.

The offence of the cross has not, cannot cease. Self-denial is necessitated by the *fall*. As long as the flesh lusteth against the spirit, so long will self-sacrifice be required. So long as there is an ungodly seed—a people not of the Father, but of the world—so long will they

that live godly in Christ Jesus suffer persecution. Holiness and sin can never harmonize. That life which provokes the most hostility from the world, is most like Christ. We must not lower the standard of Christian character to suit fallen humanity, but rather, throw the light of a holy example upon the darkness of their deeds.

Dear friends, our great lack is holiness; our only real weakness can arise from this cause. Personal holiness lies at the root of all true upity, zeal, and sympathy. Entire sanctification is the birthright of every believer, and it constitutes his armor, both offensive and defensive; it fits him to live, and is his passport to Paradise.

We exhort you to cultivate kindly feelings to all Christians; show due courtesy to all other Denominations, but at the same time, cultivate a consistent self respect, and a respect for your own Denomination.

We fear that, not a few, calling themselves Bible Christians, do more, directly or indirectly, to advance the interests of other Denominations than their own. While the Church exists, and operates in different wings or battalions, each must fight in his own company, and under his own commander.

The present embarrassed condition of our missionary exchequer, and the remaining debts of some of our recently erected churches, afford you a pressing opportunity for proving your Denominational loyalty in a very tangible manner;

and if, in this crisis, you rally round our connexional standard in her aggressive efforts upon the growing population of our country, you will strengthen the confidence, and cheer the hearts, of your Executive.

There are times when all professed love must culminate in heroic action and self-denying effort; that time is now upon us.

Now, dear friends, gird on the armor, and come willingly to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Bring your offerings of prayer, money, and sympathy. We cannot expect rich revival influence and baptisms of the Spirit, while any duty is, knowingly, left undone. The entire consecration of all our powers and talents to Him who

gave all for us, is reasonably demanded at our hands: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Finally, Brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you." Amen.

J. KENNER, *President.*

J. J. RICE, *Secretary.*

### Address to the English Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

The lapse of time having again brought about our annual gathering, we once more fraternally greet you. Although many of us are personally unknown to you, and you to us, we rejoice in our Denominational kinship to you, and we more greatly rejoice in that we claim a higher relationship, as partakers with you of the same spiritual life, and as being children of the same Divine Father. Some of us cherish ever-pleasant recollections of past intercourse with many of you, and with not a

few of the now sainted ones, who have passed away from this land of the dying, to the life eternal. Ours is no formal greeting, therefore, brethren, beloved in the Lord.

With us, no very stirring events have marked the year that has just now ended. United among ourselves, we have largely had "peace in our borders," and, in a good measure, "prosperity within our gates." The aggressive movements of previous years, in the opening of new fields of labor, have not been continued,—not because

the disposition to continue them has been lacking, nor because the opportunity has not been afforded us ; but because our late successful openings of new missions have temporarily embarrassed us. Believing, as we do, that a bright future lies before us, if we are faithful to God and our avowed principles, we shall be prepared for new ventures, when the means shall be at our disposal, and the door of Providence shall open before us. Influenced by this conviction, we have set apart a brother to the special task of endeavoring to remove the incubus of debt that now weighs so heavily upon us, by a personal appeal to the members and friends of the Denomination on this continent.

While, in a Denominational sense, we have enjoyed much quiet, many of the brethren have had a chequered path. All, indeed, have had their special trials, sorrows, conflicts, afflictions. Some have had to bear a more than usually heavy burden, either in personal affliction, or in consequence of the breaches death has made in their households. Our beloved Bro. Barker has been called, almost unexpectedly, to suffer the loss of his excellent wife, and has now to tread his path of life, solitary, yet not alone. Other brethren have yielded up to God, some of the lambs of their flocks, who are now safe in the upper fold.

While it has been your lot to mourn that the "fathers" have been passing away, one

by one, we have to regret the departure of two of our brethren, in their young manhood. Bro. James Collins, after a few months of suffering, from consumption, which was probably hastened by the loss of his wife and children, as well as by an accident, which brought his labors to a close in a very summary manner, has died in great triumph. Bro. Mark Hardy, a young man of great promise, after an illness of more than two years duration, in which he strongly clung to life, not from the mere desire of living, but from an intense longing to be employed in preaching Christ to fallen men, passed almost suddenly away.

As we look around upon the members of this Conference, we are painfully struck with the appearance of some of the fathers in our ministry, strong and valiant men once, good and Christ-like men now ; they are bending under the weight of many a year of honorable suffering and service in the cause of the Master. These cannot remain long with us ; they are calmly awaiting, in life's eventide, the falling of the darkness that shall hide them from our eyes. Three of our aged brethren, F. Metherall, J. Edwards, and J. B. Tapp, in addition to the feebleness of age, are greatly afflicted. For several years they have been but rarely seen in our Conferences, and the probability is, their presence will never gladden us at these annual gatherings again. Bro. Hurley, whose worth is appre-

ciated by all of us, has, by the vote of this Conference, been placed on the list of Superannuated Ministers. May God bless them all, and make their last days gloriously triumphant and happy ones, and may their places be high in heaven.

Incited by your example, we have submitted the proposed change of our Denominational name to our quarterly meetings, and so general a wish has been expressed that no change be made, that we are led to hope that, with as great unanimity as has characterized this Conference, you will be led to hold fast by our now time-honored name. We are not ashamed of it, but we mourn that we are not more more worthy of it.

One matter has especially excited our regret, viz., the inability of Bro. Gilbert to visit us, according to the appointment of your last Conference. We hope that you will see your way clear to the appointment of that brother, or of some other brother of like qualification, to visit us in the ensuing year. The necessity of an occasional delegation from each Conference to the other, becomes every year more apparent, as death does its work among you and us. We shall want to know more of each other than we can know by mere official correspondence, if the ties that bind the Conferences together are not to be constantly and increasingly weakened. Time alone will make, is making, many changes; it is making, and will make us

more Canadian, and you more English, than we are to-day. We earnestly seek occasional personal intercourse with you, through brethren honored by either Conference; so that, whatever the future may have in store for us, our relations each to the other may be of the most fraternal and affectionate kind.

We desire to express our high gratification for the kindness displayed to Bro. Webber, who was last year delegated to attend your Conference; and for your equally kind and considerate course to Bro. Wickett, who also visited England, on account of his health, and we are highly pleased that those brethren made so good an impression whilst amongst you.

As our Statistical tables will be sent to England, prior to the meeting of your Conference, we leave them to speak for themselves. They will show you, that however feeble the instrumentality employed among us, and however little we may deserve the honor of being employed at all for God, He has not left us without the witness of His presence, and the tokens of His power.

We particularly draw your attention to our request that the Constitution of this Conference may be so amended as to admit of a change in its composition. A scheme will be submitted for your consideration, and as we trust for your approval, by which we hope legally to accomplish this end. Advice has been sought and



obtained from one of the most eminent Chancery Lawyers in this country, the Hon. E. Blake, now Minister of Justice in the Dominion Government, and upon this advice our action has been based.

In closing this communication, without particularizing all the important measures that have been passed by this Conference, we would invoke the Divine blessing upon you. May it abundantly rest upon you; may His presence be so

felt by you, that you may be more than ever successful in all your efforts

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J. KENNER, *President.*

J. J. RICE, *Secretary.*





## RESOLUTIONS.

### GENERAL BUSINESS.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

I. That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Conference, be, and are hereby tendered to the retiring President and Secretary, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of their office, for the past year.

#### BRO. HURLEY'S CASE.

II. That in the opinion of this Conference, the time has come when Bro. Hurley should be relieved from the active work of the ministry; we therefore recommend to the English Conference, that he be forthwith superannuated. In making this recommendation, we desire to express our appreciation of his character and ministry, and hope that in his declining days, he may have the abundant blessing of our Divine Master.

#### EDITOR AND BOOK STEWARD'S REPORT.

III. That the Report of the Editor and Book Steward be now received and adopted; and that the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby presented to the Editor for his services, and that he be re-appointed to said offices another year.

#### AFTER CLAIMS INADMISSABLE.

IV. That, hereafter, any preacher resigning his connection with this Conference, shall put in any claim he may have against it, with his resignation; and failing to do it, no claim shall in any case be admitted after such resignation has been accepted.

#### EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

V. That a District Examining Committee be appointed at the Conference, each year, for the purpose of examining candidates for the ministry, within the several Districts; and that no candidate shall pass from any Circuit or Mission into the active work, without having first passed the Examining Committee of the District to which such Circuit or Mission belongs.

#### NUMBER OF YEARS A PREACHER MAY REMAIN ON A STATION.

VI. That, in harmony with the expressed opinion of the majority of our Quarterly Meetings, *Four Years* be the maximum term for a minister to remain on a Station, except under very

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special circumstances ; and each case of a special character, shall be dealt with by the Conference, on its own merits.

#### CONFERENCE CHARGES.

VII. That the sum of \$10 be charged with each preacher, next year for the Contingent Fund ; the charge for the Children's Fund to be the same as last year.

VIII. Believing that the energies of all, both old and young, should be enlisted in the cause of God, that children should be specially trained for active service, and that it is practicable to employ our Sabbath School children in connection with our Missionary effort, so as materially to assist the funds : Be it therefore resolved :—

1. That we urge upon our friends, on every station the formation of Juvenile Missionary Societies in connection with our Sabbath Schools.

2. That said Societies shall be conducted after the following order :

a. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and a Committee of not less than three.

That cards, to be furnished by the Book Steward, shall be put into the hands of such of the children as shall be determined upon by the Committee, said cards to be in the hands of the children for one month, then to be returned at a special meeting to be held for that purpose.

b. At the Public Meeting, to be held for the return of the Cards, short speeches, or recitations, may be given by some of the young people, and a collection be taken for the funds of the Auxiliary. The time for issuing the Cards, &c., to be determined by the Committee in unison with the Pastor of the Circuit ; and the appropriation of the amount, so raised, be left to the discretion of the Local Committee ; but it is understood that the full amount contributed this year, shall be sacredly devoted to the General Fund.

#### NEW CONNEXION SOCIETIES.

IX. That the application of several societies of the late M. N. C. Church in Manvers and Cartwright, for admission to our Church, be acceded to ; that they be connected with the appointments of Williamsburg and Cæsarea, and that the new station be designated the Manvers and Cartwright Circuit—to be worked by two married men.

X. That the Manvers and Cartwright Circuit be set down on the Minutes as part of the Victoria and Peterboro' District.

#### HUNTINGDON A CIRCUIT.

XI. That Huntingdon Mission be placed on the list of self-supporting Circuits, in accordance with its request.

## GENERAL FINANCIAL AGENT.

XII. That Bro. E. Roberts be relieved from Circuit duty, for such time as may be necessary, in order that he may devote himself exclusively, as General Financial Agent, to the raising of means for the liquidation of the Connexional Debt; and that the General Financial Agent act under the direction of the Executive Com., and the Sub-Committee, for the current year.

## PROPOSED INCREASE OF LAY REPRESENTATION.

XIII. That the following Report of a Com. appointed to consider a change in the Constitution of the Conference, be adopted:

Whereas it is deemed expedient to make such alteration in the composition of our Annual Conferences, holden between what are known as the fifth year, or General Conferences, as to give the respective Quarterly and District Meetings the privilege, should they so will it, of sending an equal number of laymen to attend said Conferences, to the preachers authorized to attend as members thereof, and no more; and whereas the opinion of eminent Counsel, (the Hon. E. Blake, Q. C., now Minister of Justice for the Dominion) has been sought and obtained, as to the legality of the change proposed; and whereas said counsel is of opinion that the Conference has power to make the proposed change in the following manner, viz., That the Conference pass a resolution, containing a statement of the proposed change, subject to the approval of the English Conference; and that the proposed change, so established by the English Conference, would be the law of the case: Be it therefore, and it is hereby, resolved and agreed—

1. That each Circuit or Mission Quarterly Meeting shall have the privilege of sending to each and every Annual District Meeting, within the bounds of which it is included, as members thereof, the two Circuit Stewards, provided there are two Itinerant Preachers on the station.

2. That each and every Annual District Meeting shall have the right to send an equal number of preachers and laymen to the Annual Conference, as members thereof.

3. That every fifth year, from 1875, the District Meeting shall not send to the Conference, as members thereof, more preachers than laymen, nor more laymen than preachers, but that their numbers shall be equal—this equality shall be secured by lessening the number of preachers, or by increasing the number of the laity, as the case may be. The appointments to be made as at present.

4. We hereby respectfully ask the English Conference to make the following change in the Constitution granted us in 1854, that is to say: That in Article I. of the Constitution, on page 78 of our Digest, all the words after "Canada," in the 2nd line shall be struck out.

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5. That the English Conference pass a Resolution confirming and establishing our legislation on this question.

6. That our Corresponding Secretary with England be, and is hereby instructed to write full explanations of the whole matter to be laid before the English Conference, and press the matter upon their favorable attention.

7. That provided the English Conference confirm the proposed change, then said change shall take effect at the next fourth Quarterly Meetings, the next Annual District Meetings, and the next Annual Conference.

C. BARKER.

G. WEBBER.

W. WINDATT.

XIV. That we recommend that the places now comprehended in the Peterboro' and Ashburnham Mission work, be formed into one Station to be called the Peterboro' and Ashburnham Mission Circuit.

#### PROFITS OF PRINTING HOUSE AND BOOK ROOM.

XV. That \$1000, part of the profit on the past year's operations of the Connexional Printing House and Book Room, be appropriated to the Mission Fund.

#### REVISION OF THE DIGEST.

XVI. That we hereby direct the preparation of a new Digest, and also a revision of the Rules of Society; and that the Brethren E. Roberts, J. Kenner, J. J. Rice, G. Webber and W. Windatt, be a Committee to carry out the project—they to submit it, for confirmation, to the Executive Com., who are hereby constituted a Publishing Committee of the same.

#### CHAPEL SECRETARY.

XVII. That we accept the Report of the Chapel Secretary—showing the following totals:

Total Value.....	\$347,846.26
“ last year.....	306,379.00
Increase.....	\$41,467.26
Total Indebtedness.....	\$72,958.05
“ last year.....	64,717.26
Increase.....	\$8,240.79
Subscription promised toward total indebtedness....	\$13,209.00

That we hereby give Bro. Rice our hearty thanks for his efforts in presenting so clear and succinct a statement of our Church property.



XVIII. That the Chapel Secretary be instructed to make the necessary arrangements to provide for a permanent District Record of our Church Property in the several Districts.

#### CONNEXIONAL NAME.

XIX. That as nineteen-twentieths of our membership have decided against any change in the Denominational name, we, in harmony with their decision, advise the English Conference to retain our present name, intact.

#### ADDRESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN. B. C. CHURCH.

XX. That the Corresponding Secretary with England, be requested to prepare an Address to our Denomination in Australia, for adoption by the next Annual Conference.

#### FINANCE.

XXI. That the following report of the Committee on Finance be adopted :

"In reviewing the state of the Connexional Funds, your Committee beg to report the following shewing :—Contingent Fund debt, \$288.57, being a reduction on the year of \$183.97. Missionary Fund debt, \$8354.45, being an increase on the year of \$2063.57. Children's Fund debt, \$73.83, being a reduction of \$149.41 on the year. The Quarterly Receipts of the year have increased \$2122.04, and the Disbursements, \$2724.21. The Benevolent Fund has a balance in hand of \$648.80, being an decrease of \$40.26. The Church aid Fund amounts to \$116.09, being a net gain on the year. This shewing, all things considered, we regard as healthy and encouraging, except the Missionary Fund ; and the heavy liability at present upon that, we hope will soon be reduced, or extinguished, by the united liberality of the Church. Your Committee sincerely hope that, by a continued and growing liberality on the part of our people, and the most painstaking care in expenditure, on the part of the Executive, all our funds will presently be entirely free from debt, and the Connexion be prepared, unencumbered, to enter other fields of usefulness, and carry on the work of Christ throughout the Dominion.

G. WEBBER.

JAS. PICKARD.

JOHN HULL.

#### ALTERNATES IN DISTRICT MEETINGS.

XXII. That hereafter it shall be the right of every Station to elect as its representative to District Meeting and Conference, in addition to the one Steward as regular, the other also, as alternate, who, in case of the regular representative being prevented from going, shall be eligible to take his place in the superior Church Courts.

## INVITATION TO MINISTERS.

XXIII. That, in harmony with the resolutions of Districts, henceforth, Circuit applications for ministerial supply, other than for the return of the ministers laboring on the stations, and that within the four years term, be, and is hereby, discountenanced.

## SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' CERTIFICATE.

XXIV. That henceforth we dispense with the Annual Certificates of Superannuated Preachers, unless in cases where they reside beyond the bounds of the Denomination.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TEMPERANCE.

XXV. That being painfully impressed with the large number of young people, including many who have been trained in our Sunday Schools, who become ensnared by the drinking customs of society, we urge upon the attention of our Societies and S. S. Teachers, and officials, the great necessity for adopting every possible means of prevention, such as, for example, the instituting and sustaining Bands of Hope, and personal influence and example, in behalf of total abstinence principles.

## NOTES ON S. S. LESSONS.

XXVI. That the hearty thanks of this Conference are due, and hereby tendered to, the Editor, and other brethren who have assisted him, for the very satisfactory Notes on S. School Lessons, that have accompanied the ENSIGN; that these brethren be earnestly requested to continue their work in this department, and others to emulate their example. And we recommend all our Sabbath Schools to patronize our Sabbath School paper.

## THANKS TO THE BOWMANVILLE FRIENDS.

XXVII. That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Conference be presented to Bro. W. S. Pascoe, and the friends in Bowmanville, for their cheerful and untiring kindness in ministering to our necessities during its sittings; and that a copy of our Minutes be presented to the several heads of families in which the members of Conference have been entertained.

## TEMPERANCE.

XXVIII. That the following Report of the Com. on Temperance be adopted:—

"That we recognize, with much pleasure, the progress of the principles of temperance within this Dominion, and we pledge ourselves, so far as practicable, to give our influence and hearty co-operation to the onward movement of this great reform in our

beloved country. And we hope the day is not far distant when, by legislative enactment, the monster evil of intemperance shall be driven from our land. We trust that all our Church members will totally abstain, and thus discountenance one of the greatest evils under which the world groans."

## GRANTS.

XXIX. That the following Grants be made for the ensuing year :

Belleville, all they can raise and	\$375	Grey, all they can raise, and	\$160
do. for Furniture	25	Palmerston, do	" 200
Campbellford, all they can raise and	100	Clinton, all they can raise,	" 25
Hungerford, all they can raise.		Lambeth, do	" 135
Port Hope, do		Warton, left open.	210
Perrytown, do		St. Thomas, all they can raise, and	350 850
Oshawa, do		Dereham, do	less 20
Pickering, do		Ingersoll, do	and 180 250
Prince Albert, do	125	Colchester, do	" 125 100
Toronto, do	" 540	Hamilton, do	" 360 325
Uxbridge, do	" 180	Windsor, do	" 250 200
Fenelon, do	" 250	" for furniture,	50
Lindsay, do	" 100	Summerside, Dist. Miss. money	" 100 125
Peterboro' & Ashburnham,		Bideford, 2nd Preacher,	125
all they can raise,	" 150	" for furniture,	75
Sutton, all they can raise,	" 225		

\* With this grant, house rent is to be charged to Lindsay Station.

## CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

During the relation of our religious experience, the presence of the Master has been blessedly realized in our midst. All the brethren who spoke, did so with the utmost clearness as to their assurance of acceptance by God, their interest in Christ as a Saviour—the happy intercourse they have with the Deity, and with each other—the hopes that buoy them up amid the temptations and trials of life—their conscious advancement in the Divine life—their eagerness to live for God alone, and their determination to devote themselves fully and always to their work. Several of the aged brethren spoke exultingly of their conscious nearness to heaven, and all felt it good to be present.

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# *Alphabetical and Chronological List of the* **ITINERANT PREACHERS.**

PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN INTO THE MINISTRY.	PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.	NO. OF YEARS ON PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger	1868	Warton	1
Allin, Samuel J.	1874	Coldsprings	1
Archer, Joseph	1869	Uxbridge	4
Ashley, Isaac	1866	Georgina P. O.	1
Ayers, Walter	1863	Windsor	2
Baker, Robert	1867	Tweed	1
Ball, John	1872	Exeter	1
Barker, Cephas	1838	Editor, Bowmanville	9
Beer, William C.	1866	Elimville	4
Bodie, George	1866	Brussels	4
Broad, Thomas	1874	Lambeth	2
Butcher, J. W.	1843	Ingersoll	1
Butt, William H.	1871	Palmerston	1
Chappie, John	1834	Chaurin Falls, Ohio, U. S.	4
Clarke, Archibald	1860	Little Britain	3
Collins, James H.	1868	Summerside, P. E. Island	4
Copeland, George C.	1872	Newburgh, Ohio, U. S.	1
Courtice, Richard F.	1865	Clinton	1
Davidson, Robert	1872	Palmyra, Jefferson Co., Wis, U. S.	3
Davis, William	1873	Gesto P. O., Essex	1
Dry, Thomas H.	1873	Burlington, Racine Co, Wis., U. S.	2
Dumbleton, John	1874	Sussex, Waukesha Co, Wis., U. S.	2
Dunkley, George	1862	Fullarton	1
Ebbott, Henry	1841	Campbellford	1
Edwards, John	1831	Devon	7
Elliott, Josiah	1874	Campbellford	1
Eynon, John H.	1826	Tyrone	15
Gale, Jacob	1843	Bowmanville	7
Gilson, John	1874	Cambray	1
Gordon, Andrew	1866	Peterboro'	1
Greene, Thomas	1829	Lambeth	4
Greenway, John	1872	Little Prairie, Walworth Co, Wis.	4
Guard, John	1853	Columbus	4
Harris, John	1863	Janetville	1
Haycraft, George	1841	Merton, Waukesha Co, Wis, U. S.	17
Holmes, John	1871	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1
Hooper, William	1840	Mitchell	1
Hull, Thomas R.	1855	Welcome	3
Hurley, Robert	1834	Welcome	1
Johns, George	1873	Barry, Ohio, U. S.	3
Jolliffe, Samuel	1862	20 Henry St, Cleveland, Ohio, U. S.	1
Jolliffe, William	1858	Bowmanville	1
Jones, Fergus O'C.	1873	Oakwood	1
Kenner, John	1856	Cobourg	1
Kenner, William	1854	Oshawa	1
Kestle, James	1872	Vernon River Bridge, P. E. I.	3
Kinley, William	1865	Prince Albert	3
Kinsey, John	1862	Manilla	3
Langdon, John	1825	Prince Albert	29
Lambert, William	1874	Exeter	1
Mallett, Richard	1872	Ivanhoe	2

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Mason, Thomas.....	1873	Carlow.....	1
Medland, William.....	1863	Murray Harbor, P. E. I.....	4
Metherall, Moses.....	1872	Perrytown.....	1
Moore, Herman.....	1874	Exeter.....	2
Morris, Abraham.....	1827	Uxbridge.....	14
Newcombe, Henry A.....	1860	Fenelon Falls.....	1
Nichols, Matthew.....	1873	Hampton.....	1
Nott, Henry J.....	1865	St. Thomas.....	1
Pascoe, William S.....	1853	Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	1
Pooley, John.....	1872	Sturgeon & Montague, P. E. I.....	1
Quance William H.....	1869	Port Hope.....	2
Rice, James J.....	1863	Box 128, London.....	1
Rice, James P.....	1873	Peterboro'.....	1
Rice, Stephen H.....	1867	Parsonage, Emerald St., Hamilton.....	2
Richard, Alexander.....	1867	North Duro.....	2
Roach, William R.....	1852	Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis, U. S.....	1
Roberts, Edward.....	1853	Lindsay.....	3
Robins, Paul.....	1823	Bowmanville.....	2
Rollins, William.....	1874	Prince Albert.....	1
Rowe, Richard B.....	1870	Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	3
Sabine, Thomas.....	1875	McWilliams' Office, Lot 7, P. E. I.....	1
Schuster, Anslern.....	1871	Evangelist, Napanee.....	1
Smith, George.....	1869	Duffin's Creek.....	1
Tapp, John B.....	1829	Port Hope.....	10
Thomas, Richard.....	1875	Cartwright.....	1
Tonkin, Edwin A.....	1874	Orono.....	1
Tredrea, John M.....	1875	Cor. Harbord & Lippincott Sts, T'ro.....	1
Trethewey, William.....	1872	Lindsay.....	1
Veale, John.....	1872	Culloden.....	2
Wade, William.....	1868	Hampton.....	1
Webber, George.....	1858	Box 749, Toronto.....	1
Whitlock, Jesse.....	1848	Exeter.....	3
Wickett, Lewis W.....	1864	Belleville.....	1
Williams, John.....	1836	Cherrywood.....	4
Yelland, John G.....	1869	McWilliams' Office, Lot 7, P. E. I.....	4

### OFFICIAL ADDRESSES.

President of Conference .....	Cobourg.
General Secretary of Conference .....	London.
Editor and Book Steward .....	Bowmanville.
Missionary Secretary .....	Janetville.
General Financial Secretary .....	Lindsay.
General Treasurer .....	Bowmanville.
General School Secretary .....	St. Thomas.
General Chapel Secretary .....	Port Hope.

