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#### FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 6, 1894.

THE FOURTH GENERAL CONFERENCE of the METHODIST Church met in the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, London, Ont., on Thursday, September 6th, 1894, at 10 o'clock a.m., pursuant to the decision of the General Conference Special Committee — Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent, in the chair.

The President gave out hymn 535; the Secretary, Rev. S. Opening F. Huestis, read the 66th Psalm, after which the Rev. John Wakefield and Rev. Dr. Chapman led in prayer. Hymn 661 was then sung, the first chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians was read, and prayer offered by Hon. J. J. Rogerson and Rev. Dr. Macdonald.

Rev. S. F. Huestis, Secretary of the last General Conference, laid upon the table the certified lists of the ministers and laymen elected by the Annual Conferences as members of the General Conference.

Thereupon the roll was called, and one hundred and nine Roll-Call ministers and seventy-four laymen answered to their names. In subsequent enrolment made by order of Conference 67 were reported, making total attendance 250.

Alternates

The following changes in delegations were reported by the respective Presidents of Conferences: J. B. Willmott, M.D., alternate, substituted for G. F. Marter, M.P.P., of the Toronto Conference; W. M. Gray for W. H. Kerr, of the Guelph Conference; G. F. Johnson, alternate for Asa Gordon, and John Hughes, alternate for C. P. England, of the Montreal Conference. Rev. Ebenezer Robson, a reserve, was substituted for Rev. Coverdale Watson, and John Jessop, a reserve, was substituted for David Spencer, of the British Columbia Conference. R. Jackson, a reserve, was substituted for O. Neff, and U. S. Jory, reserve, was substituted for W. D. Ruttan, of the Manitoba and North-West Conference. (See list of delegates thus revised.)

Secretary

On the ballot being taken for election of Secretary, the Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., was elected.

Nominating Committee

Moved by Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by Rev. M. L. Pearson,—That the Committee on Nominations be composed as follows: Two ministers and two laymen from each of the following Conferences—Toronto, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, London, Niagara, Guelph, Manitoba and North-West Conferences; and one minister and one layman from each of the following Conferences—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, British Columbia and Japan. The said Committee to nominate the various Standing Committees of this Conference. That the President of each Conference call the Conference delegation together for the purpose of electing the members of said Committee.

In amendment, Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That one minister and one layman from each Conference constitute the Committee on Nomination.

Original motion carried.

Moved by Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ross,—That it be an instruction to the Nominating Committee to nominate the following committees, viz.:

Missions.

Education.

Superannuation Fund.

Supernumerary Fund.

Sabbath Schools and Epworth League.

Statistics and Schedules.

State of the Work.

Discipline A, Parts I. and VI. (Doctrines, Rules and

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Discipline B, Part II. (Conferences, District Meetings, Official Boards, including General Superintendency, Pastoral Term and Transfer).

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Book and Publishing.

Temperance and Tobacco (subsequently ordered to be designated only "The Temperance Committee").

Memorials (Miscellaneous).

Finance and Returns of Boards.

Conference Boundaries.

Sustentation and Children's Fund.

Church and Parsonage Aid.

Course of Study.

Embarrassed Trusts.

Sabbath Observance.

Church Union.

Systematic Beneficence.

Deaconesses.

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Business Committee (Leave of Absence, Order of Conference Business, Order of Meetings of Committees, Complimentary Invitations).

That it be a further instruction to the Nominating Committee to arrange the committees (except the Business Committee) in three groups, to be known respectively as groups A, B, C, and that each member of the General Conference be placed on, at least, one committee in each group.

That unless otherwise ordered by the Conference each group of committees shall meet at a separate hour, such hour to be fixed from time to time by the Business Committee.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L., seconded by Rev. Dr. Henderson,—That the motion be referred to the Nominating Committee to consider and report.—Carried.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Hon. J. C. Aikins,—That only one Committee on Discipline be appointed with power to divide into sections should it be deemed expedient. Referred to the Nominating Committee.

On motion, the Conference ordered that a meeting of the several delegations take place at a quarter to two o'clock this afternoon for appointment of representatives on the Nominating Committee.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p.m., the benediction being pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Stewart.

Conference re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Sparling, of Winnipeg. The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Assistant Secretaries On motion of the Secretary, the Conference appointed Judge Chesley and Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. Wm. Jackson, D.D., JOURNAL Secretary.

A communication was read from Rev. H. M. Turner, D.D., Bishop of A. M. E. Church, accrediting Rev. James Porter, D.D., and Rev. Josephus O. Banyoun, delegates, to convey fraternal greetings to this Conference.

The members of the Nominating Committee were reported as follows:—

Nominating Committee Toron' Conference.—Revs. Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Galbraith, and Messrs. J. T. Moore and E. Gurney.

London Conference.—Revs. John Learoyd and J. R. Gundy, and Messrs. D. A. Maxwell, Ph.D., and Thomas Hayne.

Niagara Conference.—Revs. Isaac Tovell and Wm. Kettlewell, and Messrs. Joseph Gibson and D. Lowrey, M.D.

Guelph Conference.—Revs. Dr. Griffin and Dr. Henderson, and Messrs. W. M. Gray and H. P. Moore.

Bay of Quinte Conference.—Revs. S. J. Shorey and J. S. Clarke, and Messrs. George Wilson and S. P. Ford, M.D.

Montreal Conference.—Revs. Dr. Williams and Dr. Hunter, and Messrs. M. Lavell, M.D., and Judge Deacon.

Manitoba and North-West Conference.—Revs. A. W. Ross and Jas. Woodsworth, and Mr. M. H. Fieldhouse and Hon. J. W. Sifton.

British Columbia Conference.—Rev. R. R. Maitland and Mr. E. Odlum, M.A.

Nova Scotia Conference.—Rev. S. F. Huestis and Mr. S. A. Crowell.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.— Rev. J. A. Clarke, M.A., and Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D.

Newfoundland Conference.—Rev. G. M. Milligan, LL.D., and Mr. R. K. Bishop.

Japan Conference.—Rev. Dr. Macdonald and Mr. H. Satoh. On motion, leave was granted to the Nominating Committee to retire.

Form of Journal Moved by Rev. T. M. Campbell, seconded by J. R. Inch, LL.D.,—That the JOURNAL of this Conference be published in the same form as that of last General Conference, and that the reports of all committees be published in appendix as they

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finally pass the Conference. Moved in amendment by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews,-That the published Journal report the business done in continuity of records without relegating reports to appendices. Upon motion these resolutions were referred to a Special Committee on form of Journal.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, then delivered Address of an address to the General Conference, reviewing the history Superinten't and progress of the Church during the past quadrennium, and submitting various proposals for the action of the Conference.

Moved by Mayor Kennedy, seconded by Rev. Dr. Dewart, -That the highly-instructive and eloquent address of the General Superintendent, so replete with loyalty to our Methodism, and so stimulating to increased devotion and consecration on the part of both ministers and people, be printed in pamphlet form for distribution among our people and placed for sale at a low price.

Rev. Dr. Briggs moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A.,—That the cost of printing the pamphlet be provided by the General Conference, and that the pamphlet be distributed gratuitously. The motion passed as thus amended.

Mr. J. T. Moore, Secretary of the Nominating Committee, presented the report, giving list of committees. (See Appendix.)

Judge Dean moved, seconded by Mr. J. Mills, LL.D.,— That the words "including tobacco" be struck out of the report. The vote being taken there were eighty-three for and eighty-three against. The motion was therefore declared lost.

Upon motion of the Rev. Dr. Antliff, seconded by Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring Secretary, by whom it was suitably acknowledged.

Moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., seconded by Mr. James Rules of Mills, LL.D.,—That the following be made a rule of order: order Memorials and motions of which notice has been given shall be handed by the Secretary to the Business Committee, which shall indicate the committee to which the same should be referred or how it should be disposed of. This resolution, with a notice of motion by Principal Allison, LL.D., seconded by Judge Dean, to repeal No. 13 of the Rules of Order (ten minutes time-limitation), also a motion by Rev. Dr. Ross, seconded by Rev. Dr. Shaw, proposing additions to the Rules of Order, were referred to the committee to be appointed on Rules of Order.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., pastor of Queen's Avenue Church, Social conveyed an invitation to the members of the General Con- Reception

ference, from the Methodist ladies of London, to a reception to be given in the lecture-room of this church to-morrow (Friday) at 6 p.m.

On motion, the invitation was very cordially accepted.

Rev. Dr. Potts and E. Gurney were appointed to respond for the General Conference to the addresses of welcome at the reception.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., moved, seconded by Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A.,—That the subject of a record of attendance of delegates from day to day (Journal of 1890, page 111) be referred to the Business Committee to report as to the most satisfactory plan.—Carried.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., moved, seconded by Rev. S. Bond, —That, when Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7.30 p.m.—Carried.

Mayor Kennedy was granted permission to leave Conference to-morrow; also, C. A. Birge.

#### MEMORIALS.

Memorials

The following Memorials on the following subjects were presented and referred to the committees named:

#### Toronto Conference.

Model Deed, by Warring Kennedy, from Trustees, Elm Street Church, Toronto,—Committee on Discipline.

#### Niagara Conference.

Ministers' Salaries, by Rev. J. VanWyck, B.A., from Hamilton Financial District Meeting,—Committee on Discipline.

#### Bay of Quinte Conference.

Examination of Young Men, by Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., from Albert College Board,—Committee on Education.

#### Nova Scotia Conference.

Re Ministerial Term, by Rev. W. H. Evans,—Committee on Discipline.

Ministerial Session of District Meeting,—Committee on Discipline.

Salaries of Ordained Unmarried Men,—Committee on Discipline.

Privileges of Female Members of the Church,—Committee on Discipline.

Students' Notes,—Committee on Education.

Supernumerary Fund,—Delegates of Eastern Conferences.

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Invitations to Ministers,—Committee on Discipline.

Marriage of Probationers,—Committee on Discipline.

Church Extension and Parsonage Aid Fund,—Committee on Parsonage Aid Fund.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

Presented by Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., Local Preachers' Meeting, from St. John's District,—Committee on Discipline.

On motion, the returns of Boards and Standing Committees of General Conference, required by resolution of last General Conference, (Journal of 1890, page 128,) were called for and were returned from the following:

Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund; Wesleyan Theo- Returns of

logical College, Montreal; Alma College.

Rev. Dr. Potts presented the report of the General Secretary of Education and Financial Statements of Victoria College and of the Educational Society, which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Burwash pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 6.

Conference resumed at 7.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. The Rev. T. M. Campbell, of Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the opening devotional exer-The minutes of the afternoon session were read, amended and confirmed.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials on the following subjects were presented and Memorials referred to the committees indicated:

Toronto Conference.

Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation

Connexional Officers being members of the General Conference,—Committee on General Superintendency.

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Equal Representation in District Meetings,—Committee on Discipline.

Class Meetings,—Committee on Discipline.

Course of Study and Examinations,—Committee on the Course of Study.

Trustee Meetings,—Committee on Discipline.

Sustentation Fund,—Sustentation Fund Committee.

Extension of Ministerial term,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Two Memorials re Transfer and Stationing Committees,— Discipline Committee.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee of same name.

Church Building,—Discipline Committee.

Quarterly Official Boards providing funds for certain Church work,—Committee on Discipline.

Claim of Mrs. Wicher on Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

General Conference Legislation,—Committee on Discipline.

#### Niagara Conference.

Missionary Work, and Salaries of Missionary Secretary and Assistant Missionary Secretary,—Committee on Missions.

Price of Guardian,—Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Epworth Leagues and Young People's Societies (three memorials),—Epworth League and Sunday School Committee.

Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Systematic Beneficence,—Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Transfers, Pastoral Term and Stationing Committee,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Sustentation Fund (two memorials),—Committee on Sustentation Fund.

Giving Students choice of Colleges to attend,—Committee on Education.

Election of Officers and Teachers of Sunday Schools,—Committee on Sunday Schools.

Election of Delegates to Annual Conferences and General Conference,—Committee on Discipline.

Probationers,—Committee on Discipline.

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Eligibility of Laymen on all Courts and Committees,—Committee on Discipline.

Change of Name of Niagara Conference,—Committee on Discipline.

Collections,—Committee on Discipline.

Church Membership,—Committee on Discipline.

Status of Probationers,—Committee on Discipline.

Membership of Deposed Ministers,—Committee on Discipline.

Court of Appeal,—Committee on Discipline.

May District Meetings,—Committee on Discipline.

Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Epworth League,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

### London Conference.

Conditions of Membership,—Committee on Discipline.

Invitations to Ministers,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Election of General Conference Delegates,—Committee on Discipline.

Lay Representation,—Committee on Discipline.

Annual Conference Delegates,—Committee on Discipline.

Pastoral Term (two memorials),—Committee on Discipline.

Laymen on Stationing Committee,—Committee on Discipline.

Appointment of Temperance Committee by Quarterly Board,—Committee on Discipline.

Educational Society,—Committee on Education.

Reduction of Number of Societies on Circuits,—Committee on Discipline.

Paragraph 174 of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Missionary Board,—Committee on Missions.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Examination of Probationers,—Committee on Course of Study.

Superannuation Fund (five),—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Election of Chairmen of Districts, Committee on Discipline.

Insurance of Church Property,—Committee on Connexional Fire Insurance.

Changes of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Quarterly Tickets,—Committee on Discipline.

Price of Guardian (two),—Book and Publishing Committee.

Delegates to Annual Conference,—Committee on Discipline. Committee on Schedules,—Committee on Discipline.

### Guelph Conference.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Ritual,—Committee on Discipline.

Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Sunday School Committee,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Board of Examiners,—Committee on Education.

Education of Candidates,—Committee on Education.

Quarterly Tickets,—Committee on Discipline.

Epworth Leagues,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

## Bay of Quinte Conference.

Changes in Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Price of Guardian,—Book and Publishing Committee.

Missionary Board,—Committee on Missions.

Contingent Fund,—Committee on Discipline.

Epworth Leagues,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

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Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Model Deed,—Committee on Discipline.

Invitations to Ministers,—Committee on Itinerancy.

## Montreal Conference.

Preliminary Certificates—Committee on Education. Claim of Rev. Dr. Griffith on Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Manitoba and North-West Conference.

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Board of Examiners,—Committee on Course of Study.

Epworth Leagues,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Self-denial Week,—Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Manitoba Marriage Law,—Committee on Memorials.

Pastoral Term,—Committee on Itinerancy.

General Conference Delegates,—Committee on Finance.

District Audit,—Committee on Discipline.

Superintendent of Missions,—Committee on Missions.

Salaries,—Committee on Discipline.

Course of Study, -- Committee on Course of Study.

Superannuation Fund, — Committee on Superannuation

Church Rules,—Committee on Temperance.

Changes in Discipline (two),—Committee on Discipline.

Lay Representation,—Committee on Discipline.

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Price of Guardian, -- Book and Publishing Committee. Church Property,—Committee on Church Property.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

British Columbia Conference.

Sundry Matters,—Returned for re-arrangement.

Ritual,—Committee on Discipline.

Travel on Lord's Day,—Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Constitution of Missionary Society,—Committee on Missions.

Columbian Methodist College,—Committee on Education.

Claim of Rev. J. J. Ashton, B.D.,—Judicial Committee. Missionary Work,--Committee on Missions.

Quarterly and Trustee Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

Equal Status of Laymen in Conferences,—Committee on Discipline.

Conference Boundaries,—Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Invitations,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Superannuation Fund, — Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Newfoundland Conference.

Transfers,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Lay Representatives on Missionary Board,—Committee on Missions.

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Amendment of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Insurance of Church Property,—Committee on Church coperty.

Reports of Boards

Rev. Dr. Ryckman presented and read the report of the General Conference Special Committee for the Quadrennium.

Rev. Principal Shaw, LL.D., presented printed copies of the report of Wesleyan Theological College, which was referred to Committee on Education.

Principal Allison, LL.D., presented the report of Board of Governors and Regents of Mount Allison University, which was referred to Committee on Education.

Dr. Allison also presented report of Attendance of Members of Board during the Quadrennium, which was referred to Committee on Attendance of Boards.

Rev. J. VanWyck, B.A., presented report of Alma College,—Referred to Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Burwash presented report of Victoria College,—Referred to Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Briggs presented report of the Western Book Room,—Referred to Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Notices of motions were given by Rev. H. S. Matthews, Rev. John McDougall, and Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C. (13), which were referred to Business Committee. (See report.)

Conference adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Rev. G. McRitchie pronouncing the benediction.

### SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 7.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. J. F. Betts, of the British Columbia Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Minutes of Thursday evening's session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Macdonald, of Japan, Principal Allison, LL.D., of New Brunswick, and Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D., of Newfoundland, were appointed, in addition to those appointed yesterday, to respond to addresses of welcome at reception this evening.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved in amendment that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Church Services. Amendment lost, motion carried.

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#### MEMORIALS.

From Montreal Conference.

Memorials from within the bounds of the Montreal Con-Memorials ference were received and referred as follows:

Examination of Character in District Meeting,—Committee on Discipline.

Word "Schedule,"—Committee on Discipline.

Inquiry as to Conversions in Sunday Schools,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Tobacco,—Committee on Temperance.

Fanaticism,—Committee on Discipline.

Appointment of Theological Professors and Loans to Students,—Committee on Education.

Societies within the Church,—Committee on Discipline.

Rules of Order,—Committee on Rules of Order.

Church Debts,—Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

Duties of Stewards,—Committee on Discipline.

Rev. S. F. Huestis presented a Memorial from Board of Governors and Regents of Mount Allison University,— Referred to Committee on Education.

From New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

Memorials from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference were presented and referred as follows:

Sundry Changes in Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.
Stationing Committee,—Committee on Discipline.

Transfer Committee,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Rev. S. F. Huestis presented, in printed form, the report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee,—Referred to Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Rev. Dr. Cornish presented and read a summary of Statis-Statistical Reports for the Quadrennium,—Referred to the Statistical Report cal Committee.

On motion of Rev. Principal Shaw, LL.D., Conference expressed its appreciation of the valuable labor of the Rev. Dr. Cornish.

Nominating Committee

The order of the day was suspended, and Mr. J. T. Moore presented and read Report No. 2 of the Nominating

On motion, Report No. 1 of the Nominating Committee presented yesterday was adopted.

On motion, the vote just taken was reconsidered.

Moved by Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross, seconded by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, that Report No. 1 be adopted subject to the following amendment,-(1) That the name of the Committee in the report designated "Temperance and Tobacco" be "Temperance." (2) That the subject of Tobacco, with all motions and memorials on this subject, shall be considered by the Temperance Committee.—Carried.

Report No. 2 was adopted with the addition of names contained in schedule.

On motion of Principal Allison, LL.D., the Nominating Committee was ordered to nominate a small committee on Rules of Order.

The Business Committee was granted leave to retire.

On motion, the ex-Secretary, Rev. S. F. Huestis, was instructed to open a register for the registration of delegates and visitors as required by the railway companies re return tickets.

Reports for

Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in Quadrennium Manitoba and the North-West, presented and read his report for the quadrennium, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

> Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, presented and read the report of the Missionary Board for the quadrennium, -Referred to Committee on Missions.

> On nomination of the Secretary, Mr. R. W. Clarke was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Reports were presented from the following committees:

Committee on Catechism,—Referred to Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Committee on Mission Bands,-Referred to Committee on Missions.

Committee on Constitution of Epworth Leagues,—Referred to Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

A memorial was presented from the Ontario Young People's Convention,—Referred to Sunday School and Epworth League Committee.

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Notices of motion were submitted from Revs. Dr. Parker, Notices S. Bond, T. W. Hall, Dr. Aylesworth, Geo. Jackson, John Kay, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Philp, Dr. Ross and Dr. Henderson, which were referred to the Business Committee.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented and read Report No. 1 of the Business Committee. On motion, the first part of the report fixing location of committee rooms was adopted.

Rev. R. W. Weddall, M.A., was appointed to assist Rev. S. F. Huestis with registration of delegates.

During the morning session six additional delegates reported their attendance.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p.m., Rev. Dr. German pronouncing the benediction.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 7.

Conference opened at 2 o'clock, the General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Mt. Allison University, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed. The Secretary submitted a communication from Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., of Montreal, enclosing a memorial from Christian Endeavor Convention, which was referred to Sunday School and Epworth League Committee.

Memorials were presented and referred as follows:-

#### MEMORIALS.

Toronto Conference.

Protection of Children,—Committee on Memorials.

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Montreal Conference.

Name of Epworth Leagues,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Trust Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

Widows' Claims on Superannuation Fund, -- Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Mrs. Rose's Claim on Superannuation Fund,—Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Mr. Pimlott's relation to the Superannuation Fund, Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland submitted and read the proposed amendments of constitution of Missionary Board, Committee on Missions.

Also, draft of proposals for a Sustentation Fund,—Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On motion of Rev. Jas. Strothard, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker, the several portions of the documents last submitted were ordered to be placed also in the hands of the several other committees affected by said report.

On motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., the Commission on Conference Boundaries was allowed to retire.

A memorial was presented from the Methodist congregation of Fort Lawrence, N.S., re Conference Boundaries, which was referred to Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Church Union

The General Superintendent submitted to Conference correspondence respecting Union with the Church of England, also, correspondence respecting Union with the Evangelical Association of Canada,—Referred to Committee on Church Union.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Wm. Williams, seconded by Mr. L. N. Yeomans,—That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a committee on the relation of the Methodist Church to Sociological questions.—Carried.

Notices

Notices of motion were received from

Rev. Dr. Cornish, Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., Rev. S. Sellery, B.D.,

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which were referred to the Business Committee. (See report.)

On motion, the Nominating Committee was instructed to nominate a committee on Civil Rights and Privileges.

Rev. John Kay was granted leave to retire till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

On motion, the Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate a small committee to prepare an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, and to make arrangements for its presentation.

On motion, by Rev. S. F. Huestis, seconded by Rev. Dr. Cornish, the cordial thanks of the Conference were presented to Mr. Warring Kennedy and Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., D.D., as Assistant Secretaries during the past Quadrennium, and to the Rev. Wm. Jackson, D.D., as JOURNAL Secretary of the last General Conference.

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Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., presented the report of the Com- Conference mission on Conference Boundaries.

On motion, it was ordered to be printed and distributed, and referred to Committee on Conference Boundaries.

On motion, Mr. Maclaren, Secretary of Commission, was granted permission to add to the report, before its being printed and referred, a list of the districts respectively composing the proposed new Conferences.

On motion of Rev. N. A. McDiarmid, the committee was instructed to report on the subject of this report not later than next Thursday morning.

On motion of Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, the Committee on Fraternal Delegations was granted leave to retire.

On motion of Rev. T. Marshall, the Committee on the Supernumerary Fund was discharged.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Cornish, seconded by Rev. W. W. Limit of Shepherd, .- That in order to expedite the business of this Notices and General Conference, the time for receiving Memorials and Notices of Motion be limited to Tuesday next, Sept. 11th, at 5 p.m.—Carried.

Rev. A. Langford presented a notice of motion,—Referred to Business Committee.

Rev. S. F. Huestis submitted report of attendance of members of the Eastern Section of Book Room Committee, which was referred to the Committee on Returns from Boards.

Notices of motion were received from Rev. W. H. Graham, Notices Judge Dean and Rev. S. J. Shorey, and referred to Business Committee.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 2 of the Business Committee as follows:

1. Your Committee recommend that, when Conference adjourns this afternoon, it stands adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

2. That the Committees of Conference meet in their respec-Arrangements tive places for organization as follows:-Committees

Group "A" at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. "B" " 9.20 " 66 "C" " 9.40

And that all such Committees report their organization to the Conference at 10 o'clock.

3. That no Sessions of the Conference be held on Monday, but that the Committees meet as follows:---

Committees in Group "A" at 9 a.m.

"B" at 2 p.m. "C" at 8 p.m. 66

Report adopted.

Notices of motion were presented by Rev. J. E. Lanceley and Rev. Dr. McLean, which were referred to the Business Committee.

The report of the Committee on Reception of Fraternal Delegates was presented and read by Rev. Dr. Philp as follows:

"Your Committee recommends as follows:

Fraternal Delegates

- "1. That Tuesday evening of next week be appointed for the reception of the delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, Rev. H. J. Pope, and the delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. H. Potts, D.D.
- "2. That Friday evening of next week be appointed for the reception of the delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. Dr. Hoss.
- "3. That Rev. Dr. Potts introduce Rev. H. J. Pope; Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., Rev. J. H. Potts, D.D., and Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. Dr. Hoss."

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Secretary read a communication from the ladies in charge of the reception, stating that the wives and other members of families of delegates will be welcomed at the reception this evening.

Conference adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow, benediction being pronounced by Rev. E. Roberts.

#### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 8.

Conference opened at 10 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. Jas. Strothard, of Nova Scotia Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Rev. H. J. Pope, fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, was presented to the General Superintendent by Rev. Dr. Potts, and by the General Superintendent introduced to the Conference.

The General Superintendent also presented the Rev. Thos. Rippon of the British Conference.

Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed. The Conference ordered that the report of the Boundaries Commission be placed in the hands of Rev. J. S. Clarke for printing, in the absence of the Secretary of Commission.

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Rev. W. Kettlewell presented memorials from Thirteen Circuits re Superannuation Fund,—Referred to Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Rev. W. Kettlewell presented report of Superannuation Fund Commission.

It was moved that the report be referred to the Superannuation Fund Committee, and that printed copies be distributed for the use of members of Conference.

An amendment was moved by Rev. G. Webber,--That the report be received and considered at the earliest possible moment.—Amendment lost; original motion carried.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Burns, the Committee on Memorials was granted leave to retire.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, Treasurer, presented report of the General Reports for Conference Fund,—Referred to Committee on General Super-Quadrenn'm intendency and General Conference Fund.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented a report of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund,—Referred to Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented return of attendance of members of Church and Parsonage Aid Fund Board, -Referred to Committee on Returns of Attendance at Church Boards.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented a statement of Office Salaries under Missionary Board,—Referred to Committee on Missions.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented a return of attendance of members of Mission Board,—Referred to Committee on Returns of Attendance at Church Boards.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented statement of income and expenditure of Mission Board for past year,—Referred to Committee on Missions.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented return of attendance of members of Committee of Consultation and Finance,-Referred to Committee on Returns of Attendance at Church

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 3 of the Business Assignment Committee, showing assignment of notices of motion to respec- of Notices tive committees.

Report was adopted as follows:

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Reports of organization of committees were presented and adopted as per list of committees.

The Secretary, on behalf of Rev. Dr. Withrow, presented the Reports of report of the Sabbath School Board, -Referred to Sunday Boards School and Epworth League Committee.

Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.D., presented report of Standing Committee on Temperance, Referred to Committee on Temperance.

Rev. Dr. Potts gave notice of motion re Appointment of Heads of Universities and Theological Faculties,—Referred to Committee on Education.

Notices

Rev. Dr. Burwash presented return of attendance of Governors of Victoria College,—Referred to Committee on Returns of Attendance at Church Boards.

Notices of motion were presented by Rev. Dr. Parker and Rev. A. Brown,—Referred to Business Committee.

Rev. A. Burns, LL.D., moved,—That when Conference adjourns, it do stand adjourned till Tuesday next at 9 a.m.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Williams,—That we adjourn till 2 p.m. to-day.—Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Moore, amendments to list of committees were made. (See Appendix.)

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. Dr. W. Williams.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 11.

Conference opened at 9 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.  $\cdot$ 

Rev. Dr. Henderson, of the Guelph Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary presented communications from Rev. J. E. Starr, re Trust Boards and Church Funds,—Referred to Committee on Discipline; from Rev. Principal Grant, on behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, re Restriction of Chinese Immigration,—Referred to Committee on Sociological Questions; from Mr. Frank Cooper, re Photographic Group of the Conference; also, a statement by the General Superintendent respecting his attendance, as Fraternal Delegate of this Conference, at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Omaha in 1892.

#### MEMORIALS.

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Memorials were presented and referred as follows:---

Admission of Women to the Ministry,—Committee on Memorials.

Reorganization of Church Courts,—Committee on Memorials. Educational Funds,—Committee on Education.

Additional Columns in S. S. Schedules,—Committee on Statistics.

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Rev. J. B. Saunders, M.D., presented the report of the Reports of St. Lawrence Camp Ground,—Referred to Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., presented return of attendance and expenses of Commission on Boundaries,-Referred to Committee on Returns of Church Boards.

Rev. W. Kettlewell presented return of attendance and expenses of Commission on Superannuation Fund,—Referred to Committee on Returns of Church Boards.

Rev. S. F. Huestis presented his account of certain expenses as Secretary during the past Quadrennium,—Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. J. T. Moore moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker,— That the Chair nominate and Conference appoint a Committee of five to consider and report upon form of published JOURNAL. ---Carried.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., presented interim report of Committee on Discipline, submitting several memorials and notices of motion re Stationing Committee, and moved reference to Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. Wakefield moved in amendment to refer to Committee on Itinerancy.—Amendment carried.

Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., presented report No. 2 of Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Potts presented Rev. J. H. Potts, D.D., fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the General Superintendent, who introduced him to the Conference.

Reports were presented from committees as follows: Reports Itinerancy, Returns of Church Boards and Education, which, by order, were laid on the table.

The General Superintendent nominated the following as the Committee on Form of Published Journals: Rev. Dr. Jackson (Convener), Rev. T. M. Campbell, Rev. S. Bond, Rev. Dr. Ryckman and Judge Chesley.

The Conference confirmed the nomination.

Notices of motion on following subjects were presented and Notices referred to Business Committee:

Amendments of Discipline.

Trial of Members.

Course of Study in Epworth Leagues.

United Conventions of Young People's Societies.

Discussion of Epworth League and Sunday Schools.

Amendment of Discipline re Epworth Leagues.

Reduction of Number of Ministers of Book and Publishing Committee by one-half.

Invitations of Ministers.

Notices

Rev. J. W. Annis, B.D., introduced Rev. Dr. Porter, fraternal delegate of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, to General Superintendent, who presented him to the Conference.

Rev. W. J. Ford gave notice of motion re Appointment of Recording Stewards,—Referred to Business Committee.

On motion the Business Committee was allowed to retire.

Mr. John T. Moore reported the nomination of Committees on Civil Rights and Privileges, and the Committee on Sociological Questions. These nominations were confirmed by the Conference. (See list of committees.)

Rev. Dr. Chapman moved,—The appointment of W. F. George as a member of the Committee on Boundaries.

The Secretary presented a communication respecting the claim of Rev. J. J. Ashton, of the B. C. Conference,—Referred to the Committee on the General Conference Fund.

Notices of motion were made as follows and referred to

Rev. Dr. Ross, respecting Probationers; also, three notices of motion respecting the Court of Appeal.

Rev. Dr. Williamson, respecting the General Superintendency.

Mr. C. A. Birge, respecting the price of our Sunday School Publications.

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Rev. James McAllister, respecting Returns of Membership. Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A., respecting the Itinerancy.

Judge Dean, respecting Forms for Appeals; also, respecting Procedure on Trials.

Rev. T. M. Campbell, respecting Appeals; also, notice respecting rulings of presiding officers being in writing.

Rev. Wm. Johnston, respecting certain General Conference Officers being members of the General Conference.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman, three notices respecting the Election and Ordination of Ministers and Status of Probationers.

Mr. J. R. Lavell, B.A., respecting appointment of commission to report upon boundaries of the British Columbia and Manitoba and North-West Conferences.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher, respecting voting for Society Representatives on Quarterly Official Boards.

Rev. Dr. Griffith, respecting Sunday Excursions.

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Rev. S. F. Huestis, respecting the printing of the Journals.

Mr. R. J. Sweet, respecting appointment of ushers for Sabbath Services by the Quarterly Official Board.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, respecting Chinese immigration.

Further notices of motion were given and referred to Business Committee, respecting

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Commission re Stationing of Ministers.

Sunday School Schedule.

All the foregoing notices were referred on recommendation of Business Committee to corresponding Committees. It was ordered that remaining notices should be directly sent to respective Committees.

Rev. Dr. Potts presented report of his visits as fraternal Fraternal delegate of this Conference to the several Methodist Con- Delegates ferences in Great Britain in 1892.

Rev. S. F. Huestis made a statement re travelling certificates of delegates.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., asked instructions re taking of General Conference collection in this Church,—Referred to Finance Committee.

Rev. Dr. Philp presented report of Committee on Fraternal Delegates, naming this afternoon at 5 o'clock for reception of delegation from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and to-morrow at 5 p.m. for reception of delegates of British Methodist Episcopal Church. - Laid on the table.

Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., presented and read report of Rules of Committee on Rules of Order.

On motion, the report was taken up seriatum. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted. Item No. 5 rejected.

Item No. 6 was adopted.

Item No. 7 was adopted.

Items Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

Rules of Order

On motion for final adoption of report:—

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved addition of clause in addition to No. 8, as follows—Papers thus presented shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Conference and by him sent to the committee, according to endorsement.—Carried.

Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., moved to amend,—When any committee shall ascertain that a subject which has been referred to it has also been referred to another committee, it shall promptly report the fact to the Conference, and the Conference shall decide which committee shall have permanent charge of said subject.—Carried.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., moved, seconded by Mr. M. H. Fieldhouse,—That if "yeas" and "nays" are called for in relation to any motion, the vote must be taken at the same sitting.—Carried.

Principal Allison, LL.D., moved, seconded by Judge Dean,
—That Section 13 of present Rules of Order be eliminated.—
Lost.

Mr. G. W. Beynon moved, seconded by Rev. J. Woodsworth,—That the words "and Conference" be struck out of last line of Rule No. 11, and that the Rules of Order be rules of order in Annual Conferences.

Division of motion being called for, the first part was carried, and the second, by consent of Conference, withdrawn.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., the report was adopted as amended.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman moved,—That five hundred copies be printed by Secretary of Committee.—Lost.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 4 of the Business Committee, which was considered item by item and adopted as amended.

The report of Committee on Fraternal Delegates was adopted.

On motion of J. T. Moore, the item in report re Reception of Delegates of British Methodist Episcopal Church, was reconsidered and recommitted.

Six delegates not present on the first day reported their presence to the Secretary.

Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock, Rev. J. Learoyd pronouncing the benediction.

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Tuesday Afternoon, Sept. 11.

The Conference resumed at 4 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Lathern, of Nova Scotia Conference, conducted opening devotional exercises.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed, the record re Rules of Order being amended.

The Secretary presented the report of the Woman's Missionary Society.

On motion it was received, and held over for consideration at a more suitable time.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D., presented report of Methodist Reports of College, St. John's, Newfoundland,—Referred to Committee Boards on Education.

Mr. R. W. Clarke presented Report No. 2 of Finance Committee, recommending that a Collection for General Conference Fund be taken at the public services this evening and on Friday evening next.—Adopted.

Rev. W. Kettlewell presented the returns of attendance of Superannuation Fund Board,—Referred to Committee on Returns of Church Boards.

Rev. S. Bond presented report of Committee on Publication of Journal.—Adopted.

Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., presented from Committee on Missions several returns of attendance with recommendations, —Referred to Committee on Returns of Church Boards.

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows:

Election General Superintendent,—Committee on General Superintendency.

Salaries General Conference Officers,—Committee on General Superintendency.

Transfers, - Committee on Itinerancy.

Salary of Ministers,—Committee on Discipline.

Payment of Supply and Status of Probationers,—Committee on Discipline.

Mode of Election of General Conference Officers,—Committee on Discipline.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the scheme for reorganization of Sustentation Fund, referred to Sustentation Fund Committee, was also ordered to be laid before the Missionary Committee.

Notices of motion were received and referred as follows:

Publication of Articles in Guardian,—Book and Publishing Committee.

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Amendment of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Election of Sunday School Officers and Teachers,—Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Administration of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Pastoral Address,—Committee on Discipline.

Excursion Trains on Electric Railways to Park at Niagara on Sunday,—Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Members of Trustee and Quarterly Official Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

Recording Stewards being Members of Church,—Committee on Discipline.

Transfer Committee,—Committee on Itinerancy.

Creation of one Board of Examiners of Candidates,—Committee on Course of Study.

Conference Treasurers,—Committee on Discipline.

Amalgamation of Quarterly and Trustee Boards,—Committee on Discipline.

Representation in General Conference,—Committee on General Superintendency and General Conference Fund.

Election of Circuit Stewards,—Committee on Discipline.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report of Business Committee, and moved its adoption.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Cornish,—That Conference sit in afternoons and Committees in mornings.—Lost.

Moved in amendment to amendment by Rev. Dr. Willoughby,—That clause of the report *re* reception of delegates at 5 p.m. to-morrow be struck out.—Lost.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. S. F. Huestis, Mr. H. R. Narraway was added to Committees on General Superintendency and General Conference Fund, and State of the Work.

Mr. Wm. Johnson, Secretary, asked for the return of Report of Committee on Returns for further consideration and amendment, on account of additional returns having been referred to committee.

On motion, report was returned to committee.

Fraternal Delegates Rev. Dr. Porter, representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, addressed the Conference.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Antliff, seconded by Rev. J. Learoyd, —That this Conference has heard with unfeigned pleasure the address of the Rev. Dr. Porter, the representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. That we give thanks to Almighty God for the success that has crowned the labors of the great branch of our common Methodist Church repre-

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Rev. Dr. Porter responded.

On motion, Rev. W. R. Young, B.A., was granted leave of

Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Rev. H. J. Pope.

# Tuesday Evening, Sept. 11.

Conference resumed at 7.30 p.m., General Superintendent in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Secretary and Rev. Dr. Wm. Williams.

The General Superintendent announced that this session Fraternal was being held, under special order, for the reception of dele- Delegates gates from the British Wesleyan Conference and the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Secretary read communication, dated August 2nd, 1894, from Rev. D. J. Waller, Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference held at Birmingham, England, accrediting Rev. Henry J. Pope, ex-President, as delegate to bear greetings of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference to this Conference.

The Secretary then read the address forwarded by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Great Britain to this Conference by the hands of Rev. H. J. Pope; also the address forwarded by the Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland to this Conference. (See Appendix, page 320.)

Rev. Dr. Potts then introduced Rev. H. J. Pope, who addressed the Conference.

The Secretary read a communication, dated March 30th, 1894, from Rev. Bishop Andrews, D.D., Secretary of Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, accrediting Rev. James H. Potts, D.D., as delegate to convey salutations of that Church to this Conference.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., then introduced and welcomed Rev. J. H. Potts, D.D., who addressed the Conference.

The collection ordered by the Conference was taken up and handed over to Committee on Finance.

Session closed by singing of doxology and benediction by Rev. Dr. Porter.

## FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday Afternoon, Sept. 12.

Conference opened at 5 p.m., General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. H. S. Matthews, of the Toronto Conference, conducted opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon and evening's session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. Richard R. Ball, Secretary of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, accrediting Rev. T. C. Oliver and Rev. J. J. Moore as fraternal delegates to this Conference.

Rev. Dr. Potts presented Rev. James J. Moore to the General Superintendent, who introduced him to Conference.

Rev. J. J. Moore then delivered an address.

Fraternal Delegates

Moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That this Conference has listened with deep interest and sincere pleasure to the fraternal communication of the British Methodist Episcopal Church and the address of its honored representative, Rev. James J. Moore. We rejoice in the work accomplished among the colored population of this Dominion and beyond its bounds, and we earnestly pray for the healing of those divisions that have weakened the influence and hindered the work of our colored brethren in this land.—Carried.

Rev. J. J. Moore responded.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 5 of Business Committee, and moved its adoption.

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved in amendment that Conference meet in regular session at 9 a.m.—Amendment carried.

Report adopted as amended.

On motion, Hon. J. C. Aikins was added to Committee on Education, and Rev. Dr. Aylesworth to Committee on Sociological Questions.

A motion for a Committee of Five on Leave of Absence was referred to Business Committee.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. J. McAlister were added to Committee on Missions; Rev. Dr. Burns, to Committee on Sociological Questions; Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A., to Committee on Course of Study.

Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. J. Moore.

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## SIXTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 13.

The Conference opened at 9 a.m., General Superintendent in the chair.

Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Gooderham, President, and Mrs. Strachan, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, were introduced, and presented the report of the Society to the Conference.

Woman's Missionary Society

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lathern, seconded by Rev. A. Burns, LL.D., it was resolved,—That this Conference welcomes to its platform, with most cordial feeling, the deputation from the Woman's Missionary Society, and has listened with unmingled satisfaction to the beautiful and comprehensive address just read to us, regarding this work as one of the most efficient and hopeful movements of our Church, and gladly giving expression to our sympathy with the aims and efforts of our sisters in furthering the cause of missions, assuring them of our co-operation on General Conference lines of action.

It was ordered that the Report of the Woman's Missionary Society be referred to the Missionary Committee.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland introduced the Rev. Dr. Hoss, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the General Superintendent, who presented him to the Conference.

The following reports were presented and received:— Reports
General Superintendency and General Conference Fund, received
No. 1.

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Systematic Beneficence.

Memorials.

Sabbath Observance.

Sustentation and Children's Fund.

Returns of Church Boards.

Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues.

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On a motion for adjournment being put and lost, the previous question was ordered at 12.07 p.m.

On the motion for the adoption of clause 1 being put, 93 voted for and 100 against.

The motion was declared lost.

The Conference adjourned, the Rev. Dr. Hoss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, pronouncing the benedic-

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 13.

The Conference opened at 2 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. John Learoyd, of the London Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. On motion, Messrs. John Trapnell and R. K. Bishop were granted leave of absence.

A memorial from Rev. J. J. Ashton, B.D., was reported from the Committee on General Superintendency, and, on motion, was referred to the Memorial Committee.

Rev. S. F. Huestis made an announcement respecting travelling arrangements.

Rev. A. Burns, LL.D., read a report of the Delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, which was referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Reports for

Mr. John N. Lake presented the report of the Union Quadrennium Church Relief Fund Committee,—Referred to Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

> Rev. J. T. Pitcher presented the report of the Stanstead College,—Referred to Committee on Education.

Conference Boundaries

On motion of Rev. Dr. Williamson, the balance of the report on Conference Boundaries not considered at morning session was referred back to the committee.

Notices of motion given by Revs. D. L. Brethour, Dr. Cornish, S. Bond, John S. Clarke and Judge Dean, were referred to the Committee on Annual Conference Boundaries.

On motion of Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., the interim report of the Committee on Education was adopted.

Epworth League

On motion of Mr. N. W. Rowell, the report of the Epworth League and Sunday School Committee was next taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

It was moved to adopt item No. 7, as follows:—

"That, having heard the memorials and notices of motion in reference to the official name of our Young People's Societies, we recommend that the official title be 'Epworth League of 1894]

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Christian Endeavor,' it being clearly understood that the local Epworth societies of Epworth League and Christian Endeavor be per- League mitted to retain their present designation, and that both societies be officially recognized by the Quarterly Official Board."—Lost.

Moved in amendment by Mr. N. W. Rowell, seconded by Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C.:

"That whereas the Methodist Young People's Associations of the Provinces of Ontario and British Columbia, representing more than three-fourths of the young people's societies of our entire Methodism, have declared against any change in the official name of the young people's organization of our

"And whereas the Sunday School and Epworth League Board of our Church have also declared against any change of name;

"And whereas the Methodist Young People's Association of this Province, at their Convention in London in March, 1894, declared in favor of a broader fraternity for practical Christian work than the Christian Endeavor affords, namely, a fraternity with the young people's societies of all the Churches;

"And whereas it is desirable to have and maintain denominational control of our young people's organization;

"And whereas it is further desirable to maintain our association with the greater Methodism of the world;

"And whereas the fullest fellowship with the Christian Endeavor Society is secured by the present arrangement, enabling any local society to adopt the name of 'Epworth League of Christian Endeavor';

"This Conference, believing in a denominational society under denominational control, coupled with the broadest fraternity and true interdenominational fellowship, not only with the Christian Endeavor, but with all societies of all Churches, reaffirms the action of the General Conference in Montreal, and declares the official name of the young people's organization of our Church to be the 'Epworth League of the Methodist Church,' at the same time giving to each local society the liberty to adopt any local designation, including the name 'Christian Endeavor' in addition to the official name, 'Epworth League.'—Carried.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 6 of the Business Committee, which was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. Wakefield, the Business Committee was ordered to report a time when the Superannuation and Supernumerary Fund Delegations should meet.

At the request of Judge Dean, his motion re Annual Conferences Boundaries was withdrawn.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. Friday, Rev. H. J. Pope pronouncing the benediction.

## SEVENTH DAY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 14.

Conference opened at  $2\,$  p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. D. W. Johnson, M.A., of Nova Scotia Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read communications from Secretary of Christian Endeavor Society of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, re Name of the Society,—Referred to the Committee on Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

From Ministers' Meeting of St. John, New Brunswick, re Proposed Change of Name of General Superintendent,—Referred to Committee on General Superintendency and General Conference Fund; also, a memorial from Edward Johnson re Ritual,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., presented *interim* report of Committee on Missions *re* Transfer of Papers to Committee on Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools. On motion, papers were so transferred.

Reports received

Reports were presented from committees as follows:—

Sabbath Observance.

Reception of Fraternal Delegates.—Adopted.

Missions, No. 2.

General Superintendency and General Conference Fund, No. 2.

Itinerancy, No. 1.

Moved by Revs. J. Wakefield and Dr. Dewart,—That report on Itinerancy be taken up.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved in amendment,—That report of Committee on Missions No. 1 be considered.

Rev. Dr. Willoughby moved in amendment to the amendment,—That Report No. 1 of Committee on General Superintendency and General Conference Fund be taken up. Amendment to the amendment carried.

On motion, the report was considered item by item.

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The item relative to length of term of General Superintendency was read and adoption moved.

Item No. 1 re Financial Statement and recommendation General re Collections was read and adopted.

Item No. 2 re Attendance on Sessions of Conference was General Conf. read, and on motion was laid on the table.

Report No. 2 of Committee on General Superintendency was taken up.

Item re Number of General Superintendents was read, and its adoption moved.

Dr. W. W. Ogden moved, seconded by Mr. John Torrance, in amendment,—That there be Three Itinerant General Superintendents, one of whom shall have the oversight of the Educational Society, one the oversight of the Missionary Society, and the third the oversight of Epworth Leagues and Sabbath Schools. Each Superintendent to be paid as follows: One as at present and each of the others by the department of which he is head. These three Superintendents to constitute the Transfer Committee of the Church, in consultation with the President of each Annual Conference concerned in

Rev. Dr. Burwash moved, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews, in amendment to the amendment,—That all after the word "that" be omitted and the following substituted therefor:—

1. That under paragraph 88 of the Discipline the Conference elect three Itinerant General Superintendents.

2. That the Connexional Institutions and Agencies under the direction of the General Conference be divided into three classes as follows:-

(a) Agencies auxiliary to pastoral work, including Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and General Evangelistic Work.

(b) Educational Institutions and Agencies.

(c) Missionary Societies.

3. That, under the provisions of paragraph 96 of the Discipline, these departments be assigned one to each of the General Superintendents, with the authority and duties at present assigned by the Discipline to General Secretaries in these departments.

4. That the salaries and expenses of the General Superintendents be paid:

(a) From the General Conference Fund.

(b) From the funds of the departments over which they severally preside, as may be determined by the General Conference Special Committee.

After discussion the previous question was moved and

Moved in amendment by Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by Rev. George Webber,—That the substance of the recommendations by Mr. J. J. Maclaren and Rev. H. S. Matthews be concurred in, instead of the item of the report, "that the term of the General Superintendent be for four years."—Lost.

The item of the report was adopted. Items 3, 4, 5 were read and adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Itinerancy

On motion of Rev. J. Wakefield, the report of Committee on Itinerancy, No. 1, was taken up.

Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.B., Secretary of the Committee, read the report and moved its adoption.

Revs. Dr. Antliff and J. McAlister moved to substitute the word "five" for the word "four" in the recommendation of the committee.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. J. M. Smith,—That the pastoral limit be abolished; that hereafter each minister be stationed from year to year, liable to be removed at the end of any one year, but eligible to be reappointed indefinitely when requested by a three-fourths ballot vote of the Quarterly Board, and confirmed by a three-fourths vote of the Stationing Committee.

The previous question was moved and lost.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Powell, the debate was adjourned.

Mr. H. P. Moore, presented Report No. 7 of Presinces.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 7 of Business Committee, and moved its adoption.

The last item of the report was recommitted.

Report was adopted subject to recommitment of last item.

Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Rev. S. F. Huestis.

#### EIGHTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 15.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. F. E. Nugent, of the Guelph Conference, conducted opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of Friday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

Court of Appeal

Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., read the report of the Court of Appeal. (See Appendix, page 252.)

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Mr. P. E. W. Moyer, M.A., moved,—That speakers be limited to five minutes.—Lost.

Rev. W. H. Graham asked leave of absence for Monday, ---Referred to Business Committee.

The previous question was ordered at 10.45 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland's amendment was put and lost.

Mr. John Mann moved, seconded by Rev. J. Learoyd, in amendment to amendment,-That it be an instruction that at the Quarterly Board Meetings next preceding next General Conference, a ballot be taken, "yes" or "no," as to whether it is desirable to make any change in the pastoral term as it now exists, and that the Recording Stewards forward results of such ballots to the General Conference.—

Rev. Dr. Williamson moved, seconded by Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, in amendment to the amendment,—That the limit of the pastoral term shall be three years, except in cases where a Quarterly Board, by a three-fourths vote, at the fourth quarterly meeting of the year shall request it, and the Conference, on the request of the Stationing Committee, shall grant permission, in which case a minister may remain on the same charge for a fourth and a fifth year.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., and seconded by Mr. George A. Cox, in amendment to the amendment, -That the following be added to Section 4, paragraph 142, page 55, in the book of Discipline: Provided, however, that in special cases where the necessities of the work seem to demand it, a minister, at the request of a Quarterly Board expressed by a three-fourths vote taken by ballot, may, by a two-thirds vote of the Stationing Committee, be continued on a station or circuit for four or five years in succession.—Carried.

On motion, the item of the report as amended was adopted. On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Report No. 1 of Committee on Missions was taken up for consideration.

Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., moved, seconded by Dr. Lavell,—That election of General Conference Officers be the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Rev. Dr. Henderson moved in amendment,—That it be the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Moved in amendment to amendment,—That the matter be referred to Business Committee.

Amendments lost. Motion carried.

On motion, the report of Committee on Missions was Missions ordered to be first read, and then considered item by item.

Missions

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and first part of 8 were adopted.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved adoption of the remaining portion of Item No. 8.

Revs. J. R. Gundy and S. F. Huestis moved in amendment, —That the Missionary Board shall be composed of the General Superintendent, the officers of the Society, one minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, elected by ballot by the ministers and laymen of the Annual Conference voting separately, except that Newfoundland and British Columbia Conferences shall be entitled to but one representative each, a minister or layman, as the Conference may determine, to be elected by the joint vote of ministers and laymen, and twelve other persons appointed by the General Conference, who shall continue in office four years. Japan Conference to have such representation as is otherwise provided for.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved adjournment of debate.— Carried.

Rev. Walter Rigsby presented report of Committee on Public Services.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented report of Business Committee and moved its adoption.—Carried.

The Secretary announced that additional delegates had reported, bringing the attendance up to 248 out of entire number of 260.

Conference adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, Rev. Dr. Dewart pronouncing the benediction.

#### NINTH DAY.

Monday Morning, Sept. 17.

Conference opened at 9 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. W. H. Evans, of the Nova Scotia Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society re relation of the Epworth Leagues to the Woman's Missionary Society.—Referred to Committee on Missions.

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Dr. Tilley read report of Committee on State of the Work, which was, on motion, considered item by item.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was read and its adoption was moved.

Moved by Revs. F. E. Nugent and J. W. Holmes in amendment,—That the last sentence of the item be struck out.—Carried.

Item adopted as amended.

Item No. 3 was adopted.

Item No. 4 was read, and on motion laid on the table.

Rev. Dr. Williamson read Report No. 1 of Committee on Civil Rights Civil Rights and Privileges, which was adopted.

Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., presented and read Report No. 3 of Committee on Education.

Rev. R. W. Woodsworth read report of Committee on Systematic Systematic Beneficence, and moved its adoption.

Systematic Beneficence

On motion of Revs. J. R. Gundy and S. Bond, the report was recommitted to amend by eliminating references to tithing being obligatory.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. A. Hamilton, B.D., Port Colborne, announcing sundry large bequests being made to the church by the late Mr. Wm. Mellanby.

Mr. A. Shaw presented report of Book and Publishing Committee.

Rev. Dr. Philp presented and read report of Committee on Fraternal Reception of Delegates and Fraternal Addresses, and moved Delegations its adoption.

Moved by Revs. E. Roberts and Dr. Antliff,—That report be amended to include Conferences of Primitive Methodist, New Connexion and Bible Christian Churches in England as well as Wesleyan Conference.—Carried.

On motion of Revs. T. W. Jolliffe and W. J. Crothers, M.A., the African Methodist Episcopal and British Methodist Episcopal Conferences were included.

Report adopted as amended.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Gundy, the Business Committee was allowed to retire.

On motion, the report of Committee on Conference Boundaries was ordered to be taken up at 11 o'clock.

Sabbath Observance

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., read report of Committee on Sabbath Observance, and moved its adoption.

Mr. P. E. W. Moyer, M.A., moved that reference to Mr. John Charlton, M.P., be eliminated from report.—Lost.

The report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. Joseph Young was granted leave of absence.

Systematic Beneficence Rev. R. W. Woodsworth read amended report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence, which was adopted.

On motion of Revs. Dr. Parker and O. R. Lambly, M.A., the report was ordered to be printed in *Guardian* and *Wesleyan* and *Onward*.

On motion, Mr. J. M. Smith was granted leave of absence. On motion of Rev. Dr. Griffin, the question of what expenses may be allowed delegates was referred to Finance Committee.

Conference Boundaries At 11 o'clock Report No. 2 of Committee on Boundaries was taken up pursuant to order of Conference.

Mr. C. A. Birge read report, and printed copies of details were distributed to members of Conference.

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved adoption of first clause of report. The previous question was ordered at 12 o'clock.

On vote being taken 107 voted for, 41 against; total vote, 148. Two-thirds necessary to carry motion, 99.—Carried.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 8 of Business Committee.

Item No. 1.—Adopted.

Item No. 2,—That Conference meet at 7.30 this p.m. and at 9 a.m. to-morrow.—Adopted.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Dr. Shaw.

Monday Evening, Sept. 17.

Conference opened at 7.30 p.m., General Superintendent in the chair. Mr. W. H. Lambly, of the Montreal Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Minutes of morning session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read communications from Secretary of Western Fair Association, enclosing complimentary tickets to the fair for members of General Conference; from Rev. Geo. Rogers, of Almonte, Ont., and G. Alexander, of Stanhope, P.E.I., and a telegram from officers of several Methodist Church Societies of Ottawa, Ont., re Epworth Leagues.

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Messrs. N. W. Rowell and J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C, moved that these communications be laid on the table pending further report of Committee on Epworth Leagues and Sabbath

Motion suspended, at suggestion of Rev. Dr. Shaw that resolution be prepared defining position of Conference re Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor.

Upon motion of Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A., the Conference instructed the Secretary to convey to the directors of the Western Fair Association thanks for supply of tickets for the fair now being held.

On motion of Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.B., the memorial from the Memorials British Columbia Conference re Status of Laymen at Annual Conferences and District Meetings was transferred from Committee on Itinerancy to Committee on Discipline.

Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., presented memorials from General Committee of Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund re Amendments of Discipline,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved the adoption of second item of conference report of Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Moved in amendment by Revs. H. S. Matthews and J. M. Simpson,—That the report be so amended as to place Whitby District in the Toronto Conference, or Conference No. 3 in the printed list.

Revs. Dr. Parker and R. W. Woodsworth moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the amendment of Revs. H. S. Matthews and J. M. Simpson, affecting the proposed Conference No. 3 by attaching the Whitby District to it, be amended by adding a proposal also affecting Conference No. 5, so that the Kingston District shall be attached to the Bay of Quinte Conference.

At 8.55 p.m. the previous question was ordered.

The amendment to the amendment was submitted and lost.

Rev. Dr. Henderson and Mr. John Rutherford moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the Owen Sound District be removed from Conference No. 3 and placed in No. 2, and that the Whitby District be taken from No. 4 and be restored to No. 3 Conference.—Lost.

Revs. G. Webber and Dr. Galbraith moved in amendment to the amendment,—That Whitby District be left in Conference No. 3, and Uxbridge District be placed in Conference No. 4.—Lost.

The amendment was submitted and lost.

The item of the report defining the five Conferences was adopted by a vote of more than the requisite two-thirds.

Boundaries

Item re Boundaries of British Columbia and Manitoba and North-West Conferences was read.

On motion, the item just read was laid on the table to admit the following resolution.

Epworth League Moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D.,—"Having heard read the various communications respecting the action of this Conference re Epworth League, and desiring to remove any misapprehension which may have arisen, we would assure all parties interested that the rights of local societies have in no way been interfered with, but, with cordial appreciation of the work and aims of the Christian Endeavor Society, legislative sanction has been given to the permissive policy of affiliation with the Christian Endeavor Society.—Carried.

Conference Boundaries Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Sparling, the adoption of the item of the report on Conference Boundaries last read.

Rev. J. H. Betts moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. John Jessop,—That the Calgary District be transferred from Manitoba and North-West Conference to the British Columbia Conference.

The previous question was ordered at 9.50 p.m. Amendment put and lost.

Item of report adopted.

Item, re Change of Boundaries of Nova Scotia Conference and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference read, and its adoption moved.—Carried by more than a two-thirds vote. Mr. C. A. Birge moved the adoption of the report as a whole. Rev. S. Bond moved in amendment that the report be recommitted for arrangement of details regarding the reorganization of the Central Conferences, in harmony with action already taken.—Carried.

Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Sanderson.

### TENTH DAY.

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 18.

Conference opened at 9 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., of the Japan Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of Monday evening's session were read, amended and confirmed.

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The order of the day was taken up—election of officers.

Moved by Revs. Dr. Williamson and T. W. Jolliffe,—That in the election of the General Conference Officers we proceed to ballot without nomination, except in such cases as are provided for in the Discipline.—Carried.

On motion, scrutineers were appointed as follows:—Rev. J. Van Wyck, B.A., Mr. Wm. Johnson, Rev. T. Marshall, Mr. J. S. Deacon, Rev. R. R. Maitland and Rev. S. Sellery, B.D.

Moved by Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., that the officers be elected in the order of the election four years ago, except that the election of General Superintendent precede the others.

It was moved in amendment that missionary officers be elected first.

Amendment lost. Motion carried.

Ballots being cast for election of General Superintendent, resulted as follows:--

Rev. Dr. Carman, 166; Rev. Dr. Potts, 28; scattered, 11; total votes cast, 205.

The Secretary declared Rev. Dr. Carman elected.

Ballots being cast for election of Book Steward of Western Section, resulted as follows:

Rev. Dr. Briggs, 204; scattered, 7; total votes cast, 211. Rev. Dr. Briggs was declared elected.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Clarke, M.A., the election of Book Steward of Eastern Section was deferred.

Ballots being cast for election of Editor of Christian Guardian, resulted as follows:-

Rev. Dr. Dewart, 83; Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., 89; Rev. Dr. Rose, 11; Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., 14; Rev. Dr. Ryckman, 5; nine other persons, one each, 9; total votes cast, 211; necessary to election, 106.—No election.

The second ballot resulted as follows:—

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., 123; Rev. Dr. Dewart, 87; Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., 4; total votes cast, 214.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., was declared elected.

Ballots being cast for election of Editor of the Methodist Magazine and Sunday School periodicals, resulted as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Withrow, 192; scattered, 14; total votes cast, 205. Rev. Dr. Withrow was declared elected.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Clarke, M.A., the election of Editor of the Wesleyan was deferred.

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Ballots being cast for the election of Missionary Secretary, resulted as follows:—

Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, 139; Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, 37; scattered for sixteen candidates, 29; total votes cast, 205. Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland was declared elected.

The Business Committee was granted leave to retire.

Ballots about being cast for election of Clerical and Lay Treasurers of the Mission Board, Mr. J. T. Moore moved, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews,—That elections of Treasurers be deferred till the report of the Committee on Missions be disposed of.—Lost.

Ballots cast resulted as follows:—

Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, 176; Rev. Dr. John Shaw, 8; Rev. T. G. Williams, 4; four, one ballot each, 4; total votes cast, 192. Hon. J. C. Aikins, 188; three, one ballot each, 3; total votes cast, 191.

Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland and Hon. J. C. Aikins were declared elected.

On motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., the election of Superintendent of Missions in the North-West was deferred till the report of the Committee on Missions was disposed of.

Ballots being cast for the election of the General Secretary of Education, resulted as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Potts, 162; scattered for eleven candidates, 15; total votes cast, 177.

Rev. Dr. Potts was declared elected.

The General Conference Officers on their election severally spoke and acknowledged the honors conferred upon them.

The report of the Finance Committee re expenses of delegates was adopted.

The report of the Business Committee No. 8 was taken from the table, and the balance of the report was adopted.

Report No. 9 of the Business Committee was adopted item by item, and as a whole.

Conference adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. Dr. Ryckman.

Tuesday Afternoon, Sept. 18.

Conference opened at 4 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Burwash, of the Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

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Rev. Dr. Stewart presented to the General Superintendent, Fraternal Rev. Principal Cavan, D.D., of Knox College, Rev. Dr. Coch. Delegations rane, of Brantford, Rev. J. A. Murray, of London, and Mr. John Cameron, elder, of London, the fraternal delegates appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to convey its greetings to this General Conference.

The General Superintendent introduced the delegates to the Conference.

The fraternal delegates addressed the Conference.

Moved by Revs. Dr. Burns and Dr. Burwash, and

Resolved,—That this Conference would express its extreme gratification with the visit of the delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. We feel honored in being permitted to work together with such a body in bringing the world to the feet of the Master. We receive these representatives as brethren beloved in the Lord. We have listened to their wise words, forceful as they were kind and courteous. We assure these brethren and the Church which they represent of our profoundest respect, our warmest love. We pledge them our heartiest co-operation in the sublime work committed to the Church of the Living God. We pray for their continued and increased prosperity, and rejoice in knowing that we are coming closer and closer together both in thought and in Christian activity. We pray that the day may soon come when all the followers of Christ shall be one.—Carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Philp presented to the General Superintendent, Mrs. Thornley, representative of the Dominion Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mr. John Cameron, representative of the Dominion Temperance Alliance.

The General Superintendent introduced the delegates to the Conference.

Mr. Cameron read the address of the Dominion Temperance Alliance to the General Conference.

Mrs. Thornley addressed the Conference.

Moved by Revs. Dr. Ryckman and Dr. T. G. Williams, and

Resolved,—That this Conference welcomes to its platform, with the most cordial and emphatic welcome, the deputation of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, and that of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, who this day have brought to the Conference their

sympathetic greetings and encouragements. The work of the Dominion Alliance is well known and appreciated by this Conference, and has its hearty sympathy and support, while endeavoring itself to carry forward a vigorous battle against intemperance and the liquor traffic. The Conference rejoices in being so nobly sustained by the consecrated sisterhood of the Christian Churches. The forces which make for righteousness and purity in the land are far stronger than they would otherwise be by reason of the gentle persistence of woman's zeal, the eloquent persuasiveness of woman's tongue, and the powerful influence of woman's loving heart. This Conference conveys to the Christian women of the Temperance Union the assurance of its desire for their increased usefulness as Christian workers, and its persevering prayers that God, even our own God, may reward them in all their labors with the  $most\ gratifying\ success. - \textit{Carried unanimously}.$ 

Conference adjourned, Rev. Dr. Potts pronouncing the benediction.

## ELEVENTH DAY.

Wednesday Afternoon, Sept. 19.

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. Dr. Hunter, of the Montreal Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read communications from the Secretary of Epworth League of Christian Endeavor at Glen Williams, and Corresponding Secretary of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Mountain Street Church, Montreal, re Name of Societies.

Superannuation Fund Rev. W. Kettlewell reported from Convention of Western delegations re Superannuation Fund the following nominations, —Revs. Dr. Griffin and John Wakefield, Clerical, and Mr. E. Gurney, Lay Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., the Secretary was ordered to cast a ballot for the I ay Treasurer.

The ballot was cast and Mr. E. Gurney was elected.

A motion ordering the scrutineers to count ballots cast for the Clerical Treasurer was lost.

Ballots being cast for the election of Clerical Treasurer, resulted as follows:—Rev. Dr. Griffin, 136; Rev. J. Wakefield, 24.

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Rev. T. Marshall, of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Supernum'y Island Conference, reported that Rev. Dr. Evans, Rev. Dr. Fund W. H. Heartz and Mr. John E. Irvine had been elected Treasurers of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.

Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., moved,—That the remaining Treasurers of Connexional Funds be appointed upon report of the respective committees.—Carried.

Ballots being cast for the election of Book Steward of Election of Eastern Section, Rev. S. F. Huestis was declared elected.

Ballots being cast for the election of Editor of the Wesleyan, resulted as follows:—Rev. G. J. Bond, 145; Rev. Dr. Lathern, 18; four others, 4.

Rev. G. J. Bond was declared elected.

The reports from following committees were received:-Embarrassed Trusts.

Course of Study.

Superannuation Fund.

Civil Rights and Privileges, No. 2.

Itinerancy, No. 2.

Conference Boundaries, No. 3.

General Superintendent and General Conference Fund.

Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, No. 2.

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved,—That report of Superannuation Fund Committee and Commission on Superannuation Fund be next order of the day after report of Committee on Missions is disposed of.—Carried.

The consideration of report of Committee on Missions was Missions

The previous question was ordered at 3.35 p.m.

The amendment moved by Revs. J. R. Gundy and S. F. Huestis on Saturday, 15th inst., at morning session, as to composition of Missionary Board, was submitted.—Carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved the adoption of the substitute proposed by committee for sub-section 4 of section 8 of constitution of Missionary Society.

Revs. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., and W. Rigsby moved that the substitute be amended as follows:-To appoint missionaries to the foreign fields, and fix a scale of stipends and other allowances for missionaries on each of such foreign fields; such scales shall be subject to revision by the General Board at any of its annual sessions, provided always that, if any change is made to the disadvantage of a missionary on a foreign field without his consent, such change shall not be enforced until he returns or has the option of return to the home work.

Reports received The previous question was ordered at 4.45 p.m.

Amendment was submitted and carried—94 for, 73 against.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved in amendment,—That the principle of the amendment just adopted apply to all missionaries under the control of the Board.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ryckman this amendment was laid on the table.

Revs. Dr. T. G. Williams and Dr. Ryckman moved in amendment,—That the word "French" be removed from subsection No. 4 of section 8.

Moved by Rev. H. S. Matthews and Mr. Joseph Tait in amendment to the amendment,—That the French work in connection with our Church be placed in the same relation as Domestic Missions.—Lost.

Amendment was submitted and lost—72 for, 73 against.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman moved,—That the "yeas" and "nays" be taken, more than twenty members sustaining the call.

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Yeas, 84; nays, 93. Amendment lost.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 10 of Business Committee. Item No. 1 adopted.

Item No. 2 read and its adoption moved.

Moved in amendment by Rev. J. Learoyd,—That Committees meet at 8 a.m. and Conference at 10 a.m. to-morrow.—Carried.

Items 3, 4 and 5 adopted.

Report adopted as amended.

Alma College

The Secretary read portion of report of Committee on Education re Nominations of Board of Management of Alma College, and moved its adoption.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Ross,—That the name of Rev. Dr. I. B. Aylesworth be substituted for that of Rev. J. S. Ross.—Carried.

The portion of report was adopted as amended.

Rules of Order On motion of Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams and Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., Rule No. 14 of the Rules of Order was amended by inserting at the end of the second sentence the following: "And may be done during the session in which it was passed, but if done at any other time a notice of motion for reconsideration must be given at the session immediately preceding that in which the vote for reconsideration is to be taken."

On motion, it was resolved that the election of fraternal delegates to-morrow be by nomination and ballot.

Conference adjourned at 5.45 p.m. Rev. Dr. Galbraith pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 19.

Conference resumed at 7.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., of the London Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and confirmed.

Alma College

Rev. Dr. Williamson moved the addition of the name of Rev. J. R. Gundy to the list of the Board of Management of Alma College, which had been omitted in transcribing the committee's report.—Carried.

On motion for adoption of paragraph 4 of item 8 of the report of the Committee on Missions as amended, it was carried.

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On motion of Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., seconded by Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A., the item was recommitted so that in editing and publishing the report of the committee the Rev. F. A. Cassidy's amendment, adopted this afternoon, may be separated from the main portion of this item.—Carried.

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Judge Dean moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker,—That Missions we hereby declare that the proposal now under consideration (re French Missions) involves such an invasion and violation of the rights of the Stationing Committee as requires a threefourths majority.—Lost.

Paragraph 5 of item 8 of report was adopted.

Paragraph 6 of item 8 read, and on motion it was adopted and ordered to be recommitted for verbal change.

The following were adopted:—

Paragraph 7 of item 8.

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Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of item 11 were adopted and recommitted for verbal change.

Paragraph 4 of item 11 adopted.

The subject "Standing Resolutions" was referred to the Board of Missions, with power to frame the item re publication of annual reports of the Mission Board.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts, That there be inserted in the Annual Missionary Report, in that part where credit is given for the total contributions of the Church, this note: "In addition to the above, the Woman's Missionary Society raised and administered the past year \$ . . . " (specifying amount).—Carried.

The report of the Superannuation Fund Committee was then taken up.

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved, seconded by Rev. R. W. Superannua-Woodsworth,—That the reports of the Superannuation Fund tion Fund Commission and the Superannuation Fund Committee be taken up concurrently, and that so far as they deal with the constitution of the fund the report of the Commission shall have precedence, the report of the Sessional Committee being considered an amendment to that of the Commission.—Carried.

Mr. W. J. Robertson, LL.B., read item 1 of report of Committee, Rev. Wm. Kettlewell read item 1 of report of Commission, on Superannuation Fund, and moved its adoption. -Carried.

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Also item 3, subject to the direction that the Secretary be instructed to insert the names of Conferences affected when the names are determined by Conference.

Also item 4, paragraphs Nos. 389, 390, 391, 392, 393 and 394.

On the reading of item 5, Mr. Robertson read the amendment proposed by the report of the committee, and moved its adoption.—Carried.

On reading item 6, paragraph No. 396, sub-sections 1 and 2 adopted. On reading of sub-section 3, Mr. Robertson read the amendment proposed by the committee, and moved its adoption.—Carried.

Sub-section 3 adopted as amended.

Sub-sections 4 and 5 adopted. Paragraph 397 read re ministerial subscriptions. Mr. Robertson read and moved the amendment proposed in the report of the committee.

Rev. Geo. Jackson moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. Thos. Hayne, —That the ministerial payments be \$12.00 and 2 per cent. of salaries. The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Rev. J. E. Mavety,—That the percentage on ministers' salaries be 2 per cent. instead of 3 per cent.—Lost.

The amendment proposed by the committee was carried.

Paragraph No. 397 adopted as amended.

On the reading of paragraph No. 398, and motion made for its adoption, Mr. Robertson read and moved the adoption of the amendment to the section as reported by the committee.

Moved by Rev. Geo. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Thos. Hayne,—That No. 398 of the Report of the Commission be amended by the recommendation of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the sums raised for ministerial support.—Lost.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. J. E. Carson, that the last clause of paragraph No. 398 be struck out.—*Lost*.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross,—That the word "shall" be substituted for the word "may," so as to read: "The said contribution shall be included in the estimates for the year."—Lost.

Amendment of committee adopted. Paragraph No. 398 adopted as amended.

Motion for adjournment lost.

Paragraph No. 399 read and its adoption moved. Rev. J. Kay moved that the clause be struck out.—Lost.

Rev. Dr. Stone moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. J. Holmes,—That in the event of a Quarterly Official Board failing to estimate for the Superannuation Fund, the minister be authorized to take collections and subscriptions for the fund.—Carried. To be added to paragraph No. 398.

Paragraph No. 399 adopted.

The Conference adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Rev. F. B. Stratton.

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## TWELFTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 20.

Conference opened at 10 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. W. Blair, B.A., of the Montreal Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed, subject to resolution on motion of Mr. Maclaren,—That the minute of Judge Dean's motion re vote required to pass section 8 of Missionary Committee's report be held over for conference between Chair and Judge Dean as to form of motion.

Note.—By consent of Conference the resolution was changed to form recorded in Minutes of evening session, September 19th.

The Secretary read a communication from President and Secretary of Epworth League of Christian Endeavor of Dunnville, containing resolution of appreciation of action of Conference re Name of Society.

On motion of the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Jackson, JOURNAL Secretary, was granted leave of absence on account of family affliction.

On motion of the Secretary, it was ordered that the usual gratuity be paid to the Journal Secretary for his laborious and valuable services.

Rev. Dr. Stewart moved that report of Committee on Course of Study be taken up next after the Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Dr. Briggs moved in amendment that report of Book and Publishing Committee be taken up next after the Superannuation Fund.

Amendment carried.

Revs. Dr. Stewart and Dr. Briggs moved that report of Committee on Course of Study be taken up next after that of the Book and Publishing Committee.—Carried.

Rev. T. W. Jolliffe and Mr. W. H. Lambly moved,— That in view of the great amount of work remaining to be done by this Conference all speeches shall be limited to five minutes, unless the Conference shall see fit to extend that time in special cases.—Carried.

The reports of Committee and Commission on Superannuation Fund were taken up.

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Paragraph No. 400 was read and its adoption moved.

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Revs. Dr. Sutherland and E. N. Baker, B.D., moved in amendment,—That all after the word "contribution" in line 3, paragraph No. 400, be struck out and the following substituted: "A sum representing 22 cents per member as shown by the Minutes, which is the average paid by fields in the white work."

Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., moved that the paragraph be recommitted to be redrafted.

Dr. Mills moved in amendment to the amendment,—That in lieu of circuit contribution the Missionary Society shall contribute on behalf of each ordained foreign missionary, and each French, Indian or other ordained missionary (except domestic missionaries) a sum which, being added to said minister's annual contribution, shall be sufficient to provide for the average annuity paid to superannuated ministers.

Amendment to amendment lost.

Mr. W. J. Robertson moved in amendment to the amendment,—That \$60.00 be substituted for \$70.00, and \$40.00 for \$50.00, in paragraph.

Amendment to the amendment put and lost. Amendment lost.

Revs. A. C. Courtice, B.D., and Dr. Williams moved in amendment,—That the paragraph be amended by inserting after the word "missionary" in second line the words "being a member of the fund."—Carried.

Paragraph was adopted as amended.

Paragraph No. 401 was read and its adoption moved.

Revs. Dr. Sutherland and J. F. Betts moved in amendment,—That a sum be contributed equal to an assessment at the rate of 22 cents per member on a membership of 191, which is the average membership in the white work.

Dr. Mills moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the paragraph be amended by substituting for the words "the sum of \$50.00," the words "a sum equal to the difference between his personal subscription and \$75.00."

Amendment to the amendment put and lost. Amendment put and lost.

Moved by Revs. T. M. Campbell and O. R. Lambly, M.A., in amendment,—That there be added to paragraph No. 401 as follows: Provided, nevertheless, that any minister in above class, being an evangelist or a professor in a proprietary college, may be, if he so chooses, excused from payment of his personal subscription and the other payment on his account for any or all of such years as he is not in the pastorate, but such years shall not be counted in his term of services or claim upon the fund. Amendment put and lost.

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Moved by Mr. W. J. Robertson, LL.B., in amendment, ... Superannua-That the professors in proprietary institutions who are members tion Fund of the fund shall be called upon to pay, annually, \$75.00 each in full, including personal subscriptions. Amendment put and lost.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Stone in amendment,—That the words "who are members of this fund" be inserted after the words "ordained ministers" in the second line.—Amendment

Moved by Dr. J. B. Willmott,—That the following be added to paragraph No. 401, "but the contribution of, and on behalf of, any person referred to in this section shall not exceed \$75.00."—Lost.

Paragraph No. 401 was adopted as amended.

Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock, Rev. W. Kettlewell pronouncing the benediction.

Thursday Afternoon, Sept. 20.

Conference opened at 2 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, of the Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. G. W. Beynon and seconded by Rev. John church McLean, Ph.D.,—That the report of the Standing Commission Property on Church property in the North-West be referred to a Special Committee, composed of the following ministers and laymen: Revs. J. Woodsworth, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Griffin, Dr. T. G. Williams, A. Stewart, B.D., Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., Hon. J. C. Aikins, Judge Dean, Judge Chesley, Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., and Mr. G. W. Beynon.—Carried.

Moved by Revs. F. B. Stratton and O. R. Lambly, M.A., - Fraterna That in the election of fraternal delegates we proceed in the Delegations following order:-

1. The Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist, New Connexion Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches in Great Britain and Ireland.

2. The Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church. The British Methodist Episcopal Church. Carried.

Fraternal Delegations

Moved by Revs. Dr. Briggs and J. Learoyd,—That two fraternal delegates, a minister and a layman, be sent to the Conferences in Great Britain and Ireland.—Lost.

On motion it was

Resolved,—That one fraternal delegate be sent to the British Conferences and one to each of the foreign Conferences.

Nominations for fraternal delegate to Great Britain and Ireland were made as follows:—

Rev.	Dr. Briggs.	P
6 6	Dr. Parker.	Rev. Dr. Dewart.
	Dr. Carman.	" Dr. Galbraith.
		" Dr. Jackson.
	Dr. Shaw.	Mayor Kennedy.

On motion nominations closed.

Dr. Mills moved,—That scrutineers retire to count ballots and report.—Lost.

Revs. Drs. Briggs, Parker, Shaw and Galbraith declined nomination.

Ballots being cast resulted as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Dewart, 91; Rev. Dr. Carman, 46; scattered, 15. Number of votes cast, 152. Rev. Dr. Dewart was declared elected.

Nominations for fraternal delegates to the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States were made as follows:

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6.6	Dr. Parker.	Rev. Dr. Lathern.
6 6	Dr. Philp.	" Dr. Sparling.
66	Dr. Hunter.	" Dr. German.
66	Dr. Briggs.	" Dr. Burns.
66	Dr. Ryckman.	" Dr. Antliff.
6 6	Dr. Sutherland.	" Dr. Jackson.

On motion nominations closed.

Revs. Drs. Sparling, Hunter, Briggs, Ryckman and Jackson declined nomination.

Ballots being cast resulted as follows:—

nev.	Dr. Lathern, 43.	Rev	Dr. Sutherland, 13.
6 6	Dr. Antliff, 28.	66	Dr. Sutherland, 13.
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Number of ballots cast 165. Rev. Dr. Lathern was declared elected.

Rev. Dr. Sparling and Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., moved, —That the next ballot be counted and reported by the scrutineers.—Carried.

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Rev. Dr. Potts. Mayor Kennedy. Dr. Burwash. Rev. Dr. German. Mr. Mills, LL.D. W. H. Graham. Dr. Parker. Rev. Dr Hunter. J. W. Annis, M.A. S. J. Shorey. Dr. Sparling. Dr. Parker. Dr. Brecken Dr. Antliff. " Dr. Williamson. Dr. Ryckman.

On motion nominations closed.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, Mayor Kennedy and Dr. Mills declined nominations.

The ballot was taken, and the scrutineers retired to count and report the results, Rev. J. VanWyck, B.A., convener.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., moved,—That the present order be suspended, and that Committee on Fraternal Delegations nominate delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Conferences of the British Methodist Episcopal and African Methodist Episcopal Churches.—Carried.

The General Superintendent submitted the following General Conf. nomination of members of General Conference Special Com- Special mittee:-

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Dr. Briggs.	Mayor Kennedy.
Dr. Potts.	G. A. Cox.
Dr. Burwash.	R. Brown.
Dr. Ryckman.	J. T. Moore,
Dr. Wm. Williams.	Dr. Lavell
Dr. J. S. Williamson.	Dr. Ford.
Dr. W. C. Henderson.	Dr. Allison.
Dr. Griffin.	Dr. Maclaren.
Dr. Heartz.	H. P Moore.
Dr. Galbraith.	Sheriff Bettes.
E. Roberts.	J. Mann.
T. W. Jolliffe.	E. Gurney.

The nomination was confirmed.

Judge Dean presented Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to the General Superintendent, who introduced him to the Conference.

Hon. Mr. Bowell briefly addressed the Conference.

Rev. T. Marshall presented Report No. 1 from scrutineers, the result of ballot for delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as follows:-

Rev. Dr. Sparling, 27. Rev. Dr. Ryckman, 20. Dr. Breckin, 25. " Dr. Burwash, 12. " Dr. Potts, 23. " S. J. Shorey, 11. " Dr. Antliff, 20. Scattered, 36.

Total votes cast, 174.—No election.

Ballots were cast a second time, and scrutineers retired.

The General Superintendent nominated the following persons from whom to elect twelve members of the Court of Appeal:—

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Dr. A. Sutherland. Dr. Parker.	J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.
Dr. T. G. Williams.	Hon. J. C. Aikins. Judge Jones.
Dr. Antliff. W. I. Shaw, LL.D.	Judge Dean.
S. F. Huestis.	Judge Deacon. Judge Chesley.
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Dr. Stone.	J. Mills, LL.D. W. W. Ogden, M.D.
Dr. Hunter. J. Wakefield.	W. J. Robertson, LL.B.
W. Kettlewell.	E. T. Crowle, Ph.D. A. L. Morden, Q.C.
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The ballots were cast and scrutineers retired, W. J. Ford, LL.B., convener.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved that nominations by Missionary Committee of members of Missionary Board be submitted and balloted upon.—Carried.

Fraternal Delegation

Rev. T. Marshall presented Report No. 2 from scrutineers, the result of ballot for delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as follows:—

Rev.	Dr. Sparling, 58.	Rev. Dr. Potts, 24.
66	Dr. Ryckman, 33.	" Dr. Antliff, 21.
	Dr. Brecken, 25.	Scattered, 17.

Total votes cast, 178.—No election.

Missionary Board

Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., read nominations of Committee on Missions of 12 ministers and 12 laymen, from whom to elect 6 ministers and 6 laymen members of Missionary Board, as follows:—

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
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Dr. T. G. Williams.	Wm. Bowman.
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Dr. Ryckman.	W. Kennedy.
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A. Cunningham.	Senator Sanford.
Dr. Griffin.	W. I. E.
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Rev. T. Marshall presented Report No. 3 from scrutineers, the result of ballot for delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as follows:—

Rev.	Dr. Sparling, 97. Dr. Ryckman, 35.	Rev. Dr. Potts, 8. "Dr. Antliff, 8.
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Total votes, 157. Rev. Dr. Sparling was declared elected.

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Moved by Revs. Dr. Sutherland and J. R. Gundy,—That the representatives to the General Board of Missions already elected by the Annual Conferences, and the laymen of the Annual Conference Missionary Committee, together with the representatives elected by this General Conference, constitute the General Board of Missions for the present year.—Carried.

The consideration of report of Superannuation Fund Com- Superannua mission and Committee was resumed.

Revs. Dr. Griffin and T. M. Campbell gave notice of motion, —That paragraph No. 401 of the Commission's report be reconsidered with the view to changing the clause "shall pay in lieu of circuit contribution \$50.00" to "shall pay in lieu of circuit contribution a sum equal to the difference between the minister's personal subscription and \$75.00."

Revs. T. M. Campbell and A. L. Russell, B.D., gave notice of motion,—That paragraph 397 of the report of the Superannuation Fund be reconsidered.

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That the report of Committee on Conference Boundaries be taken up next after report of Committee on Course of Study.

Moved in amendment by Mr. N. W. Rowell,—That the report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues be next taken up after report of Committee on Course of Study.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C.,—That the report of Committee on Education be taken up next after report of Committee on Course of Study. The original motion prevailed.

Moved by Mr. N. W. Rowell,—That the report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues be taken up next after report of Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Moved in mendment by Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., that the report of Committee on Education be taken up next after report of Committee on Conference Boundaries.

The amendment prevailed.

Moved by Mr. N. W. Rowell, - That the report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues be taken up  ${\it next after report of Education Committee.} \\ - \check{C}arried.$ 

Revs. J. S. Clarke and F. B. Stratton gave notice of motion re reconsideration of vote of yesterday afternoon re French Missions.

Paragraph No. 402 of report of Superannuation Fund Superannua-Commission was read and adopted.

Paragraphs 403 and 404 were adopted.

Paragraph 405 was read and its adoption moved.

Moved in amendment that the clause in report of committee, which was read, be substituted for paragraph No. 405.-Carried.

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Paragraph 405 as amended was adopted. Paragraphs 406, 407 and 408 were adopted.

Paragraph 409 was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. W. J. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption.—Amendment carried.

Paragraph 409 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs 410 and 411 were adopted.

Paragraph 412 was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. W. J. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption.—*Amendment carried*.

Paragraph 412 was adopted as amended.

Court of Appeal Mr. A. Shaw presented Report No. 1 from scrutineers of the result of ballot for members of Court of Appeal, as follows:—

#### MINISTERS

W. I. Shaw, LL.D., 145. Dr. T. G. Williams, 125. Dr. A. Sutherland, 115. Dr. Antliff, 99. Dr. Parker, 80. Dr. Hunter, 79. S. F. Huestis, 77. W. Kettlewell, 69. S. Bond, 62. Dr. Ross, 59. J. Wakefield, 42.

Dr. Stone, 49.

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J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., 146. Hon. J. C. Aikins, 122. Judge Dean, 121. "Chesley, 120. "Jones, 111. J. Mills, LL.D., 104. Judge Deacon, 75. J. R. Inch, LL.D., 74. W. J. Robertson, LL.B., 45. A. L. Morden, Q.C., 41. E. T. Crowle, Ph. D., 16. W. W. Ogden, M. D., 23.

Total votes cast for ministers, 167.

Revs. Drs. Shaw, Williams, Sutherland and Antliff were declared elected.

Total votes cast for laymen, 169.

Dr. Maclaren, Hon. J. C. Aikins, Judge Dean, Judge Chesley, Judge Jones and Dr. Mills were declared elected.

Ballots were cast for election of the remaining two ministerial members and the scrutineers retired.

Superannuation Fund Paragraph No. 413 of report of Superannuation Fund Commission was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption.

The amendment was adopted.

The paragraph was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs Nos. 414 and 415 were adopted.

Paragraph No. 416 was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption. 1894]

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Moved by Rev. A. Stewart, B.D., and Rev. Dr. Sparling in amendment to the amendment,—That the words, "The Methodist Church" be substituted for the words "our Church.'

The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

· Paragraph No. 416 was adopted as amended.

Paragraphs Nos. 417, 418, 419, 420 and 421 were adopted. Paragraph No. 422 was read and its adoption moved.

Revs. Dr. Stone and Dr. Parker moved in amendment that the paragraph be struck out.—Carried.

Mr. A. Shaw presented Report No. 2 from scrutineers of Court of the result of second ballot for members of Court of Appeal Appeal as follows :-

Rev. Dr. Parker, 57. S. F. Huestis, 51.

Rev. S. Bond, 26. " Dr. Stone, 20. "Ross, 17.

W. Kettlewell, 46. " Dr. Hunter, 41.

J. Wakefield, 5.

Total votes cast, 135.—No election.

A third ballot was cast and the scrutineers retired.

Paragraph No. 423 of report of Superannuation Fund Com- superannuamission was read and adopted.

Paragraphs Nos. 424 and 425 were adopted.

Paragraph No. 426 was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption.

Amendment was adopted.

Paragraph No. 426 was adopted as amended. Paragraphs Nos. 427 and 428 were adopted.

Paragraphs Nos. 429, 430, 431, 432 and 433 were read together by leave of Conference, and their adoption moved.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption.

Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A., and Mr. Geo. Wilson moved in amendment to the amendment,-That the following be added to the paragraph: "Provided that if his wife continue to be a member of the Methodist Church in good standing, she and her infant children may, after his death, receive an amount equal to that which she would have received if he had died just previous to his deposition."

Report No. 1 from scrutineers of the election of members Board of of Board of Missions was submitted as follows:-

MINISTERS.

J. Woodsworth, 119. S. F. Huestis, 117. Dr. T. G. Williams, 91.

Dr. Ryckman, 90. Dr. Briggs, 88.

Dr. Potts, 86.

J. R. Gundy, 78. A. Langford, 71. I. Tovell, 54.

Dr. Griffin, 43.

Dr. Henderson, 42.

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Geo. A. Cox, 124.	W. Bowman, 61.
W. Kennedy, 109.	Hon. W. E. Sanford, 59
J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., 97.	Hon. J. W. Sifton, 58.
J. Torrance, 91.	W. H. Lambly, 57.
J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., 82.	W. J. Ferguson, 50.
W. F. Hall, 67.	J. T. Moore, 49.

The following ministers and laymen were declared elected:—

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Ballots were cast for the remaining lay members of the board and the scrutineers retired.

The discussion of the report of the Superannuation Fund Commission was resumed.

#### Superannuation Fund

Rev. W. Kettlewell and Mr. W J. Robertson, LLB., gave notice of motion as follows:—Nevertheless if a superannuated member of the fund shall be deposed from the ministry the sum of the payments he has received shall be deducted from the sum of his personal subscriptions, and the balance, if any, shall be refunded.

On motion, it was ordered that the paragraphs, with amendments proposed by the committee, by Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A., and by Rev. W. Kettlewell, be recommitted to the committee.

Mr. A. Shaw presented Report No. 3 from scrutineers, the result of third ballot for members of Court of Appeal, as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Parker, 78.  S. F. Huestis, 66.  Kettlewell, 36.	Rev. S. Bond, 14.  'Dr. Stone, 11.  'Dr. Ross, 10.
"Dr. Hunter, 31.	" J. Wakefield, 6.

Number of votes cast, 130.

Rev. Dr. Parker and Rev. S. F. Huestis were declared elected.

The discussion of the report of the Superannuation Fund Commission was resumed.

Paragraphs Nos. 434, 435 and 436 were adopted.

Paragraph 437 was read and its adoption moved.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read amendment recommended by the Superannuation Fund Committee and moved its adoption.

The amendment was adopted.

Paragraph No. 437 adopted as amended.

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Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read further recommendations of report of Superannuation Fund Committee, which, on motion, were severally adopted.

Report No. 2 from scrutineers of the election of remaining Board of members of Board of Missions was presented as follows:--

W. F. Hall, 67. W. Bowman, 21. W. H. Lambly, 29.

Hon. J. W. Sifton, 9. W. J. Ferguson, 7. J. T. Moore, 5.

Hon. W. E. Sanford, 14. Number of votes cast, 152.—No election.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 11 of Business Committee, which was adopted item by item.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 p.m., Rev. W. H. Graham pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 20.

Conference resumed at 7.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Mr. Thos. Holtby, of the Toronto Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed. Rev. T. Marshall reported the result of the third ballot for the Board of Missions. Mr. W. F. Hall was declared elected.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read the special report of the Superannuacommittee on the Superannuation Fund, amending paragraph tion Fund No. 131 of the Discipline, and paragraph No. 431 in the report of the commission, and moved its adoption.—Carried.

Also moved,—That the recommendation of the committee amending paragraph No. 430 be adopted.—Carried.

Also the recommendation of the committee,—That chapter 2, section 2, in part 5 of the Discipline be repealed.—Carried.

Also the recommendation of the committee,—That the new constitution go into effect at once.

Rev. N. A. McDiarmid moved in amendment,—That it go into effect at the beginning of next June. The previous question was ordered at 8.05 p.m. The amendment was carried. The item was adopted as amended.

Rev. Dr. Williamson moved,—That the period of expectancy be seventy years.

Rev. Wm. Kettlewell moved in amendment,-That the tables of experience of twenty offices be the scale.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the scale be referred to the Superannuation Fund Board.—Carried.

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Superannuation Fund Rev. Dr. Ross moved to insert among the general provisions,—That a superannuated minister desiring to live in a foreign country obtain the permission of his Conference.—Lost.

The Rev. Wm. Kettlewell moved,—That the report of the Superannuation Fund Commission as amended be adopted.

Rev. T. M. Campbell moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ross, pursuant to notice given at afternoon session, —That paragraph No. 397 be amended.—Lost.

Rev. Dr. Griffin moved in amendment, pursuant to notice given this afternoon,—That the paragraph numbered 401 be reconsidered.—Carried.

Moved,—To change the clause, "shall pay in lieu of circuit contribution \$50.00," to "shall pay in lieu of circuit contribution the difference between a minister's subscription and \$75.00."—Carried.

Rev. N. A. McDiarmid moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin,—That the following be placed after No. 435: "That the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund shall be required to furnish blank forms to the Secretaries of the Conferences."—Carried.

Rev. Dr. Stone moved, seconded by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That in the case of this new constitution being adopted, no change in the constitution be made hereafter except by a three-fourths vote of the General Conference.—Lost.

Report adopted as amended.

Mr. Robertson, LL.B., read Report No. 2 of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund re claim of Rev. Dr. Griffith, and moved its adoption.—Carried.

Also re claim of Rev. W. Pimlott.

Rev. Dr. Shaw moved in amendment,—That this item be referred to the Superannuation Board with power to act.—Carried.

The third item was read and its adoption moved.—Carried. Fourth item read and its adoption moved. Rev. J. T. Pitcher moved in amendment,—That this item be referred to the Board with power to act.

Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the words "and other similar cases" be struck out.—*Carried*.

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved the reconsideration of the clause last passed. — Carried.

Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., moved,—That both clauses be recommitted.—Carried.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman renewed his notice of reconsideration given this afternoon concerning French missionaries.

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Mr. A. Shaw read the report of the Book and Publishing Book Room. Committee.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 adopted.

On item 6 being read, Rev. Dr. McLean moved in amendment,—That the corresponding editor be not required to be stationed at Winnipeg.

Rev. Dr. Stone moved as a second amendment, seconded by Rev. Dr. Burns,—That the title "corresponding editor" be changed to "special correspondent."

The previous question was ordered at 9.15 p.m. The first amendment (that of Rev. Dr. McLean) lost.

Second amendment (Rev. Dr. Stone's) carried.

Item adopted as amended.

Items 7, 8, 9 and 10 adopted.

On item 11 being read and the adoption moved,

Rev. E. N. Baker, B.D., moved in amendment,—That the provision for payment for the Epworth League pages be struck out.

Moved by Rev. I. Tovell, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker,— That such space be given in the *Christian Guardian* to the interests of the young people's societies in the Church as in the united judgment of the Editor and Book Committee may be considered desirable and necessary.

The previous question was moved and lost. First amendment (Rev. E. N. Baker's) put and lost. Second amendment (Rev. I. Tovell's) put and lost.

Item 11 of the report adopted.

Items 12, 13 and 14 read and adopted.

On item 15 being read, and its adoption moved, Rev. S. F. Huestis moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. J. R. Inch, LL.D., an additional clause,—That the Wesleyan bear the same relation to Epworth Leagues and Young People's Societies in the East as the Christian Guardian does in the West.—Carried.

Item 15 adopted as amended.

Items 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 adopted.

Mr. A. Shaw moved the adoption of the report in full as amended.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. Dr. Briggs, the addition of the following:

"In order that a uniform connexional policy may be prosecuted by the *Christian Guardian*, be it resolved that the material provided for the *Guardian* by all special correspondents and official contributions shall be subject to the revision and approval of the editor.—*Carried*.

Rev. C. Parker moved adjournment.—Lost.

Report adopted as amended.

Course of Study Rev. Dr. Philp read the report of the Committee on the Course of Study.

Part 1 read and its adoption moved.—Carried.

Motion to adjourn was made and lost.

Part 2 of the report read and its adoption moved. The previous question was ordered at 10.30 p.m.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Motion to adjourn was made and lost.

Item 4 taken up and motion made that the schedule for the three years' course be taken as read.—Carried.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

The motion to reconsider the vote that the three years' schedule be taken as read was carried.

Item as to course of study for the first year adopted.

Second year's course of study adopted.

Third year's course of study adopted.

The motion to adjourn was carried.

Conference adjourned till 9 a.m. to-morrow, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. Dr. Philp.

#### THIRTEENTH DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 21.

Conference met at 9 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. T. Marshall, of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

Reports received

Reports were presented of committees on Itinerancy, Finance and Missions.

The consideration of report of Committee on Course of Study was resumed.

Course of , Study Items of Course for Fourth and Fifth Years; Item of Special Preliminary Examination; Items of Preliminary Course for graduates in Arts, and Three Years' Course for graduates in Arts, were adopted.

Item of regulations re Central Board of Examiners read and its adoption moved.

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Revs. W. J. Crothers, M.A., and W. R. Young, B.A., Course of moved in amendment,—That the part of the report referring study to a Central Board of Examiners be struck out, and that the present mode of examinations be continued.—Amendment carried.

Item was adopted as amended.

Item re examination of graduates in Arts was read, and, on motion, ordered that it be divided and parts considered separately.

First part was adopted.

Second part re examination at colleges of graduates in Arts on circuits was read and adopted.

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Item re Albert College read and adopted.

Item re Medical missionaries read and adopted.

Item re paragraph No. 153, section 2, read and adopted.

Item re date changes come into effect read and adopted.

Item re degrees was read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. Dr. Ross moved in amendment,—That no change be made in present regulations.

Revs. Dr. Burns and C. H. Paisley, M.A., moved in amendment to the amendment,—That all reference to degrees be removed from Discipline.

The previous question was ordered at 10.25 a.m.

Amendment to the amendment was submitted and lost.

Dr. Mills moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the "titles to be recognized" be added to the regulation in the recommendation of the report.

Amendment to the amendment adopted.

Item adopted as amended.

Item re Indian Work was read and adopted.

On motion to adopt report as a whole as amended, Rev. Dr. McLean moved in amendment,—Providing that probationers for Indian work may take Cree Grammar without specifying the author of the grammar.

Amendment to amendment was adopted.

The previous question was ordered on motion to adopt report at 10.45 a.m.

The report, as a whole, was adopted as amended.

Mr. C. A. Birge read Report No. 3 of Committee on Confer-Conference ence Boundaries, which on motion was considered item by Boundaries item.

Item No. 1 was read and its adoption moved.

Conference Boundaries Moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., and Rev. Dr. Stone in amendment,—That those Conferences affected by change of boundaries in Ontario and Quebec retain their autonomy until the 25th May, 1895, for purposes of administration, and that the Districts affected by change of Conference boundaries meet and report to their new Conferences, and that as to the Guelph Conference a commission be appointed to settle all questions relating to the assets, liabilities or archives of the Guelph Conference.

Moved by Revs. A. Cunningham and J. W. Holmes in amendment to the amendment,—That the financial secretaries of the Districts in the Guelph Conference be instructed to forward all connexional funds to the several Conference treasurers immediately after the close of the May District Meetings; and that the Conference Special Committee and the following laymen, viz.: W. G. Smith, W. J. Ferguson, Isaac Hord, H. L. Rice, J. E. Carson, L. H. Youmans and John Rutherford, meet in the town of Palmerston on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 2 p.m., and settle all claims on the Contingent and Sustentation Funds, and that the autonomy of the Guelph Conference shall cease on May 25th.

Revs. F. E. Nugent and G. Richardson gave notice of amendment that this Conference directs that the Annual Conferences whose boundaries have been changed by the act of the General Conference shall meet at time and place appointed by last meeting of said Conferences, and shall close up all accounts and station ministers and probationers, and as soon thereafter as may be the Conferences according to altered boundaries shall meet for organization and work.

A motion for the previous question was lost.

On motion, the item of the report and amendments were ordered to be recommitted.

Item re Names of new Conferences was read, and its adoption moved.

On motion, the item was considered seriatim.

On motion, Conference No. 1 was named London Conference.

On motion, to name Conference No. 2 Hamilton Conference, Rev. Dr. Williamson moved in amendment that it be named Niagara Conference.

Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., moved in amendment to the amendment that it be named Guelph Conference.

The previous question was ordered at 11.35 a.m.

The recommendation of the committee that it be named Hamilton Conference was adopted.

On motion, Conference No. 3 was named Toronto Conference.

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On motion to name Conference No. 4 Bay of Quinte Con- Conference ference, Mr. R. W. Clarke moved in amendment that it be Boundaries named Belleville Conference.

The recommendation of committee that it be named Bay of Quinte Conference was adopted.

On motion, Conference No. 5 was named Montreal Confer-

Item No. 7 was adopted.

Item No. 8 was read and its adoption moved.

Rev. J. Strothard moved in amendment that the transfer of Fort Lawrence appointment of Point de Bute Circuit from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference to the Nova Scotia Conference take effect at the end of the second quarter of the present Conference year.

The amendment was adopted.

The item was adopted as amended.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland raised a question of privilege re claim for travelling expenses of a delegate from Japan, and moved that Committee on Finance be instructed to recommend pay ment of reasonable return travelling expenses in the case.-Carried.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman renewed his notice of motion re French Missions, given yesterday afternoon and renewed last evening.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Henderson and Mr. H. P. Moore,-That in all cases where Conference delegations are to meet for the purpose of electing representatives on Standing Committees or Boards, the term "conference delegations" be interpreted to mean, all delegates from Conferences as formed by the  $\label{legislation} \mbox{legislation of the present General Conference.} \mbox{$-Carried.}$ 

Moved by Revs. Dr. Briggs and O. R. Lambly, M.A., -- Book Room That the delegates of the Conference from which the Western Section of the Book Committee is constituted shall meet in the church at 1.30 p.m. to elect the members of the Book Committee for the ensuing quadrennium, as follows:

 The London Conference.—London, St. Thomas, Aylmer, Chatham, Windsor, Ridgetown, Exeter, St. Mary's, Stratford, Goderich, Kincardine, Wingham, Listowel, Strathroy and Sarnia districts.

2. The Hamilton Conference.—Hamilton, St. Catharines, Milton, Brantford, Woodstock, Guelph, Galt, Palmerston, Mount Forest, Walkerton, Wiarton, Norwich, Simcoe and Welland districts.

3. The Toronto Conference.—Toronto East, Toronto Centre, Toronto West, Brampton, Uxbridge, Bradford, Orangeville, Barrie, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Bracebridge, Parry Sound and Algoma districts.

4. The Bay of Quinte Conference.—Belleville, Napanee, Picton, Brighton, Cobourg, Bowmanville, Whitby, Cannington, Lindsay, Peterborough, Campbellford, Madoc and Tamworth districts.

5. The Montreal Conference.—Districts unchanged.

6. The Manitoba and North-West Conference.—Districts unchanged.

Carried.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved,—That the order of business be suspended to allow report of Committee on Missions to be taken up as first order this afternoon.—Lost.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Gundy was appointed Chairman of Committee on Conference Boundaries, the Chairman having been granted leave of absence.

Conference adjourned at 12 m., benediction being pronounced by the General Superintendent.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 21.

Conference met at 2.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. John McDougall, of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, conducted opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Conference Representatives - j

The following persons were reported to have been elected to the different Church Boards and Committees by the several Conference delegations:

Toronto Conference.

BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Ministers -- Dr. Dewart, Dr. Galbraith. Laymen-Richard Brown, Warring Kennedy.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

Ministers—Dr. German, G. J. Bishop.

Laymen—Dr. J. B. Willmott, H. L. Lovering, Dr. W. W. Ogden.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Minister—J. E. Lanceley.

Layman—J. T. Moore.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

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London Conference.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Minister—W. J. Ford, LL.B. Layman—A. B. Powell.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A.

Hamilton Conference.

BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Ministers—Dr. W. C. Henderson, John Wakefield. Laymen—J. Gibson, H. P. Moore.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

Minister—W. Kettlewell.
Laymen—J. Mills, LL.D.; W. J. Robertson, LL.B.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Minister—R. W. Woodsworth. Layman—J. S. Deacon.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

Mr. W. G. Smith.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

BOOK AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Ministers—W. J. Crothers, M.A.; W. R. Young, B.A. Laymen—G. Wilson, R. W. Clarke.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

Ministers—S. J. Shorey, T. M. Campbell. Layman—John Hull.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Minister—E. N. Baker, B.D. Layman—Wm. Johnson.

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Minister—J. McLean, Ph.D. Layman—G. W. Beynon.

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British Columbia Conference.

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Minister—R. W. Maitland. Layman—E. Odlum, M.A.

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Rev. T. W. Hall.

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Minister—D. W. Johnston. Layman—Dr. Frank Woodbury.

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

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Mr. C. P. Ayre.

Mr. G. W. Beynon presented report of Special Committee appointed at this morning's session *re* Church Property in Manitoba and the North-West.

On motion of Mr. N. W. Rowell, the nominations to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board were confirmed.

Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., read report of Committee on Education

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved in amendment,—That recommendation for annual collection in Sunday Schools for Educational Fund be struck out.—Deferred.

On motion to adopt D (first part),

Revs. Drs. Henderson and Shaw moved in amendment to that part of the clause of report re collection of funds,—That the present mode of collection of the Educational Fund shall be continued in force during this quadrennium; that with a view to secure an equitable distribution of aid to students in different Conferences:

1. Each Conference Treasurer and Educational Committee shall see that the aggregate of aid in loans and fees shall not exceed one-third of prospective income for the current year.

2. Immediately after Conference the Treasurer shall forward to the General Secretary of Education a list of students recommended for aid, and amounts of said aid, and the total amount available in the Conference.

3. The General Secretary having received said returns from all the Conferences, except Newfoundland and British Columbia, shall determine from said returns the average amount

of aid available for each probationer, with corresponding reduction where only partial aid is sought and with 15 per cent. additional aid given to students in the Manitoba and North-West Conference. Provided always the aggregate amount of aid given in said revision shall not exceed the total amount available.

4. The General Secretary shall then, by authority of the General Conference, draw upon treasurers where necessary to equalize the aid to students, remitting the amounts so received to Conferences requiring the same to secure the desired equality, or shall provide for such transfers in the annual settlement with Conference treasurers.

Revs. J. W. Annis, M.A., and J. R. Gundy moved in amendment to the amendment,—That money from circuits may be sent either direct to the General Treasurer or to the Conference Treasurer.—Lost.

The amendment was adopted. The item was adopted as amended. Discussion of item C was taken up.

Mr. Johnston moved to amend so that the item be recommendatory.

Rev. W. Marshall moved in amendment to the amendment,

—That the item be struck out.

The item was adopted with certain verbal changes. Item sub-clauses 1, 2 and 3 of D was adopted. Section 276 as amended by this report was read.

Moved to amend by inserting—"or Columbian Methodist College."

Amendment adopted.

Item was adopted as amended.

Section 277 as amended by this report was read.—Adopted. Section 278 as amended by this report was read.

On motion, the item was referred back to committee.

Sections 155 and 159 as amended by this report were read.

-Adopted.

Item A re Columbian Methodist College.—Adopted.

Sub-section C, clause 4, was read, and, on motion of Rev. Dr. Shaw, was amended by adding, "and Newfoundland Conference."—Carried.

Item 5 was read and adopted.

Item 6 re Board of Management was read and adopted, with the addition of the name of Rev. Dr. Milligan.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted for appointment of Governing Boards and Senates of Victoria University, Mount Allison University, Wesleyan Theological College, Wesley College, Albert College and Alma College, and of representatives on the Board of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton.

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Moved by Revs. A. L. Holmes, M.A., and W. J. Crothers, M.A., —That one-third of the income of the Educational Society up to twenty thousand dollars, and the whole income of the Educational Society above twenty thousand dollars, be devoted to the payment of the fees and grants of students sent to college.—Referred to Committee on Education.

The Business Committee was allowed to retire.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Sunday Leagues was next taken up. Schools

Item 1 was adopted with a verbal change.

Items 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

Item 5 laid over.

Items 6 and 7 were adopted.

Item 8 re Epworth League was laid over.

Item 9 was read, and it was moved to adopt the part relating to the appointment of a General Secretary.

Revs. J. Kay and J. VanWyck, B.A., moved in amendment,—That this part of the item be struck out.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., moved adjournment of the debate.—Carried.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the report of Committee on Missions was ordered to be taken up next after report of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 12 of Business Committee, which was considered item by item and adopted.

Conference adjourned, Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A., pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 21.

Conference resumed at 7.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., presented the report of the Committee on Discipline.

The debate on the report of the Sunday School and Epworth Epworth League Committee was resumed.

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The previous question was ordered at 8.20 p.m.

The amendment moved at the previous session was put and lost. The item of the report was carried.

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Epworth League Item re Treasurers read; consideration deferred.

The item of the constitution of the Epworth League, consisting of preamble, objects, control and affiliation, read.

Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., moved in amendment to the clause re affiliation, seconded by Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A.,—That the clause be amended by omitting the first sentence, and that the second sentence be amended by inserting the word "name" in the second clause to make it read "provided it adopts its name, aims and methods of religious work, etc."—Lost.

Item re affiliation adopted.

Item re representation in Quarterly Official Board read, and its adoption moved.

Rev. John Kay moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. J. VanWyck, B.A.,—That where in any of our churches there is a society of Christian Endeavor, it shall have the right of representation upon the Quarterly Board of the Circuit in the same way as made and provided for Epworth Leagues.

Amendment lost, item adopted.

Item re District Convention adopted.

Item re District Representative adopted.

Item re Conference Conventions adopted.

Item re Conference Board Representative adopted.

Item re Quadrennial Epworth League Convention for the whole Church adopted.

Item re Epworth League Board adopted.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., moved, seconded by Rev. E. N. Baker, B.D.,—That the constitution for local leagues be adopted as contained in the report, subject to revision by the Epworth League Board.—*Carried*.

Mr. N. W. Rowell moved that the provision re Annual Collection be inserted in the local league constitution as well as in the general.—Carried.

Clause re duties of the General Secretary read.

Moved by Mr. J. T. Moore, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts,—That the employment of a General Sunday School and Epworth League Secretary to discharge such duties as are set forth in the report be referred to the Sunday School Committee and Epworth League Committee, in joint session, held at the call of the General Superintendent and presided over by him, with power to define the terms of engagement and compensation of such a Secretary and place three names in nomination for the position, one of whom shall be elected as soon as practicable thereafter by the General Conference Special Committee.

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Item re Treasurers adopted.

Item re Meeting of the Board adopted.

Item re Revenue adopted.

Item re Salary, etc., of General Secretary adopted.

Item re Books adopted.

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Report as amended adopted.

Moved by Mr. N. W. Rowell,—That Mr. J. W. Flavelle be General Treasurer of the Epworth League Board.—Carried.

Mr. Warring Kennedy was elected Treasurer of the Sunday School Board.

Mr. H. P. Moore presented Report No. 13 of the Business Committee. Report ordered to be tabled.

A portion of the report of the Committee on Missions, pre- missions viously recommitted, was next taken up.

Clause re Duties and Powers of the Board read.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved a reconsideration of that portion of the report respecting the French work.—Carried.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman moved, —That the word "French" be struck out of the clause. —Carried.

Clause adopted as amended.

On motion, Rev. F. A. Cassidy's amendment (last sentence) was reconsidered.

Rev. Mr. Cassidy asked leave to withdraw the last sentence of his amendment. Leave granted, and the clause was adopted as amended.

The remaining items were read and adopted. The first report was adopted as amended.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions was taken up.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 read, also 4 and 10.

Rev. Dr. Eby moved in amendment to item 3, seconded by Rev. R. W. Woodsworth:—

"Attention is called to the fact that the average amount contributed annually for missions by each member of the Methodist Church has been eighty-one cents for the quadrennium, and seventy-seven and one-half cents for the past year, thus showing a tendency to decline. This amount is unquestionably far below the ability of the Church, and the downward tendency is cause for great concern. We, therefore, recommend that the General Board issue a statement of the claims of the different parts of our mission fields, present and prospective, with an earnest call for \$300,000 annually, so that they shall be enabled to pay in full at least the minimum salary to all our domestic missionaries, to extend in

promising home fields, and make substantial advance in the the regions beyond."

Rev. Dr. Potts moved, seconded by Rev. S. F. Huestis,— That this whole matter be referred to the Board of Missions.—*Withdrawn*.

The amendment of Rev. Dr. Eby was put and lost.

Item 3 adopted.

Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. E. Howell, M.A.

#### FOURTEENTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 22.

Conference opened at 8.30 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. A. W. Ross, of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

Superannuation Fund Rev. W. Kettlewell asked instructions of Conference on behalf of the Superannuation Fund Committee.

Moved by Mr. J. T. Moore,—That the Committee be instructed to report such amendments to the new constitution of the fund as the committee may be advised are desirable.—Carried.

Report No. 2 of Committee on Education was presented.

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The consideration of Report No. 2 of Missionary Committee was resumed.

Item 4 was read and its adoption moved.

Revs. Dr. Eby and Dr. Philp moved in amendment,—That whereas a scheme for a Sustentation or Home Mission Fund, prepared by the Committee of Finance and Consultation, also a proposal by Rev. Dr. Eby for a separation of Home and Foreign Missions, and a memorial from the Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., of the Niagara Conference, referring to the same subject, have been under consideration. Therefore,

Resolved,—That the elaborate proposals of the Committee on Consultation and Finance and others, present too large a mass of matter for this Conference to discuss in detail, but the time seems to be ripe for the fundamental principle proposed in all these documents, viz., the division of the fund. We recommend, therefore,

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2. That the arrangement of all the details involved be left  ${\tt Missions}$ to the General Board, which shall have power in case of necessity, during the period of adjustment, to make grants from Foreign Mission Fund to the Home Mission Fund according to their best judgment -Lost.

Item 4 adopted.

Item 10 was read and its adoption moved.

Moved by Revs. Drs. Eby and Parker in amendment,-That respecting the memorial of the Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., recommending that such provision be made for office work at the Mission Rooms as will enable the General Secretary to spend nearly all his time in advocating the claims of the society among the churches; recognizing the need of an agency especially at the present juncture which shall represent the claims of the society in some systematic form more fully than has thus far been possible, we recommend that, instead of an Assistant Secretary in the Mission Rooms, an Organizing or Field Secretary be appointed, who shall give the whole of his time to this work under the direction of the board, visiting as far as possible all Conferences and Districts in the connexion in the interest of the income of both Home and Foreign Mission Funds.—Amendment lost.

The item was adopted.

Items 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Item 8 was withdrawn and ordered to be erased.

Item 9 was adopted.

Item 11 was ordered to be erased.

Item 12 was read and its adoption moved.

Revs. Dr. Sutherland and S. F. Huestis moved in amendment,-That the word "auxiliaries" be inserted before the words "mission boards" in item.—Adopted.

Item 12, sub-sections 1 and 2, adopted as amended.

Items 12 (sub-sections 3 and 4), 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 adopted.

Item 21 read and the adoption of first part moved.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland in amendment, -That, to meet local circumstances in Newfoundland, Missionary Day be the last Sunday in November.—Lost.

The first part of item was adopted.

The second part of item was read and its adoption moved.

Rev. W. Kettlewell and Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., moved in amendment, - That Children's Missionary Day be the last Sunday in December.—Carried.

Item 21 adopted as amended.

Items 22 and 23 adopted.

Report No. 3 as amended was adopted.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, B.A., presented report of Sub-Committee of Committee on Missions re Constitution of Japan Mission Council, which had not been submitted to Committee on Missions.

On motion, it was referred to Committee on Missions.

On motion, this action was reconsidered.

On motion, it was ordered that the report be received by Conference, owing to the session being so far advanced.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, B.A., read report and moved its adoption.

Revs. Drs. Sutherland and Williamson moved in amendment,—That the section of Discipline referring to Japan Mission Council, together with the amendment of Rev. F. A. Cassidy, B.A., be referred to the General Board of Missions with authority to form a constitution or regulations for the Japan Mission Council for ensuing quadrennium, provided the same do not contravene any other part of the Discipline or interfere with the rights of the Japan Annual Conference.

Revs. J. Kay and Dr. Eby moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the matter of the Japan Mission Council, now before the Conference, be referred to a joint commission of the Mission Board and the General Conference Special Committee for consideration and final adjustment, with powers specified in amendment of Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

The amendment to the amendment was declared carried, 64 voting for and 50 against.

Rev. F. B. Stratton called for "yeas" and "nays," and was supported by more than twenty members in his call.

Rev. Dr. Stone moved that in calling for "yeas" and "nays" the roll be called instead of registering names of voters when they rise.—Carried.

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Mr. R. W. Clarke. Yeas, 77; nays, 50.

The amendment to the amendment was declared carried.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved,—That joint commission meet on Wednesday next at 2 p.m.

In amendment it was moved,—That it meet on Thursday at 10 a.m.

The motion prevailed.

Rev. Dr. Macdonald read draft of resolution re Woman's Missionary Society work in Japan and moved reference to same commission.—Adopted.

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Rev. F. A. Cassidy, B.A., read draft of resolution re Mission Work in Japan, and moved reference to same commission.—
Adopted.

Report recommitted to be made to harmonize with adopted report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues re Children's Day.

On motion, the election of Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and North-West was ordered.

The ballot was cast and scrutineers retired.

The Secretary read Item No. 6 of Finance Committee's report and moved its adoption.—Carried.

Consideration of report of Committee on Missions was resumed.

On motion, paragraph No. 377 of Discipline, sub-section 1, was struck out.

Sub-section 2 was on motion amended by substituting the words, "the superintendent of missions," for the word "he."

Sub-section 4 was on motion amended by adding the words, "and British Columbia," in line 8.

Sub-section 5 was on motion struck out.

The scrutineers reported result of ballot for election of Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North-West as follows:—

Rev. J. Woodsworth, 74; Rev. J. McDougall, 13; Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross, 2; scattered, 6.

Total votes cast, 92.

Rev. J. Woodsworth was declared elected.

Rev. J. Woodsworth submitted his resignation as an elected member of Missionary Board, which was on motion accepted.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved,—That sub-section 7 of paragraph No. 377 be struck out.

Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., moved in amendment to strike out the words, "from the Manitoba Conference."

The amendment prevailed.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams and Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., gave notice of motion to amend the Rules of Order.

On motion the Conference adjourned, Rev. J. W. Holmes pronouncing the benediction.

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## Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 22.

Conference opened at  $1.30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ , the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Williams, of the Guelph Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read communications from the President and Secretary of Meeting of Young People's Methodist Union of Ottawa, and from Epworth League of Coderich.

Dr. Inch moved adoption of Report No. 2 of Committee on Missions

Moved by Rev. Dr. Ross in amendment,—That in case any of the twelve members of the Missionary Board elected by this General Conference become an *ex officio* member of the Missionary Board, a vacancy is thereby created. Adopted on vote of 33 to 31.

Revs. W. Rigsby and Dr. Ross moved,—That paragraph No. 369 of Discipline be amended to read as follows:—Vacancies occurring amongst Conference representatives may be filled by the Special Committee of the Conference affected. The vacancies occurring among those appointed by the General Conference may be filled by the Executive Committee, but in case such a vacancy occur during the session of the General Conference it shall be filled by the General Conference.—Carried.

Moved by Revs. I. Tovell and J. H. Robinson,—That we proceed to elect a member to the General Board of Missions to fill the vacancy on said Board from among the names originally nominated by the Committee on Missions.—Carried.

The names were read by the Secretary as follows:--

Rev. I. Tovell.

Rev. Dr. Griffin.

" J. R. Gundy.

" Dr. Henderson.

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The ballot was cast and scrutineers retired.

Moved by Revs. G. W. Dean and A. W. Ross to amend section 2, paragraph No. 377, to read:—He shall be a member ex officio of the Stationing Committee and local Missionary Boards of the Conferences within his jurisdiction.

Rev. Dr. Ross moved in amendment,—That he be a member of the Stationing Committee and local Missionary Board of the Conference within the bounds of which he resides.

Revs. W. Rigsby and J. R. Gundy moved in amendment to the amendment,—That he shall be a member ex officio of the Stationing Committee and local Missionary Board.

The original motion was carried.

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On motion, it was ordered that the word "secretary" be substituted for "secretaries" in paragraph No. 373 of the Discipline.

The scrutineers reported result of ballot for member of Mission Board.—No election.

A second ballot was cast and scrutineers retired.

Revs. J. McDougall and J. Woodsworth moved,—That the Joint Commission, consisting of the General Board of Missions and the General Conference Special Committee, clearly define the relation of the Superintendent of Missions to the Indian Work in Manitoba and the North-West and British Columbia Conferences.—Carried.

Report No. 2 of Committee on Missions was adopted as amended.

Rules of Order

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams and Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., moved pursuant to notice,—To add to 19 of the Rules of Orders, "and it shall be compulsory upon all members of Conference in attendance at the time the question is submitted to vote, unless excused by the Conference."—Carried.

Mr. J. T. Moore presented Report No. 14 of the Business Committee, which was adopted.

The scrutineers reported the result of ballot for member of Mission Board.

Rev. I. Tovell was declared elected.

On motion, it was ordered that, when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Wesley Hall at 7.30 p.m.

On motion, it was ordered that when the hour of 4.30 arrives this afternoon the Conference adjourn to Wesley Hall and proceed with business.

Education

Report No. 3 of Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Shaw, it was ordered that the new constitution of Educational Society come into force forthwith.

Discipline

The report of Committee on Discipline was taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1 re amendment General Rules was read and its adoption moved.—Lost.

Item 2, paragraph 68, adopted; item 3, paragraph 74, adopted.

Item 4, paragraph 80, was read and its adoption moved.

Rev. Dr. Henderson and Mr. J. Mills, LL.D., moved in amendment,—That the Discipline, page 29, section 80 (1) on the form and order of public worship, be amended so as to insert the words "short invocation" after the word "doxology."

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The previous question was ordered at 2.50 p.m.

Amendments lost. The item of the report adopted.

Item 5, paragraph 82; item 6, paragraph 84; item 7, paragraph 103, and item 8, paragraph 106, were adopted.

Item 9, paragraph 112, was laid on the table.

Item 2, paragraph 68, was on motion reconsidered.

Revs. Dr. Parker and W. Kettlewell moved in amendment,—That a Methodist minister in full status is constituted by election to full connexion and by the laying on of the hands of those duly appointed thereto.

Rev. J. Kay moved in amendment to the amendment,— That the item of the report be struck out.

The amendment to the amendment was carried.

Item 9, paragraph 112, was taken from table and its adoption moved.—Lost.

Item 10, paragraph 115, and item 11, paragraph 116, were adepted.

Item 12, paragraph 121, read and its adoption moved.

Rev. Dr. Shaw moved in amendment,—That to conform to Educational Committee's report the words "his probation" be substituted for "four years' probation."—Carried.

Item 12, paragraph 121, was adopted as amended

Item 13, paragraph 123, lost.

Item 14, paragraph 136, read and its adoption moved.

Rays. J. Wakefield and Dr. Parker moved in amendment,—That the Annual Conference address be called a pastoral address, and that it be prepared and issued by the ministerial session.

The amendment was adopted.

Item adopted as amended.

Item 15, paragraph 136, was adopted.

Item 16, paragraph 141, was adopted.

Rev. W. Kettlewell moved,—That paragraph 131 be transferred to paragraph 5 under heading "Special Ministerial Session."—Carried.

Revs. W. J. Crothers, M.A., and W. R. Young, B.A., moved to amend paragraph 114 by inserting after word "secretary," in line three, the words, "who may be a layman."

Rev. Dr. Antliff moved in amendment,—That paragraph 114 be amended by inserting before the word "secretary" the words "from among its ministerial members."

The motion and amendment were submitted and lost.

Item 17, paragraph 149, was read and its adoption moved.

It was moved in amendment that the item be struck out. The previous question was ordered at 4.10 p.m.

The amendment was adopted.

Item 17 (a) paragraph 154; item 18, paragraph 155; item 19, paragraph 159; item 20, paragraph 166; item 21, paragraph 167 (sub-section 3); item 22, paragraph 170; item 23, paragraph 171; item 24, paragraph 171, and item 25, paragraph 174, were adopted.

Item 26, paragraph 174, section 7, sub-section 3, was read

and its adoption moved.

An amendment was moved to strike out the item.—Carried.

Conference adjourned to Wesley Hall pursuant to order.

Item 27, paragraph 174, section 8, was read, and first and second parts were adopted.

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tives was ordered to be struck out.

Item 28, paragraph 174, section 8, was adopted as amended. Item 29, paragraph 174, authorizing agreements between Trustee and Quarterly Official Boards, was adopted.

Item 30, paragraph 175, section 3; item 31, paragraph 175, section 10; item 32, paragraph 179; item 33, paragraph 202,

and item 34, paragraph 203, were adopted.

Item 35, paragraph 214, was read and its adoption moved. On motion, it was ordered to amend the item to provide that three form a quorum and three to agree upon a verdict.

Item adopted as amended. Item 36, paragraph 205, was adopted.

Item 37, paragraph 205(a), was lost.

Item 38, paragraph 207, was read and its adoption moved. On motion, it was amended by ordering that the words "decision shall be final" be struck out.

Item was adopted as amended.

Item 39, paragraph 209; item 40, paragraph 211; item 41, paragraph 211(a), and item 42, paragraph 212, were adopted.

Item 43, paragraph 214, was read and its adoption moved. On motion, the item was amended by adding the words "within three days after the rendering of the decision."

Item 44, paragraph 217, and item 45, paragraph 218, were adopted.

Item 46, paragraph 219, was read and its adoption moved. On motion, the item was amended by substituting the word "complainant" for "prosecutor" wherever used.

Item 47, paragraph 226, and item 48, paragraph 227, were adopted.

Item 49, paragraph 228(a), was committed to Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., Judge Chesley, Rev. Dr. Ross and Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams for rearrangement.

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Item 54, paragraph 241, and item 55, paragraph 241(a), were adopted.

Judge Dean presented Report re Forms of Procedure in Trials.

On motion, it was ordered that these forms be published as an appendix to the Discipline.

Item 56, paragraph 242, was struck out. Item 57, paragraph 246, was adopted.

Item 58 re Simcoe Church Memorial was adopted.

Item 59 re Elm Street Church Memorial was adopted.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., was granted leave of absence from the evening session.

Conference adjourned at 6 p.m., benediction being pronounced by the General Superintendent.

## SATURDAY EVENING, Sept. 22.

Conference opened at 7.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. C. Parker, of the Bay of Quinte Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted. Discipline

Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., reported from Special Committee appointed this afternoon recommending that item 49 of report of Discipline Committee, paragraph 228(a), be struck out, and moved accordingly.—Carried.

Item 60 re Baptismal Ritual was lost.

Rev. Dr. Lathern moved,—That a Commission of three members be appointed to review the form of Service for Renewal of the Covenant and report to the next General Conference, and that the Committee consist of Revs. Drs. Burwash, Shaw and Stewart.—Carried.

Revs. J. R. Gundy and S. Bond moved to substitute the following for paragraph No. 147 of the Discipline:—A Special Ministerial Session, composed of all ministers within the bounds of the District for the business to be transacted by the ministers alone, shall be held in advance of the Meeting of the District for general business, as the Chairman of the District shall determine.

Referred to a Special Committee, nominated by the General Superintendent as follows:—Revs. J. R. Gundy, S. F. Huestis, S. Bond, and Messrs J. R. Inch, LL.D., and A. C. Wells.

Rev. S. Bond moved,—That his notice of motion re Rearrangement of Sections on District Meetings be referred to same committee.—Carried.

Moved by Messrs. J. Gibson and J. S. Deacon,—That the memorial of the lay delegation of the Niagara Conference, asking for laymen equal representation on the Courts of the Church, except the Stationing Committee, be referred back with instructions to so amend the Discipline as to grant the prayer of this memorial.—Lost.

Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., moved adoption of recommendation of report of Committee on Discipline re Editing of Discipline.—
Carried.

The General Superintendent nominated the following as the Committee to Edit the Discipline:—Revs. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., Dr. Ryckman, Dr. Jackson and Dr. Ross, and Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.

Nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams moved,—That when a charge is preferred the officer before whom it is laid may refuse to entertain it, if, in his judgment, the charge is frivolous; the complainant may then appeal as in cases of appeal from decisions of presiding officers.—Carried.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams moved,—That any minister or probationer who is suspended shall not be permitted to exercise any ministerial functions during the term of his suspension.—Carried.

State of the Work On motion, the report of Committee on State of Work was taken up and its adoption moved.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams moved in amendment,—That the following be added to paragraph No. 4 of the report: "Each Annual Conference shall have power to make rules and regulations by which to select and authorize evangelists and direct evangelistic work within its bounds."—Carried.

The report was adopted as amended.

Revs. Dr. Ross and W. Rigsby moved,—That notwith-standing irregularities or defects in the action of any former Annual Conference respecting the standing of probationers, it shall be competent for any Annual Conference in ministerial session to review and correct the standing of all probationers, especially as to their studies, during the entire term of their probation, and on the proposal to ordain and receive them into full connexion; and the President may call the attention of Conference to any case in hand and administer therein.—Carried.

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Rev. Dr. Ross moved,—That the following be added to the Discipline chapter on the Court of Appeal, to follow 6, page 41, "that when on any particular appeal the question of the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal is raised, this question shall be decided by the court before any other subject is considered."-Lost.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Maclaren, Q.C., for remaining days of the session.

On motion, the adoption of Business Committee's Report No. 14 was reconsidered.

On motion, the hour of meeting on Monday morning was changed from 10.30 to 9 o'clock.

Conference adjourned at 10 p.m., Rev. J. R. Gundy pronouncing the benediction.

### FIFTEENTH DAY.

Monday Morning, Sept. 24.

Conference opened at 9 a.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. M. L. Pearson, of the Toronto Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of Saturday evening's session were read and confirmed.

Revs. Dr. Shaw and E. N. Baker, B.D., moved,—That until the close of the session consideration of reports of committees shall have precedence over all other business excepting privileged motions.—Carried.

Revs. F. A. Cassidy, B.A., and Dr. Macdonald moved, - Japan Council That it be an instruction to the committee on publication of Discipline that the sections referred to the Commission on the Japan Council and Conference be inserted as amended by the commission in the new Discipline.—Carried.

The report of Committee on Church Union was taken up. Church Union Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

On item re Federal Court of Protestant Churches, Revs. A. C. Courtice, B.D., and J. T. Pitcher moved,—That the central section of the said court shall have power to negotiate with the representatives of other Churches, with a view to the formation of one French Protestant Church, instead of the present denominational missions, or to secure such cooperation as may be practicable.—Carried.

Revs. T. Marshall and W. Swann moved in amendment to the report,—That the words "of five members each" be struck out, and that the Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., and Rev. R. W. Weddall, M.A., be added to the Maritime Province section. -Carried.

Church Union Rev. W. Swann moved that a special section be appointed for Newfoundland, to consist of Revs. Dr. Milligan and J. Nurse and Hon. J. J. Rogerson. - Carried.

The item was adopted as amended.

The report was adopted as amended.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund and Rev. E. Roberts be authorized, in the absence of Audit Committee, to audit and pay accounts for travelling expenses not yet audited.

Church and Parsonage Aid

The report of Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid Fund was taken up.

The several items on motion were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

Rev. W. Rigsby presented Report No. 4 of Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Embarrassed Trusts

Report of Committee on Embarrassed Trusts was taken up, and was adopted.

Upon motion of Rev. Dr. Stone, the reconsideration of report was ordered.

Rev. Dr. Stone moved,—That the name of E. Gurney be substituted for that of J. N. Lake as Treasurer of the Fund. -Carried.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher moved,—That the words "having a debt" be added after the word "Church" in item re Schemes for Reduction of Debt.—Carried.

Report was adopted as amended.

Memorials

Report of Committee on Memorials was taken up.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was read and its adoption moved.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams moved reference to Deaconesses' Home be omitted.—Carried.

Item was adopted as amended.

Item 3 was struck out.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

Report was adopted as amended.

Embarrassed Trusts

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams moved reconsideration of report of Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.—Carried.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams moved,—That the name of Rev. Dr. Saunders be added to the board.—Carried.

Report was adopted as amended.

Rev. S. F. Huestis presented communications from Mr. T. Maynard, of Listowel, re losses incurred as trustee.

Mr. J. E. Carson and Rev. J. W. Holmes moved,-That the case of Thomas Maynard, of Listowel, who suffered much

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The report of Committee on Sociological Questions was sociology

taken up.

Item 1 was read and its adoption moved.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., moved to amend by adding the following: Whereas the conditions of Sociological and Economic Problems in the Dominion of Canada are different from the conditions in the United States or Britain, we therefore respectfully ask our employers and employees to study those questions in the light of our own conditions, and in order that these conditions may be accurately known we approve of and support the proposal to institute a Dominion Bureau of Statistics touching these matters. - Carried.

Item adopted as amended.

Item 2 adopted.

Report as amended adopted.

The report of the Committee on Itinerancy, No. 2, was Itinerancy taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 read and adopted.

Item 7 re Transfers read and its adoption moved.

Rev. Dr. Ross moved, seconded by Rev. John Wakefield:

1. That all paragraphs and sub-sections in the chapter on Transfers, as found on pp. 42-44, remain as at present, with the exception of sub-sections 4 and 5.

2. That sub-section 4 be repealed, and the following substi-

tuted therefor:

(a) A proposal to transfer a minister or probationer who has not requested it may be made by any member of the Transfer Committee.

(b) For the purpose of facilitating transfers all the Annual Conferences shall be grouped as follows:

Group A.—Manitoba and North-West and British Columbia Conferences.

Group B.-The London, Hamilton, Toronto, Bay of Quinte and Montreal Conferences.

Group C.—The following Conferences, which shall be considered as contiguous, viz. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

(c) No transfer shall be made between any of the groups

above-mentioned without the minister's consent.

(d) A minister may be transferred without his consent between any two contiguous Conferences in the abovementioned groups, provided that notice of such proposed transfer be given to the person concerned on or before the 15th day of March in each year.

(e) The General Superintendent and Presidents of the Conferences concerned shall have authority to initiate corres**Itinerancy** 

pondence with ministers and circuits with a view of completing arrangements to secure necessary and desirable transfers.

3. That sub-section 5 be amended by adding after words "moving expenses," on p. 43, third line from the top, the words "except in cases of ministers in active circuit work who may be transferred between any two contiguous Conferences," so as to read, "ministers transferred at their own request shall pay their own moving expenses, except in cases of ministers in active circuit work who may be transferred between any two contiguous Conferences, but in case of the transfer of a minister who has not requested to be transferred his moving expenses shall be paid by the General Conference Fund."

Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A., moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Rev. W. R. Young, B.A.,—That all items of the report referring to the mode of transfers be stricken out.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

Revs. Dr. Griffin and S. Bond moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the first and second clauses of paragraph No. 110 be repealed and the following be adopted: That the Transfer Committee shall be composed of the General Superintendent and the Presidents of the Conferences to which and from which any minister is proposed to be transferred, and shall have power to effect any transfer when the Presidents of the Conferences concerned consent to such transfer.—Carried.

Revs. Dr. Ross and Dr. Griffin moved,—That the report be amended by adding the following: The General Superintendent and Presidents of Conferences concerned shall have authority to initiate correspondence with ministers and circuits with a view of completing arrangements to secure necessary and desirable transfers.—Carried.

Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock, Rev. J. Wakefield pronouncing the benediction.

Monday Afternoon, Sept. 24.

Conference opened at 1.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair.

Rev. J. W. Cooley, of the Niagara Conference, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The Minutes of this morning's session were read and confirmed.

Discipline

Rev. J. R. Gundy presented report of Select Committee on Amendments to Discipline re District Meetings.—Adopted. 1894]

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Item 8 was read and its adoption moved.

Revs. J. R. Gundy and J. Kay moved in amendment,-That, whereas the continuance of our ministerial itinerancy unimpaired is a necessity to the perpetuation of our connexional system and our success as a Methodist Church, and whereas the present system of invitations by circuits and the acceptance of such invitations by the ministers concerned, by which circuits practically station their own ministers and ministers practically station themselves, is a direct invasion of the prerogative of the Stationing Committee and frequently interferes with the proper adjustment of the appointments for the whole Conference, and whereas the interests of the work as a whole are of much greater importance than of any particular section thereof, and whereas it is desirable that circuits and quarterly boards should have the first opportunity of expressing their preference as to their ministerial supply: Therefore, be it

Resolved,—That the following be included in section 6, paragraph 142, page 55, viz.: Quarterly boards, if they so desire, may memoralize the Stationing Committee in regard to the ministerial appointment to the circuit, but in no case shall a quarterly board effect an arrangement with a minister nor a minister accept an invitation from a quarterly board or any other representative of a circuit. All such memorials as above shall be sent to the President of the Conference, and shall be presented by him to the Stationing Committee at its first session.

Revs. F. B. Stratton and W. Johnston moved in amendment to the amendment,—That while we duly recognize the right of petition it is

Resolved,—1. That no petition affecting the stationing of a minister shall be regarded as valid that does not come to the Stationing Committee through the Chairman of the District, signed by the Recording Steward, and certifying that the petition was sustained by at least a two-thirds majority of the Quarterly Official Board at a regular meeting.

2. That it be understood, in every case, that such petition shall have the force of a request only, and that the Stationing Committee shall exercise discretion as to whether any such request shall or shall not be granted.—Lost.

Amendment submitted and lost.

Item adopted.

Report No. 3 of Committee on Itinerancy was taken up and read; and on the notice of motion of Rev. S Bond, to which report related, being by consent of Conference withdrawn, the report was withdrawn.

Revs. Dr. Henderson and A. L. Russell, B.D., moved,— That in the resolution passed by this Conference *re* the extension of the pastoral term under certain conditions the words "at the request of the Quarterly Board expressed in a three-fourths vote taken by ballot" shall be interpreted to mean a three-fourths vote of the whole board.

Rev. Dr. Ross moved in amendment,—That the resolution be amended by adding after the words "three-fourths vote" the words "of the members present and voting thereon," so as to read "in a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting thereon taken by ballot."

Revs. Dr. Ryckman and W. J. Crothers, M.A., moved in amendment to the amendment,—That the resolution be amended by inserting after the words "three-fourths vote" the words "of the members present."

The previous question was ordered at 2.10 p.m.

Amendment to the amendment carried.

Amendment and motion adopted as amended.

Revs. Dr. Parker and W. Swann moved,—That inasmuch as it is necessary not only to maintain the autonomy of the respective Conferences, but also the most equitable relations between the ministers, and inasmuch as no minister can be returned to a former circuit under an absence of six years, therefore be it resolved that no minister hereafter transferred from one Conference to another at his own request or with his concurrence can be eligible to be transferred again short of six years.—Carried; 40 voted for and 22 against.

Report No. 2 of Committee on Itinerancy was adopted as amended.

#### Temperance

Report of Committee on Temperance was taken up.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was read, and on motion it was

Resolved,—That Conference approve of the action taken and refer the matter to the Annual Conference of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

Item adopted as amended.

Item 3 was read.

Rev. Dr. German moved,—That the historical references in the item be struck out.—Lost.

On motion, it was ordered that the item be amended by inserting date of deputations mentioned, May 27, 1891.

Item was adopted as amended.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5 was amended by substitution of the words "be pledged to total abstinence" for words "become total abstainers."

On motion, item 6 was considered by sub-items. Sub-item 1 was read.

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Revs. W. Kettlewell and S. F. Huestis moved,—That the Temperance word "legalized" be substituted for the word "licensed."

The previous question was ordered at 2.50 p.m.

The amendment was adopted.

Sub-item 1 was adopted as amended.

Sub-item 2 was adopted.

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Sub-item 3 was struck out.

Sub-item 4 was struck out.

Sub-item 5 was read and adoption moved.

The previous question was ordered at 3 p.m.

Sub-items 5 and 6 were struck out.

Revs. W. Kettlewell and J. Van Wyck, B.A., moved to insert in the statement of principles,—The candidate of no political party who refuses to commit himself publicly to the destruction of the liquor traffic at the earliest possible moment should have the support of Christian electors.—Carried.

Item directing publication of statement of principles in report adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that at the circuit temperance meetings collections be taken up and forwarded to the Treasurer.

Item re Standing Temperance Committee read and its adoption moved.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson moved,—That an independent group be appointed for Newfoundland.—Carried.

The following were appointed: Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D., and Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A., moved in amendment,—That Revs. W. Blair, B.A., and A. Lee Holmes, M.A., be added to the Montreal group.—Carried.

On motion, the name of Rev. T. J. Mansell was substituted for that of Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D.

Rev. W. Brown was added to Nova Scotia group.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., was added to Ontario group.

Item re tobacco read.

The first part was adopted.

The second part was struck out.

On motion to adopt the report as amended,

Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., moved,—That the following clause be added to Discipline: That in the reception of members the following be added, "Question: Are you a total abstainer from intoxicating liquors and will you continue to abstain? Answer: I am, and I will."—Lost.

Report was adopted as amended.

Rev. Dr. Sparling moved,—That the next General Conference be held in the city of Winnipeg.

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Rev. Dr. Griffin moved in amendment,—That the resolution and the determination of the question of where this Conference shall meet be referred to the General Conference Special Committee, with power.—Carried.

It was also ordered that the fixing of the time also be referred to the General Conference Special Committee.

Conference Boundaries

Report No. 4 of Committee on Conference Boundaries was taken up and read, and ordered to be considered item by item. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Revs. Dr. Cornish and A. Cunningham moved, -That the Financial Secretaries of the districts now forming the Guelph Conference be instructed to pay all moneys for connexional funds to the respective Guelph Conference Treasurers immediately after the May District meetings.—Carried.

General Conference Fund

The following reports were read and adopted:

Committee on General Conference Fund.

Sabbath Observance

Committee on Sabbath Observance. Committee on Civil Rights.

Civil Rights Superannuation Fund

Report of Committee on Superannuation Fund re claims specially recommitted to it was taken up and read, and v ordered to be considered item by item.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved reconsideration of item re claim of Rev. J. B. Cutler.—Lost.

The report was adopted.

Supernumerary Fund

Rev. T. Marshall presented and read report of Action of Delegates of Eastern Conferences re Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and moved,—That it be received and printed in the Journals of Conference, and that changes reported in constitution be now confirmed by the Conference and incorporated in the Discipline.—Carried.

Statistics Fire Ins. Church Bds **Epworth** Leagues

Reports of Committees on Statistics, Fire Insurance and Returns of Church Boards were presented and adopted.

Report of Committee on Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools was taken up.

Item re Delegates to Board elected by Convention was struck out.

Report was adopted, except as previously enacted in report on Missions.

Finance Fraternal Delegations Sustentation Fund

Reports of Committees on Finance and Fraternal Delegate were read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sustentation Fund was read.

Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was struck out. Item 3 was adopted.

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Rev. J. M. Harrison moved to amend report by adding the name of G. W. Brown to the Commission.—Carried.

Report adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on Deaconess Movement was taken up. Deaconesses Item 1 read.

On motion, it was amended by adding the words "where desirable and practicable.

Item 1 adopted as amended.

Item 2 adopted.

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Report adopted as amended.

Moved by Revs. Drs. Parker and Antliff,—That it be a matter of permission to Deaconess Boards that they shall authorize the adoption and use of such special distinctive dress by the deaconesses as may be judged suitable by the Deaconess Aid Society.—Carried.

The Secretary presented a communication from Rev. G. R. Turk, of Winnipeg, re Moravian Settlements in North-West, which was referred to Missionary Board.

Rev. Dr. Shaw moved,—That the following be the Com- Address to mittee to prepare and arrange for presentation of an address Governorto the Governor-General:—General Superintendent Rev. Dr. Carman, Secretary Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. Dr. Ryckman and Hon. Senator Sanford. -- Carried.

Rev. Dr. Shaw moved,—That the Secretary, Judge Chesley, Editing and Rev. Dr. Ross, be a Committee to Edit the Journals of this Committee Conference.—Carried.

The report of the Special Committee on the Amendments of Discipline Discipline re District Meetings was taken up, read item by item, and adopted.

The Conference adjourned to 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Griffith pronouncing the benediction.

# Monday Evening, Sept. 24.

The Conference resumed at 7.30 p.m., the General Superintendent in the chair. Rev. S. Bond, of the London Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed. Time of Moved by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by Rev Dr. Antliff,— Legislative That the rules, regulations, decisions and resolutions adopted Effect at this Conference as recorded in our Journal take effect forthwith, unless a later time has been expressly or impliedly

fixed or provided. That the former laws and rules of the Church are repealed or amended: (1) In all cases when any action has been taken or provision adopted having expressly or impliedly that effect; (2) In all cases where such former laws or rules are contrary to or inconsistent with the action of this Conference. When there is conflict or inconsistency between two or more enactments of this Conference, the latest choicing shall be the binding one.—Carried.

Discipline

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Ross, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin,—That the following paragraph be added to the present chapter on the Court of Appeal: "Appeals from the rulings of the Presidents of Annual Conferences or from the decisions of Annual Conferences on the question of ministerial character shall not be allowed, although a defect in the charges or some irregularity at the trial may be shown, unless in the opinion of the Court of Appeal some substantial wrong was thereby occasioned on the trial."—Lost.

Rev. Dr. Williamson moved, seconded by Rev. I. Tovell,— That instead of the quarterly tickets we substitute a yearly ticket to be given to our members during the fourth quarter of each year.

Rev. E. N. Baker, B.D., moved in amendment that tickets be given semi-annually.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Dr. German, seconded by Rev. J. M. Simpson,—That after the words "to renew the tickets quarterly in the classes" (page 83, paragraph 175, sub-section 1), the following be added, "but if the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission and the Official Board of the same concur, a card indicative of standing shall be given at the fourth quarter of each year to each person returned to Conference as a member of the Church."

The previous question was ordered at 9 p.m.

Amendment to the amendment put and lost.

Amendment lost. Motion lost.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That section 230, page 102, of the Discipline shall be so amended as to read, "In the case of the trial of a minister other than a general superintendent or probationer, the whole of the evidence and papers shall be laid before the next ensuing Annual District Meeting to which he belongs for its information, and that it also shall examine into the case and take such action in disposing of it as it judges right and best, and it shall duly report the whole case to the next ensuing Annual Conference."—Lost.

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Moved by Rev. Dr. Antliff, seconded by Rev. J. W. Holmes, "That the hearty thanks of this Conference are due and hereby are tendered to the friends in London who have so hospitably entertained the members of this Conference during the past three weeks. We assure them that we shall carry away with us pleasant recollections of kindnesses received at their hands, and pray that God's choicest blessings be bestowed upon them and their households."—Carried.

Judge Chesley moved, seconded by Rev. Thos. Marshall, \_\_ Discipline That the report of the Committee on Discipline be amended by adding the following: "That the words 'layman and lay men,' 'lay delegate and lay delegates,' wherever they occur in the Discipline, shall be held and interpreted to mean and include women as well as men; and, further, that the foregoing clause of this motion be inserted in the Discipline under the heading 'Interpretation,' as the last numbered section in Part V.

Motion put: 35 votes for and 27 against. Three-fourths vote being necessary to carry, motion was declared lost.

Moved by Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A.,—That the report of the Committee on Discipline as amended be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., and seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That this Conference cannot allow its session in this city to be brought to a close without expressing to the ladies of the different Methodist congregations its appreciation of their kindness and courtesy in entertaining the Conference at tea on the evening of Friday the 7th inst., and it assures the ladies that their hospitality on that occasion was very grateful to all the members, and also that this resolution be forwarded to the pastor of the Queen's Avenue Church, and by him to be conveyed in a suitable manner to the Methodist ladies of the city.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. A. B. Powell, That this General Conference would place on record its high appreciation of the character, eminent abilities and connexional loyalty of the Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., which have been amply evidenced by his distinguished services as Editor of the Christian Guardian, protracted over a period of twenty-five years, an official term unprecedented as to duration by that of any of the noble incumbents who preceded him. We beg to assure Dr. Dewart that our profound respect and fraternal regards shall follow him into his retirement.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Philp, seconded by Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A.,—That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby given to the trustees of the Queen's

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Avenue Church, for their kindness in placing it at the disposal of the Conference.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. J. W. Holmes, seconded by Rev. Dr. Antliff,—That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby are most cordially tendered to Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., and the pastors of the city churches and members of the Billeting Committee, for their devotion to the interests and comfort of the members of the Conference in securing homes, and so satisfactorily arranging for their entertainment during its sessions.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. A. J. Donly,—That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the publishers of the daily papers, and to their representatives present at its several sittings, for the very excellent reports by which our people and the public generally have been kept constantly advised of the progress of the business of the Conference. We have been highly gratified with the correctness of the reports and the uniform courtesy of the gentlemen by whom this duty has been so ably discharged. We acknowledge our special obligations to the proprietors of the Montreal Daily Witness for the forwarding of copies for free distribution daily to the members of the Conference.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. F. B. Stratton, seconded by Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams,—That the roll of Conference be now called, and the names of Conference delegates present be recorded in the Journal.—Carried.

Roll-Call

The roll was then called and the following responded to their names:

#### CLERICAL DELEGATES.

W. R. Parker, D. D. J. F. German, D. D. J. W. Annis, M. A. W. J. Ford, LL. B. J. C. Antliff, D. D. I. Tovell. W. Kettlewell. John Kay. J. S. Williamson, D. D. J. Philp, D. D. J. Scott, M. A. A. Cunningham. G. H. Cornish, LL. D. F. B. Stratton. W. J. Crothers, M. A. E. N. Baker, B. D. T. G. Williams, D. D. T. Griffith, Ph. D. A. Lee Holmes, M. A. J. T. Pitcher. T. J. Mansell.	M. L. Pearson, S. G. Stone, D. D. J. R. Gundy. S. Bond. I. B. Aylesworth, LL. D. W. Rigsby. J. S. Ross. D. D. J. Wakefield. D. L. Brethour, Ph. D. J. VanWyck, B. A. W. S. Griffin, D. D. J. W. Holmes. S. Sellery, B. D. S. J. Shorey. W. R. Young, B. A. O. R. Lambly, M. A. E. B. Ryckman, D. D. W. I. Shaw, LL D. A. C. Courtice, B. D. J. E. Mavety. W. Blair, B. A.

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It was ordered that the Minutes of this evening's session be now read. Minutes read and confirmed. Hymn 390 was sung; the Revs. J. VanWyck, B.A., and Dr. Stewart led in prayer, and the General Conference was brought to a close by the General Superintendent pronouncing the benediction.

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# H.-FORM OF JOURNAL.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

1. That the reports of Standing Committees and Boards be printed in an appendix as presented to the General Conference.

2. That the reports of Committees of this Conference not Standing Committees be printed in the appendix of the Journal as adopted, and that the items rejected and the items amended in the consideration of the report be printed in the body of the JOURNAL.

3. That the Secretaries of the several Committees present their reports so written out that they may be readily used by the Journal Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Jackson, Chairman. S. Bond, Secretary.

### III.-MISSIONS

# I. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The General Board of Missions begs to submit to the General Conference the following report of the operations of the Society for the quadrennium ended June 30th, 1894:

The aim of the Board has been to maintain existing missions, and to extend and develop the work as far as could be done with safety and a due regard to the financial claims of each department. This has not been an easy task. With open doors on every side, the Board has found it difficult to resist appeals for more rapid extension, and to keep the expenditure within the limits of reliable income. This constant pressure, coupled with a decrease of income during the past two years of commercial depression, leaves the Society to begin the next quadrennium with a deficit of nearly \$23,000. This fact will emphasize certain statements and proposals which the Board has yet to make respecting the policy to be pursued in the future.

A partial analysis of the Income and Expenditure of the Society for the past two quadrenniums gives the following results, omitting fractions:

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From the foregoing statement it will be seen that, while the membership of the Church has been steadily growing, the average givings per member for missions have decreased. It has often been affirmed that our income represents an average of one dollar per member, but this is approximately true only when the gross income is taken into account. The direct annual givings of the people represent only about 81 cents per member, an amount very much below the measure of the Church's ability; and when it is remembered that this average shows a tendency to decline, the fact is sufficiently serious to call for an earnest consideration of causes and possible remedy. For we assume it is not enough that the Church should barely hold its own in the matter of giving: there must be growth, and that growth must be rapid if the Church is to measure up to its responsibilities, and do its share in meeting the world's spiritual needs.

It is altogether likely that the income has been injuriously affected by the business depression of the past two years. Indeed it is thought by many who are familiar with the facts that the real cause of surprise is that the decline has been so slight, for during the same period other societies have suffered far more heavily than we have done. It should be remembered, also, that during the quadrennium repeated and earnest appeals have been made on behalf of our educational work. The building and endowment funds of Victoria University, the erection of new buildings at Sackville, the support of Wesley College, Winnipeg, and the successful movements to erect new buildings, not to speak of the opening of the new college in British Columbia, have taxed the resources of our people and could not fail to affect somewhat the other funds of the Church. It is quite probable, also, that the Sustentation Fund has had something to do with the result referred to, for while it would be unfair to suppose that what has been given to the Sustentation Fund has in all cases been withdrawn from missionary givings, yet there are cases in which the amount raised by conferences for the former fund bear such a close relation to the decline in the latter that it is impossible not to connect them, to some extent, as cause and effect. Again, the attention of the Board has been called to the fact that dissatisfaction, resulting in loss of income, has been caused by the expenditure on some parts of the Home Mission field. We do not think that this argues lack of sympathy with Home Mission work, but it is affirmed that in not a few cases grants are made far in excess of the real needs of the people, and in some instances where grants are entirely unnecessary. If this be so, it demands the serious consideration alike of the General Conference and of the Annual Conference Missionary

In this connection we would refer to an opinion, sometimes expressed, that the work of the Woman's Missionary Society has an injurious effect upon the General Society's finances. As a Board we do not share this opinion. It is quite possible that in some instances subscriptions have been diverted from the one society to the other: but these are isolated cases which do not seriously affect the general result. We are of the opinion that on the whole the work of the Woman's Society has been most beneficial in diffusing missionary information among the Churches, creating deeper interest, and in promoting a spirit of prayer and liberality that

must result in advantage to both societies. At the same time it would be wise for the General Conference to adopt such regulations as will guard against possible friction between the societies alike in the raising of funds and the carrying on of their general work.

Concerning the Home Missions of the Church, little need be said in regard to the work itself, as that is pretty thoroughly understood; but there are some points relating to the general question to which the Board

would call attention.

During the past year a circular was prepared containing a number of questions, and addressed to all Superintendents of Home Missions, most of whom sent replies. The substance of these replies was tabulated and printed for the information of District Meetings and Annual Conferences. From the nature of the replies received we are led to conclude that in not a few cases there might be such a re-arrangement of work as would at once lift a number of missions into self-supporting circuits, and greatly strengthen others, and that by a system of official visitation many of the missions might be led to do vastly more than they are doing for the support of their own ministers, while other fields that have been drawing from the fund for many years, and are quite capable of self-support, would speedily be removed from the list of claimants. It is enough to say that while there are missions that have been claimants on the Mission Fund for forty or fifty years (in some instances longer), and are likely so to continue, the need of placing authority in hands where it can and will be used is most apparent. This might be secured in some of the Conferences by greatly enlarging the districts, and by such provision as would enable the chairman, or other person appointed for the purpose, to visit every dependent charge at regular intervals, and make it his business to see that each assumes its fair share of ministerial support. The need of more effective supervision, especially where missions are numerous and there is room for extension, has come to be generally recognized. How this can be accomplished, we do not feel called upon to say, but leave the matter to the wisdom and discretion of the General Conference

From the replies received to the circular already referred to, another grave fact comes to light, namely, that on almost every one of our mission fields, especially in the older conferences, from two to five different Protestant bodies are competing for the ground, most of them receiving aid from their respective mission funds. It is difficult to conceive upon what grounds such waste of money and effort can be justified, and we think the time has fully come when negotiations should be opened with other evangelical bodies with a view of reducing this waste to a minimum, and putting an end to those forms of denominational rivalry which do not

help to extend the kingdom of God.

During the past year the Board—or rather the Committee of Consultation and Finance—has been giving careful consideration to the question of a separation, partial or complete, between the Home and Foreign Work, and the establishment of a Sustentation or Home Mission Fund, distinct from the General Fund. A tentative scheme for such a fund will be laid before the Conference, and hence it is unnecessary to discuss it further at the present time.

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In the past the Board has experienced considerable difficulty owing to want of uniformity in the returns made by the Financial District Meetings. Thus, in some cases, perhaps in many, there is deducted from the amount which the Mission proposes to raise one or more of the following items: house rent, horse keep, and Children's Fund assessment. This leads to confusion and inequality in the distribution of the fund, and consequent cases districts refuse to report the amounts received from the Sustentation Fund, so that it is difficult to know what the actual income of a missionary has been. It should be made obligatory on all missionaries and District Meetings to furnish all the items of information asked for by the Board, and it should be distinctly understood that in reporting the amount raised, or to be raised, by the Mission, no deductions shall be made for any purpose whatever.

The Indian work has developed in various directions, especially in the matter of Institutes. Since the last General Conference the Institute at Red Deer has been built and opened, and is now in successful operation, with an attendance of over sixty pupils. The Institute building at Brandon is approaching completion, and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of the present year. This will be a great boon to the Indians of the Lake Winnipeg region. We have also to report the completion of the commodious new building at Chilliwhack, under the joint auspices of our own and the Woman's Missionary Society. There are over sixty pupils now in the Institute, and the prospects are it will soon be filled. There is need for further extension both in Institute and Mission work among the Indian tribes, but as fully one-fourth of the Society's income is already expended in this work the Board nesitates about further extension at the present time.

Concerning the French work there is nothing new to report. The Institute at Montreal is doing a good work, and justifies the policy by which it was established.

The Chinese work in British Columbia presents no new features. The Board regrets the recent resignation of the Rev. J. E. Gardiner, but

hopes to make satisfactory arrangements to fill the vacancy.

In connection with the Foreign Work decided advances have been made. In accordance with instructions from the last General Conference the Board carefully considered the question of a new foreign mission, and after obtaining all available information, the Province of Tz-Chuen, in West China, was selected as a promising field. The Board was providentially directed in securing the services of Rev. V. C. Hart, D.D., whose knowledge of the country, the people and the language made him of great value to the Society in establishing the Mission. At the present time there are six missionaries in the field—three in the medical and three in the evangelistic departments-and they report abundant opportunities for proclaiming the Gospel to the people. Property has been secured in the city of Chentu, on which has been erected a chapel, houses for some of the missionaries, and a hospital building is in course of erection. Two schools have been opened, which are well attended, and there is a depot for the sale of Bibles, tracts, etc., which is daily thronged by crowds

of people, curious to know the teachings of the foreigner, and apparently willing to listen to the Gospel message. A beginning has also been made in the city of Kiating, some forty miles to the south, and our missionaries are very desirous of establishing another centre at Quan H'Sien, near the mountains. The policy of the Mission is to occupy a few important centres, and from these to itinerate through the surrounding country. On the whole, the prospects for our work in West China are very encouraging.

Of Japan we need not speak at length, as the presence of several delegates, native and foreign, from that country, will put the Committee on Missions in possession of all necessary information. It will be necessary, however, that the Conference carefully consider certain questions respecting the relations of the General and Woman's Missionary Societies and their agents in Japan, so as to avoid even the appearance of friction, and to promote that harmony of action so essential to the prosperity of the work

Following this brief review of the state of the work we append a statement of expenditure in the various departments during the quadrennium:

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It is believed that the time has come when a change should be made in the composition of the General Board and in the mode of its election. We beg to submit, therefore, certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Society, which will have the effect of reducing annual expenses, and will also, we believe, increase the efficiency of the Board in the discharge of its important duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. SUTHERLAND, General Secretary.

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# 2. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

This, my second Quadrennial report, is submitted with a profound sense of our obligation as a Church to the Giver of all Good for the blessings and conquests of the past four years. A sustained effort has been put forth to carry out the policy, desires and instructions of the Church so far as these were ascertained and possible of execution.

The visits I have been able to make to the various missions and circuits have been at once a source of pleasure to myself and of profit and blessing, I trust, to those visited. These opportunities have afforded me evidence that enables me to testify to the whole-souled loyalty, and the spirit of consecration and devotion to the cause uniformly displayed by our missionaries, and their equally loyal and devoted wives.

Since my last report, in the performance of my duty, I have travelled nearly 80,000 miles, and yet I have often wished to visit points that pre-occupation of time rendered impossible.

It is a source of great gratification to myself, and will, I doubt not, prove equally so to you to know that advancement, expansion and progress have characterized every department of our operations in our work in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. These results are the more gratifying when it is remembered that during a considerable portion of that time immigration has fallen to a low point, and that the general business depression and financial stringency has been experienced by us equally with other parts of the world.

During the past four years the number of our circuits and missions has been increased by 48, there being now 169. Of these 66 are self-sustaining, as against 46 in 1890.

We have now 564 preaching appointments, while in 1890 we had only 459.

Progress in church building is marked by the erection of 46 new churches. In 1890 there were only 95, now there are 141.

Provision for the greater comfort of our missionaries has been made in some measure by the erection of 14 parsonages. Of these there are now 73, some few of them very handsome and well-equipped houses.

The augmentation of our material wealth is shown by the increase in the value of church property, which at the time of my last report was \$264,521, and is now \$454,195, an increase of nearly \$200,000. No doubt the half million mark will shortly be passed.

The ground covered by our Indian missions remains much the same as it was four years ago.

In this connection, it may be proper to add that at Red Deer an Industrial Institute for the education of Indians has been established since my last report. This building has been erected and equipped by the Dominion Government, and is being conducted under the direction of the Church upon an arrangement for maintenance between the Church and Government.

The attendance thus far has exceeded previous anticipation, the accommodation proving too limited for the actual needs of the inmates.

At Brandon the Dominion Government is erecting a building for similar purposes. The city of Brandon with marked generosity furnished a most eligible site, consisting of 320 acres, close to the city, and contiguous to the Government Experimental Farm.

The premises, when completed, will in many respects be more desirable than, and superior to, any other institution of a similar character in the country.

Just how far these institutes should modify the policy of our Church regarding Indian missions is a subject worthy of very careful consideration.

The singular liberality of our people has manifested itself in their contributions to all our Church funds, as the subjoined report shows

There has been an increase varying from 16 to 378 per cent. The Missionary Fund has been increased in 1894, as compared with 1890, 40 per cent.; the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, 67 per cent.

It is perhaps worthy of remark that the General Conference Fund Assessment has been paid in full.

In no part of the work has greater apparent success been achieved than in the additions to membership, which are greatly in excess of the rate of addition to the population of the country. In 1890, the Indian membership was 1,109; in 1894, it is 1,356. The white membership in 1890 was 8,786; in 1894, it has swelled to 13,850, an increase of 5,064 or 57 per cent.

There are the best of reasons for reporting that the spiritual force of the Church has in no sense abated, but has rather intensified, thus fortifying and stimulating her for larger and nobler efforts in promoting His glorious work, and in uplifting and ameliorating the condition of our fellowmen.

We now have 216 Sabbath Schools, as against 156 in 1890, with 1,638 teachers and officers, an increase of 476, and 12,538 scholars, being an increase of 3,632, or 40 per cent. over the returns of four years ago.

It should be noted that this does not indicate our full strength in this department, that a few of our people join in maintaining union schools where communities are so small that denominational schools cannot profitably be organized. In such cases it has not been practicable to procure reliable statistics, so they are altogether omitted. It will be seen that our people are fully alive to the importance and value of the Sunday School as an important and integral part of Church work. If there have been or are any disposed to question the wisdom of making the expenditures that have been made in this work, their attention is invited to a consideration of the financial returns already made, and those that may fairly be anticipated.

During the Quadrennium missionary grants to the Domestic Missions of this Conference, including removal expenses, grants for affliction and supply, etc., aggregated \$63,339.74; there was raised in the Conference for missions, \$37,628, exclusive of amounts contributed for this purpose by our Indian membership. Deduct this latter amount from the former,

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The annual cost during the previous Quadrennium was \$7,835.89, showing a difference of \$1,407.96 in favor of the four years just closed. I think it must be admitted that this is a gratifying showing, especially when our enlarged operations are taken into the account.

Allow me, in drawing my report to a close, to submit a few facts which may help to determine the question: "Will it pay, from a financial standpoint, to foster and judiciously extend our Domestic Mission work in the North-West?"

The cost to the Missionary Society of the 66 self-sustaining circuits in the Conference has been about \$85,000. These fields have contributed for missions about \$60,000. Of the \$9,670 contributed for missions in the Conference last year the self-supporting circuits paid \$6,581. Assuming that a sum equalling this amount (a very modest assumption) will be raised for this purpose by these same fields each year for several years, in the near future—in less than four years—they will have repaid all that has been expended upon them, and create an income which, if capitalized at 6 per cent., would represent upwards of \$100,000.

This argument, though dealing with the Missionary Fund alone, has an important application to all local and other connexional interests.

In closing my term of office, and retiring from the superintendency, I do so with unfaltering faith in the future of our vast and glorious western heritage, with undiminished belief in the possibilities of our beloved Methodism in that land, with strong desire that at this General Conference, and from time to time in the future, wise and liberal policies may be adopted, that our Church may occupy her legitimate place as second to none among the religious organizations in this country, and that she may become so firmly established and so thoroughly equipped that without let or hindrance, and to the utmost limit of possibility, she may in Manitoba and the North-West Territories accomplish her high and important mission by spreading Scriptural holiness throughout the land.

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

FUNDS.	1890.	1894.	INCREASE.	PER CENT.
Union Church Relief	\$156 60	\$241 02	\$84 42	54
Woman's Missionary	124 00	593 15	469 15	378
Sunday School Aid.	143 77	219 39	75 62	52
Educational	268 76	829 94	561 18	209
Contingent	294 80	342 13	47 33	16
general Conference	377 38	559 44	182 06	48
Superannuated Ministers	2573 73	4307 73	1734 00	67
Missionary	6899 43	9670 61	2771 18	40
Total Connexional Funds	10838 47	16763 41	5924 94	54

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	1890.	1894.	Increase.	PER CENT
Ministers' Support	38901 94	55294 00	16393 00	42
Total for all purposes	\$111485 54	\$157405 06	\$45919 52	41
Value of Church property	264521 00	454195 00	189674 00	71
Membership— Indian White	1109 8786	1356 13850	447 5064	40 57
Circuits and Missions— Indian	14 61 46	16 87 66	2 26 20	14 34 43
Total	121	169	48	39
No. of Preaching Appointments	459	564	105	22
Sabbath Schools— Schools . Officers and Teachers Scholars .	156 1162 8906	216 1638 12538	60 476 3632	38 40 40
Churches and Parsonages— Churches	95 59	141 73	46 14	48 23

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, Superintendent of Missions in the Manitoba and North-West Conference.

### 3. REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

"Through the good hand of our God upon us" during the past four years we are permitted to tell of advancement in every department of our work, of steady growth in intelligent and consecrated pursuit of our aim, which is "the evangelization of heathen women and children" and the arousing of our sisters in the Church to a deeper sense of their responsibility in this matter. In both directions, however, very much has yet to be accomplished.

Our present year not being complete, statistics must be taken from our printed reports of the four previous years. These show that the 1894]

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Auxiliaries have been increased by 237, making now 537. These contain 12,486 annual members, a gain of 5,270, and 645 life-members, an increase of 252. Also of the young people in Circles and Bands there are 6,640, being 3,089 in advance. The membership, altogether, numbers

It has been our joy each year of our history to record an increase in funds; for this we are very grateful, and trust the future will be as the past, but in an increasing ratio. The income last year was \$37,974.16, a gain in the four years of \$15,667.88, the total received during the twelve years being \$219,309.90. Another year is almost complete, and there is every reason to believe that it will be in advance on the previous one.

In addition to the more direct work of spreading the Gospel, this Society, through its Supply Committee, has ministered to the material comfort of numerous needy ones in our Domestic and Indian Missions, thus gladdening the hearts of missionaries in many lonely stations of our own land. Boxes and barrels, bales and bags of goods and clothing to the amount of several thousands of dollars, representing much labor and self-denial, both of those who have prepared and those who have packed, have carried joy and comfort to multitudes, making more real and welcome the story of Him who, "though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich."

The Literature and Publication Committee has done much to arouse and maintain the interest of our members, issuing thousands of leaflets and publishing each month letters from our missionaries, thus keeping us in close touch with them, and stimulating prayer in behalf of individual cases mentioned as well as all the various needs arising.

Our Auxiliaries have done much towards increasing the circulation of The Missionary Outlook, a good portion of which has been allotted to the use of our Society. Both departments in this periodical furnish desirable information, that our people may be intelligent as to the work of the Church, the one being incomplete without the other.

The missionaries representing us now number 32. Of these 2 are stationed in China, 16 in Japan (5 of whom are in Canada on furlough), 7 in the Indian work in British Columbia, 2 among the Chinese in British Columbia, and 5 among the French in Montreal.

Although we cannot report great numbers crowding our schools as formerly, owing to the change of sentiment towards foreigners, yet the years have witnessed steady, faithful seed-sowing and cultivation; some precious fruit has also been gathered, souls having been converted and received into the Church. A very marked feature has been the training and development of Japanese Christian workers, several of whom are giving grand service, not only as assistants or interpreters, but as personally responsible for the conducting of meetings, visiting the sick and in other ways of usefulness. A native pastor remarked, "I do not know how it is done, but you ladies have the faculty of turning out fine workers, well equipped." We rejoice very much in this that success has crowned

Our indefatigable missionaries, watching the openings of Providence, have been permitted in many places to open little Sunday Schools among neglected children, leading in some cases to meetings for the mothers, thus adding to the membership of the Church. Orphanages also in a humble way and at small expense have been opened in Tokyo and Kanazawa during this last year, giving shelter and instruction to twenty-two needy ones.

In the three cities of Tokyo, Shizuoka and Kofu, we have boarding schools, from which centres go out all the varied influences which affect so many lives and in such diverse ways. More than two-thirds of the pupils are Christians, enjoying the class and prayer-meeting, also the Bible lessons, from which they gather truth to distribute to others. Many of them are also banded together as "King's Daughters," who give at least fifteen minutes each day to work for others, preparing garments for those less favored than themselves, ministering to the sick, supporting a school for poor children, the average attendance of which is forty-two. Not only are they showing charity at home, but contributing one-tenth of their scanty earnings towards sending the Gospel to distant West China.

Another city has been entered during the four years, Kanazawa, on the west coast. Here are two day schools for poor children and one small orphanage. In order to secure a very desirable class industrial work has to be furnished, for which a market must be found; thus it will be seen how great a variety of talent is required in a fully-equipped missionary.

Beside the work of the schools there is that more especially (though perhaps not more truly) called *evangelistic*—the instruction of the women in meetings either in the churches or in private houses, the visits made by the missionary or by the Bible women, of whom there are twelve, besides several well-trained assistants who have graduated from the school in Tokyo. During this summer's vacation only two of the supported girls remain in the school, the others being sent with schoolmates to the different villages and towns to do evangelistic work among the women and children.

Twenty workers go out from the Azabu School each Sunday, thus reaching 200 women and children. During these years thousands have heard the Word of Life and about 110 have been led into the membership of the Church through the blessing of God on the labors of our agents, and many more, it is believed, have received the truth, but owing to the opposition of parents have not been baptized.

In other evangelistic and in temperance lines influences have also been set in motion which already have had very encouraging results.

Our workers and the children attending some of our schools have not been without persecution at times, but they have been protected from serious harm and have been led to put their trust more fully in God.

In connection with this field we have the sad duty of recording the death of Miss Hannah Lund, of Woodstock, Ont., the first one of our

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### FRENCH WORK.

The report of the French Institute, as furnished by Rev. W. Hall, M.A., must be understood as including ours, the Woman's Missionary share of blessing.

Two day schools have been carried on in Montreal for very poor children, and it is believed that much good has resulted from these and also from the visits of two Bible women. Financial aid has been given also to two schools in the country.

### INDIAN WORK.

Since our last report to General Conference, a fine large building has been erected at Port Simpson, B.C., which, with land, furnace and furniture, cost over \$7,000.00.

Here between thirty and forty Indian girls, under the care of three teachers, find their home and instruction. During the gracious revival which reached so many on the coast, about a year and a half ago, much of the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit rested upon those in our Home, and several were led to trust in Jesus. Some have passed to the better land giving evidence of the saving power of divine grace.

In the Hospital, under Dr. Bolton's superintendence, we maintain a nurse who, while ministering to the sick Indians, is pointing them to the Saviour of all.

Appropriations have also been made to the McDougall Orphanage at Morley, Alberta.

Our Home and School at Chilliwhack, in the Fraser Valley, B.C., has had a varied experience. In the fall of 1891 the building was wholly destroyed by fire, when the children had to be scattered, some being sent to their parents, and about sixteen being received by Mr. and Mrs. Tate into the Mission House, where they remained until the spring of 1894, when possession was taken of the new and commodious building erected jointly by the Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society. Sixty-two children are now in residence; but of this institution, as well as the French, a full report will be furnished through Dr. Sutherland, the Missionary Secretary.

The Methodist Orphanage at St. John's, Newfoundland, has received an annual grant, which has materially aided in its support.

### CHINESE HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.

The work of this Home has been a benediction to those who have had the privilege of its shelter. Lives rescued from cruelty and degradation have been comforted, uplifted and purified by Christian association and instruction. Baptisms have testified to their acceptance of the truth.

Access has also been obtained to about eighty houses in Chinatown, and the good seed is being sown as opportunities occur.

#### CHINA.

Our efforts to begin work in a second foreign field, China, seem thus far to have consisted chiefly in providing helpmeets for lonely members of the General Mission, two attempts having been made to establish work in Chentu. Of the three ladies sent two have been thus appropriated.

We hope soon to have a school established and medical work opened, but the study of the language at present is the principal and necessary

A nurse and another teacher are ready to go to this field as soon as a safe and peaceful journey thither can be made.

A summary merely has been given of the operations of this Society. Details occasionally reach us of lives more or less remote from our pupils who, through them, hear the truth perhaps for the first time, and, with obedient hearts seeking to learn more, are led into the blessed experience of the children of God. We rejoice in the privilege of thus having any part in hastening the day when all shall know the Lord.

The effect on our individual and church life we consider not the least

valuable aspect of this enterprise for God.

Thankful for the sympathetic co-operation of the ministers generally, we would solicit their continued help, believing that nothing done for this department will detract from any other.

None will be found more loyal to all the true interests of the Church, more zealous in their promotion or more fervent in their prayers for the upbuilding of Zion, than the members of the Woman's Missionary Society.

September, 1894.

E. S. STRACHAN, Cor. Sec.

### 4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS, No. 1.

Your Committee on Missions beg to submit the following Report: Your committee, having carefully considered the amendments proposed by the Committee of Consultation and Finance to the Constitution of the Missionary Society, together with the memorials relating thereto from the London Conference, from the Bay of Quinte Conference, and from the Hamilton District of the Niagara Conference, beg to recommend that the following shall be the Constitution of the Society:-

### CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

- I. NAME.—This Society shall be known as "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church."
- II. OBJECT.—The object of the Society is the support and enlargement of the Indian, French, Domestic, Foreign and other Missions,

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III. Members.—Every person paying annually the sum of Five Dollars and upward, and every person collecting annually Ten Dollars and upward, for this Society, shall be deemed a member, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Report.

IV. Auxiliary and Branch Societies.—The Methodist Missionary Societies within the bounds of any Annual Conference shall collectively be entitled "The Auxiliary Missionary Society" of that Conference, and severally shall be entitled Branch Societies of such Auxiliary. Every Sunday School shall be a Branch of the Conference Auxiliary. Epworth Leagues or other young people's associations may form Missionary Societies among their members as branches of the Conference Auxiliary; and students in colleges may organize as elsewhere provided.

V. TREASURERS.—1. Each Annual Conference may appoint a treasurer, through whom all remittances to or from the General Treasurers may be sent. In case any Annual Conference does not make such an appointment, then all remittances to and from the Mission Rooms shall be made through the Chairmen of Districts of such Conference.

2. The superintendent of a circuit or mission shall be treasurer of the Branch Society of his circuit or mission; but the Missionary Committee of the circuit, or the Quarterly Board, if there be no Missionary Committee, may, at the request of the superintendent and on his nomination, appoint a local Missionary Treasurer.

VI. Remittances.—The money raised on any circuit or mission shall be transmitted, as soon as collected, to the Chairman of the District, deducting only what has been disbursed for incidental and local expenses; and the District Chairman shall, in turn, remit promptly to the General Treasurer, through the Conference Treasurer, or directly, if there be no Conference Treasurer.

VII. CIRCUIT LISTS.—The superintendent of each circuit or mission shall prepare annually, not later than the first day of the Annual District Meeting, a list of all subscribers of two dollars and upward, also the aggregate of all collections and sums under two dollars; such lists to be sent without delay to the Conference Treasurer or District Chairman, who shall immediately forward them to the Mission Rooms, together with a statement of the gross receipts, local disbursements and remittances.

VIII. THE GENERAL BOARD.—1. There shall be a General Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually at such time and place as it may appoint.

2. The General Board shall be composed of the General Superintendent, the officers of the Society, one minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, elected by ballot respectively by the ministers and laymen of the Annual Conference voting separately, except that the Newfoundland and British Columbia Conferences shall be entitled to only one representative each, a minister or layman, as the Conference

may determine, to be elected by the joint vote of ministers and laymen, together with twelve other persons appointed by the General Conference, who shall continue in office for four years; the Japan Conference to have such representation as is otherwise provided for.

3. The Mission Council of each foreign mission shall have the right to elect one of its members as a representative to the General Board as often as this can be done without incurring the necessity of a journey home for that purpose, or at any time when the General Board or Execu-

tive Committee shall authorize such action.

4. The duties and powers of the Board shall be to review the missionary field of the Church at home and abroad; apportion the missionary funds to the various Conferences or other departments of the work; authorize the erection of mission houses, churches, or buildings for educational purposes on other than home missions, and provide for the cost of the same when necessary; select through its responsible officers (after consultation and agreement with Annual Conference authorities) missionaries for the Indian and Chinese work, and fix annually the stipends and other allowances for the same; select and appoint missionaries for the foreign fields, and fix a scale of stipends and other allowances for missionaries on each of such foreign fields, such scales to be subject to revision by the General Board at any of its annual sessions; grant furloughs to the missionaries in the foreign field when deemed expedient, or recall them permanently if considered necessary; decide when and where new missions may be opened in the Indian, French, Chinese or foreign fields; select and appoint teachers for our mission schools, and fix their stipends; select and appoint principals for the various Indian and other institutes, and fix their stipends; take such steps as may be judged expedient to raise and increase the missionary income; pledge, hypothecate or mortgage the property under the control of the said Board, when found necessary, as security for moneys obtained from banks or other sources; and, in general, oversee and control the mission work of the Church, in so far as this is not provided for in the constitution and powers of the Annual Conferences. The action of the Board in all matters within its jurisdiction shall

5. When an appropriation is made by the General Board to any particular department of the work, or for any special object, the Annual Conference Missionary Committee shall not be at liberty to divert any part of such grant to any other department or object.

6. Vacancies occurring amongst Conference representatives may be filled by the Special Committee of the Conference affected; vacancies in the Congral Roard shall be filled by the Conference affected; vacancies

in the General Board shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

7. In the event of the death or disability of any of the officers of the Society, the Executive Committee shall appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of the General Board, when such appointment may be confirmed or changed, pending the meeting of the next General Conference.

8. The Executive Committee shall also have authority to suspend any officer of the Missionary Society for incompetence or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and supply his place till the next meeting of

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IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—A committee, to be called the Executive Committee, shall be annually appointed by the General Board, consisting of the General Superintendents, the officers of the Missionary Society, and eighteen other members—nine ministers and nine laymen—a majority of whom shall be members of the General Board, who shall meet at the call of the General Secretary to consider and decide any matters referred to them by the General Board; review correspondence from the mission field; consider and decide special claims or other accounts; fill vacancies in the General Board, or among its own members; and provide, ad interim, for any exigencies that may arise between sessions of the General Board. All the proceedings of said Committee shall be entered in a minute-book, and reported to the General Board at its next annual meeting.

X. Annual Meeting.—An annual public meeting of members and friends of this Society shall be held at the time and place appointed by the General Board, when an abstract of the annual report shall be presented, and such religious services held as may be deemed expedient.

XI. GENERAL OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.—1. The General Conference shall appoint the General Secretary and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, who shall be ex officio members of the General Board.

2. The General Secretary shall, previous to each Financial District Meeting, furnish each chairman of a district with a schedule to be filled up by said chairman at the Financial District Meeting, showing the estimated income and expenditure of each mission for the support of the ministers and preachers, the amount of missionary grant recommended by the Financial District Meeting, etc., etc., which schedule shall be forwarded to the General Secretaries without delay. From these schedules the General Secretary shall prepare a tabulated statement for the information of the General Board, in order that its members may intelligently and justly apportion the funds of the Society to the several Conferences, and other parts of the work.

3. It shall be the duty of the General Secretary to make himself acquainted with the entire mission field by official correspondence, and personal visitation, when practicable. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to publish the Annual General Report of the Society, with a statement of the income and expenditure.

4. In the discharge of their duties the officers of the Society shall act in harmony with the legally-appointed courts and officers of the General and Annual Conferences. In case of any emergency arising that may require prompt action in the matter of supplying any remote mission, it shall be competent for said officers, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to request the proper authorities of any Annual Conference to aid them in meeting such emergency, by allowing one of its ministers or probationers to proceed to such mission.

Respectfully submitted.

A. SUTHERLAND, Chairman. J. R. Inch, Secretary.

1. Your committee beg leave to report that they have given careful consideration to the memorials and other documents submitted to them, and recommend as follows:

2. That the Quadrennial Report of the Board of Missions be printed in the Journals, omitting the third paragraph containing analysis of income and expenditure, but including a statement of income and expenditure similar to that of 1890.

3. Attention is called to the fact that the average amount contributed annually for missions by each member of the Methodist Church is only eighty-one cents. This is unquestionably far below the ability of the Church, and we recommend that the General Board of Missions issue a call for \$250,000 for missions from collections, subscriptions and juvenile offerings alone, which would still be less than an average of one dollar per member; and that strenuous efforts be put forth by every Conference, District, Circuit and Mission to reach the necessary average during the current year.

4. A scheme for a Sustentation or Home Mission Fund, prepared by the Committee of Consultation and Finance, also a proposal of the Rev. Dr. Eby for a separation of Home and Foreign Missions, and a memorial from the Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., of the Niagara Conference, referring to the same subject, have been under consideration. Your committee are persuaded that some such plan will be necessary in the near future, but they have been unable to give it that full consideration which its great importance demands, and therefore send the documents to the Conference without change, with the recommendation that they be referred to the General Board for careful revision during the ensuing quadrennium, with instructions to publish the results in our connexional papers, so that the Church at large may know what is proposed, and the next General Conference be prepared to deal intelligently with the whole question.

5. Your committee recommend that the Report of the Superintendent of Missions for the North-West be printed at length in the JOURNAL of the General Conference.

6. It is further recommended that the Report of the Woman's Missionary Society be published in the Journal of the Conference.

7. Respecting the appointment of superintendents of missions, we find that the Manitoba Conference has expressed by resolution its desire for the continuance of the office, that the British Columbia Conference has memorialized for a similar appointment, that the Newfoundland Conference has repeatedly importuned the Board for a superintendent for that island, while not a few are of opinion that supervision beyond what our present system provides for is needed in some other parts of the work. While recognizing the need of supervision where missions are numerous and population increasing, your committee cannot, in view of the state of the Mission Fund, concur in the proposal to increase the number of superintendents at the present time, but would recommend the appointment of one Superintendent of Missions for the Manitoba and North-West and British Columbia Conferences.

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9. Regarding memorial of Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., to the effect that provision be made whereby legacies or other special donations may be applied to particular departments of the work in accordance with the wishes of the donors, as this provision already exists in the practice of the Society, no further action is considered necessary.

10. Respecting memorial of Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., recommending that such provision be made for office work at the Mission Rooms as will enable the General Secretary to spend nearly all his time in advocating the claims of the Society among the Churches, your committee find that, as a matter of fact, the General Secretary spends not less than half his time in various forms of outside work; and as there is a large amount of correspondence and important business at the Mission Rooms requiring the personal attention of the Secretary, your committee do not see how an increase of outside work is possible. They recommend, however, that the whole question be referred to the General Board as worthy of its serious consideration.

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12. Memorials of Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., and of the London Conference, re young people and mission work. (1) Your committee recognize a tendency among some of our young people to engage in raising missionary money for objects outside the work of our own socie-While admitting the right of individuals to select the objects of their benevolent gifts, your committee hold that no organized society connected with our Church should appeal to our congregation for the support of missionary schemes outside of those carried on by our own societies, and we recommend that our ministers press this point with kindness and fidelity upon our young people. (2) Your committee are also of opinion that all our people can best aid the missionary cause by helping to support and extend the work carried on by our own Church, and that all missionary moneys raised should be placed at the disposal of the General Board of Missions, except such as may be raised by the Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and Circles of the Woman's Missionary Society. Nevertheless, with the view of encouraging and developing the missionary spirit, it is recommended that the missionary authorities endeavor to meet the wishes of Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools, etc., by applying, as far as practicable, the funds raised by such organizations toward the support of any department of the Missionary Societies' work which the donors may request. (3) And inasmuch as our General Board of Missions is extending its operations into the "regions beyond" as rapidly as the resources of the Society will permit, we earnestly advise our young people, through this General Conference, to stand loyally by the Board in its great work, and not to ask for the expenditure of money in places where there are no missions under the control of our Church. (4) That a circular be prepared by the General Secretary setting forth the preceding recommendations, addressed to all Methodist young people's societies, and cordially inviting their co-operation in developing the missionary spirit and increasing the resources of the Board. Such circular shall state that a separate record of the receipts from young people's

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14. Re memorial of British Columbia Conference, praying that members of the General Board from any Conference shall be members of the Missionary Committee of said Conference, your committee recommend non-

concurrence.

15. Respecting the motion of J. J. Maclaren, Esq., re a Joint Board of Representatives from the General Board of Missions and the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society, to have cognizance of certain matters pertaining to the work in the foreign field. Your committee do not recommend concurrence, but rather that there be frequent consultations between the Executive Committees of the Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Society, so as to secure continued harmony and co-operation, and, as far as possible, uniformity, in the work of the two societies.

16. A memorial was received from the Hamilton District Meeting, Niagara Conference, recommending a reduction in the salary of the General Secretary of the Missionary Society. We recommend that the memorial be referred to the General Board.

17. Re memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference, recommending grants to students on missions. We recommend that the memorial be referred to the General Board.

18. The memorial of Rev. G. M. Brown, praying for recognition and encouragement of medical students who are preparing for mission work in the foreign field, touches a very important matter; but as the department of medical missions in our own Church is yet in its infancy, your committee are not prepared to formulate a specific deliverance, but recommend the reference of said memorial to the General Board for such action as may seem to be expedient.

19. A letter has been received from our missionaries in China, asking for some regulation defining the status of medical missionaries, their relation to the Mission Council, and to those engaged in the evangelistic work. It is recommended that this subject also be remitted to the General Board, with authority to frame such regulations as may be necessary for the ensuing quadrennium, and to report to the next General Conference what action, if any, is considered advisable in the premises.

20. The subject of Home Missions, referred to in the Quadrennial Report of the General Board of Missions, is of great importance, and as the comprehensive measure outlined in the proposed Sustentation Scheme cannot be fully discussed at this Conference, your committee call attention to a few points of immediate practical importance:

Increase of Missions.—The embarrassments of the Board have been brought about in part by the multiplication of Home Missions. In fields

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where there is rapid increase of population this cannot easily be avoided, but even here great care should be exercised, and in those Conferences where there is little change in the population the circumstances are rare which justify an increase of dependent fields. Therefore we recommend as follows:—

New missions shall be created as heretofore only by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Conference, but under the following restrictions:—

(1) No new Home Mission shall be formed by dividing an existing mission, unless by such division (a) Part of the original mission becomes independent; or, (b) The missionaries are enabled to take up new and really destitute territory.

(2) We recommend, when any new Home Missions are formed, a statement, signed by the president and secretary of the Conference, giving a list of such missions, and certifying that they have been formed in accordance with the foregoing regulations, shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Missionary Society within one month after the rising of the Conference.

21. Your committee are of opinion that it would conduce to the growth of missionary interest, and consequent increase of revenue, if a day were selected on which the cause of missions would be simultaneously brought before the people throughout the entire connexion. It is recommended, therefore, that the first Sunday in October in each year be known as Missionary Day, when the subject of missions shall be brought before all our congregations by sermons, addresses and other services; and that, as far as local circumstances will allow, this be the date for taking up missionary collections and subscriptions. We also recommend that, as far as practicable, the last Sunday in December be known as the Children's Missionary Day, to be signalized by such services as will increase the interest of our Sunday Schools in missionary work.

22. That as the Conference has elected one General Secretary, we recommend that the question of assistance at the Mission Rooms be referred to the General Board.

23. Your committee recommend that, in the appropriations of the General Mission Board during the next quadrennium,  $42\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the amount appropriated each year shall be given to Domestic Missions.

24. Re communication from the President and Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society asking information as to the effect of the recent legislation of the General Conference in regard to the freedom of Epworth Leagues to fulfil promises in regard to support of Woman's Missionary Society's funds, your committee are of the opinion that the legislation referred to will not be disadvantageous to the interests of the Woman's Missionary Society, inasmuch as by Article IV. of the Constitution of the Missionary Society it is made only permissive as concerns Epworth Leagues and other young people's societies to become branches of the Conference Auxiliaries, and by the recommendation of the committee, No. 12, in regard to young people's societies, the right to contribute to the funds of the Woman's Missionary Society is definitely recognized.

Respectfully submitted.

A. Sutherland, Chairman. J. R. Inch, Secretary.

### IV. EDUCATION.

# 1. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

### THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Educational Society should be a great power in helping the educational interests of the Church. It has in it great possibilities for good if properly worked. After the most urgent appeals, it is found that a large majority of the circuits report nothing beyond the collections, and that means the balance after deducting the local envelopes placed on the plates. It is feared that many add nothing to the weekly-offering envelopes, and therefore give nothing to the connexional collection. This fund could be doubled within the next few years if all the ministers would invest the anniversary with proper interest.

In almost every section of the Dominion and in Newfoundland, agents have been at work raising money for the various educational institutions, and in the aggregate a very large sum has been secured, which, in the nature of things, has affected the income of the Educational Society. Although much has been done in the way referred to, the following statement will show that the Educational Society has an intelligent hold upon the sympathy and support of the Connexion:

Income for	1891						\$19,555.56
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Henceforth, it seems to me, the best policy of the Church will be to secure large subscriptions for endowment, and have the Church generally give to the Educational Society in the form of subscriptions and collections. It would be better for the Educational Society to lend a helping hand to every educational institution of the Church rather than have constant appeals to the people for small subscriptions on behalf of the colleges of the Connexion.

The Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church depends almost entirely upon the collections of Children's Day. We are hardly prepared for a Children's Day on the elaborate scale of the M. E. Church of the United States, but there should be no difficulty in securing one collection annually from the Sunday Schools of Canadian Methodism. Two benefits would accrue—the fund would be helped to the extent of several thousand dollars annually, and the young people would be brought into sympathetic and intelligent touch with our educational work, and particularly with the education of the ministry. This plan would be seed-sowing for much harvesting in after-years. The Sunday School day for the Educational Society might be the same as the Educational

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Anniversary for the Church, the minister preaching on behalf of the Society, visiting the school and giving a short address suitable to interest the young people in the educational work of their own Church. The collection of the Sunday School should be entered as a specific item in the report. I am happy to say that Bridge Street Sunday School, Belleville, has already adopted this plan, and proposes to give, not only to the Educational Society, but to the Superannuation Fund and other connexional departments of the Church.

I would recommend that the Educational Society be made more connexional in its administration. As at present administered, there is much inequality in the matter of loans to student probationers, causing, I fear, an unpleasant spirit of jealousy. To illustrate what I mean: In Victoria College last year, probationers received from one conference \$50, from another \$80, and from another \$100. The students were in the same classes, associating with each other from day to day, and at about the same expense of living in Toronto. I hope that the General Conference will at least consider the subject, and see if the administration of the Society might not be connexionalized, and made, thereby, more equitable and effective.

The Educational Society helps six Colleges: Wesley College, St. John's, Newfoundland, by allowing all raised by the Newfoundland Conference to go to the College; Mount Allison gets 14 per cent. of the money available for Colleges; Montreal Wesleyan Theological College, 18 per cent.; Wesley College, Winnipeg, 18 per cent., with all that the Manitoba Conference raises for the Society being used for students; Victoria College, 50 per cent., out of which \$500 per annum has been paid to Albert College, Belleville, during the quadrennium now closing.

The Secretary of Education has found a growing interest in all that pertains to the educational work of the Church, but especially to the proper training of young men for the ministry, and he would suggest that all appointments to theological colleges be in some way subject to the approval of the General Conference.

John Potts, Secretary of Education.

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Guelph New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference	1,597 85	1,663 62	1,758 56	1,679 80
British Columbia Conference	1,008 77 121 99	921 26	771 87	840 67
Toronto "	3,091 68	$281 38 \\ 2,839 28$	139 42 $2,275 47$	2,183 75
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### GRANTS TO COLLEGES.

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Total	\$2,318	50	\$2,357	48	\$2,264	58	\$2,308 92

W. E. SANFORD, General Treasurer.

### 2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE.

At the meeting of the last General Conference, the work of proceeding with the Victoria College building in Queen's Park, and largely the work of collecting endowment for the purposes of federation, was suspended on account of the injunction in the High Court of Justice. Immediately after the General Conference of 1890, the Board of Regents and the Senate took the necessary steps for the removal of the injunction and the consummation of federation, which was completed by proclamation of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario on the 12th day or November, 1890. The Board, through their Building Committee, in the meantime proceeded to complete their plans, and on the 27th day of the same month tenders were received and accepted for the erection of the college building at a cost of \$185,051. Ground was broken in the month of April, 1891, and on the 15th day of June the building was so far advanced that the corner-stone was laid by Mrs. Geo. A. Cox, with appropriate religious ceremonies and addresses by distinguished speakers. Building operations were pushed forward with very great vigor during the summer, and as the autumn proved exceptionally favorable the building was inclosed before the winter set in, and work was carried on in the interior through the entire succeeding winter.

In the month of August, 1892, the able and respected architect, Mr. W. G. Storm, who had given us such great satisfaction through the entire progress of the work, was suddenly removed by death, and Mr. Edmund Burke was appointed in his place to complete the work.

By the 1st of October, 1892, the building was so far advanced as to be occupied for the opening of the work of the College. On Sunday, October 21st, the College Chapel was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Carman,

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nced as Sunday, Carman, General Superintendent, conducting religious services and preaching on the occasion, and on the 23rd of that month the College was formally opened by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick. The meeting was made especially interesting and impressive by a gift of \$40,000 from Hart A. Massey, Esq., to endow a chair to be known as the Hart A. Massey Chair of the English Bible and Homiletics.

In addition to the original contracts above-mentioned, the building was provided throughout with gas and electric fixtures, and was thoroughly furnished; the grounds were graded, sodded, fenced and provided with necessary walks and drives. These matters, together with other supplementary work, brought the entire cost of the building and furniture up to nearly \$222,000.

During the progress of their work the Building Committee was able to pay all demands under contract punctually each month without the expenditure of a dollar for interest, so that I am able to report Victoria College building free from debt, and the interest on the deposit of federation money for the first three years of the quadrennium was sufficient to cover all the expenses of the department of the Secretary of Education, including office expenses, salaries of clerk and agents, and the College half of the Secretary's salary, for the whole quadrennium.

The building, as completed, is pronounced by college men who have travelled over this continent to be one of the most beautiful and complete for its purpose on this continent, and after a practical experience of the last two years has been found to be thoroughly satisfactory in regard to convenience, ventilation and other necessary comforts.

The entire amount available for purposes of endowment is \$289,-353.44. This sum is still very much below the amount originally estimated for endowment, which our practical experience shows to be actually required for that purpose, and it is hoped that in the near future the Endowment Fund may be brought up to a position of full efficiency, placing Victoria College on a secure and thoroughly satisfactory working basis.

By resolution of the College Board in 1893, the accounts of the College and of Federation were amalgamated, Geo. A. Cox, Esq., and the Secretary of Education being appointed joint treasurers, and now all the financial affairs of the College are looked after in the office of the Secretary of Education.

The following chairs are endowed:

The Jackson Chair of Biblical and Systematic Theology	\$30,000	00
The Ryerson Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy	24.473	
The Nelles Chair of Ancient History	40.000	00
The Geo. A. Cox Chair of New Testament Exegesis and Literature	30,000	00
The John Macdonald Chair of Latin Language and Literature	25,000	00
The William Gooderham Chair of English Literature	40,000	
The Mrs. William Gooderham Chair of French Language and Literature	35,000	00
The Hart A. Massey Chair of the English Bible and Homiletics	40,000	

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bility involves not only increased liberality on behalf of its support but also increased exertion on the part of the Board of Regents and our friends generally, to aid in enlarging the sphere and influence of the College over the Province and the Dominion. We must, in all legitimate ways, induce the sons and daughters of our people, who purpose taking a university course, to attend the College of their own Church, and especially when it can be done without educational disadvantage and with the advantage of helpful religious influences.

It may be of interest to note that in this University Federation movement there are on the books 5,109 names, subscribing in all \$512,360.05, of which amount \$404,110.61 has been paid; and of this number 633 ministers have subscribed \$33,703.80, of which already

\$25,334.64 has been paid.

I cannot close this part of my report without acknowledging my indebtedness to the uniform and earnest assistance given by Presidents of Conferences, Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits, without whose sympathy and practical support the results just placed before the Conference could not have been realized. Several who were conscientiously opposed to the educational policy of the Church have cordially accepted the decision of the supreme court of the Church, and have demonstrated their loyalty thereto in the best possible way, namely, by subscribing to the scheme.

Much yet remains to be done, and the hope is that during the quadrennium upon which we are entering we shall see the endowment raised to at least half a million dollars, without which the work of Victoria, in Queen's Park, Toronto, cannot be carried on as efficiently as the

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Examined and found correct,

THOS. S. KEOUGH, Auditors.

GEO. A. COX, JOHN POTTS, Treasurers.

# 3. QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

REVEREND AND HONORED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

It is with feelings of grateful pleasure that we once more present our report for the past four years to your venerable Assembly. The work entrusted to our care we recognize as a most important interest of the Church of Christ, and it is our aim never for a moment to separate ourselves from that great army of the living God who labor together for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ upon earth.

At the meeting of the General Conference of 1890, a resolution was passed re-affirming the principle of federation, and instructing the Board of Regents to consummate the movement as speedily as possible. In pursuance of this resolution a meeting of the Board and a meeting of the Senate were convened in Cobourg, and the necessary resolution of the Board and assent of the Senate were given to the federation of Victoria with the University of Toronto, and submitted to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice. On this application the injunction was dissolved, and on the 12th of November, 1890, by the proclamation of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, federation was completed. The steps taken from that date onward toward the erection of buildings and the happy completion of the work will be given in Dr. Potts' report.

The corner-stone of the new building was laid on the 15th of June, 1891, and the building was formally opened by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, October 25th, 1892. It was erected at a cost of nearly \$222,000, including furniture, and is pronounced by competent judges to be one of the most complete and beautiful buildings for its purpose on the continent. Immediately after the proclamation of federation, the Senate and Faculty of your University commenced the necessary preparation for the new form which our College work would finally assume. In the first place, it was requisite that our students in all years should be transferred as advantageously as possible from the old Victoria curriculum to that of the University of Toronto, as that curriculum had just before our entrance been recast for the next five years. This involved some slight additional expenditure by the way of temporary enlargement of the staff, but the greater part of the work was done by the voluntary labor of your permanent professors, every one of whom taxed his time and energies to the utmost limits to provide the wider range of instruction rendered necessary by the change. As a result we had the satisfaction of knowing that in the first examination our senior class carried off more than their share of first-class honors, while the failures were mostly in the first and second years, and due to a class of junior and senior matriculants entering without proper preparation.

At the beginning of the year it was expected that this preparatory work would be extended over two years, but thanks to the ability and energy of our building committee, architect and contractors, it soon became apparent that with some effort we might begin our work in Toronto in October, 1892, and, accordingly, we removed from Cobourg during the summer vacation and opened work in Toronto, October 1st. The work of the first month was very seriously interrupted by the presence of the workmen finishing the building, and this doubtless affected the results of the year, but as soon as this temporary inconvenience was over both professors and students were able thoroughly to

appreciate the advantages of the new edifice.

The heartiness of the reception accorded to the staff and students by the authorities of the University of Toronto, the members and ministers of the Methodist Church, and the citizens of Toronto generally, forms a

very pleasing reminiscence in the history of our University. In opening our work in Toronto three points of difficulty presented themselves: 1. The provision of suitable and convenient homes for our students, the most of whom had no previous experience of city life. 2. The adjustment of our staff to the new work required from the colleges under federation. 3. The co-ordination of our work with that of the University staff, especially as regards time-table.

In the solution of the first problem we were greatly assisted by the generous co-operation of our brethren in the ministry, whose charges are nearest to the College. The pastors of the Central Church, Carlton Street, Broadway Tabernacle, Trinity and St. Paul's Methodist Churches, all afforded invaluable assistance, but it will scarcely be invidious to name Bro. Maxwell, who has since passed beyond the reach of our grateful recognition. As a result of this kind aid we were able to place in the ha homes re for hims little fro

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In the adjustment of our staff to College work, we found another of the problems before us. Of the seven departments before maintained, four enter into College work, viz., Classics, Oriental Languages, Modern Languages and English Literature, and Philosophy. The professors in these departments were of course continued, and in Classics and Moderns it was found necessary to make several new appointments in order tocover up the ground of the extended specialization of the Toronto curriculum. The departments of Natural Science, Mathematics and Political Science were transferred to the Faculty of the University of Toronto, as were also our entire work in the faculties of Medicine and Law. By these changes our professors in Geology and Biology, and in Chemistry and Physics, and in Mathematics, were left without their former work. The first, Dr. Coleman, accepted an appointment in the School of Practi-The second, Dr. John Burwash, was transferred to our cal Science. Theological Faculty as professor of the English Bible and Homiletics. The third, Dr. Bain, was transferred to the Classical Department, in which he had previously been engaged during the first ten years of his college life, and was appointed professor of Ancient History. thus been able to make the change to our new form of work without any injustice to the members of our staff, who had given such faithful and efficient service to the College in the past. We were also able to retain for our own College work the tried and experienced services of nearly all our men, carrying into our new work their well-known ability as teachers and their devoted sympathy with the educational work of our

In addition to these readjustments of our former staff, we have added to the Classical Department two lecturers in Greek, and to the Department of Modern Languages lecturers in French and German, in each case employing a native for special instruction in conversation and composition.

The third problem was the adjustment of our College work to that of the University faculty. As the enjoyment by our students of the instructions and equipment of the University faculty was the special object of our federation, it became particularly important that this should be attained without disadvantage. The work in the several departments covered by the University faculty is carried on partly in the main University building, partly in the School of Practical Science (shortly to be replaced by new buildings and laboratories), and partly in the Biological building and laboratories. These are all situated at a distance of from seven to ten minutes' walk from our building, requiring an interval between lectures of at least ten minutes. It soon became apparent from experience that, especially for lady students, this was a serious disadvantage on the existing time-table, requiring the change from place to place in some cases every hour. Nearly five hundred lectures in Arts are delivered every week by the professors of the two Colleges and of the

University. These lectures are given in five days each week, in seven hours each day, involving twelve or thirteen lectures each hour. Complicated as the time-table had become under these circumstances, including all the permutations of the options of nearly nine hundred students under an exceedingly flexible curriculum, it was resolved to attempt its complete revision, and after a labor extending over months we have at last been able to construct a table which brings all the University work for each student taking a regular course together in one part of the day, and all his College work together in another, thus involving but one change from College to University work each day. This arrangement has been in operation during the entire past year, and has given us most satisfactory results.

The solution of these problems has brought us to the termination of the initial difficulties of our new work. Any further changes to be effected are changes affecting the entire University education of the Province, and concern not us alone but all who are engaged in University work. It is pleasing to be able to add that, in the solution of our difficulties, we have been aided by the kindly co-operation of the Senate and faculties of the University of Toronto and University College, and of the Ontario Government.

We are now prepared to present a brief statement of the present condition and future prospects of our University work in its new relations.

In the first place, our removal to Toronto has been attended by a gratifying increase in attendance of students in Arts. The following are the numbers in attendance on lectures and examinations for the past four years:—

Year	ending	May,	1891	33
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To these must be added in each case Divinity students not taking Arts work. These are chiefly graduates in Arts reading for B.D.

An increased attendance of students is thus the first result secured by the new movement.

But to this large number of students we are able to offer largely increased facilities for the acquisition of the varied learning demanded by our age. This will appear first of all from the enlarged staff.

Our College staff now numbers eleven professors and other instructors in Arts. In addition, our students enjoy the full advantages of twenty-nine professors and other instructors of the University staff, giving us a staff in the Arts work of the University of forty. The faculty of University College numbers sixteen, but as they give instruction to nearly eight hundred students, or five times the number taught by our staff, it will be seen that our College staff is quite as efficiently maintained as that of University College. The two Colleges, of course, enjoy the services of the University staff, as above, in common. The two Colleges and the University are thus furnished with a staff in Arts work of fifty-five members, of whom more than one-half have pursued extensive post-graduate studies in the best British, German, French and Italian

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universities, many of them bringing home the highest honors of these ancient seats of learning, and in these respects we are glad to add that our own staff stands fully on an equality with that of the University as a whole. The University system, of which we thus form a part, stands in the front rank of the universities of this Continent with the following statistics:—

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These last represent the general University endowments and property alone, not including our own endowments or those of other federated or affiliated faculties, and represent, apart from what we may do for ourselves by our voluntary contributions, the heritage which has fallen to us and to our children for their higher education. If we add to this the present value of the endowments and lands of our own College, we have a total estate for higher education in which our children are sharers of nearly four and a half millions.

The section of our work bearing more directly upon the interests of our Church lies in our Theological Department. The relation of this department to our Arts work gives us some special advantages. Three members of our staff are engaged exclusively in theological work. By these the weight of the Divinity course is carried, including (1) Systematic, Comparative and Historical Theology; (2) the Exegesis and Literature of the New Testament and Biblical Theology; (3) Practical and Didactic Theology and Church Polity. But this central work is very largely supplemented by subsidiary courses of lectures from three of our Arts professors, viz., Prof. Reynar in Church History, Prof. Badgley in Apologetics and Theistic Philosophy, and Prof. McLaughlin in Exegesis of the Old Testament. We are thus able to present a curriculum which will bear comparison with that of any other divinity school on the Continent. In no branch of human learning are the claims of modern thought more pressing than in the theological field. All forms of archeological and historical, scientific and philosophical, and critical and literary investigation are brought to bear upon it, and, as a result, our theological conceptions are to-day in the fiery crucible. We have not the slightest doubt that they will come forth as gold that is precious, because indestructible; but, at the same time, it will perhaps be as gold refined, separate from much dross, and cast into new and more perfect form. The work of the Divinity professor is, above all others, from this cause a work of difficulty, of responsibility and of delicacy, for the world has scarcely patience to wait until the results of his labor are fully manifest. Your faculty have striven to walk by the Apostolic rule, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good," believing that the strength of the Church and the salvation of the world lie in the careful separation of the truth of God from all the speculations both of the past and of the

present. In reverent love of the truth they believe lies the strength and stability of our times.

The roll of the students in this department has been satisfactory: 1890-91, 69; 1891-92, 79; 1892-93, 82; 1893-94, 93.

Fourteen have graduated to the degree of B.D. in the four years, including several of high scholarship and great promise of future usefulness.

In closing, we may be permitted to add a few words on the spiritual life of the institution. The maintenance of this has always appeared to us to be the true raison d'être of a Methodist college. The colleges of the Middle Ages were founded by, first of all, building a chapel for religious worship, next a hall and rooms for common meals and social intercourse, and, lastly, rooms for study and instruction, a library in which was collected the literary treasures of the past, and dormitories for rest. When to these were added gardens and fields for recreation and healthy physical labor, the provision for the development of the whole man was complete. However we may differ as to the forms employed, one cannot but admire the pious fidelity with which for more than half a millennium the daily worship of God has been maintained in these old college chapels. A full hour every day, and an hour and a half or two hours and a half on the Sabbath, are set apart for the services of religion.

In our western world our whole life is lacking in that restfulness of spirit which takes time for the work which is to be done, and our prayers are too often crowded into a few hasty moments snatched between other engrossing labors. The intellectual spirit of our age, besides, is not always the old-time spirit which hushed its rising questions into silence that it might have time to stand in worshipful admiration or awe before the wonderful manifestations of God which opened to its vision. It is rather a self-asserting and restless spirit, ambitious to conquer the whole field both of the known and the unknown. It is the inquisitive rather than the devout spirit. But in spite of these disadvantages, the history of our modern college-life has not been devoid of deep religious influence. Methodism itself was born in college. Some of the most powerful religious impulses of English life in this century have started from the same fountain-head. On this Continent the greatest of all our missionary enterprises have been born in colleges. To-day the college missionary spirit is one of the most hopeful signs of our age. Our own College was the first in Canada to give expression to this spirit, and more than fifty years ago the sons of Victoria were already becoming missionaries. To-day our men in the mission fields are numbered by the hundred, and are found everywhere, from the confines of the Arctic Circle to the plains of India. Our present generation of students is offering scores of volunteers for the field, and our College Missionary Society keeps the missionary spirit earnestly and intelligently alive.

Another aspect of modern college-life is that of deep religious awakening. Great revivals have often been the salvation of the New England and other American colleges, and the starting-point of their noblest religious activity. We have not been without our share in these blessings. While in the past four years we cannot point to such triumphs

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The last aspect of our Christian work is the growth in grace of our students and the perfection of their Christian character. For this purpose the old means of grace, the prayer-meeting, the fellowship-meeting and the class-meeting are faithfully maintained, and prove, we believe, effective, through the Divine blessing, for this important work. The old Wesleyan doctrine of a full salvation is preached in faith, and our hearts are cheered by testimonies of the power of Jesus Christ to save to the uttermost.

We believe that it is only thus that we can fulfil our mission to the Church and the world, combining sound learning with deep piety and making our College a training school in which our sons and daughters shall be thoroughly furnished unto every good work. In this work we ask in confidence for the sympathy, the prayers and the support of our Church and of your venerable Assembly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. Carman, Chairman of Board. N. Burwash, Secretary.

Toronto, Sept. 1st, 1894.

### 4. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNI-VERSITY OF MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of the University of Mount Allison College beg leave to present the following Quadrennial Report:—

The calendars of the group of institutions under the control of the Board—University, Ladies' College and Academy—present the following comparative statement of the aggregate attendance during each year of the quadrennial periods 1886-90 and 1890-94 respectively:

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There is thus shown to have been an average annual increase of fifty during the last quadrennium as compared with the preceding one.

In the University proper, the average attendance during the four years was 118, an increase over the previous quadrennium's attendance of forty-three.

The total number of graduates to present date is as follows: In Arts, 199; in Science, 6; in Philosophy, 2; in Divinity, 7.

Of the graduates in Arts, fifty-three graduated during the quadrennium under review, as compared with forty-three reported as graduating during the period 1886-90.

At the close of the first year of the quadrennium under review, Dr. Inch, who for thirteen years had most efficiently filled the position of President, and under whose administration the University had gained a largely-increased development of educational influence and financial strength, tendered his resignation in response to a call to the Chief Superintendency of Education for the Province of New Brunswick. To fill the office thus vacated, the Board of Regents deemed it expedient to recall the undersigned to the service.

In 1893, the Rev. R. Brecken, D.D., felt compelled by circumstances to temporarily sever his connection with the University Professoriate. Dr. Brecken's ability as a lecturer and the eminently salutary and inspiring influence of his character have caused his absence, even for a single year, to be severely felt. It is earnestly desired that the way may soon be opened up for his return.

During the quadrennium there has been almost uninterrupted extension and growth in all departments of the University. The generous donation of Rev. Dr. Brecken to the library has operated as a stimulus to further efforts for its enlargement and improvement. Under the zealous interest and activity of the librarian, Professor Hunton, and of other Professors, very numerous and valuable additions have continuously been made, particulars concerning which can be learned from recent issues of the University Calendar. Year by year, too, the Department of Science has been enriched by new facilities. The classes, especially those of the freshman and sophomore years, which embrace the larger number of special students, have become large enough to overtask the seating capacity of the lecture-rooms of the University buildings. This difficulty will, however, be largely obviated by certain internal changes which the erection of the University residence (noted postea) have rendered practicable.

Of the general character of the work done in the class-rooms of the University, and of the influence exerted on the intellectual and moral development of the students by virtue of the associations at Mount Allison, the Board have no hesitation in pronouncing an emphatically favorable opinion.

The need of improved boarding accommodation for young men attending the University has long been felt. This defect is about to be supplied.

### THE UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE,

under course of construction, is a handsome and commodious structure of brick with stone facings, three stories in height, with an additional mansard story. There is a large L, ninety feet in length, projecting from the rear, containing assembly hall, dining hall, dining room, kitchens, etc.

The residence is designed in plan and equipment to promote in the highest possible degree the comfort and convenience of its occupants. The site is one of ideal appropriateness and beauty, elevated without being unduly exposed, and combines all conditions favorable to health and agreeable living. The building is heated and ventilated by the

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The contract price of the building, apart from heating, plumbing, etc., is \$40,000. The expense thus incurred will be partly met by appropriations from the Mount Allison Semi-Centennial Fund noticed in the sequel, but the enterprise is one which will involve the Board in serious financial responsibilities, and for entering on which no justification can be pleaded except necessity and unlimited faith in the interest taken in Mount Allison College by the Methodists of the Maritime Provinces.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, presents the following report of the

### THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The general prosperity which a gracious Providence has bestowed upon the University during the past four years has also been shared by the Theological Department of the work.

For three years of this time most valuable assistance was rendered by the Rev. Dr. Brecken, whose removal by indisposition, if it even were but temporary could not but be deeply regretted.

The attendance of Conference probationers has been larger than in former years, and the increase has alike been from each of the Maritime Conferences. As in the past, several young men have been taking partial courses in order to prepare themselves for the work of the University, and others have been taking work in the course for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

The study of Systematic Theology and of Biblical Introduction and Exegesis occupies the chief position in our class work; but classes in Homiletics and in the Discipline and Pastoral Work have also been regularly maintained. Concurrently with these, our students have taken work in the University classes in New Testament Greek and in Hebrew, in Psychology and in Logic, in Ethics and in Christian Evidences, and in several branches of the Natural Sciences.

The function of preaching has in no wise been neglected. As far as is compatible with their other duties, the young men have taken an active part in circuit and mission work, and their labors in this respect have been much appreciated and evidently attended by the Divine blessing.

The cause of Foreign Missions has maintained a strong hold upon the affections of our young men, and, while already several of our old students are occupying distinguished positions in India and Japan, others are in readiness to enter the mission field when Providence beckons them to it.

With the increasing demand of our Church and of the world for men of God, called to the ministry of the Gospel and trained for it, the importance of this department of college work becomes more obvious; and it certainly may be claimed that provision for its thorough equipment and efficiency should more definitely grasp the conscience and the resources of the Methodist Church. Affluence here means true economy.

The Rev. B. C. Borden, D.D., Principal of the Ladies' College, presents the following encouraging report of that important and deservedly popular branch of the Mount Allison institutions:

### Mount Allison Ladies' College.

Forty years of progressive educational work have given this department of our Mount Allison Institutions a commanding position in the public confidence. Courses of study are provided, extending from the primary branches through the whole University Curriculum to the degree of B.A. The staff consists of eighteen teachers in addition to the University Professoriate. Piano, Pipe Organ, Violin, Vocal Culture, Harmony, Elocution, Physical Culture, Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping and Commercial Courses are all taught after the latest and most approved methods.

The registered attendance during the past quadrennium has been as follows: 1890-1, 175; 1891-2, 175; 1892-3, 183; 1893-4, 185, making an increase of thirty-four over the average of the previous four years. There has also been an increase of something over two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year in the amount paid in teachers' salaries, which the aggregate receipts from students' accounts amounted to about thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) more than the quadrennium ending in 1890. The total expenditure for repairs and improvements amounted to thirteen thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars (\$13,860) in addition to about five thousand dollars (\$5,000) spent in the purchase of new pianos. These amounts do not include the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) spent in the erection of the new conservatory of music, the construction of which was foreshadowed in the report of four years ago. The building was opened for use in January, 1891, and is in every way well adapted to the purpose for which it was designed. A staff of eight teachers is now employed in carrying on the work of this department alone, five of whom have had their musical education in Europe.

The Owen's Art Institution, with its valuable collection of pictures, has during the past four years been transferred to Sackville from St. John, N.B. The works of art which constitute the gallery number 388,

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In accordance with the term of the transfer, the Board of Regents has taken measures for the erection of a suitable building in which to display the collection. This building is now in process of construction, the contract calling for its completion by the 15th of December, 1894. The outside dimensions are 115 by 65 feet. It is divided into three galleries for the display of pictures, and four work-rooms for the use of the painting and drawing classes. The contract requires stone throughout, and involves an expenditure of about \$25,000.

### MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

During the quadrennium, the operations of which are here reported, the Academy has been under the principalship of C. W. Harrison, Esq., M.A., previously a successful High School master of Ontario. The attendance on the average about equalled that of the preceding quadrennial period. The Commercial College in connection with the Academy has been largely developed. The Board of Regents, in their supervision of this important branch of the institutions under their charge, seek to emphasize the policy of making it a true family school, where, under able and experienced teachers, and in an atmosphere free from contaminating influences, the youth of the provinces may attain the elements of a sound secondary education.

The post of Principal having become vacant by the resignation of Mr. Harrison, the Board have filled it by the appointment of Professor J. M. Palmer, M.A., who has for years been recognized as one of the ablest educators in the Public School service of New Brunswick.

### Mount Allison Semi-Centennial Celebration.

An incident of the quadrennial history which should not be allowed to pass unnoticed is the celebration in January, 1893, of the semicentenary of the Sackville institutions, or, to speak with strict accuracy, of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy, a school originally opened for the reception of students in January, 1843. By action of the Board, a committee was appointed to attend to the due commemoration of the important event in question. A central meeting, embracing religious, literary and social exercises, was held in Sackville on the precise anniversary day, January 19th. This was both preceded and followed by similar meetings in the leading cities and towns of the various provinces. Much enthusiasm was evoked among the alumni of both University and Academy, enthusiasm fully shared in by those who regard the Ladies' College as their Alma Mater. Practical expression of the sentiments of affection and regard so generally cherished by the students of former days was given in the formation of a Mount Allison Semi-Centennial Fund, chiefly designed to promote the necessary building enterprises of the Board. This fund at date amounts to nearly \$25,000.

The Board would place on record their grateful appreciation of the eminently valuable service rendered to the semi-centennial movement by the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of our Church, who attended most of the meetings held in its behalf and secured much favor for the cause of Christian education by the cogency of his arguments and the eloquence of his appeals.

On behalf of the Board of Regents.

D. Allison, President.

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# 5. REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLÓGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The undersigned, representing the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, beg leave to report:

The number of students enrolled during the past quadrennium has been, on an average, seventy each session. Of these 13 per cent. have taken the Arts Course in McGill University, 20 per cent. the course for the degree of B.D., 40 per cent. the course for Licentiates in Theology, 17 per cent. the Conference Course for Probationers, and 10 per cent. Preliminary or Matriculation work. This variety of curricula is in harmony with the policy of adaptation of work to the varying circumstances and qualifications of the several students, and in all cases to secure the greatest practical efficiency in the training pursued. In many instances it is deemed unwise to urge a student, especially if he is advanced in age, to commit himself to the Arts Course. When age and attainments are suitable the very favorable opportunities offered by affiliation to McGill University are fully improved. The average age of students on entering College has been, since the foundation of this Institution, almost twenty-five years (24.75). The great advantage of the course for Licentiates in Theology is being generally appreciated, as it requires three years' residence and attendance at lectures and includes a large part of the pass work in Arts. This course has been gradually strengthened, so as now to include a comprehensive curriculum in Divinity, Apologetics, Homiletics, History, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, English and Church Polity, in addition to subjects in the Arts Course.

The number who have graduated in the Licentiates' Course is twenty-seven, and for the degree of B.D. twenty-two, of whom fifteen have graduated in Arts.

The financial condition of the Institution may be briefly stated as follows:—In 1890 the Endowment Fund was \$51,726; it is now \$68,000. Real estate and equipment are valued at \$62,000; making the total assets \$130,000, which are free of debt. The needs for current account will appear from the fact that last year income and expenditure amounted to \$6,647.55. The Boarding Department is administered separately from current account, and in it, last year, income and expenditure respectively.

were \$4,299.56. The financial aim in this department is that it shall do no more than pay for itself; the rates charged students for board are thus exceptionally low, especially for a large city like Montreal.

The need of increased accommodation for both dormitories and lecture-rooms is increasingly felt each year. Valuable land on University Street is held by the Institution free from all incumbrances. It is very desirable that the means be forthcoming to occupy the land with suitable buildings.

The history of the College was sadly darkened at the close of the quadrennium by the death of the first Principal, Rev. Geo. Douglas, D.D., LL.D. The profound sympathy shown by all classes and sections of the Dominion with the bereaved family and with the Institution in their great loss have been deeply appreciated. The foundation of the College and its marked success during the twenty-one years of its history will always be associated with the name of Dr. Douglas, to whose commanding influence and persevering energy in the midst of great personal affliction the position of the College is largely due. On his death the Board of Governors appointed as his successor the Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., who has performed a large share of the work of the Institution from its foundation. The staff has further been strengthened by the appointment of the Rev. J. C. Antliff, M.A. (Edin.), D.D., as Professor in Apologetics and Homiletics.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. Carman, Chairman, Board of Governors.

WILLIAM I. SHAW, Principal.

S. Finley, Treasurer.

F. Fairman, Secretary.

P. L. RICHARDSON, Acting Registrar.

## 6. REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF WESLEY COLLEGE.

The Board of Directors of Wesley College beg to submit to the General Conference of the Methodist Church the following report:

As the term of office of eighteen members of the Board of Directors, being one-half of the total number of members of the Board as at present constituted, has now expired, it will be the duty of the General Conference to fill the vacancies hereby created in the manner which may seem to be best for the general welfare of the College.

The following table presents a summary of the yearly attendance during the past four years, from which it will be seen that there has been a steady increase of students, and that the number in attendance at Wesley College now is more than double the number reported four years ago:

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The unexampled liberality of the Methodist people in the Manitoba and North-West Conference towards the College, of which we expressed our high appreciation in our first report to the General Conference, has continued unabated during the quadrennium just closed and again calls for our grateful acknowledgment. To carry on the general work of the College, as will be fully shown in the bursar's report hereto appended, has demanded contributions directly from our people in this Conference during the past four years aggregating \$25,697.48, or an average of \$6,424.37 per annum. This yearly contribution for the purposes of higher education in a new country like ours shows a degree of liberality unparalleled, we venture to assert, in the annals of Methodism. In addition to this, when, as has already been shown in this report, the steadily-increasing number of students attending our College proved that a proper College building had become necessary, the city of Winnipeg alone has subscribed towards this undertaking the sum of about \$33,000 and the Province about \$20,000, thus again exhibiting on the part of our people a whole-souled generosity truly admirable.

But while it is important to have a beautiful and commodious building in which to carry on our College work, and while the knowledge that our College is situated in a Province whose people are famed for their liberality is refreshing and inspiring, yet to the successful work of our College a good endowment is necessary, towards securing which, in the near future, the energies of the Methodist Church must be directed. For there can be no doubt that the continued appeal to the people in Manitoba and the North-West Territories from year to year on behalf of the Sustentation Fund of the College will ultimately, when our work expands and the needs of the College increase, become a heavy tax, not only on the liberality of the people, but also on the time and energy of those who have to make the appeal. It is the opinion of Wesley College Board that there is no place in our entire Methodism where generous contributions, if made now, would be productive of more lasting beneficial results than in connection with our educational work in this Conference.

The matters which have engrossed the attention of the Board during the quadrennium with which this report deals, in addition to those previously referred to, have been chiefly the four following:

(1) To raise by subscription an adequate building fund.

(2) To select and purchase a site suitable for the location of Wesley.

(3) To secure plans and estimates for the College building.

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ttendance there has ndance at our years Upon the success attending the effort to raise an adequate Building Fund depended the possibility of entertaining the other three projects. The matter was wisely placed in the hands of Principal Sparling, who entered upon the work with a zeal and energy which cannot be too highly commended, and soon informed the Board that the selecting and purchasing of a College site could be safely proceeded with. Acting upon this suggestion, several available pieces of land were inspected and quotations secured, a process which occasioned considerable delay; but by unanimous choice the Board finally purchased a piece of land facing Portage Avenue on the south, and bounded on the east by Balmoral Street, on the west by Spence Street, and on the north by Nellie Street; about five acres in extent, and purchased at \$22,550. By this judicious choice the Board have secured for Wesley College not only the most desirable location that can be found in Winnipeg, but also property which is rapidly increasing in value.

Meanwhile, the work of securing subscriptions was pushed rapidly forward, and not long after the purchase of the site had been completed the Board were pleased to learn that the amount promised had reached the sum of \$80,000. In making up this magnificent sum the Methodists of Manitoba and the North-West did their part nobly; while especial praise is likewise due to those liberal brethren in the East whose munificent donations at an early stage at once demonstrated their estimation of the importance of the College to Methodism, and encouraged our people in the West to show their faith by contributions equally liberal in proportion to their means. Special acknowledgments in this connection are due to Mr. Geo. A. Cox and Mr. H. A. Massey, both of Toronto, Ontario, Mr. Cox, during a visit to Winnipeg in 1892, increased his subscription to the Building Fund by \$5,000, and shortly after Mr. Massey added to his subscription to the same fund the very large sum of \$20,000. The following is the present state of the Building Fund:—Total subscription

When the subscription to the Building Fund had reached a sum sufficiently large to warrant the undertaking, the Board decided to build. After a good deal of trouble and delay, plans and estimates satisfactory to the Board were secured and decided upon. Early in the spring of 1894 the necessary contracts for building, amounting in the aggregate to about \$70,000, were let, and as soon as the state of the ground permitted the work was begun.

The 26th day of June, 1894, was the date fixed for laying the cornerstone of Wesley College, an event which will form an epoch-mark in the history of the Methodist Church in Manitoba and the North-West. The Conference, then in session, were invited to be present, and invitations extended to the heads of the other colleges affiliated with the University of Manitoba. Mr. H. A. Massey had consented to perform the ceremony; but being prevented from doing so by ill-health, Rev. Principal Sparling, by his request, acted as his representative and laid the stone.

The work of construction is now being vigorously pushed forward, and there is every reason to hope that before this winter the building will be closed in. Should this desirable event transpire, the faculty of

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Some idea may be given in this report of the building which is to be the future home of Wesley College. Though it will front on Portage Avenue, one of the thoroughfares of Winnipeg, yet the design adopted for the ground plan harmonized so well with the configuration of the site that it became possible to so place the building that, no matter from what side it may be viewed, no defect will be observed in its architectural beauty.

The material of which the exterior facing of the outside walls will be constructed is Calgary sandstone, which, rough hewn and laid in courses of varying thickness, will give the building a substantial but not heavy appearance. As regards the plan of the interior, the basement, in addition to the furnace and coal rooms, will contain the College gymnasium and caretaker's apartments. On the first floor, besides the offices of the principal and registrar, there will be private rooms for two professors, the male students' parlor and six commodious lecture-rooms. On the second floor are to be placed the convocation hall, the library, reading-room, museum, lady students' parlor, a professor's private room, one lecture-room and a suite of rooms for a resident tutor. The third and fourth flats will contain the students' dormitories. Provision has been made in our plans to accommodate upwards of eighty students with comfortable and well-ventilated rooms. A most complete system of heating and ventilation is provided for, and especial care has been exercised in the seating and in providing for the proper admission of light into the lecture-rooms and halls.

The advantages we hope to reap from such a building as the one now in process of erection are many, but chiefly that Wesley College can in future compete on terms of equality with the other denominational colleges for the patronage of students. Hitherto, though no college could disparage the teaching done at Wesley College, yet the fact that there was no suitable building has been made the means of turning away more than one promising student, even of the Methodist Church. Soon that barrier will be removed, and our students and patrons will be able to point with pride to ours as not only presenting the finest appearance of any public building in the city, but as being also the best-furnished college in this western portion of the Dominion.

In the Arts department of the College the course of study is that prescribed by the University of Manitoba for all students proceeding to a degree in arts. The work of the College in this department thus consists almost entirely in the preparation of students for the examinations held yearly under the auspices of the University of Manitoba.

The number of our students who have completed the course of study prescribed in arts, and have proceeded to the B.A. degree, now amounts to twenty-eight, of whom twenty-six belong to the period covered by the present report. The stand taken by our graduates at their various University examinations has, on the whole, been very creditable. Nine of them are medallists, distributed among the several honor courses as follows: Two in Natural Science, three in Mental and Moral Science,

two in the general B.A. course, one in Classics and one in Mathematics. All of those who now hold the distinction of being medallists of the University were scholarship men during their undergraduate college career. Of our other graduates there are a goodly number who, on graduation, attained the rank of first-class honors.

Among our undergraduates are students who have already won high distinction for scholarship. Five of the next year's senior class and two of the next year's junior class are scholarship winners, and we hope to be able to report them to the next General Conference as medallists in their respective honor courses.

The scholarships won by students of Wesley at the last University examination aggregated the sum of \$800, and one of our undergraduate students this year achieved the distinction of winning the Governor-General's bronze medal by taking the highest standing in the Mathematics, Classics and Chemistry of the previous examination—a distinction worthy of special mention, since this is the only medal in the gift of the University for which all of the students of that year from all the affiliated colleges compete.

During the past two years only one other college in affiliation with the University has sent up more students to the University examinations or ranked higher on the honor and scholarship lists than Wesley, a position of honor gained in part through the zealous and untiring efforts of her faculty, but still more largely to the ability and enthusiastic co-operation of her students.

The equipment necessary for the adequate teaching of Natural Science was felt for many years to be beyond the resources of the affiliated colleges, so long as the several branches of this important and everwidening department of study were taught by each college independently of the others. Accordingly, about four years ago, the arrangement for united effort in science teaching, referred to in our last report, was carried into effect by St. John's (Episcopalian), Manitoba (Presbyterian) and Wesley Colleges. A year ago, the local Government made a small appropriation for the purpose of much-needed scientific apparatus and reference books for students. The system of combined science teaching has been in force for the past four years, with the advantages that a good course in science has been rendered available to our students and that very little additional expense has been incurred thereby.

To still further economize teaching-power, a system of inter-collegiate lectures has been instituted between Manitoba and Wesley Colleges, by which the Pass and Honor Mathematics of the two last years of the University course for both colleges are taught at Wesley, and the Honor Classics and part of the Honor Mental and Moral Sciences for both colleges are taught at Manitoba College. The system has proved a very satisfactory one to both colleges.

Thus, partly by independent, partly by united effort, the colleges under the auspices of the four leading religious denominations in the Province of Manitoba are carrying on the work of higher education in this part of the Dominion, and thereby are equipping young men for careers of usefulness, not only in the work of the Christian ministry, but

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also in the learned professions. And when you are told that the Local Government contributes on the average only \$3,500 per annum towards university education, and that the denominational colleges receive no State aid, it will be apparent to the members of this General Conference how much the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories owe to the spirit of unselfish devotion and noble liberality thus manifested by the four great religious denominations of this country towards the cause of higher education.

We desire here also to point out, though that is almost unnecessary, the importance of the College to Methodism in the education of the young men entering the University. The Christian minister requires training and development on the mental as well as on the spiritual side of his nature, and will be all the better qualified for his dignified and sacred vocation by bringing to his ministerial work a mind trained to grapple with other problems than those of theology. For this reason we advise all our Conference students to take, if possible, the Arts Course as a necessary preliminary to the study of theology. We are meeting with the most gratifying success in the accomplishment of our aim. Of our twenty-eight graduates, fourteen are at present active workers in the ministry of the Church of Christ, and some of them decided to enter the ministry only after their undergraduate course was well advanced. We have found that among the most promising of our arts students are some who came to College for the purpose of completing merely the Conference course of study, while the students themselves have found that the course in arts not only assisted them in the study of the Conference course, but also afforded the best possible preparation they could have for the adequate discharge of the duties of the ministry. Of our undergraduates more than half are studying with the ultimate aim of entering the

Since 1891 there has been an active and earnest College Y. M. C. A., the weekly meetings of which have exercised a very beneficent influence on the moral and spiritual character of the students. A marked feature

of the work of this society has been systematic Bible study. In 1893 a College Missionary Society was formed in harmony with the provisions of the Methodist Discipline, page 159, section 358. The object of the society is the development of the missionary spirit in the students, by securing information regarding missionary operations throughout the world and by active participation in real missionary work. After careful deliberation the society has undertaken to support one of its own members as a missionary in China for the period of seven years. The first missionary sent out under the auspices of this society is Mr. James Endicott, one of our most brilliant graduates in arts and most promising of our young ministers. This is, we believe, the first instance in the history of missionary enterprise where the students of so young an institution as Wesley College have pledged themselves to undertake the support of one of their number as a missionary in a foreign land. The spirit of selfsacrifice manifested on the part of both those who send and him who goes is worthy of admiration.

> J. A. M. AIKINS, Chairman. Geo. H. Campbell, Secretary.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WESLEY COLLEGE SUSTENTATION FUND FOR QUADRENNIUM, 1890-94.

#### RECEIPTS.

Year.	From Circuits.	Fees.	Rents.	Educational Society.	Marriage Licenses.	Rebates.	Totals:	
1890–91 1891–92 1892–93 1893–94	\$6650 01 6923 50 6693 20 6902 14	\$846 50 1246 00 1260 00 1432 00	\$31 00 157 00 105 00 139 00	\$1987 68 2144 10 1959 63 1965 06	\$278 50 	\$239 15* 189 15 198 55	\$9793 69 10709 79 10206 99 10636 79	
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(\* Heating, \$50.00; Taxes, 189.15)

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Year.	Salaries.		Rent.		Travelling	rapenses.	Fuel.		Poetage— Conference	Calendars.	Educational	society.	Insurance and Taxes.		Sundries.		Unpaid Subscrip-	tions.	Totals.	
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WESLEY COLLEGE SUSTENTATION FUND FOR QUADRENNIUM, 1890-94.

RECEIPTS. Receipts for quadrennium as per statement attached	\$41,347	17	EXPENDITURE.  Balance due treasurer, 1890.  Disbursements for quadrennium  Balance	\$490 74 40,425 67 430 76
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To balance	\$430 362			
Net balance	\$68	26		
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### 7. REPORT OF ALBERT COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE.

To the members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church:

Dear Brethren,—We are able, through the blessing of a kind Providence, to report a quadrennium of considerable prosperity in connection with Albert College. The attendance has averaged over 200 during each year of the quadrennium.

A deep spiritual influence has pervaded all the religious exercises of the College, and a large number of the students have decided for Christ. The past year has been one of considerable anxiety, owing to changes consequent upon federation, the pulling up of old stakes and the putting down of new.

The affiliated relation of Albert to Victoria during the independent existence of the latter was alike beneficial to Albert and Victoria.

The Senate of Toronto University has, largely to meet the convenience of the affiliated colleges, placed the Senior Matriculation Examination in June, thus making it possible to continue the Collegiate Course which has contributed to a great degree to the success of Albert College.

The number of students in preparation at Albert College for the Conference Preliminary Examination has steadily increased during the quadrennium.

Last year thirty-three wrote on this examination at Albert in April last, representing a great many different Conferences. The College has prepared each year a number of candidates for the Departmental Examination, including Primary, Junior Leaving and Senior Leaving work, and the record of success has been most gratifying.

The departments of Commercial Science, Music, Fine Arts and Elocution have been thoroughly equipped, and have been well maintained.

The Missionary Societies and the Young People's Christian Association of the College have been active in their operation and greatly blessed of God.

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ursar. itor. The Young Women's Missionary Society is maintaining a girl in the Chinese Home at Victoria, B.C.

The young men have now on hand \$1,200, which has been gathered by their efforts during the last few years, and they expect to bid farewell in the near future to Mr. F. J. Livingstone who, as a graduate in Arts and Medicine, goes as their representative to the missionary work in "The Dark Continent." They feel that Mr. Livingstone, both physically, mentally and spiritually, is pre-eminently fitted for that work, and they are praying that God may so prosper and bless him as to render it desirable and expedient for the Methodist Church to claim him as their missionary.

During the past year L. W. Yeomans, Esq., of Belleville, Treasurer of Bridge Street Methodist Church, has been appointed Bursar of the College. He has undertaken the work with a heartiness which promises good results.

We have thus been able to prosecute the work at Albert College during the quadrennium with a good degree of success.

W. P. DYER, Principal.

## 8. REPORT OF ALMA COLLEGE, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church:

The Board of Management of Alma College begs leave to present to the General Conference the following report:—

1. As to the financial status of the College it will be shown that the debt has begun to decrease, that the Relief Fund is in a prosperous condition, and that the receipts from the School have paid all charges and also a part of the interest on the debt.

# (a) STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COLLEGE CORPORATION, JULY 31st, 1894.

Estimated value of seal Assets.		
Estimated value of real property.  Furniture and apparatus at 121 per cent less than section.	\$90,000	00
Subscriptions, notes and fees eventures than cost	16,501	35
Frontage on Moore Street source	1,485	73
Unpaid subscriptions to Relief Fund	294	
Unpaid subscriptions to Relief Fund Bank balance	8,750	
	18	76
Total assets July 31st, 1894	\$117,055	01
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Mortgage—Landed Banking and Loan Co.  Debentures, notes and discounts Unpaid accounts and balance due on the Moore estate Lie	\$30,000	
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Total liabilities July 31st, 1894	52,794	
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Decrease in liabilities during 1893-94 Present excess of assets over liabilities	1,404	
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It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the maximum of debt was reached in 1893. The increase each year has been lessening until the present year, when, notwithstanding the financial depression prevailing in the country, a decisive decrease was made in the debt.

(b) A memorandum showing the relation between the operations of the school and the debt of the College Corporation. The receipts i. m

the school during the quadrennium have been as follows:-

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The disbursements, except for interest and Relief Agency during quadrennium, have been as follows:---

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1890-91		\$22,081	22
1892-93 1893-94		22,377	79
1893-94		20,510	10
Total for the quadrennium		\$87,992	80
Aggregate receipts exceed aggregate disbursements Aggregate interest paid during quadrennium	by	\$6,689 12,427	

This excess of interest over profits from school receipts, together with expenditure in purchasing pianos and apparatus and the vacant lots adjoining the College premises, accounts for the increase of debt during the past four years. The collection of subscriptions has, in the meantime, made the increase in debt less than it would otherwise have been.

### (c) STATEMENT SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE RELIEF FUND JULY 31st, 1894.

Total subscriptions taken since the establishment of the		
fund Total cash collected on fund Cost of Relief Agency to date	\$14,653	74
Cost of Relief Agency to date	5,903	42
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As part of the total of subscriptions stated above, the agency of Rev. J. P. Rice during the past thirteen months has resulted in increasing the Relief Fund by the amount of \$8,098.80, from which has been received cash \$2,100.80.

In these financial statements the Board has satisfaction in showing to the General Conference that there is now a cheering prospect of the reduction of the burdensome liabilities pressing the College Corporation, and indeed of their entire removal. After the attempts of some agencies that were not so successful as had been anticipated, we have put in the field the Rev. J. P. Rice, of the London Conference, who, against many obstacles and discouragements, is largely increasing the subscription-lists and collecting sufficient cash over all expenses materially to reduce the debt, so that, though he has been at work at the agency only thirteen

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months, he has made up former losses, and, aided by economies and retrenchments in the management of the school in process for the last few years, has actually lessened the burden upon us by nearly fifteen hundred dollars. We have great hope that another year's canvass will present a much more decided balance-sheet in favor of the College. What is now required is the territory for canvass. Brother Rice has been restricted in his movements to the London Conference, and has accomplished what is beyond our expectations. We are confident that had he ready access to the patronizing territory of the College, which is found mainly within the bounds of the London, Niagara and Guelph Conferences, he would soon sweep off the entire debt, and as the College, but for the interest on its debt, has been self-supporting, this must open before it a broad field of usefulness and more fully equip the institution for occupancy.

An examination of the financial statement will make plain to the Conference that it is this interest on the debt that is wasting the resources of the College; and therefore it is more obligatory upon the Church, and the more important to the College, that this incubus be speedily removed. That the Board of Management, its Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College are all alive to the sharpness of the crisis and gravity of the situation is evident from the vigorous retrenchments that have been recently effected, as is apparent from accompanying action of the Board. This action included an appeal last year to the staff of instruction and government for a voluntary contribution to aid the College funds. The response yielded over six hundred dollars, and that from salaries not at all excessive. The Board has effected for next year, by mutual arrangements with the teachers and officers of the school and by redistribution of the work, a retrenchment in salaries of about \$2,800—a retrenchment that is carried to the utmost extremity consistent

with efficiency.

The effort of the agent, the Board and the Faculty is to secure that the school pay its own way and the interest on the debt, so that every dollar raised on the circuits may be applied to the extinction of the debt. And we are grateful to God and the people to say that this is quite in sight. We ask the most favorable consideration and action of the General Conference. Hitherto the territory may have been required in the interests of the University Federation Scheme; but now your Board (the Federation having been so fully accomplished and well provided for by the able Secretary of Education, Dr. Potts) is humbly of the opinion that broadly, in the interests of our educational work at large, the field should be open to our agency to accomplish the great purpose so dear to the hearts of the friends of Alma College.

As to the educational status of the College, your Board would state that Alma stands in affiliation with the Education Department of Ontario in regard to Fine Art, in which she has made a very high record, and in affiliation with Victoria University in her literary courses. These embrace the work for University Junior and Senior Matriculation, and in addition courses in Mental and Moral Science, Christian Evidences and Bible Study. Her courses in Music are strictly classical, and extend

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R. I. Warner, Secretary.

# 9. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF STANSTEAD COLLEGE.

The Trustees of Stanstead Wesleyan College, in presenting to the Conference this annual report, would render gratitude to Almighty God for the success and prosperity that have been granted to the College during the session now closing. For some years past there has been a steady increase in the attendance of pupils and financial resources. Dr. A. G. Bugbee and Mrs. Bugbee have donated a large building to the College, which they propose to move on to the College grounds, and furnish ready for occupancy during the next session. This will afford accommodation for the increasing attendance of pupils, as well as better facilities for class work.

We have to mourn the loss by death of four trustees, Rev. George Douglas, D.D.; A. P. Ball, Esq.; Stephen Foster, Esq., and D. A. Mansur, Esq. These were old and tried friends of the College, who were ever ready by wise counsel and generous contributions to assist the College. We tender to their families our sincere sympathy.

It is with great gratification we record the phenomenal success which has attended the efforts of the Rev. A. Lee Holmes, M.A., to liquidate the debt which so long has embarrassed the operation of the College. The amount of the debt, computed to the first of July next, is in the vicinity of \$18,000, and he reports that there is every prospect of the full amount being raised, and we trust and believe that the whole Church will cheerfully respond to the appeal and aid in this laudable undertaking.

The success attending the labors of the Rev. C. R. Flanders, B. A., the Principal of the College, during the year, is a cause of much gratitude and an augury of still greater success in the immediate future.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

During the past year we have had in attendance in the various departments maintained in the College 160 young people representing a constituency extending from Ottawa to Gaspe, with several students from Newfoundland and the neighboring Republic. Among these we have had members of almost every religious denomination, including Roman Catholic and Jewish.

We have prepared and sent up for the examinations of McGill University eleven students; seven in the first, and four in the second year of the Arts course. Of these, ten passed the examinations, several taking first-class rank in several subjects. This is the largest number of Arts.

students ever sent up, and the success achieved by them has been quite as great as that of the students in attendance upon McGill.

Our Academy and Model School Departments afford the only opportunity in which the Methodist Church can co-operate actively and directly with the Protestant Committee of Education in the Province of Quebec. At the Government Examinations, we are presenting forty-three candidates in the following classes:

Academy—Grade III., A.A., 10. II., 11. I., 9. Model-Grade II., 12.

In addition to these, we have prepared in these departments several candidates who will write for teachers' diplomas in the June examinations.

In the Commercial Department the number in attendance has been thirty-six, of whom twenty will successfully complete the course this year and receive diplomas.

In music and Fine Art we have had upwards of forty pupils, and the work accomplished has been most satisfactory. We must not fail to speak with gratitude of the freedom from any serious sickness which has prevailed among our students. This we recognize as due to the mercy of the author of life and health, to the extreme healthfulness of our location, and to the excellent sanitary condition of the College building.

We are making certain important changes in our staff, but in every instance are seeking to introduce teachers who are specialists in the departments in which they teach.

With these opportunities opening up before us so full of promise, suffer us to suggest to the Church that vigorous measures be taken to make it possible for us to so increase our efficiency that Stanstead College may become in every respect truly representative of the culture and enterprise of the ministers and laymen within the bounds of the Conference.

The work includes the following courses of study:

I. -The Model and Academic.

(As authorized by the Council of Public Instruction.)

II. - Matriculation in Arts.

III. - Undergraduate Course in Arts. (First two years in McGill University.)

IV. -- Ladies' Collegiate Course.

V.—Course in Commercial Science.

VI.—Course in Instrumental Music (Piano and Organ) and Vocal Culture.

VII.—Course in Fine Arts, embracing Painting, Drawing, etc.

The staff of teachers is as follows:

C. R. Flanders, B.A., Principal, Mental and Moral Philosophy and History; Mrs. Flanders, Lady Principal; Ethelwyn Pitcher, B.A., Mathematics and English; Hector W. Kollmeyer, B.A., Classics, French and Physics; O. H. Bresee, Bookkerping, Penmanship and Correspondence; A. Dorey, Lic. Music (England), F.C.O. (Canada), Piano, Organ and Voice Culture; Alice Bryant (Boston), Piano, etc.; Amy Liebich, German, French and Drawing; Catherine Howard, Model School Department.

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#### Laymen.

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### ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Resident Trustees. Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D. The Secretary of the Board. Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D. Rev. A. Lee Holmes, M.A.

Visitors-Rev. W. A. Hanna; Rev. H. S. Osborne, B.A., B.D. College Preacher for 1895-Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D. Treasurer-Edwin Hanson. Secretary-J. Tallman Pitcher. Investment Committee—E. Hanson, W. Tees, E. B. Ryckman, D.D.

> E. B. RYCKMAN, Chairman. J. TALLMAN PITCHER, Secretary.

# 10. METHODIST COLLEGE, NEWFOUNDLAND, 1894.

The Report of the Methodist College, Newfoundland, for the quadrennium is somewhat varied in its character. Experiences of a joyous and sorrowful nature have marked the rolling years. For the first half of the quadrennium steady and pleasing progress was made, and a most successful College year was closed early in July, 1892, foreshadowing still brighter prospects; but these fond hopes were suddenly and painfully interfered with by the disastrous fire of July 8th, which laid in ruins one-half of the city of St. John's, the splendid suite of College buildings being completely destroyed in the fearful conflagration. Heavy was the blow that fell upon the Methodist Church, but though cast down she was not destroyed.

Recovering somewhat from the paralysis and confusion into which the whole community was thrown by the common disaster, the one thought of the Board of Governors was, "We must rebuild as soon as possible." Steps were also taken for resuming work at the close of the vacation; the most suitable premises available were secured and provisional arrangements made to carry on our educational work as best we

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could, despite the disadvantages of our position, until the new buildings could be erected. These comprise a College building with an excellent suite of class-rooms for senior, intermediate, primary and kindergarten departments,—commodious, well-arranged, well-furnished, and well-ventilated, also spacious hall with grand organ, young men's institute room, etc., etc. Home for pupils from different parts of the island and ministers' children, with principal's residence, are situate on a commanding site overlooking the Narrows or entrance to the excellent harbor of St. John's, and will be ready for occupation at the commencement of the collegiate year, early in September. The College is built of brick four stories high, about one hundred by fifty feet in area, with its commodious boarding home and residence, and costing over \$60,000, and is an institution of which the Methodist Church in Newfoundland may well be proud.

The educational work to be done under the direction of R. E. Holloway, Esq., B.A., London, Principal, and an efficient staff of trained and well-qualified assistants, comprises co-education of boys and girls from kinder-garten to preparation of pupils for the matriculation of the London University, and includes ordinary English subjects, preparation of all pupils in the upper school for the examinations of the Council of Higher Education of Newfoundland. Ancient and modern languages, pure and applied Mathematics, Commercial Subjects, Drawing, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Calisthenics, and the training of pupil teachers to take charge of the public schools of the denomination and colony.

It is hoped that arrangements may be made at the General Conference permitting the establishment of a theological chair in connection with the College, which is becoming a pressing need of our work.

Notwithstanding the ravages of the epidemic of diphtheria in the earlier part of the quadrennium, and the loss of the College buildings, and other results of the fire, the number of pupils for the four years has ranged high, the average being 344. A considerably higher average is anticipated for the ensuing quadrennium, now that the new premises with their enlarged and superior accommodation are being entered upon.

The College Executive cannot close its report without referring with feelings of sincerest gratitude to the liberality of Methodist friends outside Newfoundland, more especially within the bounds of the General Conference, and also to the deep and earnest interest in our work and true sympathy in our sorrow of the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, mainly through whose influence the noble offering of the Canadian churches reached the sum of about \$10,000.

The Executive Board regret very much to have to record the loss to the College work of the excellent and efficient guardian and chaplain of the Home, Rev. G. P. Story, who, after some seven or eight years' connection therewith, died shortly after the rising of the Annual Conference. Notwithstanding our trials our motto is "Forward—our trust is in God."

H. J. B. Woods, Secretary.

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# 11. REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN LADIES' COLLEGE, HAMILTON.

The Board of Directors of the Wesleyan Ladies' College to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, greeting.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

The quadrennium just closed has been one of great success educationally. The College has been well manned, has had excellent classes, has the faculty and the students.

It has, to some extent, been a trying period. The financial depression so generally felt in all lines of business has been felt in educational work also. Unendowed institutions naturally feel the pressure most, depending as they do on fees alone. As this institution has never either asked or received financial aid from the Church, although it permits the Church to appoint several of its governing board, and gives to the Church every advantage furnished by institutions owned entirely by the Church, it very naturally expects the sympathy and co-operation of the body that it has so long and so faithfully served. The College has always consand its concomitant civilization. The curriculum lays stress on Biblical Literature, Christian Evidences and Moral Science, while furnishing to the practical advantages of a Christian home of refinement and culture.

The last catalogue contains a list of 168 students. The College has between 300 and 400 graduates. During the quadrennium it has given diplomas to fifty-one young ladies. Last year there were thirteen graduates; seven of them having taken the regular College course, the others Music and Art.

The College is entering on its thirty-fifth year. Of its original Board not one of the ministers now remain. The great and good Douglas, who was for years dying daily, lingered the longest. Only two laymen of its original Board remain, Dr. Rosebrugh and George Roach, both of Hamilton.

According to the charter of the College, the General Conference of the Methodist Church is to appoint five members of the Board, also the President of the College. In accordance therewith, the Board would request that you appoint the following members: Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. Briggs, Dr. W. Williams, Rev. Isaac Tovell and Dr. J. V. Smith, and that A. Burns, D.D., LL.D., be appointed President of the College. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. Sanford, President of the Board.
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#### 12. REPORT OF THE ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE AT WHITBY.

It is with feelings of profound gratitude that we, the directors of the Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby, present a report to this Conference. The past four years have been the most successful in the history of this College, not only in the increasingly large attendance of boarders and advanced educational work accomplished, but in the healthful, moral and religious atmosphere which has pervaded the College, and which has been conducive in many cases to the formation of sound Christian character. It is our ambition to place our College in the foremost position amongst the ladies' colleges of Canada, and no expense will be spared to accomplish our purpose. We consider ourselves singularly fortunate in having secured such beautiful buildings and grounds in close proximity to the city of Toronto. This favorable location has already given us a decided advantage over other competing colleges, and will in the future contribute still more largely to the growth and efficiency of our College. At our late commencement the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, who was present, stated that all our College needed in the way of advertisement was simply to invite people to come and see it for themselves.

As to our literary advantages we are preparing pupils for all the teacher's certificates, and for the first and second years in Toronto Uni versity with honors. Last year one of our pupils, who had matriculated and taken the first year's university work in our College, passed the Toronto University examinations for the second year, standing high on

the honor list in five different subjects.

Our Musical Department is on a thorough conservatory basis.

anony is taught by a Bachelor of Music.

Our Fine Art, Elecution and Commercial Departments are under the direction of the most gifted specialists, and are doing advanced and satisfactory work.

We sincerely thank the members of this Conference for kind co-operation with us in the work in which we are engaged, and trust that the College may still continue to prove worthy of your confidence and support.

> GEO. A. Cox, President. H. B. TAYLOR, Secretary.

#### 13. REPORT NO. 1 OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—

1. The notice of motion by the Rev. Dr. Potts, concerning the right of appointment by the General Conference of the heads of all our Universities and Theological faculties, and the right of Conference to veto all appointments of members of the Theological faculties, and the Legislative amendment of the Incorporating Acts to give the said right to the General Conference, was withdrawn.

Your Committee considered the resolution of the Rev. J. Elliott forwarded to Conference, "That, in the matter of all appointments to the staff of a power," a

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2. Your Committee has considered the memorial from the Niagara Conference concerning the amendment of the constitution of the Educational Society as to aid to be granted to students; the memorial of the London Conference concerning the same matter, and the control of the funds by the General Board and the administration of the same; the memorials of the Niagara Conference concerning the Colleges to be attended by students from the Central Conferences, and the distribution of the Educational Fund; the memorial of the Nova Scotia Conference concerning the cancellation of the students' notes; the resolution from the Montreal Conference concerning the administration of the students' fund by the General Treasurer and its equal distribution; the notices of motion given by the Rev. Dr. Henderson respecting proposed amendments of sections 159 and 275 of the Discipline; and recommend as follows:

(a) That section 270 of the Discipline be amended so as to be as follows: The management of the Society shall be vested in a General Secretary of Education and two General Treasurers, together with a Board of Management to be appointed by the General Conference, one of whom shall be the General Superintendent. All expenditures of the funds of the Society must be made by resolution of the Board of Management, unless ordered by Discipline, or by special directions of the General

No new educational institution shall be initiated by any of the Church Courts or Boards without the consent of the General Conference or during the period between sessions of that Conference without the consent of the General Conference Special Committee. And that section 277 of the said Discipline be amended by striking out the last clause thereof, which is now added to section 270.

(b) That sections 277 and 278, relating to the duties of the General Secretary and of the General Treasurers, be inserted in the Discipline after said section 270, and that the numbers of the said sections be changed accordingly.

(c) That section 274, being contained in 275, be repealed; that a new section be added after sections 273 and 297 as follows: "A special collection for the Educational Fund shall, wherever practicable, be taken up in each Sabbath School annually, on a Sunday to be appointed by the Superintendent of the Circuit in connection with the Superintendent of the Sabbath School." And that the numbering of the sections in the Discipline be amended to carry out the above recommendations.

(d) Recommitted (see Report No. 2).

## 3. The Educational Fund Shall be Administered as Follows:

1. One-third as an Aid Fund to be distributed pro rata according tothe recommended proportion of aid, i.e. full or half aid, among the students appointed to college from the various Conferences to cover fees and loans, provided, however, that students appointed to college by the

Manitoba and the North-West Conference are to be allowed an addition of 15 per cent.

2. To pay out of the balance, after deducting the said one-third and expenses of examinations and Treasurer's expenses, the salaries of the officers of the Society and other general expenses.

3. To divide the balance remaining among our Universities, Arts and Theological Colleges in the following proportions, that is to say:

Victoria University, 43 per cent.

The University of Mount Allison College, 14 per cent. Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, 18 per cent.

Wesley College, Winnipeg, 18 per cent.

Albert College, 4 per cent.

Columbian Methodist College, 3 per cent.

Section 276 is hereby amended by striking out sub-section 1, and substituting therefor the following: To consider the cases of all candidates recommended by District Meetings to attend college, and to report to the General Treasurers the proportion of aid recommended for different students, and by striking out sub-section 3 and substituting therefor the following: To recommend to Conference the appointment of students to different colleges under the following rules:

Undergraduates of Victoria or Toronto University shall be appointed to Victoria. Those of McGill to Wesleyan Theological College. Other students in the Central Conferences shall be divided between Victoria University and Wesleyan Theological College as the Central Conferences may decide. Students of the Western Conferences may be appointed to Wesley and Columbian Colleges, and those of the Eastern Conferences to the University of Mount Allison. And by striking out sub-section 4.

Section 277 is hereby amended by adding before the word "promote" the words "oversee and," so that the same shall read "and to oversee and promote." And by adding to the said section after the word "Dominion" the following: He shall also, with the Secretary of the Board of Management, be authorized to secure uniformity among Conference Treasurers in the administration of the Educational Fund.

Paragraph 278 is hereby amended by substituting for the words "General Treasurer," wherever they occur, the words "General Treasurers," and by striking out therefrom "and when they mature they shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for collection," and substitute therefor "Who when they mature shall, under the direction of the Board of Management, take steps for their collection, placing to credit of each Conference Treasurer amounts collected on notes made in favor of such Treasurer."

Section 159, sub-section 6, is amended by striking out the words "no loan," where they occur, and substituting therefor the following: "no aid by loan or for fees," and adding the same provision to section 276, sub-section 1.

Section 159 of the Discipline is hereby amended by adding after sub-section 3 as follows: "Have subscriptions as well as collections for the Educational and Missionary Funds been taken on every circuit?"

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(b) That, for the next quadrennium, the British Columbia and Newfoundland Conferences be allowed to retain for their own use for theological students such funds as they may raise for educational

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5. Your Committee have read with great pleasure the report of the General Secretary of Education, and recommend that it, together with the reports of our Universities and Colleges, be printed in the JOURNAL of General Conference. The Committee desire to express their sincere appreciation of the great ability, zeal, energy and success which have characterized the work of Dr. Potts in the management of his very

6. Your Committee recommend that the following be appointed on

Rev. Prof. Stewart, B.D.

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the Board of Management of the Educational Society:

Rev. Chancellor Burwash, S.T.D. Rev. Charles Stewart, D.D. Rev. Principal Shaw, LL.D., Secretary of the Board. D. Allison, Esq., LL.D. S. Finley, Esq. Rev. Principal Sparling, D.D.

J. Wood, Esq., M.P. Rev. Prof. Antliff, M.A., D.D. Rev. Principal Whittington, B.A.Sc. Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D. Joseph Green, Esq Rev. Prof. Reynar, LL.D. J. A. M. Aikins, Esq., M.A., Q.C.

And that the Hon. W. E. Sanford and the Rev. Dr. Potts be the Treasurers of the Society.

7. Your Committee recommend that the following be appointed to the Board of Regents of Victoria University:

His Honor Judge Dean, M.A., LL.D B. M. Britton, M.A., Q.C. Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D. Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D. Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D. Geo. A. Cox, Esq. Hon. W. E. Sanford. Rev. John Potts, D.D. Rev. I. B. Aylesworth, M. A., LL. D. Rev. A. Sutherland, M. A., D. D. James Mills, M.A., LL.D. Rev. W. R. Parker, M.A., D.D.

W. F. Hall, Esq. J. E. Graham, M.D. Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D. C. H. Gooderham, Esq. Rev. W. H. Withrow, M. A., D. D., F. R. S. C. Rev. W. P. Dyer, M.A., B.Sc., D.D. Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., D.D. Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A. J. H. Beatty, Esq. W. W. Ogden, M.D. H. A. Massey, Esq.

8. Your Committee recommend that the following be appointed as members of the Board of Governors of the Wesleyan Theological College:

Rev. A. Carman, D.D.

Principal Shaw, D.D., LL.D. J. Potts, D. D., Gen. Sec. of Education.

T. G. Williams, D.D. W. R. Parker, D.D.

Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D.

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Samuel Finley.

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J. Dillon.

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J. R. Alexander, M.D.
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Fredrick Fairman.
T. D. Hood.
James Ferrier.
Hon. W. E. Sanford.
J. W. Little.
Moses Parker.
Wm. Tees.

And that the following be appointed as Representatives of the General Conference on the Senate:

Rev. A. B. Chambers, B.C.L.

A. M. Phillips, B.D.

J. Philp, D.D.

W. H. Withrow, D.D., F.R.S.C.

J. B. Clarkson, A.M.

I. Tovell.

J. B. Saunders, M.D.

W. Kettlewell.

S. P. Rose, D.D.

C. R. Flanders, B.A.

A. C. Courtice, B.A., B.D.

Principal S. P. Robins, LL.D. Geo. E. Armstrong, M.D. J. B. McConnel, M.D. F. G. Finley, M.D. R. C. Smith, B.C.L. J. J. Maclaren, D.C.L., Q.C. A. R. Oughtred, B.C.L. M. Lavell, M.D. W. G. Anglin, M.D., M.R.C.P.S. Principal G. L. Masten

9. Your Committee recommend that the following be appointed to the Board of Wesley College, Winnipeg, to retire when the General Conference appoints successors in eight years:

J. A. M. Aikins, Esq., M. A., Q.C. Rev. Jas. Woodsworth.
Rev. J. W. Sparling, M. A., D.D. Thos. Ryan, Esq.
Hon. J. C. Aikins, LL.D.
J. B. Somerset, Esq.
Rev. A. Stewart, B.D.
R. R. Cochrane, B.A.
Rev. T. E. Morden, B.A.

G. J. Laird, B.A., Ph.D.
M. H. Fieldhouse, Esq.
Hon. C. Sifton, B.A., M.P.P.
Rev. T. Argue.
A. M. Peterson, Esq., B.A.
J. T. Gordon, Esq.
Rev. J. M. Harrison.
Thos. Nixon, sr., Esq.
E. Benson, Esq., M.D.

10. In view of the anticipated legislation amending a portion of the University Act of Manitoba relating to the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity in the examination in connection therewith, your Committee recommend that General Conference give its sanction to the provisions of the anticipated legislation to the College to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity, and to take any steps that may be requisite for any examinations in connection therewith.

11. Your Committee recommend that the General Conference authorize an application to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for legislation providing for and enlarging said Board of Regents of Mount Allison College, by (1) Two principals, one minister, one layman appointed by the General Conference, or in its intervals by the Board itself; (2) two additional members to be appointed by the Alumni Society of Mount Allison College and Academy; (3) two members to be appointed by the Alumni Society of Mount Allison Ladies' College.

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13. Your Committee recommend that the following be the Senate of Albert College:

Rev. A. Carman, D.D.

"Rev. W. R. Dyer, M.A., D.D.

J. Gardner, D.D., LL.D.

N. L. Massey, B.A.
Ella Gardiner, B.A.
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And that the following be the Board of Management of that College:

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14. Your Committee recommend that the following be the Board of Alma College:

Rev. A. Carman, D.D.

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J. H. Kennedy.

J. Van Wyck, B.D.

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John McCausland.

J. H. Coyne.

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15. Your Committee recommend—(a) That the following be appointed as ministerial members of the Board of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, for the next quadrennium:

Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D. John Potts, D.D. J. F. German, D.D. " J. J. Hare, Ph.D.

Rev. Wm Galbraith, Ph.D. John Shaw, D.D " D. C. McDowell.

(b) That the Rev. A. Burns, D.D., LL.D., be appointed President of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton. And that the following be appointed to the Board of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton:

Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

Rev. J. V. Smith. Isaac Tovell.

Dr. Briggs.

" Dr. Wm. Williams,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. M. Aikins, Secretary of Committee.

#### 14. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report :---

1. By instruction of Conference, paragraph No. 2 of Report No. 1, section d, has been amended as follows: We recommend that paragraph No. 275 be amended by altering the fractions  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  respectively into  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; and by inserting after the words "General Treasurers," sixth line, the words "after reserving amount of treasurer's expenses and expenses of examinations;" by inserting after the word "Conference" in eighth line the words "cash balance brought down;" and by adding to paragraph No. 276 the amendment proposed by Rev. Dr. Henderson, and adopted by Conference, as to method of equalizing loans.

2. We recommend that paragraph No. 3, which was recommitted without adoption, be so amended that the words be added "placing to credit of each Conference Treasurer amounts collected on notes made

by students of such Conference."

3. The Committee has carefully considered the resolution of the Rev. A. Lee Holmes, concerning increased aid to students, and we recommend that.—The gross income of the Educational Society up to \$21,000 shall be disbursed in manner provided, but the excess of \$21,000 up to \$25,000 shall go to increase the loan fund for students.

4. The Rev. Dr. Burwash having tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Board of Management, we recommend the appointment of

Rev. Dr. Shaw in his place.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN POTTS, Chairman.

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## V.—COURSE OF STUDY.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on the Course of Study, having given careful attention to all the questions brought under its consideration, beg to report as

Whereas, by our present Discipline, probationers for our ministry are required to spend at least two years at college, and (excepting graduates) further three years on a circuit, making a probation of five years; and whereas the statement that the term of probation for our ministry is four years has given rise to misunderstanding and mistake in administration; and whereas it is desirable that attendance at college for two years be distinctly and regularly required of all probationers; we recommend the following changes in the Discipline:

Paragraph No. 150, section 5, be changed so as to read: "The time for probationers for our ministry to remain on trial shall be as follows:

"(a) Undergraduates taking a full University Course in Arts and two at college and two on a circuit.

"(b) Undergraduates in Arts taking the B.A. degree prior to ordination—four years, two at college, one of which shall be occupied exclusively in theological studies, and two on a circuit.

"In the case of these two classes of candidates, attendance at college may precede the work on a circuit, and one year may be allowed for such attendance before being received on trial, but this shall be at the option of the Annual Conference, and shall not in any case diminish the time required to be spent on a circuit.

"(c) All others five years, three on a circuit and two at college; attendance at college to follow the probation on a circuit, except when specially otherwise determined by the Annual Conference.

"This shall not interfere with the provisions and constitution of the Superannuated and Supernumerary Ministers' Fund, which allows but

Paragraph 150, section 7—(a) Who have been on probation for the ministry five years, and are now recommended to be received into full connexion and to be ordained?

(b) What graduates have been on probation for four years, and are now recommended to be received into full connexion and to be ordained? Section 8. Who are recommended to be continued on probation?

(a) Who are the probationers of four years attending college?

Note.—These probationers are not required to be present at the District Meeting, but their names shall be called and the reports from their College District Meetings shall be read, and their cases recommended to Conference as the District Meeting shall determine.

(b) Who are probationers of three years?
(c) Who are probationers of two years?

(d) Who are probationers of one year?

Section 9. Who are probationers on the list of reserve, etc.?

Paragraph No. 121, from the middle of the third line to read, "Who has fulfilled the probation and all other requirements prescribed by Discipline, and also to ordain probationers who have not yet completed these requirements, when the necessities of the work require it."

Paragraph No. 141. In answer to the question: What probationers

for the ministry remain on trial?

(a) Who are probationers of four years and are continued at college ! (b) Who are probationers of three years and are sent to college?

(c) Who are probationers of two years? (d) Who are probationers of one year?

(e) Who are probationers on the list of reserve?

Note.—A probationer on the list of reserve, if not called for work before October, may attend college, and, if he be afterward received for active work, his year be allowed as a year of probation at college, provided he completes one of the courses of study prescribed for probationers at college; but in any case such allowance shall not exceed the time allowed for probationers of his class at college. While it is expected that probationers not taking a full Arts Course shall uniformly attend college at the close of the third year, yet attendance at college in exceptional cases, by appointment of Conference, before the end of the third year, shall be accepted as complying with the obligation to attend college.

We recommend the following Curricula for the ensuing Quadrennium, said Curricula to take effect after the Annual Conferences of 1895:

#### 1. ORDINARY COURSE.

#### PRELIMINARY.

#### A. LITERARY.

Candidates for the ministry shall be required to present a certificate or other evidence of matriculation (with the Greek option) into a Canadian or British University, or an equivalent certificate from one of our own colleges; provided, however, when the necessities of the work demand, an Annual Conference may, by a two-thirds vote, on recommendation of the Examining Board and District Meeting, admit a candidate on his passing the Preliminary Examination appended to this Course.

#### B. THEOLOGICAL.

That the Theological part of the Preliminary Course of Study be the same as now in force, viz.:

Wesley's Sermons, I. to XX. (Burwash). New Testament History (Smith). Methodist Catechism, No. II.

#### FIRST YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1. English Bible Study. The Bible Readers' Manual, pp. 1 to 107 (C. H. H. Wright). The Acts of the Apostles. Old Testament History (Smith).

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2. Greek Testament. The Sermon on the Mount (Cambridge Greek Testament for Colleges).

3. Theology. Biblical Doctrine (Binney's Compend.)\*
Wesley's Sermons, XXI. to LII. (Burwash). Wesley's Christian Perfection. Steele's Antinomianism.

A Written Exercise or Sermon.

SECOND YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT). 1. English Bible Study. The Bible Readers' Manual, pp. 108 to 186. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

2. Greek Testament. St. John, I. to X. (Cambridge Greek Testament).

3. Theology. Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.

4. Church History. Methodism to the death of Wesley (Stevens). Canadian Methodism. The Centennial Volume or History, by Rev. T. Watson Smith.

5. Homiletics and Practical Theology. A Written Exercise or Sermon. Blaikie, For Work of Ministry. The Discipline, Parts I. to IV.

THIRD YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1. English Bible Study. The Pentateuch.

2. Greek Testament. St. Mark's Gospel (Cambridge Greek Testament).

3. Theology. Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. Banks' Manual. Binney's Compend., or its substitute. 4. Church History.

History of Modern Missions, by George Smith. 5. Homiletics and Practical Theology.

A Written Sermon or Exercise. The Discipline Completed. Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Yale Lectures).

FOURTH YEAR (AT COLLEGE).

1. Theology. Systematic Lectures, or Miley, Vol. I. Historical Lectures, or Sheldon, Vol. I. Note.—Hebrew may be taken instead of Historical Theology. 2. Greek Testament.

Romans (Burwash).

This text book may be changed, if expedient, by the authority of the General Superintendent.

3. Church History.

To the Reformation (Fisher).

4. Logic.

University Pass Course.

5. Psychology.

University Pass Course.

6. Rhetoric.

University Pass Course.

7. Homiletics.

Lectures on the Composition and Delivery of Sermons, with Practical

FIFTH YEAR (AT COLLEGE).

1. Theology.

Systematic Lectures, or Miley, Vol. II. Historical Lectures, or Sheldon, Vol. II.

Note. —Hebrew may be substituted for Historical Theology.

2. Greek Testament. Hebrews.

3. Church History.

The Reformation (Fisher .

4. Ethics and Psychology of the Will.

University Pass Course.

5. Apologetics.

Theism (Bowne). General Apologetics (Beet and Temple).

6. Political Science.

University Pass Course.

7. Practical Theology.

Church Polity and Discipline. Practical Exercises in Homiletics.

Special Preliminary Literary Course for non-Matriculants, admitted by special vote of an Annual Conference:

- 1. Arithmetic—Simple Rules, Fractions, Percentage and easy Commercial Problems.
- 2. Euclid-Book I.
- 3. English Grammar—Composition, including an Essay at time of examination. Special attention will be given to Spelling, Punctuation and Correctness of
- 4. Outlines of Political and Physical Geography, special attention being given to the geography of the British Empire.
- 5. English and Canadian History (High School History of Ontario recommended). Outlines of German and Roman History, as follows: Grecian History to the Battle of Chæronea; Roman History to the Death of Augustus. (Smith's or Schmitz' Short History of Greece and Rome.)
- 6. Brooke's Outlines of English Literature.—Macaulay's Essay on Milton; Scott's Lady of the Lake.
- 7. Greek Grammar. Harkness' First Greek Book, or Goodwin, with White's
- 8. Theology as above.

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### COURSE FOR GRADUATES IN ARTS.

#### PRELIMINARY.

Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash). The Catechism of the Methodist Church. New Testament History (Smith).

After the Preliminary, graduates may take either the course prescribed for the degree of B.D. in any of our Theological Colleges, or the following, one year of which, including Homiletics and Church Polity and Discipline, must be taken at College:

#### FIRST YEAR.

- 1. Apologetics—(Beet's Credulity, Temple's Religion and Science, and Bowne's
- 2. Systematic Theology, Part I .- (Lectures or Miley, Vol. I.)
- 3. New Testament Exegesis—First year B.D., or Gospels of Luke and John (Cambridge Greek Testament).
- 4. New Testament Introduction and Canon-(Dods' Introduction, Westcott on
- 5. Old Testament History (Smith). 6. Homiletic Exercise and Lectures.
- 7. English Bible—The Pentateuch or Old Testament Exegesis, first year B.D.

#### SECOND YEAR.

- l. Systematic Theology, Part II. Lectures or Miley, Vol. II.
- Christian Ethics and Sociology-(Newman Smyth). 3. New Testament Exegesis—Romans (Burwash).
- 4. Church History, to the Reformation (Fisher).
- 5. New Testament Theology—Second year B.D., or Weiss, Vol. I., pp. 1 to 274; Vol. II., pp. 150 to 304.
- 6. English Bible, Samuel and Kings, or Old Testament Exegesis, second year B.D. 7. Homiletics and Practical Theology—Lectures or Blaikie.

#### THIRD YEAR.

- 1. Historical Theology, Lectures or Sheldon.
- 2. Comparative Religions of China and Japan (Douglas & Rhy's Davids, S.P.C.K.).
- 3. New Testament Exegesis. Hebrews (Davidson).
- 4. Church History, Reformation (Fisher).
- 5. Old Testament Theology. Oihler, Parts II. and III.
- 6. Homiletics and Elocution.
  - Practical Exercises and Lectures.
- 7. Church Polity and Practical Theology.
  - The Discipline.
  - Rigg's Organization of the Christian Church.
  - History of Missions.
  - Yale Lectures on Sabbath Schools (Trumbull).

The order, texts and methods of treatment will be those used in the several colleges in which the examinations will be conducted.

We recommend that the examinations on the course taken at the College and the course for graduates in Arts shall be conducted by the faculties of the several colleges to which the probationers are attached, or to which, when on circuits, they may be assigned.

Concerning the memorial from Albert College asking that the Discipline be so amended as to allow students attending Albert College who are candidates for the ministry to appear before a special District Meeting for examination, and report their standing to the District Meeting to which they severally belong, on careful consideration of the question the Committee deem it preferable that such candidates be taken out under a chairman of a district, and it is so recommended.

Regarding the memorial asking that young men attending medical schools with a view of engaging in medical missionary work, especially in foreign fields, be given an educational status which shall recognize their degree of M.D. as equivalent from a Conference standpoint to a degree of B.A., the Committee recommend:—That a young man who has proceeded to a degree in medicine with a view to missionary work be permitted to enter our ministry on the same conditions to probation as a B.A., and be required to take the same examination for his preliminary and three-year course of study, substituting Rhetoric, Logic, Psychology and Ethics for Greek Testament, when desired.

Regarding the notice of motion—That all young men entering our ministry be recommended to learn some remunerative trade or acquire a profession—we recommend that no action be taken.

Recommended that in paragraph No. 153, section 2, the word "Colleges" be substituted for "Connexional Institutions."

Recommended that paragraph No. 152, section 3, be amended so as to read: "What titles and what institutions shall be recognized in the records of the Conference?"

Concerning the memorials and notices of motion relating to the Course of Study, Special Books, Standard of Examinations, Special Written Examinations, Written Sermons and the Enlargement of the Ordinary Course, the Committee regard all these as being satisfactorily met in the new regulations.

In answer to the petition asking the Conference to enact that all changes made in the subjects of examination for candidates for our ministry do not come into force until the examination of 1896, the Committee so recommend.

C. Stewart, Chairman.

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## VI.-SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUE.

1. THE QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The record of the Sunday School work of our Church for the last quadrennium has been one of continuous growth and development in every department. It is impossible adequately to represent the full result of that work by statistics. The following record, however, in part exhibits that

The number of schools in 1890 was 2,977; in 1894, 3,251; increase, 274; increase of previous quadrennium, 348. Total increase in eight years, 622.

The number of teachers in 1890, 28,411; the number in 1894, 30,807; increase, 2,396; increase of previous quadrennium, 4,024. Total increase in eight years, 6,420. Number of scholars in 1890, 226,050; number in 1894, 252,546; increase, 26,496; increase of previous quadrennium, 34,865. increase in eight years, 61,361. Number of teachers and scholars in 1894,

Number meeting in class, 1890, 37,158; number in 1894, 59,423; increase, 22,265.

Amount raised for Sunday School Aid Fund in last quadrennium, \$16,717.73. In previous quadrennium, \$13,875; increase, \$2,842.73. The detailed report of the Preasurer of this Board given on page 200, last column, will show the steady growth and increase of this fund since its beginning in 1875.

#### GRANTS TO POOR SCHOOLS.

Special prominence has been given to what may be called the missionary operations of the Board, in promoting the establishment of new schools in remote and destitute neighborhoods by means of grants of books and papers from the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund. The growth of this fund, which is sustained by one collection each year, taken up in each school, has been very gratifying. During the first four years of its existence its income averaged \$524 per year; during the second four years, \$785; during the third quadrennium its income averaged \$2,044 per year, and during the last quadrennium its income has averaged \$4,430 per year. In this way 274 new schools have been established in the past quadrennium, and very many more, which in all probability could not have maintained an existence without the aid of the fund, were liberally assisted. The urgent claims on this fund have overdrawn its income, and a rigid policy of cutting down grants must be adopted. The grants during the last quadrennium have amounted to \$19,249, an increase on the previous quadrennium of \$7,372.

These grants have been distributed through every Province of the Dominion, in the missionary districts of Newfoundland, the Maritime Provinces, in the new settlements of the Upper Ottawa, Muskoka and Algoma territory in Manitoba and the North-West, and in British Columbia. testimonies, some of which are printed as an appendix to this report, show the warm appreciation with which these grants have been received.

Schools applying for aid are required to contribute one-half, if possible, toward the grant given. In this way the schools assisted have contributed in part payment for grants the sum of \$6,303, as against \$5,075 during the previous quadrennium; an increase of \$1,128. With each school receiving aid an account is kept and part payment required, except where the Board decides that the grant shall be given free, generally in case of new schools or those in very destitute places.

The growth of the work of the Sunday School Board has required, on the part of its secretary, a very extensive correspondence, averaging about 1,200 letters a year, or 4,800 during the quadrennium. The secretary superintends also the preparation and mailing of Sunday School schedules, circulars, reports, etc., and the collection and tabulation of the statistics of the Sunday School work.

He has received and distributed to new schools during the quadrennium about 10,000 Sunday School books. For these there are always numerous applications, and much good can be accomplished by schools sending to the secretary their old libraries.

Within a very small fraction of the entire income of the Board is distributed directly for the benefit of poor schools, there being no expenses of management beyond a small amount for postage and a few sundries of the kind. It is gratifying to notice that the schools are responding more uniformly and more liberally to the appeals made for this fund.

The extent of the Sunday School operations of our Church is shown by the fact that the expenditure for schools maintained during 1894 reached the very large sum of \$122,452; an increase of \$19,172, or nearly 20 per cent. over that of 1890, which was an increase of 30 per cent. on that of 1886. The number of books reported in the Sunday School libraries is 318,017, an increase of 51,543 on books of 1890. In many cases these are almost the only books accessible in the families and communities where the schools exist.

#### Missions.

The growing interest of our Sunday Schools in missions is very gratifying. This is largely due to the organization of the Epworth Leagues and mission bands and circles among the larger scholars. Much attention has also been given to missionary topics in the Sunday School papers, and much information has been imparted. In this the editor has been greatly aided by letters from the missionaries of our Church in Japan, China, Newfoundland and our Indian missions. Raised for missions, 1894, \$25,361; in 1890, \$23,725; increase, \$1,636.

The number of children and youths reported as studying the Methodist Catechism in 1894 is 31,272; but this is far too small a proportion out of 252,546 scholars Complaint is made that it is found difficult to secure the study of the Catechism in its present form; the last General Conference, therefore, appointed a committee for the revision of the Catechism; that committee requested Dr. Carman to prepare such a manual of Christian teaching, which he kindly consented to do and has almost completed the task. It is confidently expected that the more simple and logical statements of doctrine in this new Catechism will lead to its very wide study in all our schools.

#### TEMPERANCE.

The very great importance of temperance is inculcated in our Sunday Schools and Sunday School literature. Our statistical tables present a record of 76,129 who, during the year 1894, have taken the pledge against both liquor and tobacco, an increase of 26,710 as compared with 1890. Temperance pledges are provided in the class-books for schools, and in this way a great

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#### Periodicals.

In no department of our Sunday School work has more marked progress been exhibited than in the growth and circulation of our Sunday School periodicals. These papers have been greatly improved in mechanical excellence and in style of illustration. There is scarcely a hamlet in the English-speaking parts of the country where they do not penetrate. From their cheapness, and by their distribution through the Sunday Schools, they reach many who possess no other religious reading, and in many cases no other reading of any sort. They do not lay claim to very high literary art. They are adapted to the comprehension of the humblest. But they bring the Word of Life to many by whom the voice of the living preacher is seldom heard. They are of much assistance to many thousands of faithful Sunday School teachers in the instruction of the young people committed to their care. selected lessons all the light that can be concentrated from various sources, so as to be a continuous commentary, by some of the best biblical scholars living, brought within the reach of the most remote, the poorest and the humblest of these self-denying teachers, and of the scholars under their instruction. papers are permeated throughout with sentiments of loyalty to Methodist doctrine and practice; with loyalty to Queen and country; with implacable hostility to the twin evils, intoxicating liquors and tobacco; with love for pure, sound, wholesome literature; and, above all, they are filled with those holy teachings which make wise unto salvation. They furnish an invaluable opportunity for moulding, in large degree, the future of the Church and nation, by influencing toward piety and godliness, in the most susceptible and formative period, the minds of the young people of Methodism.

Notwithstanding the growth of our Sunday Schools, there are still a very large number of appointments in connection with which no Sunday Schools are yet organized. In some cases there are union schools, where no schools of separate denominations can be maintained. But where there are no such schools the assistance of the ministers is urgently solicited, that in every place where here is Methodist preaching there may also be a Methodist Sunday School. It is in helping this work that the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund has been most useful in the past, and may be expected to be increasingly

The following extract from the Book Committee's report describes the work and character of these periodicals:

The Sunday School Banner has been enlarged about one-third in size, and greatly improved in quality.

Onward, the new paper for our senior classes and young people's societies, has been a very marked success. It devotes special attention to the illustration and exposition of the Sunday School lessons, and has been pronounced by Sunday School superintendents and teachers as exceedingly helpful in this respect. It has also furnished a more complete report of the proceedings of the conventions and other meetings of our Young People's Association than either Epworth Herald or Golden Rule has given of League or Endeavor It gives also weekly expository notes on the topics of both the Epworth League and Endeavor societies. Special importance is given to the subject of missions, especially the missions of our own Church, and this paper has exercised no small influence in the recent temperance and anti-Sunday car campaigns. Its special Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day numbers have attracted general commendation. The success of Onward has not interfered with that of the other periodicals of the Sunday School, which report also a

large increase. All these papers are instinct with patriotic sentiment, and are loyal to the doctrines of our Church and institutions of our country, and are largely superseding those foreign and irresponsible papers which are often opposed to both.

The report of 1893 indicates that 417 schools have been kept open through the entire winter which were closed the winter before, and in many cases where the schools could not be kept open the papers were continued and distributed at the Sunday service. Thus, not only has the circulation been largely increased, but this increase has been continued the entire year, instead of to a large extent, as heretofore, during the summer months.

Of these periodicals, over 160,000 pages are printed for every working day in the year. The influence of such a stream of directly religious teaching proceeding from the press, can never in this world be fully estimated. Only the Great Day shall reveal it.

The Secretary of the Sunday School Board, during the present year, in response to a kind invitation, has visited the island of Newfoundland and made a special study of Sunday School and Epworth League problems as presented in that island and in the Maritime Provinces. He has been profoundly impressed with the important work that is being done by our schools and Sunday School literature in imparting religious instruction to a very large number who, but for their help, would have almost no religious teaching. Dependent as the people largely are upon the uncertain harvest of the sea, there are often periods of great privation, and throughout much of the island almost no money is in circulation at all. In many cases the children have collected fish and sold them in order to make part payments on their grants. During the last quadrennium \$5,181.21 has been expended on grants of books and papers in this island, towards which have been received in part payments from the schools the amount of \$461.41, leaving a free donation of \$4,719.80 to these poor schools. But nowhere in our work is the need more great, nor, we think, the results more beneficent. Numerous testimonials from this island and elsewhere affirm that but for these grants it would be utterly impossible to maintain a school at all.

#### THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Considerable attention has been drawn in the Sunday School periodicals to a new departure in Sunday School instruction in the United States, and in parts of Canada, known as the Home Department. By this is meant, making provision for the regular and systematic study of the current Sunday School lessons in the home by many who cannot attend the regular sessions of the Sunday School. Among these are mothers and young children, invalids and elderly persons, persons away from home and others who cannot attend the regular sessions of the Sunday School. Marked benefit has resulted from this Home Department wherever it has been efficiently tried. It has been found that, instead of lessening the attendance at the school and interest in the sechool work, it has greatly increased both of these. It is strongly recommended that wherever practicable the Home Department be introduced and worked. Special prominence shall be given its operations in the Sunday School periodicals.

#### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

No movement of the times is more full of brightest promise for the future of our Church and of our country than the Young People's Movement in all the evangelical churches of the land. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Church in Canada, this movement has chiefly taken the form of the organization of the Epworth League. Coming into existence a little over five years ago, it has already enrolled in its membership nearly a million young Christians in those Churches

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Canadian Methodism has not been laggard in joining this great movement. In August, 1889, the first two leagues in the country were organized in Barrie-by the Rev. Dr. German and the Rev. R. N. Burns, B.A. In October of the same year the S. S. Secretary brought the subject before the Sunday School Board, and under its auspices the League was inaugurated at mass meetings in organized throughout the country. The General Conference of Leagues wergen church of 1890 was the first body in the world to formally endorse the Epworth League and incorporate it as part of the religious economy of the Church.

The growth of the League in the last quadrennium has been very remarkable. Through the sympathy and hearty co-operation of the pastors of the churches, who recognize in this great movement a most valuable auxiliary for the religious training and employment of the undeveloped talent in their churches. Epworth Leagues or Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor have been established in every part of our far-extended country, from Nanaimo, B.C., of 1,032, with a membership of 47,125. The universal testimony is that these Leagues have greatly promoted the religious and intellectual development of study of the Word of God, and in the doctrine, polity and history of Methodism.

Although the General Conference of 1890 made the official name of this society the Epworth League, yet, by the authority of the Committee of that Conference appointed to frame the constitution, a note was appended to the constitution stating that societies so desiring might adopt as an additional designation the name Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and thus come into affiliation with the kindred Christian Endeavor Society in other Churches. This joint name was suggested in the anticipation that the Endeavor Societies in the Methodist Church would affiliate with the League by the adoption of the joint name. Many hundreds of Epworth Leagues organized in the Methodist Church adopted or were organized under the title, Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and thus enabled the Christian Endeavor Society in Ontario and Manitoba to win the banner for the largest increase in any State or Province of that Society. Reciprocity was strongly urged by the authorities of the Christian Endeavor Society, and by the provincial conventions of the Christian Endeavor Society. While a considerable number of the Endeavor Societies in the Methodist Church have so affiliated with the Epworth League by the adoption of this joint name, many more have not, and a considerable number of Epworth Leagues have remained as Leagues only.

The authorized Constitution, section 10, page 6, requests that to meet the office expenses for stationery, postage and printing, and free distribution of a large amount of League literature, a collection shall be taken up in each League once a year. Although the attention of Leagues has repeatedly, in the papers and otherwise, been called to the urgent need of a collection, and by a circular signed by the General Superintendent, the Secretary and Treasurer of the League, and the President of the Ontario Association, and forwarded to each League, yet the entire collections from the inauguration of the League to July 1st, 1894, have amounted to only \$266. It should be mentioned, however, that the greater amount of this, namely \$162, has been received in response to the last-mentioned circular.

The effect of organizing our young people in these societies has been to-enlist as never before their hearty co-operation in church life and church work, in the promotion of personal piety, in the study of the Word of God, and of the history and polity of Methodism, and in their active participation in evangelistic and philanthropic labors. In several cases, by their aid, reading

rooms, coffee rooms, gymnasiums, the distribution of religious literature, the visitation of the sick, have been greatly promoted. In the recent temperance plebiscite and anti-Sunday car campaign these associations lent most valuable aid in enlisting public sympathy and co-operation in behalf of these great moral movements. The organization gives promise of developing a hitherto latent strength and talent in behalf of civic rigi teousness and social and moral reform that will be of untold value in the future of our country.

According to the best information available, 812 of the societies are Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, and 220 are Epworth Leagues pure and simple. There are also 259 Christian Endeavor societies in the Methodist Church in Canada. There are also a number of societies of King's Sons and King's Daughters, and 253 Mission Bands and Circles.

RESOLUTIONS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Joint Sunday School and Epworth League Board at its meeting at Oshawa, August 28th, 1894:

#### Re Home Department.

Whereas many persons in our churches and homes, in the providence of God, through impaired health or from domestic engagements, are prevented from sharing the benefits of our Sunday Schools.

Resolved,—That this Board strongly urges the claims of the Home Department for the study of the Word of God on the line of the Sunday School lessons, and that we recommend the diligent use of our Sunday lesson-helps for promotion of that study.

#### Re New Schools.

Whereas there are many preaching appointments, some hundreds in all, where there is no Sunday School, and whereas many of the Sunday Schools are closed during the winter season, this Board earnestly exhorts that wherever even a small number of children can be gathered together with some loving heart to instruct them a Sunday School be organized, and that, wherever practicable, schools already organized shall be kept open during the entire year.

#### Re SUNDAY SCHOOL AID FUND.

Whereas the Sunday School Aid Fund has rendered very valuable assistance in establishing new schools and sustaining weak schools in remote and destitute parts of the country, chiefly in the mission districts, and whereas the urgent claims on behalf of these schools have largely overdrawn this fund, this Board urges upon all our schools the still more liberal support of this increasingly useful, important, and truly missionary fund.

#### Re EPWORTH LEAGUES.

Recognizing the great good which has already been accomplished by the organization of young people's societies for Christian culture and Christian service, and discerning the promise and potency of untold good for the Church of God, for society at large, and for our young people themselves in the Epworth Leagues and similar organizations,

Resolved,—That this Joint Board strongly and affectionately urge our young people, throughout the entire connexion, to organize wherever possible an Epworth League or Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, so that in the future wherever a Sunday School exists there shall also be found one of these valuable organizations.

#### Re JUNIOR LEAGUES.

Rejoicing in the cheering reports of the multiplication and success of the Junior Epworth Leagues in our churches and Sunday Schools, we affectionately

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urge those having charge of Intermediate and Junior Classes to organize, as speedily as possible, a Junior Epworth League for promoting the nurture in the admonition of the Lord of our boys and girls, and training them for membership in the senior leagues and in the Church of God.

#### Re Affiliation.

With a view to harmonize and unify, so far as possible, the various societies in our Church, the Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor, Mission Bands and Circles, King's Sons, King's Daughters and other societies, this joint Sunday School and Epworth League Board recommends that the same policy of conciliation and flexible adaptation which has marked the past history of the Epworth League be continued in the future, and that we reiterate the previously-recorded sentiment of this Board :

"In the spirit of broadest fraternity and good-will we urge the young people of our congregations everywhere to enrol themselves under the broad banner of the Epworth League, to adopt the constitution provided by the General Conference, and to become fellow-laborers with the pastors, the under-shepherds in the flock of Christ, in bringing into the fold of the Good Shepherd the wandering sheep who know Him not, and in seeking especially to feed the lambs of the flock.

At the same time we request the General Conference to give permission to any local society, so desiring, to adopt as a local and optional title the name Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, and thus to affiliate with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

#### Re Collections.

That this Board recommend to the General Conference, so that the scholars of our Sunday Schools may the better understand and be brought into closer sympathy with the Educational Society, the Missionary Society and the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, that it be recommended to them that on the Sundays on which the claims of these three important departments of our work are laid before the congregations the Sunday School superintendents be requested to explain to the schools their objects, and that collections on their behalf be

While the Secretary of this Board has no official authority to report the proceedings of the Ontario Young People's Association, yet it may be stated for information that in February, 1892, and February and March, 1893, in Toronto, and in March, 1894, in London, successful conventions were held. The attendance at these conventions reached between two and three hundred delegates, representing different societies in the Methodist Church, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor, King's Sons and Daughters, and other societies. Important papers were read and discussions took place on various aspects of young people's work in connection with the Methodist Church, and a permanent organization effected for the better carrying out of that work.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Arising out of these conventions has been the organization of the Junior League, for which a constitution has been provided, and 145 Leagues are reported as organized, chiefly in Ontario. These Junior Leagues are designed to interest the younger scholars in the schools directly in Christian work and for the promotion of personal piety. Much good has been accomplished by these Junior Leagues, which give promise of valuable aid in training the boys and girls in our schools in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

(Signed) W. H. WITHROW, Secretary of the Sunday School Board and Epworth League.

[For S. S. Statistics, see General Statistical Report, page 239.]

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## 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. We recommend that the prayer of the memorial of Sunday School Committee of the Guelph Conference be granted, viz. :

"That paragraph No. 283, section 4, page 124, be eliminated, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: 'The officers of the school shall be a superintendent, secretary, treasurer, librarian, and such other officers as may in the interests of the school be found desirable to appoint. The Superintendent and his assistant or assistants must be members of the

2. Whereas many persons in our churches and homes, in the providence of God, through impaired health or from domestic engagements are prevented from sharing the benefits of our Sunday Schools, this Committee strongly urge the claims of the Home Department for the study of the Word of God on the line of the International Sunday School Lessons, and that we recommend the diligent use of our Sunday School lesson-helps

3. Whereas the Sunday School and Epworth League Board, at its recent meeting in Oshawa, found the provisions of the Discipline concerning Home Departments, and the formation of new schools in operation in many places, and found also the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund overdrawn, and therefore not sufficiently supported, our ministers and Sunday School workers are urged with fidelity to carry out the provisions of the Discipline touching these matters.

Items 4 and 5 struck out.

6. We recommend "That this Conference express its high apprecia tion of the international system of Sunday School lessons, and of the great blessings that have resulted from their general adoption and use; would strongly recommend and advise their continued use in all the departments of all our schools; and, if the International Lesson Committee should publish separate lessons for the primary or other department, would urge all our schools to use the uniform lesson throughout, and would recommend our publishing houses to continue to publish lessonhelps for the uniform lessons alone."

7. Item rejected and superseded by amendment of Mr. N. W. Rowell. See Journal, page 39.

W. C. Henderson, Chairman. W. Johnson, Secretary.

the Treasurer's Statement of the General Conference Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund for the Quadrennial period ending July 1st, 1894, with vouchers for disbursements, and found the same to be correct.

WARRING KENNEDY. Treasurer.

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## 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. So that the scholars of our Sunday Schools may the better understand and be brought into closer sympathy with the Educational Society, the Missionary Society and the Superannuated and Supernumerary Ministers' Funds, it is recommended to them that on the Sundays on which the claims of these three important departments of our work are laid before the congregations the Sunday School superintendents be requested to explain to the schools their objects, and that collections on

their behalf be made in the schools.

2. We recommend that as the study of the Christian classics for literary culture was one of the objects of the Holy Club and is recognized as an important department of our Epworth League work, and believing that an appreciative knowledge on the part of our young people of the history of the Christian Church, and especially of our own denomination, would not only promote an intelligent and vital piety, but also an intelligent denominational loyalty, this Conference authorizes the preparation of a course of reading, extending over four years, in Church history and biography, including such contemporary secular history as would throw light upon the history of the Church, giving especial prominence to the history and biography of Methodism, along lines similar to the C. L. S. C., and also a course of Bible study, and that a certificate or diploma be issued by the Epworth League Board to all who successfully complete the course; that a committee be appointed by this Conference to co-operate with the Epworth League in outlining such a course of reading; that the committee be Rev. Dr. Burwash, Rev. Dr. Briggs, Rev. Dr. Rose, Rev. Prof. Wallace, Rev. A. C. Courtice, Rev. A. Langford and Rev. A. M. Phillips, and that the members living outside Toronto be corresponding members.

Item 3 struck out.

4. We recommend that, with the object of stimulating the growth of the spirit of fraternity and obtaining practical co-operation in Christian work amongst the young people of all Churches, the Sunday School and Epworth League Board of this Conference be instructed to enter into communication with the officials of the young people's societies of the various denominations in this country and with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, with a view of holding united conventions along lines similar to the Provincial Sunday School Association, at which might be discussed subjects affecting young people's work common to all

Item 5 struck out.

6. We recommend separate schedules for Epworth Leagues. 7. We recommend the following changes in the Discipline:

(a) Pages 50 and 51, section 136, sub-section 3, after the words "Sabbath Schools" there be added "Epworth Leagues."

(b) Page 73, section 159, sub-section 8, after the words "What is the number of Sabbath Schools in the district?" etc., there be added the

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(c) Page 133, section 306, sub-section 3, line 6, after the words "Sunday School" there be added, "and shall report to the Board at each regular quarterly meeting as to the condition and work of the League."

(d) Page 81, section 174, sub-section 3, line 6, after the words "Sunday Schools" there be added the words "Epworth Leagues."

(e) Page 82, section 174, sub-section 7, line 5, after paragraph No. 3 add the words "also the reports of the Presidents of the Epworth Leagues of the circuit."

(f) Page 83, section 175, sub-section 8, line 8, after the words "Sabbath Schools" there be added the words "Epworth Leagues."

(g) Page 52, section 136, sub-section 18, there be added the words "Have the District Epworth League Conventions been held?"

8. We recommend the following alterations in the Discipline:
That paragraphs Nos. 317, 318, 324 and 325 be eliminated and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

#### General Conference Board.

There shall be a General Conference Sunday School and Epworth League Board, which shall consist of:

(a) One minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, to represent the Sunday School section, who shall be nominated by the delegations of the Annual Conferences present at the General Conference and elected by the General Conference.

(b) One member from each Annual Conference, to represent the Epworth League section, who shall be nominated by the delegations of the Annual Conferences present at the General Conference and elected by the General Conference.

(c) One representative elected by each Annual Conference Convention of Young People's Societies, who shall be elected as provided in the (d) The

(d) The editor of the Sunday School periodicals, the General Secretary, and the Treasurers of the Sunday School and Epworth League sections of the Board.

#### Powers of Board.

The Board shall have general oversight of Sunday Schools and also Epworth Leagues, and other young people's societies who may affiliate with the League; have power to amend the constitution of local Leagues (provided, however, that no enactment shall in any manner conflict with this constitution or the Discipline of the Methodist Church). The Board shall also arrange courses of reading and study for members of the Leagues, select topics for League meetings, and provide, through the Book Room, for the publication of such literature as in their judgment is

The Board shall fill by election any vacancy occurring in the General Conference representatives during the quadrennium.

In the absence of the General Superintendent at any of its meetings, the members may elect a chairman  $pro\ tem$ .

All members of both sections of the Board shall have the right of voting on all subjects coming before the Board, whether relating to the Sunday Schools or Epworth Leagues.

#### OFFICERS

The officers of the Board shall be a President (who shall ex officio be the General Superintendent), five Vice-Presidents—one for the Sunday School section of the Board and one each for the four departments of the Epworth League section, the Editor of the Sunday School periodicals, a Treasurer for each section of the Board, and the General Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Board.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the General Superintendent, General Secretary, Editor of Sunday School periodicals, the Treasurers and four other members—two from the Sunday School section and two from the Epworth League section. This committee shall advise the General Secretary in his work and attend to any necessary business between the meetings of the Board.

#### GENERAL SECRETARY.

There shall be a General Secretary who shall be known as the General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. He shall conduct Sunday School and Epworth League correspondence and attend to the general business of the same. He shall edit the Epworth League Department in the Christian Guardian and Wesleyan under the direction of the editors; travel throughout the Connexion promoting the organization and interests of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues along Conference and District lines, aiding pastors in the establishing and developing of Sunday Schools and Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues, carrying out the policy of the General Conference in doing so. He shall hold Sunday School Conventions or Institutes, and Institutes for Bible study and training in Christian work. He shall endeavor to promote a connexional Sunday School and Epworth League literature. He shall visit, as far as possible, District and Conference Conventions. He shall aid in increasing contributions to the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund and Epworth League funds. He shall cause to be forwarded all necessary Sunday School and Epworth League schedules. conduct all correspondence with reference to the making of grants from the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board or its Executive, it being understood that he shall not interfere with the functions of the ministers or other officers of the Church in their prescribed duties.

#### THE TREASURERS.

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#### MEETINGS.

An annual meeting of the members of the Board, representing the Conferences in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, shall be held at such time and place as the General Superintendent shall direct.

It shall be competent for the members of the Board residing in other Conferences to meet annually in joint or separate meetings under the direction of the General Superintendent, for the management of the Sunday Schools or local Leagues and other young people's societies within their jurisdiction. Where such meeting is held the Secretary thereof shall report the proceedings to the General Secretary of the Board, and in other respects they shall be corresponding members of the Board.

#### REVENUE.

The revenue of the Sunday School section of the Board shall be derived from the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, and that of the Epworth League Section from an annual collection or contribution from each League and other young people's societies affiliated with the League, or the Board may devise other ways and means of providing additional revenue.

The salary and expenses of the General Secretary shall be paid out of the revenues under the control of the Board, in such proportions from each section as the Board may decide.

The Editor of the Sunday School periodicals shall superintend the selection, examination and recommendation of suitable books for Sunday School libraries, and publish and circulate catalogues of the same.

9. We recommend the adoption of the following Constitution for the General Epworth League:

### GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE CONSTITUTION.

#### PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of promoting intelligent and vital piety among the young people of the Methodist Church; training them in active Christian work; promoting the study of the Bible and Christian literature, there shall be an organization under the authority of the General Conference, governed by the following Constitution:

#### NAME.

- 1. The name of the organization shall be "The Epworth League of the Methodist Church." OBJECTS.
- 2. The objects shall be to unite its young people in Christian fellowship and service; increase their spirituality by edification in Scripture truth and by prayer; instruct them in Methodist doctrine and Church history; enlist their co-operation in missionary activities through existing denominational organizations, and stimulate and interest them in the formation and development of Leagues.

#### CONTROL.

3. The control of the General Society shall be vested in the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

The General Epworth League shall be the recognized parent Society, of which local Leagues shall be branches.

#### AFFILIATION.

4. Any Christian Endeavor Society, whose President is a member of the Methodist Church and approved of by the Quarterly Official Board, may become affiliated with the Epworth League by adopting the name "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor," and any Epworth League may become affiliated with the Society of Christian Endeavor by adopting as a local name "Epworth League of Christian Endeavor." Any other young people's society in the Methodist Church may become an affiliated branch of the Epworth League, providing that it adopts its aims and methods of religious work, that its President be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and that it report its organization to the General Secretary.

### REPRESENTATION ON QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARDS.

5. The Presidents of all Epworth Leagues, Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, or other young people's societies affiliated with the League, under the provisions of this Constitution, shall, on being approved by the Quarterly Official Boards, become members of the same, and shall so continue so long as they remain Presidents.

#### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

6. An Epworth League Convention may be held annually in each District.

#### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES.

7. Each District Convention shall elect a representative to the Annual Conference Convention, as a member of its Executive Committee.

#### CONFERENCE CONVENTIONS.

8. The members of Epworth Leagues, within the boundaries of any Conference, may organize and hold a Convention of Epworth Leagues and other Methodist Young People's Societies annually.

#### CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES.

9. When any such Convention is held, it shall be competent for it to elect one representative to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

In case of failure of any or all of the foregoing elections, the Annual Conference Epworth League Committee may nominate, and the Annual Conference elect, a representative to the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

#### QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION.

- 10. Under the direction of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board, there may be held each quadrennium a Young People's Convention for the whole of the Church.
- 10. We recommend that the following be the Constitution for the Local Branches of the Epworth League, subject to changes by General Epworth League Board:

#### Constitution of the Local Societies.

#### MOTTO.

"Look up, lift up, for Christ and the Church."

#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the EPWORTH LEAGUE of the Methodist Church of———, and shall be represented by its President on the Quarterly Official Board of said Church, and shall be a Branch of the GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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#### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of the League is (a) to save souls; (b) to promote an earnest, intelligent, practical Christian life in the young members and friends of the Church; (c) to assist them in the study of God's word; (d) to increase their usefulness in the service of God and humanity.

#### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

There shall be three classes of members:—Active, Associate and Honorary.

1. Active Members shall be persons who are members of the Methodist or some other Christian Church, and who have taken the pledge hereinafter given, known as the Active Member's Pledge.

2. Associate Members.—Persons of good moral character may become Associate Members of the League. It is expected that all Associate Members will habitually attend the religious and other meetings of the League, and that they will, in time, become Active Members thereof. Associate Members may serve on committees and be entitled to all the privileges of membership, but shall not be eligible for office.

3. Honorary Members.—All persons who, though no longer young, are still interested in the League and wish to have some connection with it, though they cannot regularly attend the meetings, may become Honorary Members. names shall be kept upon the list under the appropriate heading, but shall not be called at the roll-call meeting. It is understood that the League may look to the Honorary Members for financial and moral support in all worthy efforts.

Any person willing to become a member of the League will be furnished with a pledge card and constitution. He will sign the pledge and hand it to the Lookout Committee, who will confer with him and report to the Executive, who shall, if satisfied of his eligibility, recommend him to the League as a member at the next monthly consecration meeting.

The Pastor of the church shall be ex officio an Active Member of the League.

#### ARTICLE IV.—DEPARTMENTS.

The work of the League shall be carried on in four departments as follows: 1. Christian Endeavor. 2. Missionary. 3. Literary. 4. Social.

The distribution of work under each department shall be as follows: Christian Endeavor—(a) Young People's prayer-meeting; (b) monthly consecration meeting; (c) Lookout work and spiritual welfare of members; (d) Junior League work; (e) Sunday School interests; (f) evangelistic work, such as open-air and cottage meetings.

Missionary—(a) Missionary work; (b) temperance and social purity; (c) house-

to house visiting and tract distributing.

Literary—(a) Systematic Bible study; (b) essays and literary work; (c)

Epworth League and C. L. S. C. readings.

Social—(a) Welcoming and introducing members; (b) musical and social entertainments in harmony with the spirit of Christianity; (c) employment bureau; (d) badges and decorations.

#### ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENTS.

An Epworth League may be organized in the Christian Endeavor department only. If thought desirable, the departments of Christian Endeavor and Missionary may be amalgamated under one Vice-President. The Christian Endeavor departments of the Christian Endeavor department depart ment shall be essential and fundamental in the organization and working of an Epworth League. It is optional with every League how far it will develop the Micronary, Literary and Social departments. It is strongly advised that wherever recticable all the departments be organized, with the object of more fully carrying on the aims of the Christian Endeavor department.

## ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The officers shall be a President, Honorary President (who shall be the Pastor), four Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer (who shall be Active Members of the League).

2. The President, who shall be a member of the Methodist Church, shall be elected by ballot on a majority vote at the annual meeting.

3. The other officers shall also be elected by ballot on a majority vote at the annual meeting.

4. The President shall be ex officio a member of the Quarterly Official Board.
5. The President of the League shall perform the duties usually pertaining to that office, watch over the interests of the League, and it shall be his care to see that the different committees perform the duties devolving upon them.

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6. The Vice-Presidents shall also, in the order named, represent and have charge of the departments of Christian Endeavor, Missionary, Literary and Social work.

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work. They shall aid the President as he may request.
7. The Recording Secretary shall make and have charge of all records, also a complete record of membership from the first, give notices of meetings, and attend to all other duties of his office.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence, and, when necessary, write to absent members and read replies, before the League, at his discretion.

9. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and receive all moneys, disbursing the same at the direction of the League, upon order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President. He shall obtain the annual collection and remit to the Treasurer of the General League.

10. For the purpose of enlisting all in the work and rendering it more effective, the Executive Committee shall assign each member to at least one department of work. Each Vice-President shall name to the Executive Committee committees of from three to five members for the management of his department, that officer being ex officio a member of each committee.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Pastor of the church, the officers of the League, and the chairmen of the various standing committees. All matters of business requiring debate, recommendations concerning finance, and proposed changes, shall be brought first before this committee, and by it reported either favorably or adversely to the League.

12. Each committee, except the Executive, shall report through its Vice-President to the League at the monthly business meetings concerning the work of the past month.

#### ARTICLE VI.-PLEDGE.

#### ACTIVE MEMBER'S PLEDGE.

Taking Christ as my example, and trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit, I promise that I will endeavor to learn and do my Heavenly Father's will; that I will make stated seasons of private prayer and the daily study of the Bible the rule of my life. As an Active Member of the League I will, except when excusable to my Master, be present at and take part in the meeting of the departments of the Christian Endeavor, and will be true to all my duties as a member of the Church. I will abstain from all amusements and habits upon which I cannot ask God's blessing. I will honor God with my substance as He has prospered me. I will endeavor by kindly words and deeds to cultivate the spirit of Christian friendship and bring my young associates to Christ.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER'S PLEDGE.

As an Associate Member, I am willing to serve on committees and to work as I may be required to advance the interests of the League, and will, by conversation, conduct and companions, endeavor to sustain its character as a Christian Society.

#### ARTICLE VII.-MEETINGS.

- 1. Regular religious meetings of the League should be held weekly.
- 2. A monthly consecration meeting shall be held.
- 3. Business meetings may be held after any regular meeting. Special business meetings may be called at any time by the President.
  - 4. The following shall be the order of exercises at business meetings:
  - (a) Devotional Exercises.
  - (b) Minutes.

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5. At any business meeting — members shall constitute a quorum.

6. The Annual Meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the evening in the month of , at which each officer shall present a written

report of the work in the department under his charge during the year.

7. A collection for the expenses of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board shall be taken up annually, at some meeting previously announced before the Annual District Meeting, and forwarded by the League Treasurer to the Financial Secretary of the District, and by him to the Secretary of the Conference Epworth League Committee, who will pay it to the Treasurer of the Epworth League section of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

## ARTICLE VIII.—COMMITTEES.

The following committees may be appointed to take charge of the work of the departments:

#### 1. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Lookout.—It shall be the duty of this committee to bring new members into the League, to introduce them to the work and to the other members, and affectionately to look after and reclaim any that seem indifferent to their duties, as outlined

Prayer-meeting. - It shall be the duty of this committee to have in charge the prayer meeting, and to see that a topic is assigned and a leader appointed for every meeting, and to do what it can to secure faithfulness to the membership pledge.

Evangelistic Work.—This committee shall devote itself to personal effort for the "winning of souls." Sunday School.—This committee shall endeavor to bring into the Sunday School those who do not attend elsewhere, and visit absentees upon notification of absence for two Sundays, and to aid in the efficient working of the Junior League.

#### 2. Misstonary.

Missionary.—This committee shall promote the interests of the Missionary Anniversary, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Mission Band, and seek to interest the members of the League in all ways in missionary topics.

Temperance and Social Purity. - This committee shall provide for the promotion of total abstinence from, and the legal prohibition of, alcoholic beverages, and also seek to elevate public opinion regarding the law of personal purity, and the maintenance of the same moral standard for men and women.

Visiting and Relief.—This committee shall visit sick or afflicted members, provide volunteer watches or nurses, furnish material comforts, when necessary; under the direction of the pastor to visit the neighborhood, invite strangers to the church, report and relieve, when possible, cases of distress, distribute tracts and do

#### 3. LITERARY.

Literary — This committee shall provide the intellectual exercises and entertainments of the League by means of lectures, debates, essays, literary programmes, etc. It shall have charge of all "courses of study" pursued by the members, and of "reading courses" in connection with the League.

#### 4. Social Work.

Social. - It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the social interests of the League by welcoming strangers to the meetings, and by providing for the mutual

Floral Offerings.—This committee may provide flowers for the pulpit on Sunday, and distribute them to the sick at the close of the services.

1. All the Active Members are expected to be present at every prayer-meeting, unless detained by some absolute necessity, and each Active Member is expected to take some part, however slight, in every Christian Endeavor meeting. At the close of the meeting some time should be taken for introduction and social intercourse, if desired.

2. Once a month a consecration meeting for religious experience and testimony should be held, at which each Active Member shall speak concerning his progress in the Christian life, or renew his vows of consecration. If anyone chooses, he can express his feelings by an appropriate verse of Scripture or other quotation.

3. At each testimony or experience meeting the pledges shall be read and the roll called, and the responses of the members who are present shall be considered as a renewed expression of allegiance to the pledge. It is expected that if anyone is obliged to be absent from this meeting he will send a request to be excused by someone who attends, accompanied, if possible, with at least a verse of Scripture, to be read in the response to his name at the roll-call.

4. If any active member of the League be absent from this monthly meeting and fail to send an excuse, the Lookout Committee is expected to take the name of such an one, and in a kind and brotherly spirit ascertain the reason for the absence. If any Active Member of this League be absent and unexcused from three consecutive monthly meetings, such an one ceases to be a member of the League.

#### RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

The following Form, for the reception of new members into our Leagues and Societies, is commended to them for adoption and use, in order that all member ; both old and new, may have frequently impressed upon them the full meaning and importance of their obligations.

On consecration-night, after the roll has been called, the names of all candidates will be read, who will then come forward; while coming forward the members will sing a consecration hymn, after which all will bow heads in silent prayer. The Pastor or President will then say:

"DEAR FRIENDS,-We rejoice that you have recognized your duty to God, to humanity and to yourself, by signing our pledge, which we trust you understand clearly and appreciate fully.

"This organization is designed for the salvation of young people, their growth in Christian life, and their training in definite service, to look up and lift up for Christ and the Church.

"It is based upon the principle of Christian fellowship, and by it the young people of our Church are brought into close relation with one another, and are thereby enabled to edify one another in love.

"Let me remind you that, as an Active Member, you are pledged to support our Church and all its interests; to be present at every meeting, unless hindered by some reason that you can give to God; if absent from a consecration service to send a response to your name; and to pray and read the Bible daily.

"As an Associate Member you will promise to attend the meetings regularly,

and be willing to be known as one who desires to be surrounded by influences that will enable you to become an Active Member. Do you each cordially approve the object of the League, prayerfully accept your responsibilities, and earnestly promise, 'trusting in the help of the Holy Spirit,' to unite with us in our work?" Candidate will answer, "I do."

Pastor or President, to the members:

"You have heard the response; all who are in favor of the reception of the candidate to membership in our League, and desire to extend a hearty welcome, will please rise.

The President, speaking for the League, may say:

"We, as a League, affectionately welcome you to our fellowship, and to a part in our Church work. We promise, under God's guidance, to be helpful, and to assist you to be loyal to our Saviour in all ways; and at this time we desire to consecrate curselves anew to the Master's service in the words of our pledge."

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A brief prayer will follow. Then the President and Vice Presidents will welcome them with a hearty handshake, and the Secretary will have them sign the Constitution, which is kept in a book for that purpose. While they are signing, a verse of "Blest be the whole Society" is sung, after which a few minutes are spent in greetings by the

W. C. Henderson, Chairman. W. Johnson, Secretary.

Note. -- For provision for affiliation, see section 4 of the General Constitution.

## 4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUE, No 3.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. We have had placed before us the report of the Committee on the Catechism, appointed by the General Conference of 1894, also that part of the General Superintendent's address referring to the same, read by him at the opening of this Conference; have conferred with the General Superintendent concerning it, and listened with much pleasure to a proposed Catechism which he prepared during his holidays. In that address he asked this question, Shall we continue catechetical instruction in our Sunday Schools and elsewhere? To that question we give an emphatic Yes. We heartily concur in the General Superintendent's recommendations that there be but one Catechism, and that it be prepared for children between the ages of ten and fifteen.

We further approve of the suggestion made by the General Superintendent, "that a committee to prepare a concise and logical statement of our doctrines be appointed, the committee to be centred in Toronto, with corresponding members in other parts."

2. We respectfully recommend that the committee to prepare this Catechism be composed as follows:

The General Superintendent. Rev. Dr. Burwash, Toronto.

Dr. Briggs, " Dr. Potts,

Dr. Withrow.

Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, Toronto. Warring Kennedy, Richard Brown, J. H. Miller, Joseph Flavelle, Dr. Galbraith, Albert Ogden, M.D.,

#### Corresponding Members:

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Sackville, N.B.

Dr. Shaw, Montreal, Que. Dr. Evans, Hampton, N.B.

Dr. Sparling, Winnipeg, Man. Dr. T. W. Smith, Halifax, N.S.

Dr. Milligan, St. John, N.B. Dr. Rose, Montreal, Que.

A. C. Courtice, Kingston, Ont.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, Montreal, Que.

S. R. Parsons, Winnipeg, Man. Chas. Morton, Montreal, Que. Fred. W. Daly, London, Ont.

Wm. Johnson, Belleville, Ont. Edward Odlum, Vancouver, B.C. J. A. M. Aikins, Winnipeg, Man. 3. We recommend that the committee be requested to prepare the Catechism at as early date as possible, and that it then be published.

Items 4 and 5 struck out.

6. In order more fully to secure for the children under the care of our Church all they enjoy under the provisions of our Discipline, in the section entitled, "Of the relation of baptized children to the Church," we recommend that the Constitution and By-Laws for Junior Epworth Leagues (a copy of which is appended to this report), prepared during the past quadrennium under the authority of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board, be approved of.

It is to be understood, however, that the Junior League does not interfere with our class meetings, but is intended to assist in securing the religious instruction and spiritual nurture of the children. It is also to be clearly understood that membership in the Junior League does not necessarily imply membership in the Church unless such members have been admitted into the Church in accordance with the Discipline.

7. We recommend that the Quadrennial Report of the Sunday School and Epworth League Board (a copy of which is annexed to this report) be published in the minutes of this General Conference.

8. The statistical reports of our Sunday School and Young People's Societies, to which we draw your special attention, "Call for songs of loudest praise," and yet figures very inadequately express "The wonders of His hand." With our Sunday Schools aiming at "The Sunday Schools for the million of our people, and this million our Sunday Schools;" with teachers receiving "an effectual call" to their high office, and living to bring their scholars to Christ and build them up in Christ; with the Church believing as never before in the conversion of our children; with the thousands of our young people banded together in holiest league; with a clearer and stronger faith than ever in the promise of Joel ii. 28,

"We praise Him for all that is past, We trust Him for all that's to come."

> W. C. Henderson, Chairman. Wm. Johnson, Secretary.

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## VII.—BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

## 1. REPORT OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In presenting this report of the operations of our Book and Publishing House in Toronto during the Quadrennium just closing, it is gratifying to be able to show, in spite of the depression in business which has marked these years, a substantial increase in the amount of business done and profits made, and a vigorous and healthy condition of affairs at present existing. The large addition made to the capital may likewise be viewed with satisfaction.

The past four years have, in the commercial world, been years of much anxiety and of frequent disaster. Many business concerns, which four years ago were considered prosperous and strong, have since sunk under the strain of the prolonged depression. Especially, and particularly during the past year, has this been the case with book houses. It is, therefore, matter of congratulation that our Publishing House, in the face of these hard times and of the keenest competition in its history, has strengthened its roots and extended its branches.

Our Periodicals have more than held their own in the keen struggle against the low-priced American publications from the neighboring States. The remarkable success of Onward, our new young people's paper, merits special mention.

We view with pardonable pride the position now occupied by our House as a Book Publishing concern. Remarkable advancement in this respect has marked the past Quadrennium. The number and importance of our book publications have given us a standing second to none in Canada in this line of business enterprise.

These have been years of unprecedented activity in our Manufacturing departments, as the details of the report show. Additional purchases of new machinery have been made to meet the necessities of increasing business.

From our presses and our shelves we have sought to send out a stream of clean, wholesome literature into every part of this great Dominion, seconding the effort of the Pulpit and the School toward the moral uplifting and enlightening of the masses.

We review the past with gratitude, and look into the future with hopefulness, assured that, with the continued growth of our beloved Methodism and the steady loyalty of our people, our Publishing House will advance even more rapidly than in the past.

The figures following are taken from the audited yearly reports as presented to the Western Section of the Book Committee:

BALANCE SHEET, showing the Assets and Liabilities on the 31st March, 1890, and 31st March, 1894, with the Increase or Decrease in each Department. In the case of the Assets the figures given are after valuation, and are therefore net. For deductions by valuators, see page 217.

#### Assets.

	1894.		1890.		INCREAS	SE.	DECREASI
UNAVAILABLE ASSETS:	\$	e.	8	e.	\$	c.	<b>\$</b> c
Real Estate	129,250	10	116,370	29	12,879		
Machinery, Type, Plates, etc	69,768				6,927		
Mortgage, Sinking Fund, etc	40,800						2,135 0
Total	239,819	00	222,147	08	19,806 2,135		-,
Net Increase				.	17,671	92	
AVAILABLE ASSETS:							
Books and Stationery	109,906	76	92,734	33	17,172	43	
Cash	14,624		10,422	93	4,201		
Bills Receivable	26,283		14,511		11,772		
Outstanding Debts	136,126				29,184		
etc	15,903	77	13,939	65	1,964	12	
Montreal Book Room	9,550				1,001		941 23
Halifax Book Room	9,834		9,744		89		
Total	322,231	11	258,787	28	64,385 941		941 23
Net Increase					63,443	83	
Total Assets	562,050	11	480,934	36	81,115	75	

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LONG TIME LOANS:	8	e.	<b>\$</b> e	8 0	
Victoria University	4.733	50	4 654 80	78 70	\$ c.
Debentures at five years	1,700	00	84 400 00		84,400 00
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Total	63,233	50	146,454 80	1,178 70	84,400 00
SUBJECT TO EARLY PAYMENT:					
Periodical Subscribers	33,774	84	30,527 57	3,247 27	
Bills Payable	1,163	64	12,875 22		11,711 58
Sundry Creditors	141.322	55	34.706 19	106,616 43	
Interest on Debentures	975	00			
Total	177,236	03	78,108 91	110,838 70	11,711 58
Total Liabilities	240,469	53	224,563 71	15,905 82	
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### Report of Western Section of the Book Committee. 1894]

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND EXPENSES for the Quadrennial Terms ending 31st March, 1894 and 1890.

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### GROSS PROFITS IN DEPARTMENTS.

	1894.		1890.		INCREA	SE.	DECRE	ASE
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Merchandise (Books and Stationery)	108,990	43	89,380	28	19,610	15		
Printing Office	59,606	93						
Christian Guardian	55,325	27	52,849	03	2,476			
Methodist Magazine	2,951	37	5,206	26	_,_,_		2,254	
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*Onward	7,571	37			7,571	37		
riome and School	844	18	6,063	68	,,,,,,		5,219	
Sunbeam	6,114	24	5,134	53			0,210	
Happy Days	4,721	76				82		
Sunday School Banner	17,101	92	13,211	14				
berean Lear	11,839	21			-,			
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King Street Real Estate			1,524			- 1		
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Total	321,352	18	248,478	16	85 848	57	12,974	55
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Net Increase	72,874	02			72,874	02		

<sup>\*</sup> ONWARD commenced publication 1st January, 1891.

<sup>†</sup> HOME AND SCHOOL discontinued 30th December, 1890, consequently the figures in the 1894 column represent only the profits for nine months.

### EXPENSES AND DEDUCTIONS.

	1894.		1890,		INCREAS	SE.	DECRE	ASE
Expenses:	\$							
Salaries	132,361	c. 84		C.	\$ 705	C.	1 4	
Book Room Expenses	33,013		1		23,735			-
Interest	11,058				9,671			٠
Insurance	6,223		1		11,058		1	
Rent	0,220		1,100		2,087			
Moving Expenses			300	4- 6-		-	300	
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DEDUCTIONS BY VALUATORS:								
Bad Debts	22,741	70	15 990	70	7 500	OO		
Binding Machinery	1,887				7,520			
Printing Machinery	7,608				1,179			
Printing Material	6,920				3,350			
Real Estate	,		5,595		1,324	19		
Furniture	019		1,461				1,461	52
Stereotype Machinery	813	-	749		63	49		
Cuts (Electro and Stereotype Plates)	303		640				336	46
Periodical Stock	5,247		1,560	-	3,686	10		
remodical Stock			42	50			42	50
Total	228, 179	36	169,702	48	63,677	60	5 900	70
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Net Increase	58,476	88			58,476	88		
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Expenses and Deductions as in Pre-	321, 332	18	248,478	16	72,874	02		
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Statement	228,179	36	169,702	48	58,476	88		
Net Profits for Quadrennial Term	93,172	90	70 775	00	14.007	-	1817	
Total	78,775	60	78,775	08	14,397	14		
	10,110	00						
Increase	14.90*	1.4		-				-
***************************************	14,397	14						

### APPROPRIATIONS.

	1894.		1890.		INCREAS	R.	DECRE	ASE.
The Book Committee have Appropriated to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund Sundries	\$ 26,300 1,662		\$ 22,000 3,866		\$ 4,300	c. 00	\$ 2,204	04
Total	27,962	89	25,866	93	4,300	00	2,204	04

<sup>\*</sup>In addition to these deductions there has been deducted from Merchandise (Books and Stationery) Stock \$15,387.24. The amount deducted from Merchandise during the previous Quadrennium amounted to \$12,043.52, an increase this term of \$3,34'.72. (See

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Capital, 31st Profits, 1891 " 1892.

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### INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Capital,	31st March, 1890	9070 0F0 0F
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	1894	
	Total Profits         \$93,172 82           Less Appropriations by Committee         27,962 89	
	C	65,209 93
	Capital, 31st March, 1894	\$321,580 58
Added t	6 Capital from Profits, 1894	
	" " 1890	\$65,209 93
	" " " 1890	52,908 75
	Increase	
	Increase	<b>\$</b> 12,301 18

### Sales and Gross Profits of Merchandise. (Books and Stationery.)

	1894.		1890.		INCREAS	BE.	DECREASE.
Total Sales (Merchandise only)	\$ 767,367	e. 05	\$ 511,457	c. 93	\$ 255,909	c. 12	\$ c.
Gross Profits (Merchandise only)							

### DEDUCTIONS BY VALUATORS.

Most articles in daily use, and goods exposed for sale, depreciate in value in consequence of wear and tear, handling, dust, or the article may be superseded by a later and better device, and in consequence lose its value almost entirely. The wise merchant, therefore, deducts each year from his Assets a sum which will be sufficient to cover any depreciation of the kind. In the case of the Book Room the valuation of our Assets is made by experts in their several branches and are unconnected with the Establishment.

The deductions which have been made during the term are:

Binding Machinery																	 								٠.	\$1,887	3
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Merchandise		٠			٠	٠	٠	•						•					•	٠.		,				15,387	
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amounted to													•													42,281	54

The Christian Guardian, which has been for sixty-five years a potent force in the advancement of Canadian Methodism, has during the last four years held on its way with unabated vigor and fidelity. It has brought to the homes of our people inspiring intelligence of the progress of the work of God, presented from week to week lessons and examples adapted to help young and old in the work of the Christian life, advocated all our connexional enterprises, and faithfully and earnestly contended for "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," against every form of error in belief and wrong-doing in practice. The full result of the seeds of truth scattered by its agency can only be known in the great harvest-time, when the golden sheaves of earth shall be gathered into the garners of Heaven.

It is universally admitted that the wider circulation of the Guardian among our people is very desirable, inasmuch as the reading of the paper, by those who do not now take it, would promote their personal religion, and bring them into more intelligent sympathy with all departments of our work. There never was a time when the circulation among the people of wholesome religious literature, which gives no uncertain sound on the questions that affect Christian faith, was more necessary than at the present time.

Although no similar religious weekly on the continent is published at a lower price than the Guardian, yet strong expressions of a desire that the price of the paper should be reduced have been received from many quarters. Many believe that, without a reduction in the price, no excellence of the paper shall enable us to secure a largely-increased circulation.

At the May meeting of the Western Section of the Book Committee, this subject was very fully considered. The Committee recommended the reduction of the price to \$1.50, if this should be found practical. The Committee also recommended the General Conference to appoint an assistant editor of the GUARDIAN. A circular was sent out to all the Ministers in the Western Conferences, to ascertain, as far as possible, to what extent a reduction of price would increase the circulation. All the facts bearing upon this subject will be laid before the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Circulation	, March 31st	t, 1894 1890	· · · · ·	· · • • • •		 	12,701 13,094
	Decrease	e		· · · · · ·		 	393
Average A	nnual Circula	ation for	<b>F</b> erm	ended	1894	 ,	12,789
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	Decrease	B				 	930

### THE METHODIST MAGAZINE.

This Magazine has now nearly completed its Fortieth Volume and its Twentieth Year. It is gratifying that, notwithstanding the keen competition of numerous British and American Illustrated Magazines, this periodical maintains its hold upon the patronage of the public,

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and exhibits continuous improvement in literary character, religious influence and in artistic illustration. This is all the more gratifying on account of the failure of so many previous attempts to establish a Canadian Magazine, and of the failure of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States to maintain a Methodist monthly.

Our own Magazine, as an organ common to the entire Church, from Bermuda to Japan, has been a tangible bond of union. It has called forth the literary ability of a continuously increasing staff of able writers from every section of our Church. Their valued contributions cannot fail to be of permanent advantage in this reading age, when the press so largely moulds the opinions of the world. Never could the Church less afford to neglect the use of this powerful agent for the advance of the Faith and promotion of the exposition of the doctrines of Methodism and the promotion of Vital Godliness.

The discussion of important social problems in this Magazine, its articles on Missionary and Religious topics, its character-studies of the world's great leaders of thought and action, its high-class illustrations of many lands and especially of the lands of the Bible, its papers on Popular Science, its wholesome and interesting serial and other stories, it is evident from its success, have met a want felt among our people. During the twenty years of its existence it has distributed about 120,000 volumes, 720,000 numbers, and over 7,000,000 printed pages of instructive and religiously edifying reading. In an age when frivolous and pernicious books and periodicals so largely abound, this is a consideration of great importance.

Circulation,	March 30th,	1894				9 607
"	**	1890			 	2,961
	Decrease					
Average An	nual Circulat	ion for Tern	ended	1894	 	2,879
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D	ecrease				 <b></b>	238

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

No department of our publishing interests has exhibited more rapid development than that of our Sunday School periodicals. The Sunday School Banner has been enlarged about one-third in size, greatly improved in quality, and is given to the poorest school at the same rate as to the largest and wealthiest.

Onward, the new paper for our Senior Classes and Young People's Societies, has been a very marked success. It devotes special attention to the illustration and exposition of the Sunday School lessons, and has been pronounced by Sunday School superintendents and teachers as exceedingly helpful in this respect. It has also furnished a more complete report of the proceedings of the Conventions and other meetings of our Young People's Association than either Epworth Herald or Golden Rule has given of League or Endeavor conventions. It gives also weekly expository notes on the topics of both the Epworth

League and Endeavor Societies. Special importance is given to the subject of Missions, especially the Missions of our own Church, and this paper has exercised no small influence in the recent temperance and anti-Sunday car campaigns. Its special Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day numbers have attracted special commendation. The success of Onward has not interfered with that of the other periodicals of the Sunday School, which report also a large increase. All these papers are instinct with patriotic sentiment, and are loyal to the doctrines of our Church and institutions of our country, and are largely superseding those foreign and irresponsible papers which are often opposed to both.

The report of 1893 indicates that 417 schools have been kept open through the entire winter which were closed the winter before, and in many cases where the schools could not be kept open the papers were continued and distributed at the Sunday service. Thus, not only has the circulation been largely increased, but this increase has been continued the entire year, instead of to a large extent, as heretofore, during the summer months.

These papers present a grand opportunity for moulding to a large degree the Church and nation, by influencing to piety and godliness, during the most susceptible period, the minds of Canadian Methodism. Of these periodicals, over 160,000 pages are printed for every working day in the year. The influence of such a stream of directly religious teaching proceeding from the press can never in this world be fully estimated. Only the Great Day shall reveal it.

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Onward (Commenced publication 1st January, 1891)— Circulation, March 31st, 1894 Comparing this with Home AND School, which was a	00.071
Comparing this with Home AND School, which was a fortnightly paper, having a fortnightly circulation of 43,093, equalling a present weekly circulation of	29,851
	21,546
Increase	8,305
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1894	26,488
Pleasant Hours—	
Circulation, March 31st, 1894  The Circulation in 1890 was 48,272, fortnightly papers, but putting it on a basis of comparison with present weekly issue would equal only	46,151
equal only with present weekly issue would	24,136
Increase	22,015
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1894	44,490
Sunbeam—	
Circulation, March 31st, 1894	33,939
	31,724
Increase	2,215
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1894	32,534
	27,875
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Happy Days—	
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Circulation, March 31st, 1894	13,777
" 1890	12,370
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Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1894.	13,242
" 1890	12,370
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Increase	972
Berean Leaf (Monthly)—	
Circulation, March 31st, 1894	00.000
" 1890	83,679 $69,042$
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Increase	14,637
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1894.	90 004
" " 1890	82,294 $57,415$
Increase	24,879
Berean Leaf (Quarterly)	
Circulation, March 30th, 1894	
" 1890	11,986
	22,877
Decrease	10,891
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1894	
	13,646
	33,374
Decrease	19,728
	10,720
Christian Guardian *ADVERTISING.	
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Receipts for Advertising for Term ended 1894	186 08
" 1890	313 27
Increase	72 81
Sunday School Banner—	
Receipts for Advertising for Term and al 1904	00.0-
1890	86 32
	89 12
Increase	97 20

The figures given under this heading are not to be taken as additional to those given in the Financial Statements of these periodicals, as they are included in the Statements for both 1890 and 1894.

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Receipts f	or Advertisi	ng for Term	ended	1894 1890	 \$1,823 1,719	74 12
					 \$104	62
Increase in	GUARDIAN BANNER	Advertising			 \$5,172	81
"	MAGAZINE				 1 297	20
	Total				\$6.574	62

### Printing Department.

Notwithstanding the additions made to the Manufacturing Department during the previous Quadrennium, it has been found necessary to increase our plant during the past four years. Our Press-room now contains sixteen steam presses (of which two are Gordon presses) and three proof presses—nineteen in all; and we are even now restricted for facilities to keep pace with the business.

On the 31st March, 1890, our Printing Machinery was valued at	\$28,068 45
Potter Press, bed 42x60 Cottrell two-revolution Press, bed 38x52 Whitlock Press, bed 37x52  ""28x34 Wharfdale Perfecting Press, bed 40x50 Drilling Machine (for repairing)	\$13,076 15
Less Valuators' Deductions	\$41,144 60 7,608 94
Present Value	\$33,535 66
It has been necessary also to increase our stock of type material.	and printing
Our stock on the 30th March, 1890, was valued at	\$16,390 15 8,493 96
Less Valuators' Deductions	\$24,884 11 6,920 16
Present Value	\$17,963 95
The Electro and Stereotyping Branch has been kept up a new dynamo having been added to the plant.	to the times,
Value of Plant March 31st, 1890 One new Dynamo, etc.	\$1,963 92 176 68
Less Valuators' Deductions	\$2,140 60 303 60
Present Value	\$1,837 00

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### THE BINDERY.

This important Department of the Establishment has been improved, and as now furnished is prepared to undertake all classes of binding work. We refer our friends to the many book publications brought out by the House for samples of the skill of this Department.

Department.	
The value of the Machinery and Tools in the Bindery on March 31st, 1890, amounted to	\$6,958 01
1 Rolling Machine 1 Power Wire-Stitcher 1 Gough Embossing Machine	
1 Knife Grinder	
1 Backing Machine 1 Standing Press	2,491 03
1 Wire-Stitcher (hand). Sundry Tools, etc.	
	\$9,449 O4
Less Valuators' Deductions	1,887 37
Present Value	\$7,561 67

### THE BOOK PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

Perhaps no other Department has extended more than this branch during the past four years. Our excellent facilities for printing and binding have drawn to our presses a liberal share of the book publishing done in Canada during late years. This cannot fail to benefit us in future, as with the increase of wealth and leisure many more of our people will have the time and desire to devote themselves to literary pursuits.

### REAL ESTATE.

Improvements and the addition of two floors to the Temperance Street front of the building have increased the value of this asset \$12,879.81 during the past four years. The addition was made to accommodate the Delineator Co., who now occupy the additional two floors on Temperance Street and the upper floor of the Richmond Street building.

### THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

During the Quadrennium just closed the Book Room contributed \$26,300.00 to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. The amount contributed in the previous Quadrennium was \$22,000, an increase, therefore, this term of \$4,300.00.

### THE MONTREAL BOOK ROOM.

This Branch was established in the month of May, 1875, and although for the first five years was carried on at a loss it has shown a gratifying progress for the last fourteen years—every year yielding a profit. It will be seen that there has been an increase in the sales during the last Quadrennium of \$7,619.30, and in the Profits of \$1,832.20; and that

the Capital Stock is now \$6,968.56. The removal in April last to a more commodious store, and in a better locality (2176 St. Catherine Street), is regarded by all as a good move. The Auditors in their last Report referred to the matter in the following words: "We are satisfied that with the new store, which is one of the neatest and most attractive premises in the Book Trade of the city, and admirably situated, there will be a gratifying increase in business during the present year."

The following summary will give, at one view, a good idea of the business for the last Quadrennium:

Cash and Credit Sales:

Cash an	a Cr	edit "	Sale	8:								
1891									 	 	 \$17,748	07
1892									 	 	 17,908	
1893									 	 	 17,271	99
1894									 	 	 16,688	58
		Sales	for '	Term	end	ing	1890	) .	 	 	 \$69,617 61,997	
Net Pro	fits :	Incre	ase,	1894				<b>.</b>	 	 	 \$7,619	30
1891									 	 	 \$843	19
1892									 	 	 1,009	-
1893									 	 	 811	66
1894									 	 	 920	25
											\$3,584	
		Profit	ts fo	r Ter	m ei	ıdin	g 18	390.	 		 1,752	63
		Incre	ase,	1894					 	 	 \$1,832	20
Total	Asse	ets							 	 	 16,657	51
Total	Liab	ilities		· · · •					 	 	 9,688	95
		Capit	al S	tock					 	 	 \$6,968	56

WILLIAM BRIGGS, Book Steward.

### 2. REPORT OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Eastern Section of the Book Committee beg to submit the following Report for the Quadrennium ending March 31st, 1894:—

Reviewing the business of the last four years, the Committee are glad to find an improvement in both the Book Room and Wesleyan departments. The sales of books and periodicals have advanced from \$88,114.74 to \$94,118.29, and the net profits on the Merchandise Account, \$3,434.97. The Wesleyan has maintained its position and usefulness; and although the circulation has slightly decreased, yet, owing to a more favorable contract for printing and more prompt payment of subscriptions, the deficit is only \$310, against \$1,368 for the former Quadrennium.

The balance sheet of 1890 showed a deficit of \$1,439.02, while at present the business shows a surplus of \$547.23, a gain of \$1,986.25.

The Committee strongly recommend the continuance of the credit of \$10,000 without interest by the Toronto Book Room, in view of the fact

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The Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the fidelity, diligence and ability with which the Book Steward and Editor have discharged the arduous and important duties connected with their respective departments of work.

The statements appended will furnish in detail information as to the present financial condition of the entire business.

Sales and gross profits of goods for the Quadrennium ending March 31st, 1894:

1000.01	Sales.	
1890-91	\$29,545	49 \$5,659 25
1891-92 1892-93		13 4 944 08
1893-94	21,325	4 596 05
1093-94	18,678	3,807 18
Last Qu	\$94,118 £	\$18,937 46 16,657 67
Increase	\$6,003	\$2,279 79

### MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

1887-90 1891-94	Gross Profits \$16,657 67 18,937 46	Expenses. \$14,783 14 15,502 49	Loss.	Gain. \$1,874 53 3,434 97
	\$2,279 79	\$719 35		<b>Q1</b> 560 44

### GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

1887-90\$22,186	07	Average \$5,546 5	i0
1891-94	49		i2
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Average increase \$130 12

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The Expense Account for last year was reduced to \$5,194.83.

### "WESLEYAN" ACCOUNT.

1890-91     1,720 16     1,800 00     79 84       1891-92     1,800 00     1,800 00     79 84       1892-93     1,609 07     1,800 00     190 93       1893-94     1,750 04     1,800 00     190 93	1887-90	Gross profits \$5,831 27	Expenses. \$7,200 00	Loss. \$1,368-73
1892-93 1,609 07 1,800 00 190 93	1891-92	1,800 00	1,800 00	
	1892-93	1,609 07	1,800 00	

### SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET.

March 31st, 1887.—There was a deficit of \$2,715.97.
1890.—
1,439.02.

This was the deficit shown at the end of last Quadrennium, \$1,439.02.

1891	Assets \$24,204 57	Liabilities. \$24,539 01	Deficit \$334 44
1893	22 460 80	22,685 36 $21,824 64$	Surplus
1894	20,616 62	20,069 39	" 547 23

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### NET PROFITS OF QUADRENNIUM.

Merchandise Account Less balance profit and loss written off, bad debts. S1, Loss Wesleyan Account	137 89	97
	1,448	72
Net gain	\$1,986	25
Deficit 1890, per Balance Sheet \$1,5 Gain for Quadrennium	439 02 986 25	
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### BALANCE SHEET, MARCH 31st, 1894.

Assets.		LIABILITIES.
S. S. Board Wesleyan Stock on hand	7,812 2 876 6 1,600 0 8,858 3	8 Cash on Interest       \$7,540 05         8 Sundry Accounts       1,280 90         6 Toronto Book Room       9,578 44         1 Wesleyan Adv. payments       1,670 00         1 Balance       547 23
	\$20,616 6	\$20,616 62

S. F. Huestis, Book Steward. C. H. Paisley, Chairman.

J. LATHERN, Secretary.

Halifax, May 22, 1894.

### 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

1. That having received and considered the report of the Western Section of the Book Committee, we desire to express our high appreciation of the manner in which its affairs are managed; the energy and financial ability commend the management of the Book and Publishing House to this General Conference, and we recommend that the report be printed in the JOURNAL of the proceedings of this Conference.

2. While recognizing the wholesome influence exercised upon our people and country by *The Christian Guardian*, one of the leading religious papers of our day, your Committee recommend, in view of the many memorials and motions regarding price of same, that in order to place *The Christian Guardian*, one of our connexional organs, more widely in the homes of our people, the price thereof be reduced to one dollar per annum, with the hope that the circulation will be increased to at least thirty thousand, depending, as in the past, upon the loyalty of our ministers and others to do all in their power to increase this circulation by the 1st January, 1895.

3. We desire to express our pleasure at the standard to which our *Methodist Magazine* and Sunday School periodicals have attained, showing the ability and fidelity with which the editors have conducted this department of our work.

4. We also recognize the satisfactory manner in which the affairs of the Eastern Section of our Book Committee carried on their work, 189**4**]

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showing a gradual increase in the business, and join with the Standing Committee in the desire to place on record the appreciation of the fidelity, diligence and ability with which the Book Steward and Editor have discharged the arduous and important duties connected with their respective departments of work.

5. We recommend that the Book and Publishing Houses furnish, without charge, a copy of each suitable work and periodical published by them to the library of each of our theological institutions.

6. Your Committee are of the opinion that the time has not yet arrived for establishing a Methodist paper in the city of Winnipeg, but would recommend that the Western Section of the Book Committee be directed to make arrangements for a paid special correspondent at the

7. Your Committee recommend that at least one page of The Christian Guardian be allotted for material supplied by the special correspondent at Winnipeg for Manitoba and North-West matters.

8. With regard to the notice of motion that, in view to the saving of expense, the membership of the Book Committee be reduced by one-half, your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

9. With reference to notice of motion regarding reduction in price of Sunday School periodicals, it was resolved that any changes in the size, shape, price or character of The Methodist Magazine or Sunday School periodicals of the Methodist Church be referred to the careful consideration of the Western Section of the Book Committee.

10. Your Committee further recommend that the Book Committee be authorized to open a Depository or Book Room in the city of Winnipeg, if found expedient, during the Quadrennium.

11. We recommend that about two pages of The Christian Guardian be set apart more particularly for the discussion of young people's work, and that the Book Committee be recommended to grant suitable remuneration for such service.

12. We recommend that the address of the General Superintendent be published in the form of a supplement to The Christian Guardian and Wesleyan, thus securing a circulation of many thousands at a moderate cost, and that the expense of the supplement shall be met by the General Conference Fund.

13. Your Committee recommend that the grant of credit to the Eastern Section of the Book Committee of ten thousand dollars without interest be continued.

14. That the Western and Eastern Sections of the Book Committee be authorized to make any changes in the relation of the Halifax Book Room with that of Toronto which may be found necessary during the Quadrennium.

15. Your Committee recommend that the Wesleyan be continued as the organ of the Church in the Maritime Provinces; that it bear the same relation to Epworth Leagues and young people's societies in the East as The Christian Guardian does in the West; and that the subscription price be reduced to one dollar per year. Should it be deemed advisable to effect any change in its relation to The Christian Guardian

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16. On motion by Mr. T. Hayne—That whereas it is desirable that as large a proportion as possible of the leading thoughts of our Church should reach the greatest number possible of our people, therefore, be it resolved and so ordered that this Conference set aside the sum of one thousand dollars per annum from the proceeds of its Book and Publishing House, to be expended by the editor or editors of The Christian Guardian and Methodist Magazine, under advice or by consent of the Western Section of the Book and Publishing Committee of this Conference, in procuring from the leading ministers of our Church articles for insertion in the Guardian and Magazine bearing on the current social, religious and theological thought; provided, however, that no more than six articles shall be accepted to be paid for from any one writer in the same year—your Committee recommend that this motion be referred to the Western Section of the Book and Publishing Committee for its consideration.

17. In regard to the suggestions of the Book Committee *re* assistant editor of *The Christian Guardian*, we recommend the Conference to leave the appointment of such assistant editor to the Western Section of the Book Committee, with instructions to select and appoint a suitable person

to that position, if found desirable.

18. The Book and Publishing Committee, taking notice of the fact that the Committee appointed to prepare a Hymn and Tune Book has discharged its duty, and believing that the Hymn and Tune Book thus prepared is a compilation admirably adapted to the purpose which it is intended to subserve, recommend that the General Conference gratefully recognize the care and taste displayed by the Hymn and Tune Book Committee, and commend the book in question to the use of choirs and

congregations.

19. We recommend that the Book Committee be composed of ministers and laymen residing within the bounds of the several Conferences, as follows: From Conferences numbered 1 to 5, four members each; from Manitoba Conference, one member; from Nova Scotia Conference, five members; from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, five members; from Newfoundland Conference, two members. These delegates shall be elected by the delegates of the several Annual Conferences, meeting separately, and with the Book Steward and Editors shall constitute the Book Committee for the quadrennial term following their appointment.

20. The Western Section shall consist of the members of the Committee residing within the bounds of the Conferences numbered from 1 to 5, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia and Japan, eleven of

whom shall form a quorum for transaction of business.

21. The Executive Committee of the Western Section shall consist of two members from each of the Conferences numbered from 1 to 5, with the Book Steward and Editors. Six shall constitute a quorum.

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### VIII.—STATISTICS.

## STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE QUADRENNIUM, 1890-94.

Membership Returns for the Year Ending May 15th, 1894.

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	By Letter.	2762 1775 1942 1585 388 474 221 1268 330 151	13013
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	CONFERENCES.	Toronto London Niagara Guelph Bay of Quinte Montreal Now Scotia New Brunswick and P. E. I Newfoundland Manicoba and North-West British Columbia	Total for Church

\* No report given in Schedule or in Minutes of Conference.

Norg.-Figures in columns A and B are as found in Conference Schedules. But the Guelph, British Columbia and Japan Conferences are the only ones in Which the differences between A and B is the same as the difference between c and D.

Membership Returns for the Quadrennium Ending May 15th, 1894.

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Guelph	29386	1199	30585	28228	2357	: :	860	6081	1070	7151	2700	3681
Bay of Quinte	36568	2254	38822	29955	8867	:	1058	8830	1109	9939	4489	6194
Montreal	35677	1881	37568	34156	3412	:	1316	10571	086	11551	3849	8028
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British Columbia	3440	966	4436	2979	1457	: :	120	1316	348	1664	737	897
Japan	1876	105	1881	1716	265	:	:	141	536	677	:	107
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\* The Bowmanville District with 3305 members, and the Uxbridge District with 2418 members, making a total of 5723, were, by the General Conference of 1890, transferred from the Toronto Conference to the Bay of Quinte Conference, hence the decrease here reported.

+ The increase in eight Western Conferences... 24974
... three ... 1856
... one Japan Conference .... 255

Total increase as above ..... 27,085

CHURCH PROPERTY, MAY 15TH 1894

Total increase as above.....

CHURCH PROPERTY, MAY 15TH, 1894.

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	Number Insured.	90 85 89 104 116 117 117 40 8 8 43 43 112	7518	: .
NAGES.	Debt on Parsonages and Furniture.	\$ 29021 20292 34775 16151 22056 32696 15842 7456 1414 26965	213190	32319
PARSONAGES	Value of Furniture.	\$ 35085 24059 28281 21421 27676 38980 18677 19498 77332 12016 6321	239746 225297	14449
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	Total Preach- ing Places.	499 375 301 393 573 720 397 269 220 563 1177	4260	325
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	CONFERENCES.	Toronto London Nagara Guelph Bay of Quinte Montreal Nova Scotia New Brunswick and P. E. I. Newfoundland Manitoba and North-West British Columbia	: :	Increase

\* Not reported. + Parsonages.

\* Missionaries' Houses.

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\* Wesley College is in course of erection, hence not yet insured. The figures here given indicate insurance on some furnishings. † The returns for 1890 were not complete.

(a) 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 14 are Connexional Institutions, and are under the control of the General Conference.

(b) 9, 13 and 15 are Local Conference Institutions.

(c) 2 and 5 are Proprietary Institutions.
(d) 4, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 are Missionary Institutions, and are supported by the General Society and by the Woman's Missionary Society.
(e) The Minutes of Japan Conference contain no report as to value of Anglo-Japanese College at Tokyo.
(f) The Normal School, Grammar Schools and 140 Day Schools in Newfoundland, under control of the Methodist Church, are not included in the above.

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### CHURCH PROPERTY, MAY 15TH, 1894.

### SUMMARY.

PROPERTY.	Total Value of all Church Property.	Total Debt.	For how much Insured
3211 Churches 1064 Parsonages and Furniture 1208 Burial Places 12 Colleges 8 Schools 2 Book and Publishing Houses	1787399 134960	\$2682408 212190 	\$493096 81121  42920 79650
Grand Total, 1894	<b>\$14852805</b>	\$3071598	\$6251029

### Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry, June, 1894, Showing THE MINISTERIAL CHANGES FOR THE YEAR.

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CONFERENCES.	By Transfer	On Probation.	From other Churches.	Total.	By Death.	By Transfer.	Withdrawn.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Total.	Members this year.	Total last year.	Increase.	Decrease
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<sup>\*</sup> Not reported.

		PR	OBATI	ONER	s.			MINISTERS.								
CONFERENCES.		At College.	On Reserve List.	Without Station.	Teaching.	TOTAL. A	On Circuits.	Officers of Gen Conf. and Professors in Colleges.	Without Station.	Evangelists.	Superannu- ated.	Supernumer- ary.	Died 1890 to 1894.	Total. B		
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Total, 1894	254 195	163 101	23	11	2	453 296	1188 *1174	44	14	5	257 243	35 35	112 77	1543 1452	111	
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<sup>\*</sup> This number for 1890 includes Officers of General Conference and Professors in Colleges.
† Supernumerary Ministers of the Eastern Conferences bear the same relation to the Church that the Superannuated Ministers do in the Western Conferences. They are in this Schedule placed in the same column to show the full number of claimants on the superannuation funds.

Members in the Quarterly Official Boards, May 15th, 1894.

		* M	INIST	ERS.		rs.			Assistants.			REPRESENTA- TIVES.			-us	an	
CONFERENCES.	Effective.	Superannu- ated.	Supernumer- ary.	Probationers.	Total.	Local Preachers,	Exhorters.	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.	Stewards.	Society.	Trustee Board	TOTAL.	S. S. Superinten- dents. ‡	Epworth League Presidents.	NET TOTAL.
Toronto London Niagara Guelph Bay of Quinte Montreal Nova Scotia New Brunswick & P.E. I Newfoundland Manitoba & North-West British Columbia Japan	142 121 101 137 150 179 84 78 41 86 34 24	32 35 23 24	11 1 3 5 5 3   9 1	44 14 23 15 29 45 23 16 21 50 23 8	242 168 162 180 208 255 123 109 64 155 60 32	368 269 199 304 308 300 43 80 55 228 104	91 86 66 87 114 172 66 54 316 83 51 27	802 896 786 863 999 823 205 246 403 326 93 48	144 128 171 125 94 117 60 55 264 41 27	1024 957 988 1093 940 265 301	1081 878 777 927 1074 1362 563 552 192 872 234 63	693 798 812 804 266 320 103	216 231 274 354 323 189 235 50 102 26	924 1072 1166 1127 455 555 153	363 319 270 325 463 496 217 224 169 227 54 38		3649 3119 2911 3351 3889 4078 1453 1521 1172 2122 601 283
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Increase						179	187	292	318	610							· ;·

\*The numbers given in the five columns under this heading are as given in the schedules of the several Conferences, and as published in the Minutes of the Conferences; but they are not correct. Toronto Conference, for illustration, has here a total of 242 only. The number last year was 267, from which deduct five and correct number see Schedule C-4, 2.

\*\*The number see Schedule C-4, 2.

† The number of S. S. Superintendents as given in this column does not agree in any one Conference with the number of S. Schools reported in S. S. Schedule, some giving more and others less. Manitoba Conference berg gives 227 S. S. Superintendents, but S. S. Schedule gives only 216 schools.

§ S. S. Schedule reports 1032 Epworth Leagues.

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\*These figures are all given as found in the Minutes of the Annual Conferences. The final returns as published in the Missionary Report will show larger sums, as some moneys are not paid in until after the Conference Reports are made up. Since completing this Schedule, and making a general summary of the totals. I have received from Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, a statement of total receipts from the Conferences at the Mission Rooms, and the total is \$199,909.54, an increase of \$853.94, showing an increase in each Conference.

† In Maritime Conferences. † See Journal of General Conference, 1890, page 327.

CONNEXIONAL FUNDS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MAY 15TH, 1894.

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Sunday School	\$ C. 1756 63 1033 98 1033 98 1051 00 1166 85 1461 85 1598 45 598 45 598 45 517 24 840 12	10318 70 8967 89	1950 81
Union Church Relief.	\$ C. 3247 54 2228 41 2228 42 2228 42 2284 26 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	17634 90 17188 17	446 73
General Confer- ence.	\$ C. 4112 60 22683 96 22683 96 22681 31 4045 23 137 47 87 87 87 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88	25417 54	2250 10
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\* These figures show only the contributions of the Annual Conferences as reported in the Conference Minutes, some of which are not complete, as full returns are not made in time to be reported at Conference. The large items of Legacies and Miscellaneous are not given. The total missionary income for the quadrennium, 1890 to 1894, is \$958,538,03, which shows \$154,471.15 more than here given; and the total income for the quadrennium, 1836 to 1890, was \$857,156.18, which shows \$81,559.68 more than here given. Increase, \$101,381.34.

Paid for Circuit Purposes for the Quadrennium ending May 15th, 1894.

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2.—To above Grand Total, as summarized from the Conference Minutes, may be added the increase in missionary contributions, as shown in note on Schedule D, which is \$154,471.15, which, added to \$9,169,679, makes a Grand Total of \$9,324,150.15. Nore 1.—The salaries paid to the officers of the General Conference and to the Professors in the Educational Work are not reported, except in a few cases. \* Not reported.

QUADRENNIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30rm, 1894,

As Compiled from the Minutes of the Annual Conferences, by the General Conference Statistician,

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\* By some typographical errors in the Report for 1890, as found in Journal of General Conference for 1890, the number of schools is given as 3,173, which, on reference to pages 316, 317 and 318,

### GENERAL SUMMARY.

As will be seen there has been a grand increase all along the line, for which we are grateful to the Great Head of the Church, who has so abundantly blessed the labors of His people.

From Schedule A-4, 1 and 2, which reports fully the membership for

the year 1893-94, we find that the

Total membership, including those on trial, is			222
An increase for the past year of			
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rumber of Children baptized 1890-94	64 320	Increase.	354
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Schedules B-4, 1, 2 and 3, contain all available items concerning Church Property, showing that we now have—

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Schedules C-4, 1, 2 and 3, give number of Ministers and Official Boards.

During the year 1893-94 113 young men were received on probation for the ministry, and seven ministers were received from other Churches; but twenty-one ministers died, nineteen withdrew, seven probationers were dropped and four ministers were expelled, leaving a net increase for the year of 69.

The total number of young men now on probation is	453
A grand total of	
An increase of	1,996
	948

During the quadrennium 112 have died, an increase of thirty-five over the preceding four years.

1	he number	of Local Preachers is	2,295	Increase	179
	6.6	Exhorters is	1,213	6.6	187
	66	Class Leaders (male) is	6,490	6.6	292
	* 44	(female) is	1,263	4.6	318
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Schedules D-4, 1 and 2, tell the amounts contributed for the various Connexional Funds.

The amount contributed during the past year being	\$357,088	73
And for the quadrennium	1,387,717 88,843	27

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Schedule E-4 contains amounts contributed for circuit purposes, from which we learn that among other items of expense there has been

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"Sunday Schools	195,204
	28,339 484,275
	368,981
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Schedule F-4 shows amount raised for ministerial support, etc., from which we glean that there was paid for

Salaries during the quadrennium  The deficiency or amount of salaries unpaid is  Which, however, is less than that reported during the preceding quadrennium because the preceding quadrennium and the preceding quadrennium and the preceding quadrennium because the preceding quadrennium and the preceding quadrennium because the preceding the pre	254,093	Increase,	\$830,115
the preceding quadrennium by	134,326		

This, however, would be largely increased if we could have report of all salaries paid to the General Conference Officers, Professors in Colleges, Evangelists and the agencies, and also legacies and miscellaneous contributions to Missionary and Educational Funds.

Schedule G-4, which is the last and in size the largest, gives full details of all items connected with our Sunday School work. It shows that we have in connection with our twelve Annual Conferences

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Schools numbering Officers and Teachers Scholars		Increase.	274
Scholars Conversions during the past year	30,807 $252,546$	"	2,396
Scholars members of the Church		inc. (over 189	26,496
who have taken Total Abstinence Pledge	59,423 76,129	Increase,	22,325
Number of Epworth Leagues.	1,032		26,710
	47.125		

The report contained in the several schedules is by far the fullest and most complete statistical compendium that has been presented to any General Conference. Year after year, during the quadrennium, there has been a marked improvement in the promptitude with which some of the schedules have been prepared and forwarded; and if all concerned would only fall into line and have duplicate copies of all schedules prepared by the statistical committees of the several Conferences, and one copy at once forwarded to the General Conference Statistician, the Annual Compilation could be furnished in time for publication in the minutes of each Conference. But this year we had to wait for some reports until the published minutes came to hand, and one or two tardy or neglectful ones delay the whole report.

We would urge that greater care be taken to have the schedules correct, and to agree the one with the other. There should be harmony and exactness in all financial and other figures. There are other sugges-

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. CORNISH, Gen. Conf. Statistician.

Note.—The Decennial Census of 1891 showed population of Canada by religion as follows: Roman Catholics, 1,992,017; Methodists, 847,755; Presbyterians, 755,326; Anglicans, 646,059; Baptists, 303,839; Lutherans, 63,982; Congregationalists, 28,157; others, 184,457. Total, 4,833,239.

### 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee have heard with great satisfaction the detailed and extended report of the General Conference Statistician as presented to the Conference, and referred to them, and rejoice in the very gratifying increase reported in the membership and Connexional Funds during the quadrennium.

They recommend to the Conference

1. That the report be received and printed in the Journal of this

2. That to paragraph No. 134, page 50, of the Discipline, which reads as follows: "Each Annual Conference shall have the power to determine the date of the closing of the financial year within its limits," be added to the following: "And all accounts and returns for the Conference year shall be closed at the Annual District Meeting."

3. That we recommend the re-appointment of the Rev. Dr. Cornish

as General Conference Statistician.

4. That, in view of the work to be done, the Rev. Dr. Cornish be paid \$100 from the General Conference Fund for the ensuing quadrennium.

5. That, whereas the General Conference of 1890 requested Rev. Dr. Cornish to publish an appendix to his "Cyclopædia of Canadian Methodism," and whereas the request has not been complied with. and whereas the request has not been complied with, although the manuscript is ready for publication, your Committee recommend that the General Conference request the Book Committee to undertake the publication of the same.

6. That we recommend that the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, with the Rev. Dr. Cornish, be a committee to revise and

superintend the publication of the new schedules.

WM. JOHNSON, Chairman. THOS. MARSHALL, Secretary. 1894]

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### IX.-DISCIPLINE.

### 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

They have carefully considered the various memorials, motions and matters referred to them by the Conference, and submit as an Appendix hereto a memorandum of the action they recommend to be taken. all the other cases they recommend non-concurrence or no action.

They recommend that an Editing Committee, composed of the Secretary of this Conference and four other persons, to be nominated by the General Superintendent, be appointed to prepare for publication in consultation with the General Superintendent, the new edition of the Discipline, and that they have power to re-number the paragraphs and to harmonize the references in other paragraphs with such re-numbering.

WM. GALBRAITH, Chairman. JOHN J. MACLAREN, Secretary.

### APPENDIX A.

3. Mem. 15(c), Par. 74, Sec. 1.—Amend the last clause to read as follows: "May be received by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission as members, when duly accredited, without the usual term of

4. Par. 80, Sec. 1.—Omit the following words: "Let one hymn or more be read verse by verse alternately with the singing." Amend the last sentence to read as follows: "At the close of the service let the congregation bow in silent prayer."

5. Mem. 45, Par. 82, Sec. 5.—Omit the following clause: "5. Nonshould be admitted to the class-meeting with the utmost members caution."

6. Mem. 46, Par. 84.—Omit the last clause: "Admission to which may be by ticket of membership or note of admission."

7. G.S., Par. 103.—Amend this paragraph to read as follows: "In the event of the death or disability of the General Superintendent, the Secretary of the General Conference or five members of the Special Committee of the General Conference shall call together that committee, when it shall elect a successor to fill the office until the next General

8. G. S., Par. 106.—Amend this paragraph to read as follows: "An annual collection shall be made throughout the whole work for the General Conference Fund," etc.

10. Mem. 123, Par. 115.—Add at the end the following: "All such decisions and rulings shall be given in writing and recorded.

11. Par. 116.—Amend the last sentence to read as follows: "Such election shall be by the joint votes of ministers, probationers and laymen."

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tation," "Epworth League," "Church Property."

15. Mem. 1011, Par. 141.—At the foot of page 53 add the question: "What superannuated or supernumerary ministers are recommended to be restored to the active work?"

16. Mem. 78, Par. 141, page 54.—After the question, "Who are suspended from the ministry?" insert the question, "Who are deposed from the ministry?"

17 (a). Mem. 75, Par. 154, Sec. 3.—Add the following words: "Where a young man has travelled under a chairman for two or more years, only one year will be allowed on the term of his probation."

18. Mem. 1011, Par. 155—Insert the following question as No. 4: "What superannuated or supernumerary ministers are recommended to be restored to the active work?" and re-number the succeeding questions.

19. Mem. 1026, Par. 159.—Insert the following question: "What ministers' widows have claims on the Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund?"

20. Par. 166.—Amend this paragraph to read as follows: "The Financial District Meeting shall be composed of the superintendent and one lay delegate from each circuit and mission in the district appointed by the Quarterly Official Board. The lay delegates must be members of the Church. A probationer in charge of a circuit or mission on which there is no resident superintendent shall be a member of the Financial District Meeting."

21. Mem. 1031, Par. 167 (3).—Amend the second clause to read as follows: "And to receive from the Chairman of the District the amount to be raised by each circuit and mission for the Superannuation or

Supernumerary Fund," etc.

22. Mem. 1031, Par. 170.—Amend to read as follows: "The Financial Secretary shall forthwith, after each Financial District Meeting, furnish the Treasurers of the Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund with a complete statement of the amounts required from each circuit and mission as adopted by the Financial District Meeting."

23. Mem. 21, Par. 171.—In lines 5 and 6, change "the Leaders and Assistant Leaders of classes" to "the Leader and one Assistant Leader

of each class."

24. Mem. 107, Par. 171.—Add the following words at the end of this paragraph: "Only members over twenty-one years of age shall have the right to vote on questions involving financial liability."

25. Mem. 132 (a), Par. 174, Sec. 4.—Insert after the word "ballot" in the tenth line the following: "The superintendent shall nominate two or

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27. Mem. 142, Par. 174, Sec. 7 (8).—Amend to read as follows: "To arrange the appointment, scale, date and mode of nomination and election of the representatives of the societies on the circuit, who must be members of the Church."

28. Mem. 132 (c), Par. 174, Sec. 8.—Amend to read as follows: "Special meetings of the Quarterly Official Board may be convened by the superintendent. On the request of five members of the Board he shall convene such a meeting. Only the business named in the notice to the members of the Board shall be transacted at any such special meeting."

29. Par. 174.—Add the following as an additional clause: "The Quarterly Official Board may make arrangements or agreements with the Board of Trustees not inconsistent with the Discipline of the Church, tration or disposal of any of the Church funds which are under the control of the said Boards, or either of them."

30. Par. 175, Sec. 3.—Amend the first sentence to read as follows: "3. To hold meetings of the Quarterly Official Board, to preside in all otherwise provided for."

31. Par. 175, Sec. 10.—Add the following after the word "circuit" in the third line: "To see that the whole of the collections at all the services on the days appointed for the several Connexional Funds are devoted to such funds."

32. Mem. 17, 17 (a), 17 (b), 1036, Par. 179.—Amend this paragraph to read as follows: "Superintendents of circuits employing evangelists other than recognized ministers of the Methodist Church shall engage only those that are amenable to the Church in respect of the doctrines they teach, and labor under the supervision of the pastor, and with the consent of the Quarterly Board where they are employed."

33. Par. 202.—Amend to read as follows: "A copy of the charges and distinct specifications, with a notice in writing of the time and place of trial, shall be given to the accused at least one week before the day fixed for the trial by the officer who is to preside. When these are sent by mail they must be posted at least ten days before the day fixed for trial."

34. Par. 203.—Amend to read as follows: "Notices may be given by a registered letter, etc."

35. Par. 204.—Amend to read as follows: "A Committee of Trial shall consist of five qualified persons. Three shall form a quorum, and three at least must agree to render a decision. The officer who is to preside at the trial shall summon the persons who are to compose the committee. Persons preferring or promoting charges, or being material witnesses, shall not be qualified to act as members of the committee."

36. Par. 205.—Amend to read as follows: "No peremptory challenges of members of the committee shall be allowed," etc.

38. Par. 207.—Amend to read as follows: "If an accused person do not appear after proof of due notice, the trial may proceed and the decision be rendered in his absence."

40. Par. 211.—Amend to read as follows: "Charges may be amended or added to in writing at any time if the committee consider the

41. Par. 211(a).—Add the following clause: "The committee may from time to time make any adjournments they may deem necessary for

the better hearing and trial of matters before them.'

42. Par. 212.—Amend to read as follows: "In all cases of trial the presiding officer shall refrain from delivering any charge to the committee or from interfering in any way with their deliberations, and he shall not be present with them while they are deliberating on their

43. Par. 214.—Amend to read as follows: "A copy of the decision certified by the presiding officer shall be served within three days after the rendering of the decision upon each party in the manner hereinabove provided for notices.

44. Par. 217.—Amend the last clause to read as follows: "Within two weeks after the service of a copy of the decision as directed by

paragraph 214.

45. Par. 218.—Amend to read as follows: "The officer who has presided at a trial shall not preside or vote on the appeal, nor shall any member of the committee."

46. Par. 219.—Amend to read as follows: "If the complainant do not proceed either before the committee or on appeal, any other qualified

person may be admitted to do so."

47. Par. 226.—Amend the second and third sentences to read as follows: "The committee shall be composed of qualified chairmen of districts, but, if a sufficient number are not available, superintendents of circuits shall be selected to complete the committee. If the accused is found guilty, he may be suspended or dealt with as the circumstances may require.

48. Par. 227.—Amend to read as follows: "If a charge be laid against the President of an Annual Conference, the senior qualified Chairman of a District within his Conference, or the President of the Annual Conference within which the offence is alleged to have been

committed, shall preside at the trial."

50. Par. 229(a).—Add the following paragraph: "In any case in which an offence is charged to have been committed in an Annual Conference other than that to which the accused belongs, and jurisdiction to try the charge is claimed in more than one Conference, the General Superintendent shall, upon application by either party, after such notice to the other party as the General Superintendent may deem sufficient, determine in which Conference the trial shall be held."

51. Par. 229(b).—"In any case in which an offence is charged to have been committed in a district other than that to which the accused belongs, but within his Annual Conference, and jurisdiction to try the charge is claimed in more than one district, the President of the Annual Conference shall, upon application by either party, after such notice to

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52. Par. 231.—Add at the end of the paragraph: "Subject only to the appeal to the Court of Appeal, as provided by paragraph 109."

53. Par. 234.—Amend this paragraph to read as follows: "If a may detract," etc.

54. Par. 241.—Amend to read as follows: "No person shall, after trial and expulsion as aforesaid, have any privileges of society or of sacrament in the Church without contrition, confession and proper reception on trial."

55. Par. 241(a).—Add the following paragraph: "The forms in Appendix B may be used, but their use shall not be obligatory, and no proceeding shall be declared null or set aside on a merely formal objection."

57. Par. 246.—Amend to read as follows: "In order more effectively to prevent our people from contracting debts which they are not able to pay, the erection of a new church or the rebuilding or enlargement of an existing one shall not be proceeded with until after the Chairman of the District and the Quarterly Official Board of the circuit shall have given

58. With regard to the memorial of the Simcoe Trustee Board, touching the right of trustees to grant the use of our churches for religious meetings apart from or in addition to the regular and special services under the direction of the pastor, your Committee regard the provisions of the Discipline and the Model Deed (the latter of which cannot be changed without an Act of Parliament) as binding on all parties concerned. At the same time we may express the hope that the peculiar and exceptional circumstances which have led up to the memorial will not occur again, and that our people in Simcoe will unite attachment in years that are gone.

59. With regard to the memorial of the trustees of the Elm Street Church, Toronto, asking that the relation of the Trust Board to the organist and choir may be clearly defined, your Committee recommend that when legislation is sought to amend the Model Deed this matter may be provided for.

With regard to the memorial of the Toronto Conference, regarding the reduction of the quorum of the Trustee Board and the removal of trustees who refuse or neglect to perform their duties, your Committee make the same recommendation as in the last item.

### 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT MEETING SECTION OF DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the section of Discipline relative to the District Meeting be amended so as to read as follows:

### CHAPTER II.—DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Section I.—Special Ministerial Session.

143 as at present.

144. A special Ministerial Session, composed of all ministers within the jurisdiction of the District, for the business to be transacted by the ministers alone, shall be held in advance of the Meeting of the District for general business, at such time as the Chairman of the District shall determine.

145. The ministers of the District, in special session, shall examine the character and qualifications of all ministers and probationers for the ministry belonging to the District, in accordance with the Discipline.

146. A record of the proceedings of the Ministerial Session shall be kept by a secretary appointed for that purpose, who shall report the same to the District Meeting for information and insertion in the District Minutes, and to be forwarded to the Annual Conference.

147. The business of the Ministerial Session shall proceed in the

following order:

The presiding officer shall open the session with the usual devotional

A secretary of the Ministerial Session shall be elected, and the roll of the ministerial members of the District shall be called.

The chairman shall then enquire, Are the ministers and probationers blameless in life, conversation and doctrine?

He shall also ask distinctively and successively concerning every brother:

1. Is there any objection to his moral and religious character?

2. Does he believe and preach all our doctrines?

3. Has he duly observed and enforced our Discipline?

4. Has he been punctual in attending all his appointments?

5. Has he competent abilities for our itinerant work?

A separate answer to each of these questions is expected to appear in the District Minutes.

Substitute Nos. 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, for Nos. 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156 and 157, as now in Discipline, the same to be inserted without change except as to number and amendment by Conference.

### Section II.—The Annual District Meeting.

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S. Bond, Chairman.

J. N. Gundy, Secretary.

### 3. FORMS OF PROCEDURE IN TRIALS.

Form 1.—Complaint.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

In the matter of

A. B., Complainant,

and

C. D., Defendant.

I, A. B. (a member, minister, or as the fact may be), of the Church on the . . . . . . Circuit, hereby charge that the said C. D. (a minister or member, as the fact may be), of the Church upon . . . . . . . Circuit, on or about the . . . day of . . . . . . . . A.D. 189 . at (here put in the time and place at which the offence charged was committed), did (here state the offence; if the charge is one of false teaching, give as nearly as possible the words, and if they were repeated give the other times and places, the object being to give him the best information as to what he is accused of, and when and where it is alleged he committed the offence).

I charge that this is an offence against the law of God (or the rules or Discipline of the Church, as the case may be).

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Form 2.—Notice to Person Accused.

(Full formal heading as in Form 1.)

I, E. F., Superintendent of the above Circuit (or Chairman of the above District, or President of the above Conference), hereby give you notice that a complaint, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, has been laid against you.

Yours, etc.,

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### Form 3.—Finding of Committee.

(Full formal heading as in Form 1.)

Par. 209, 13.—The committee selected and summoned to try the charges in this matter, having assembled at the time and place appointed for such trial, were thereupon attended by the said complainant\*1 and the said defendant \*2; and having heard the evidence adduced by the respective parties, and what was alleged by them and on their behalf, we (the names of the committee, or, if not unanimous, then the names of those who agree), the said committee (or the majority of the said committee) find:-That none of the said charges are sustained and proved, and that the defendant is not guilty, or that the said charges are sustained and proved, and that the said defendant is guilty of the offences laid therein, or that the first charge is sustained and proved, and that the defendant is guilty of the offences laid therein.

As to the other charges, we find that they are not sustained and proved, and upon them we find that the defendant is not guilty. (If the defendant is found guilty upon any charge, add the appropriate penalty, e.g., Par. 215.)

The said offence of which we find the said defendant guilty is, in our judgment, such as is expressly forbidden by the Word of God, and sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of grace and glory, and we hereby suspend him (in case of a minister or probationer) until the Annual Conference shall finally dispose of the case. (If the defendant be a member, other than a minister or a probationer, follow the form down to the \*, then say) until the delay allowed for appeal has expired.

Given under our hands at ...... this .... day of ...... 189...

(all signing in the presence of each other).

Par. 216.—In case of less grave offences, omit the paragraph beginning "The said offence," and say: And we adjudge that the said defendant be admonished (or whatever the sentence may be).

(all signing in the presence of each other).

Certificate of presiding officer to be written below the copy of decision, which must be served upon each party within three days (Par 214).

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the decision of the committee in the above matter.

X. Y., Presiding Officer.

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Form 3a.—Where defendant does not appear.

(Same as form 3 down to first \*, then insert)—but the said defendant did not, nor did any person on his behalf, attend before us, although duly served with notice in that behalf, as by evidence in writing now among the records of this matter appears; and having heard the evidence adduced on behalf of the complainant, we find (etc., as in form 3).

Form 3 b.—Where defendant pleads guilty.

(Same as in Form 3 down to the second \*.)

And the defendant having pleaded guilty to the charges in this matter (or to No. ... and No. ... of the charges in this matter), we find him guilty of the offences mentioned in said charges, No. ... etc. (From here proceed as in Form 3.)

Form 3c.—Where charges are amended.

(Same as in Form 3 down to second \*.)

The charges laid and served in this matter having been amended so as to read as follows, that is to say: (here insert the charges as they are finally settled).

And the defendant having been allowed proper opportunity to meet said amended charges, we proceeded to hear the evidence adduced, etc. (as in Form 3).

## Form 4.—Notice of decision.

(Full formal heading as in Form 1.)

Take notice, that annexed hereto is a copy, certified by me, of the decision of the committee in this matter, which decision was pronounced Yours, etc.,

Toronto, June, 1894.

To the above complainant.

Also another.

To the above defendant.

(This must be sent to each party within three days after the decision is given. Par. 214.)

Form 5.—Notice of Appeal from decision of Committee.

(Full formal heading as in Form 1.)

Take notice that I do hereby appeal from the decision of the committee in this matter to (see Par. 231 and Par. 238 and 109 s.c.) on the following, amongst other grounds.

(The following are given as showing how grounds of appeal should be drawn.)

1. That said decision is against law and evidence and the weight

2. That the said committee was not properly constituted.

That I was not allowed to be present when the witnesses, or some or one of them, were being examined.

4. That evidence was taken in my absence, although the committee well knew that I intended to be present and that I was unavoidably absent, and that, when I appeared, the committee refused to recall witnesses so examined in my absence.

5. That the members of said committee consulted with and listened to the complainant and his witnesses before and after the said trial, and when I was not present.

6. That the presiding officer so conducted said trial as to interfere with the liberty of judgment of said committee.

And I claim the right to add to and vary the grounds of my appeal as I may be advised.

Form 6.—Resolution of Annual Conference on an Appeal from Committee.

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# X.-COURT OF APPEAL.

## QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

During the past quadrennium three sessions of the Court, including nine meetings, have been held.

Fourteen cases have been inscribed for hearing. Leave was granted to withdraw two. In one case appellant failed to appear. In one case the Court reserved its judgment. In ten cases argument was heard and judgment given as follows:

1. In the case of a probationer of the Toronto Conference, who travelled four years, of which, however, two were under a chairman before reception on probation.

Appeal was taken against the action of Conference in admitting the probationer to full connection and ordination at the end of the said period of four years. Appeal sustained.

2. In a case of conviction for heresy in the Niagara Conference, at its session in June, 1893, an appeal was made from the ruling of the President for 1892-93, on the ground that the charges were vitiated through want of definiteness in specifications as to times and places at which the offences were said to have been committed.

In the same case, an appeal was made from the ruling of the President for 1893-94 on the ground of irregularity in the proceedings in the initiation of the prosecution and in the final adjudication in Conference.

These two appeals, being based on the same case in the Annual Conference, were considered together. Appeal sustained in the first;

3. In the case of the admission of a woman as a lay delegate in the session of the Nova Scotia Conference, 1893, an appeal was made from the ruling of the President in favor of her admission. The appeal was sustained.

4. An appeal was taken from decisions of the President of the Niagara Conference, in the Ministerial Session of 1894, for refusing to put motions regarding the advancement of two probationers, one of them to full connexion, which he did on the ground that previous Conferences had advanced them irregularly. The Court held that, as the action of the previous Conferences was not appealed from or set aside, the President had no authority to go behind their action as established by their Journals. Appeal sustained.

5. In the case of the two probationers referred to above, an appeal was taken by the Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund against the action of the Niagara Conference in irregularly crediting them in each instance with a year on probation, thus illegally increasing their prospective claims on the Superannuation Fund. Appeal sustained.

6. In the case of a minister of the Bay of Quinte Conference deposed from the ministry and expelled from the Church, appeal was taken against the action of said Conference in passing said sentence without

first pronouncing upon the guilt of the accused. Appeal sustained. The appeal, however, on the ground of irregularities of procedure in the lower courts before presentation to the Annual Conference, is regarded as ultra vires of this Court.

7. Appeal was taken against the action of the Stationing Committee of the London Conference, at its session in 1894, in readjusting the work of the Ridgetown District by transferring the Botany appointment of the Thamesville Circuit to Louisville Circuit, without compliance with requirements of Discipline, paragraph No. 262. Appeal sustained.

8. Appeal was taken against the action of the Board of Directors of Wesley College, Winnipeg, on the ground that the General Conference of 1890 authorized said Board to take necessary steps for the conferring by said college of degrees in divinity, and that the Board proceeded contrary to such instructions by providing for the degree of B.D. only, instead of both the degrees of B.D. and D.D., thereby prejudicing the interests of the College in the University Council of the Province.

9. Appeal was taken against the decision of the President of the British Columbia Conference, to the effect that in the election of Society Representatives nomination by the superintendent is not necessary, as provision is made in Discipline, paragraph No. 174, section 7, sub-section 8, for such election. Appeal dismissed.

10. Appeal was taken against the action of the British Columbia Conference in receiving into full connexion, and admitting to ordination, two men who had not complied with requirements of Discipline as to term of probation and examination. Appeal sustained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, President. WILLIAM I. SHAW, Secretary. 1894]

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# XI. GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY AND GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

# 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

1. We, your Committee appointed to consider a report upon the General Conference Fund, beg leave to submit the following as the result of our examination of the Report of the Treasurer of the Fund, with suggestions relating to future demands upon it. Summarizing the quadrennial expenditure, we present the following:

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The gross liabilities of the fund, as per Treasurer's statement, are \$12,573.71, against which is a cash balance on hand of \$451.52, reducing this to a net liability of \$12,122.19.

With regard to the demands of the next quadrennium, your Committee feel persuaded, by the income of the past four years, and by the handsome sum which has been received at the office during the past month

In view, however, of the desirability of paying off the existing debt at the earliest possible date, and so escaping the heavy interest accruing, we recommend that the Annual Conferences be requested to raise at least an average of 20 per cent. more than during the past quadrennium, and thus provide a Sinking Fund by which said debt may be paid in a few years.

Your Committee regret to notice that the income from the several Conferences is over \$8,000 less than the estimate of 1890, a fact which it is possible may, to a considerable extent, be owing to an inadequate presentation of the claims, needs and purposes of this fund when put before our congregations, we being persuaded that a better understanding of the relation of the fund to the special work of General Conference administration would secure more liberal responses from our congregations. We therefore recommend that it be an instruction to superintendents of circuits that, in announcing this collection to their congregations, they give therewith full and adequate information in relation thereto.

In order further to correct what we fear is a somewhat mistaken notion in regard to this and other General Conference collections, we beg to affirm it to be our conviction that it is clearly the intention of the Discipline of the Church that the entire sum placed upon the collection plates at the services at which contributions to this and other General Conference funds are asked (except sums enclosed in envelopes or otherwise, and specified to be for other purposes) belongs to these funds, and no part thereof is available for local expenses.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. P. Rose, Chairman. J. E. Carson, Secretary.

### 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :---

That up to this period eight memorials, notices of motion and communications have come before them; the first two of such have been considered.

No. 1. Being from Rev. H. S. Matthews re the appointment of three General Superintendents instead of one as at present, and that one be associated with the missionary work of the Church, one with the educational work of the Church, and the other to travel at large through the Church; also that the Missionary Society pay the salary of the General Superintendent associated with that department, that the Educational

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No. 2. Notice of motion by Rev. Dr. Williamson, seconded by Dr. W. E. Tilley,—That we elect three General Superintendents, who shall travel through the Church and who shall reside—one in Winnipeg, one in Toronto and one in Montreal.

1. Your Committee considered the two propositions jointly, and recommend as follows:—

That whereas during the first two quadrenniums of our existence the General Conference Fund became greatly involved, mainly because of the existence of two General Superintendents; and whereas during the third quadrennium, with but one such officer, the income was sufficient to meet all ordinary expenses; and whereas it is expedient that we continue to economize in order to the reduction of our indebtedness; and whereas the duties pertaining to the office as at present constituted have been and can be well performed by one such officer; therefore

Resolved,—That we recommend the election of but one General Superintendent at the present time.

2. Having considered the motion proposed by Dr. Maclaren, also that of Rev. H. S. Matthews, both asking that the Discipline be so changed that a General Superintendent shall hold office for four years instead of eight years, see par. 94 of Discipline, your Committee recommend non-concurrence.

3. Motion by Dr. Lathern,—That the designation of the chief officer of the General Conference be changed from General Superintendent to that of Bishop; and memorial of St. John, N.B., Methodist ministers' meeting adverse to such proposal being considered, your Committee recommend no change.

4. A communication from Rev. Dr. Carman re his visit to and reception by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Omaha in May, 1892. Your Committee recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Addresses.

5. Re a motion by J. Jessup,—That the constitution of this General Conference be amended by making the basis of representation one to twenty for ministers and laymen from Annual Conferences, instead of one to twelve as at present, with an additional one where the fractional part equals one-half. Your Committee recommend to the General Conference non-concurrence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. P. Rose, Chairman. J. E. Carson, Secretary. We recommend that the several Conferences be requested to raise the following sums as their proportion of the expenses of the General Conference for the next quadrennium:

Toronto Conference London Hamilton Bay of Quinte Montreal Manitoba and North-West Conference British Columbia Conference Nova Scotia New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference Newfoundland Conference	1,128 1,435 991 1,400 350 150 400	Quadrennium. \$5,940 4,512 5,740 3,964 5,600 1,400 600 1,600 1,200 900
Amounts assessable:	\$7,864	\$31,456
Toronto Conference London Hamilton " Bay of Quinte " Montreal Manitoba and North-West Conference British Columbia Conference Nova Scotia New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference Newfoundland Conference		\$55,004 41,804 53,180 36,709 52,176 12,898 5,509 14,958 10,610 8,097

Your Committee further recommend the re-election of Rev. Dr. Griffin as Treasurer of the General Conference Fund.

S. P. Rose, Chairman. J. E. Carson, Secretary.

# XII.-EMBARRASSED TRUSTS.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

In re memorial of Montreal District, asking for some policy to be inaugurated to secure the rapid reduction of church debts and abolishing of pew rents, your Committee does not see its way to recommend any special legislation, but would urgently advise that no church having a debt be without some definite and regular effort for the removal of its debt; and in regard to the abolishing of pew rents, we recommend that no action be now taken.

In re St. Lawrence Central Camp Ground, your Committee are glad to find that during the quadrennium a strong effort has been made to relieve this trust. By public appeal to our churches, the sum of \$2,870 has been

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The Report of the Union Church Relief Fund Treasurer having been referred to us, we beg leave to report that very much has been accomplished in the way of relief to those trusts embarrassed through the union, viz.: Arkona, Strathroy, Kincardine, Palmerston, Listowel, Sombra, Goderich, Wyoming, Chatham, Aylmer, Walter's Falls; Agnes Street, Toronto; Brock Street, Kingston; University Street, Belleville; Prescott, West Cape, P.E.I.; Emerson, West Lynn, Man., and St. Lawrence Camp Ground. Only five trusts remain on the fund besides the Camp Ground — Kingston, Brock Street, \$12,000; Agnes Street, Toronto, \$5,000; Goderich, \$1,300; Belleville, \$1,200; Emerson, \$2,000; and St. Lawrence Central Camp Ground, \$150; total, \$20,650.

We would urge upon our people the necessity of still more amply sustaining this fund, as it is doing an admirable, and, for the present, indispensable work. We feel that our warmest thanks are due to Mr. J. N. Lake for his services as Treasurer in the past, and recommend that Mr. E. Gurney be appointed to that office for the ensuing term, and that the Union Church Relief Fund Committee consist of the following

Ministers.

Dr. Griffith. J. Learoyd. J. Kay E. N. Baker, B.D. Dr. W. C. Henderson. Dr. J. F. German. R. Whiting J. B. Saunders, M.D.

Laymen.

J. N. Lake. R. Brown, Toronto. Hon. W. E. Sanford, Hamilton. W. J. Waugh, N. W. Rowell, Toronto. W. H. Young, Oakville. J. S. Deacon, Milton. E. Gurney, Toronto.

A letter having reached us with the Treasurer's report, informing us that the Trustee Board of Brock Street Church, Kingston, had agreed to accept the responsibility of providing for \$5,000, on condition that the \$12,000 mortgage on the church be removed and the church property handed over to the Trustee Board, we recommend that the Union Church Relief Fund take this proposition into its most favorable consideration.

In re Prescott Church, we are glad to find that the \$1,000 promised to this trust at the last General Conference has been paid by the Union Church Relief Committee, and that this trust has been delivered from its embarrassment, no further grants being necessary.

Your Committee recommend that the Union Church Relief Fund collection be continued and be taken up in the month of October, as during the pastquadrennium.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. BEYNON, Chairman. J. B. SAUNDERS, M.D., Secretary.

# XIII.-CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

#### 1. REPORT FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

The investing capital of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund consists of—

1. The sum of \$9,205, which was the aggregate amount of the loans made prior to April 1st, 1887, when the fund was handed over to the Mission Room's officers to deal with, and interest still unpaid at that date.

2. The Aylesworth legacy of \$9,987.50.

3. The balance of Relief and Extension Fund of \$2,073.53, making a total of \$21,266.03.

On March 31st, 1894, which is the date of the close of the fiscal year, there was to the credit of the fund on deposit with the Missionary Society the sum of \$2,290.66. Since that date this amount has all been loaned on mortgage except the amounts included therein, being interest on loans made out of the David Aylesworth legacy, which interest, by provisions of that bequest, belongs to the Missionary Society, and is placed to their credit on the 30th of June in each year.

An examination of the loan accounts does not reveal an entirely satisfactory state of affairs. Seven of the loans made prior to April 1st, 1887, have never realized a cent of either principal or interest since the date mentioned. The amounts due on these aggregate \$4,154.06.

Of the amounts loaned since 1887, only one or two can be pronounced doubtful debts, but, in spite of the efforts of the Board and their solicitors to see that all requirements are fulfilled on the part of trustees, and the real estate security given for the loans is beyond all question, we are unable in many cases to obtain prompt payments of interest and instalments on principal, especially the latter, and many accounts that should have been entirely paid off before now, according to the terms of the loans, are dragging slowly along even in the matter of interest. 4

The accounts in all cases have been sent regularly, and a reference to the letter-book will show that a faithful attempt has been made to collec amounts in arrears.

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### 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to recommend as follows:—

1. That the Nova Scotia Conference be allowed to manage their own Church and Parsonage Funds.

2. We would recommend that section 464 of the Constitution of the Committee be expunged.

3. That a note be added to section 465, as follows: "Interest from loans of the Aylesworth Legacy go to the Missionary Fund, according to the terms of the bequest.

4. That sub-section 5, in section 468, be amended to read as follows: "In territories where there is no Superintendent of Missions, the application must be endorsed by the Quarterly Board, the Superintendent of the Circuit and the Chairman of the District."

5. We had before us the Financial Statement and the Report of the Committee for the past four years, and find that the business of the term has been conducted in a most satisfactory manner.

6. Your Committee also recommend that the following ministers and laymen compose the Standing Committee for the present term : Ministers Dr. Alex. Sutherland, John S. Clarke, J. F. Ockley and Dr. Griffin. Laymen—Dr. Willmott, Charles A. Wilson, J. F. Moore, Joseph Flavelle

and Ambrose Kent. 7. We would also recommend that the Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund be the Treasurer of this Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. Clarke, Chairman. GEO. WILSON, Secretary.

# XIV.-CHURCH PROPERTY TITLES.

### 1. REPORT OF COMMISSION.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church in session assembled:

Dear Brethren,—During the past quadrennium your Commission has met and given much thought and consideration to the important and serious matters entrusted to it. A careful investigation has shown the following facts to exist: In the North-West Territories all property in land is under the operation of "The Territories' Real Property Act," by which the system of registration of title, commonly called the "Torrens System," is in force. This system also obtains in the Province of Manitoba under the "Real Property Act" of Manitoba, but, as in that Province there is an option allowed between the new or Torrens system and the old manner of registration, not all of our Church property in Manitoba is subject to the Real Property Act. In the case, however, of all our Church property, whether in Manitoba or the Territories, which

has become subject to the operation of the Real Property Acts, or, in the case of the desire on the part of the Church to acquire lands already under the operation of those Acts, it has become impossible to deal with the lands for the reason that the provisions of Schedule "B" of the Statutes of Union, passed in the Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislature in 1884, and popularly known as the "Model Deed," are totally repugnant to the spirit and operation of the Torrens system of registration, which does not permit of the registration of trusts, whether expressed or implied, while the "Model Deed" has its very name and existence by reason of and for the trusts contained in it.

To permit of the transfer of land to the Church in those parts where the Torrens system is in force, it is therefore necessary in some way to do away with the trusts in so far as they may be connected with the title to land. In our opinion, the only way in which this can be accomplished is the removal of Schedule "B" from the statutes, of which it is at present a part, so that the land of the Church shall no longer be held by trustees in trust for the various congregations, but shall be vested in "the Methodist Church" as a corporation, and held by it for the use of the particular congregations interested. Transfers and mortgages might be signed on behalf of the Church by the President of the Annual Conference, within whose jurisdiction the land lay, upon the request of the trustees duly certified to him, and, in the case of transfer, upon the consent of the Annual Conference duly certified. Provision would require to be made for this authority on the part of the President to sign such instruments, with a proviso that such authority should not extend to the signing of any mortgage or other instrument containing any covenant for the payment of money. The liability of the Church would thus be no greater than, if as great as, at present.

The provisions for the appointment of trustees should still remain, and the trusts comprised in Schedule "B," with such appropriate verbal alterations as might be necessary, should be placed in the clauses of the

temporal economy relating to church property and trustees.

To accomplish these ends it will be necessary not only that the General Conference legislate, but also that it secure appropriate legislation in the Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislatures to cover the matters above-mentioned, and also to provide that a certificate from the Secretary of a Board of Trustees shall be conclusive evidence to any Registrar, District Registrar, President of Conference, Judge or Court, or the personnel of the legally-constituted Board of Trustees.

It would be necessary also, in the opinion of this Commission, that some legislative enactment should be obtained for the validating of all past actions of Trust Boards, so that the informalities and irregularities

in the procedure of such boards may be effectually cured.

The above is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commission.

James Woodsworth, Chairman. GEO. W. BEYNON, Secretary.

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# 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

After considering the report of the Standing Commission of last General Conference on Torrens Titles, your Committee beg to recommend that the matter of the titles to church property in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and of the acquisition, holding and transfer of such property, with the aforesaid Report of the Standing Commission, be referred to the General Conference Special Committee, who shall, together with Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., G. W. Brown and Mr. Geo. W. Beynon, be a Standing Committee of this Conference, with power to act and to procure such legislation, Dominion and Provincial, or either, as may be deemed necessary or expedient in or concerning the premises.

By order, and on behalf of, the Committee.

James Woodsworth, Chairman. GEO. W. BEYNON, Secretary.

# XV.-CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Having considered memorials from the (1) Nova Scotia Conference; (2) Newfoundland Conference; (3) New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference; (4) Dundas Street Church, London, asking that some scheme be devised for the insurance of all connexional property; having also received information concerning similar organizations in connection with British Churches, your Committee recommend this subject to the earnest and practical attention of our Church, as furnishing a line of action whereby the large amounts paid in fire premiums would afford the source of large accessions to connexional funds, such as the Superannuation and

Your Committee submit the following instances of Connexional Fire Insurance:

The Wesleyan Methodist Trust Co., founded in 1871, with a capital of \$5,000, which now has a capital reserve of \$250,000, and reports its annual average losses to be less than one-fifth its average premiums, whereby it has been enabled to make liberal contributions to their "Worn-out Ministers' Fund."

The Primitive Methodist Insurance Co. is a very successful connexional institution, which usually contributes a larger sum to its benevolent funds than its whole fire losses amount to, besides adding to its stability by augmenting its capital reserve.

The Church of England has an "Ecclesiastical Buildings Fire Office," which, after being organized only two years with successful results, is able to report an annual premium income of \$50,000. And since our last General Conference the Congregationalists have formed a company, which furnishes another instance of remarkable success.

In view of these encouraging experiences, and many considerations which give specially favorable conditions for the application of this principle to our connexional property, we recommend that the General Superintendent, Hon. J. C. Aikins, Edward Gurney, Richard Brown, Mayor Kennedy, Revs. Dr. Briggs, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Antliff, Wm. Kettlewell, Dr. W. I. Shaw and John T. Moore be a commission to prepare the details of the scheme and its basis of operation, which shall be submitted to the General Conference Special Committee, and with the sanction of such committee the same may be organized and put into operation.

In justification of the importance of early action, so that benefits that are now lost may ensue to the connexion, your Committee submit the following figures, taker from the Statistical Report presented to this Conference:

To which may be added the suggestive fact that out of 3,211 churches only 1,758 are insured, leaving 1,453 churches upon which there is no insurance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. KETTLEWELL, Chairman. John T. Moore, Secretary pro tem.

# XVI.-SUPERANNUATION FUND.

### 1. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE SUPERANNUATION FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1894.

All claims have been paid in full. In making full payment, the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, amounting to \$1,719.47, has been exhausted, and an indebtedness incurred of \$844.68.

The income is in excess of last year by only \$142.00.

Although the interest received from investments is \$635.50 more, the receipts from ministerial subscriptions are \$500.00, and from circuits,  $$76.\overline{2}9$ , less than the former year.

The Capital Account has been increased by \$2,290.00 from ministerial

subscriptions and \$1,246.00 from legacies.

Since the books were closed, July 31st, delayed remittances amounting to \$1,611.00 have been received, which more than balances the reported deficiency.

W. S. Griffin, Treasurer.

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# 2. REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION FUND COMMISSION.

The Commission appointed by the General Conference of 1890 (see JOURNAL, p. 328, par. 11), to take into consideration the Constitution of the Superannuation Fund and report to the General Conference of 1894, begs to report:

1. The Commission, as preparatory to its work, sought information with regard to the constitution of similar funds of sister Churches in this

country and elsewhere.

The Methodist Churches of the United States relegate their Superannuation and Widows' Funds to the several Annual Conferences to originate and manage, the result being so unsatisfactory that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, feeling the need of a more systematic and liberal provision for aged ministers and ministers' widows, has appointed a commission to deal with the question, and, if possible, devise an adequate scheme.

All the larger Canadian Churches make a more or less adequate pro-

vision for worn-out ministers and ministers' widows. All branches of English Methodism also make liberal provision in this

The Australian Conference pays on the average an annuity fifty per cent. larger than our own.

2. Your Commission also forwarded to all our ministers in the Central and Western Conferences circulars asking information respecting the 1894]

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alleged difficulties and causes of failure in supporting the fund, and received answers from more than three-fourths of them containing valuable information, and in many cases making recommendations as to the changes considered desirable.

3. Your Commission, in a schedule added to this report, herewith presents the result of its work. It is perhaps unnecessary to state that the members of the Commission do not all entertain the same views as to the changes that are desirable. Some feel that the changes should be more radical, making provision for two distinct funds after the plan of the British Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Churches, but the majority, while recognizing the desirability of such a system if we were commencing de nova, consider it impracticable under existing circumstances. Then, again, differences of opinion prevail as to the mode of estimating the amount that each circuit should contribute to the fund. Some think that the basis of calculation should be ministers' salaries only, but the majority feel that we cannot improve on the basis adopted in the past. Some members of the Commission hold that, in accordance with the usage of all other Churches (one only excepted), the ministerial subscriptions, like the benefits, should be uniform; others hold that it should be a percentage on salary. A compromise is recommended, the twelve-dollar basis being retained, and the additional ministerial subscription, for the relief of circuits, being made a percentage on salary. Here it might be well to state that in the replies to the circulars, to which reference has been made, from ministers receiving salaries of \$1,000 and upwards, a majority recommend that the circuits be relieved by a percentage on ministerial salary, which shows the readiness of the brethren in receipt of the larger salaries to accept the percentage principle. But though these and other differences of opinion obtain among its members, your Commission is a unit in recognizing the absolute necessity of the Superannuation Fund as part of the economy of the Methodist Church, and is practically unanimous in presenting the following as the best practical solution of the questions involved.

4. Referring to the suggested changes-

It will be noted that in par. 389 the personnel of the Board, exclusive of Treasurers, is reduced from twenty-six to sixteen, which still leaves it larger than similar Boards of other Churches. The object of the change is to save expense.

Par. 395 provides that not less than one-fifth instead of one-sixth of the ministers' subscriptions shall be added to the invested capital.

The increase is desirable—

(1) In order that the increase of invested capital may keep pace with the increased number of ministers or years of service.

(2) The invested capital is very inadequate. It does not represent one-half of the sum that should be held to the credit of ministers in the active work on account of their personal subscriptions.

(3) The large increase in ministerial subscriptions should be accompanied by an increased guarantee of the stability of the fund.

Par. 397. An increase of ministerial subscription equal to one and a half per cent. of salary is needed to provide for deficiency caused by reduction in circuit contribution.

If the Book Room appropriation be taken into account, a minister receiving an average salary of \$600 could in forty years accomplish the same result. Thus, under the proposed scale of ministerial subscriptions, the annuity of almost all ministers who remain in the work forty years, or until they are about sixty-five years of age, as also the annuities of the widows of ministers who die in the active work, will be provided without any help from circuit contributions.

So that, under the revised constitution, circuits are asked to provide help only for these ministers who fail to fill out a full term of active service, and for the widows of superannuates.

Par. 400. The Missionary Society has for some years contributed the sum of \$4,200 on behalf of its Indian and foreign missionaries; the proposed change will reduce this total by about \$700.

The contribution on behalf of foreign missionaries is larger than that on behalf of others, on account of the increased risk of early superannuation.

This paragraph follows the usage of the British and Australian Methodist Churches.

Par. 401. Here again we follow the British and Australian usage and also our own usage with regard to missionaries. It seems but reasonable that, as the superannuation annuity is part of our scheme of ministerial support, the department employing a minister should not only provide that part of his support which he receives while serving the department, but also that part which he receives during his superannuated relation on account of such years of service.

Par. 420. In this paragraph it is proposed to protect the fund by following the usage of the British Conference.

Par. 422. Here again the Commission proposes to protect the fund from claimants who, though incapacitated for preaching, are able to make an adequate income by following some secular business.

5. Your Commission trusts that the product of its labors will be of large service to the General Conference.

A. CARMAN, Chairman. Wm. Kettlewell, Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

#### I.-NAME.

386. The name of this fund shall be "The Superannuation Fund of the Methodist Church."

#### II.—OBJECT.

387. The object of this fund shall be to assist in the support of Superannuated Ministers, Ministers' Widows and Children of deceased Ministers, as hereinafter provided.

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#### III. - MEMBERSHIP.

388. All ministers and probationers of the Methodist Church in the Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Manitoba and North-West, British Columbia and Japan Annual Conferences, shall be members of the fund, except—

(1) Those who are given a supernumerary relation.

(2) Those who are located.

(3) Those who have commuted their claims.

(4) Those whose claims have expired by limitation.

(5) Those who are native ministers in foreign fields.

#### IV. - MANAGEMENT.

389. The fund shall be managed by a Board composed of the Treasurers and sixteen other members, eight of whom shall be laymen who are members of the Church.

390. The delegates from the aforesaid Annual Conferences to the General Conference shall meet, under the presidency of a General Superintendent, or of a president of an Annual Conference designated by him, to elect the aforesaid Board of Management, and shall report the same to the General Conference for information. They shall also nominate one or more persons for the offices of clerical and lay treasurer respectively, and, from among those so nominated, the General Conference shall elect by ballot the Treasurers of the Fund. The meeting of the delegates shall be held during the session of the General Conference, and previous to the day appointed for the election of General Conference officers.

391. A General Superintendent shall be ex officio Chairman of the Board, but, if no General Superintendent be present, the Board shall elect one of its members as chairman. It shall elect its own secretary. In case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any officer or member of the Board during the quadrennium, the Board is authorized to fill the vacancy.

392. The Board shall meet once a year, and shall have full authority to determine, according to the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the Fund, the status, annuity and allowance of all claimants, and the amount to be allowed in commutation of claims, and to make such special appropriations as are permitted by the constitution, and to consider and determine all matters connected with the administration of the fund.

393. An Investment Committee, consisting of the Treasurers and five other members, appointed by the Board, shall, under its general direction, invest all the capital funds. It shall have authority to call special meetings of the Board, and shall, when requested, advise the Treasurers on matters pertaining to the fund.

394. Each Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Treasurer, who shall keep an account with the Financial Secretaries, and make a full report of the returns from each district to the Conference and to the General Treasurers.

#### V .- INVESTED CAPITAL.

395. The invested capital of this fund shall consist of the funds held and reported by the Board as invested or awaiting investment, and of such donations, bequests and legacies as may hereafter be received by the Board, and also of such portion of the ministerial subscriptions as shall not be required to pay all current claims in full.

#### VI.—CURRENT INCOME.

396. The sources of current income shall be the following, viz.:

(1) Interest on invested capital

(2) Appropriations from the Book and Publishing House.
(3) The annual subscriptions of ministers and probationers.
(4) Contributions from circuits and domestic missions.

(5) Payments by or on behalf of ministers who are not in the regular pastorate in lieu of circuit contributions.

397. The annual subscription of each minister and probationer in the active service of the Church shall be a sum equal to three per cent. of his salary, as reported in the minutes of the previous year for "salary, board and fuel," but in no case shall his subscription be less than \$15 per annum. The subscriptions shall be paid to the Financial Secretary, one-half at the Financial District Meeting, and the other half at the Annual District Meeting. During probation the subscriptions shall be paid from year to year, in accordance with the credit of years travelled.

398. Each circuit and domestic mission shall be required to contribute a sum equal to five per cent. of the amount raised and reported to the Conference the previous year for ministerial support and the following connexional funds, viz.: The Missionary (general), Superannuation, Educational, General Conference, Contingent, Union Church Relief and Sunday School Aid Funds. The said contribution may be included in the circuit estimates for the year by the Quarterly Official Board, and may be raised by specialsubscription or otherwise. If the Quarterly Official Board shall fail to make the necessary provision in this behalf, the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, as it may be, shall have authority to take collections and subscriptions in the public congregation or congregations to meet the amount payable by the circuit according to the above assessment.

The General Treasurers shall notify the Chairman of each District of the amount required from each circuit and domestic mission in his district.

399. The Superintendent of a Circuit and his colleagues, if any. shall be responsible for the full payment of the same to the Financial Secretary.

400. The Missionary Society shall contribute, on behalf of each ordained foreign missionary who is a member of the fund, in lieu of circuit contribution, the sum of \$70 per annum; and on behalf of each French, Indian or other ordained missionary who is a member of the fund (except domestic missionaries), the sum of \$50 per annum.

401 There shall be contributed annually, on behalf of each ordained minister in the active service of the Church who is a member of the fund and who is appointed to a position outside the regular pastorate, by the society, department, institution or Conference he serves, in lieu of circuit

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#### VII. -- CLAIMANTS.

402. Claimants shall consist of ministers who are regularly superannuated by an Annual Conference, ministers' widows, and children of deceased ministers, as in each case is hereinafter provided.

403. No application for a superannuated relation shall be granted by an Annual Conference except on the recommendation of a Committee on Conference Relations, consisting of the ministerial members of the Superannuation Fund Board in the Conference, and seven other ministers elected by the Conference to which such application shall have been The said committee, in making its recommendation, shall not take into consideration anything else than the question, viz.: "Is the applicant really worn out or temporarily disabled in the itinerant Provided, however, that in case the said committee report adversely the Conference may, by the vote of not less than three-fourths of the members present, grant such application.

404. A minister who is superannuated for one year shall, as a matter of course, return to the active work at the end of that term; if, however, a superannuated relation is then recommended by the Annual District Meeting, his case shall go before the Committee on Conference Relations,

and be dealt with on its merits.

405. A widow, whose husband was superannuated at the time of their marriage, shall have no claim on this fund, unless an annuitant at the time of her marriage, in which case the former annuity shall be revived.

406. A widow fifteen years younger than her husband, and married after he was fifty-five years of age, shall not be paid any annuity, except at the discretion of the Board.

406 (b). The widows of all ministers who were superannuated prior to 1883, after having travelled fifteen years or upwards, shall be entitled to the same protection as was granted to their husbands by the Basis of Union.

407. A superannuated minister, who is suspended by an Annual Conference, shall receive no annuity from the fund for the period of suspen-

#### VIII. -- COMPUTATION OF ANNUITIES.

408. The computation of annuities shall be based on the number of years spent in the active service of the Church on circuits or missions, or in the interests of any department, society or corporation within the Methodist Church, by the appointment of the General or an Annual Con-

409. The period for computing a minister's annuity shall commence from the time of his being received on probation; nevertheless a year of service rendered under the direction of a chairman and allowed by a Conference shall be counted, but not more than four years shall be credited on the term of probation.

409 (b). The period for computing the annuity of a minister received from another Church shall commence from the time of his reception into our work.

410. The period for computing the annuities of those ministers who failed to "level up," as per the Basis of Union, shall commence with June 1, 1884.

411. A superannuated minister, whose claim has expired by limitation, or who has commuted his claim and is restored to the active service, shall have a subsequent claim only for services rendered after such restoration. The same rule shall apply to located ministers who are restored to active work.

412. A minister regularly transferred to a Conference of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church shall retain, in connection with this fund, the standing that he acquired previous to his transfer, and on superannuation he shall be paid such a sum annually as shall be equal to such fraction of the amount which he would be entitled to receive for total years of service under this constitution, as may be determined by the proportion of years travelled in the Western Section; and if, when given a superannuated relation, his total years of service would entitle him, under this constitution, to an annuity during his natural life, that part of his annuity, payable by this fund, shall be payable during his life.

413. A minister of one of the Conferences of the Eastern Section of the Methodist Church, who is regularly transferred to a Conference of the Western Section, in the event of superannuation, shall be paid such a sum annually as shall be equal to such fraction of the amount which he would be entitled to receive for total years of service under this constitution, as may be determined by the proportion of years travelled in the Western Section of the Church; and if, when given a superannuated relation, his total years of service would entitle him, under this constitution, to an annuity during his natural life, that part of his annuity, payable by this fund, shall be payable during his life.

#### IX. -- SCALE OF ANNUITIES.

414. A superannuated minister shall receive from the fund an annuity according to the following scale; payment to continue as many years as he shall have rendered effective service. Nevertheless, if he shall have rendered twenty-three years of service, the payment shall continue during his natural life; provided, in every case, his relation as a superannuated minister be continued:

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September, 1890, shall continue to receive annuities according to the scale of 1886, and for the number of years therein provided.

416. Widows of ministers, being members of the Methodist Church, shall receive two-thirds of the amount their husbands would have received, and for the same term of years.

417. If the claims upon the fund for any year shall exceed the income for the year, the Board may direct the treasurers to deduct from each annuity such a sum as shall be equal to a *pro rata* share of such a deficiency.

418. Each child of a deceased minister, if such child was born after its father was received into full connexion with the Conference, shall receive an annuity of \$20 up to sixteen years of age. If a deceased minister leave no claimant widow, but leaves a child or children unprovided for, the Board may make provision for their support beyond the ordinary children's annuity, but such provision shall not exceed a sum equal to two-thirds of the annuity to which their father would have been entitled. The Chairman of the District, if necessary, shall make special arrangements for the administration of such allowances.

### X.—COMMUTATION OF ANNUITIES.

ference, is laid aside from the work of the ministry, from causes which do not disqualify him for secular business, may be recommended by such Conference to the Board for the commutation of his annuity.

420. The relation of each superannuated minister of less than twenty-three years' standing, at the close of the third year of his superannuation, shall be brought under review by his Annual Conference. If there is little hope of restoration to the active work of the ministry, and the cause be such as does not disqualify him for secular business, the Conference shall recommend the commutation of his annuity.

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On motion, paragraph 422 was stricken out of report.

423. The minimum allowance in the commutation of an annuity shall be an amount equal to the sum of the claimant's personal subscriptions to the fund, with four per cent. compound interest on the same, and, in addition, \$10 for each year of post-probationary services.

424. The maximum allowance in the commutation of an annuity shall be equal to the aforesaid sum of a claimant's personal subscription, with compound interest at four per cent., and, in addition, \$20 for each year of post-probationary service; provided, however, that the total amount paid in commutation of a claim shall in no case be more than \$2,000.

425. The Board, in determining the sum of a claimant's personal subscriptions, shall reckon \$10 for each year of service prior to the year 1883-4, and \$12 from that year to the year 1894-5, and for each subsequent year the sum credited shall be as per Article VI. of this Constitution. If the claimant has received one or more annual payments from the fund, an amount equal to not less than one-half the sum of such payments shall be deducted from the allowance.

426. The Board, in determining the allowance in the commutation of an annuity, shall take into consideration reversionary interests, also the age, health and probable longevity of the beneficiaries, and shall pay the maximum allowance only when the claimant's wife is living, and when there is also a strong probability of both parties reaching their expectancy.

427. The Board shall have authority to commute an annuity only on the recommendation of an Annual Conference; but in any case recommended for commutation, it shall be optional with the Board either to commute the claim or not as it may deem expedient.

428. The commutation of an annuity shall, in all cases, cancel the reversionary interest of a claimant's wife and children.

#### XI.---REFUNDS.

429. A minister who is located, and who has rendered less than twenty-three years' service, thereby ceases to be a member of the fund, and shall have his annual subscriptions refunded with six per cent. simple interest.

430. In all other cases, when a member of the fund ceases to be a minister or probationer of the Methodist Church, he shall have the amount of his annual subscriptions refunded; nevertheless, if a superannuated member of the fund shall be deposed from the ministry, the sum of the payment he has received shall be deducted from the sum of his annual subscriptions, and the balance only, if any, shall be refunded.

434. In the refunding of subscriptions, the treasurers shall ascertain whether any loans that may have been granted the applicant by the Educational Society have been repaid. If such loans have not been repaid, no refund of subscriptions shall be made until a certificate of payment is furnished. The treasurers shall be authorized to protect the Book and Publishing House in the same manner.

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#### XII.—REGULATIONS.

435. The secretary of each Annual Conference shall, immediately on the rising of the same, furnish the treasurers of the fund with a certified

(1) The name and date of birth of each preacher received on trial. (2) The name and date of birth of any minister received from another

(3) The name and latest P. O. address of each minister or minister's widow that has died during the year, also of claimant children.

(4) The names and addresses of those who have received a superannuated relation.

(5) The names of superannuated ministers who are recommended to commute their claims.

(6) The names of ministers who are located, made supernumeraries, dropped, suspended or deposed from the ministry.

(7) The names of superannuated, supernumerary, located or suspended ministers restored to the active work.

(8) The names of ministers left without an appointment at their own

(9) The name of the Conference Treasurer of this Fund.

(10) The amounts raised on each charge for ministerial support, and for the funds forming the basis of circuit apportionment, as per Article VI.; also the amount paid each minister and probationer, from all sources, for "salary, board and fuel."

436. A superannuated minister who changes his place of residence shall notify the treasurers, and also the President of his Annual Conference,

of such change within thirty days thereof.

437. The names of subscribers of \$5, or more, annually to the fund,

shall be printed in the minutes of the Annual Conference.

438. The legislation contained in paragraphs 397 to 401 of this Constitution shall go into effect on July 1st, 1895, and it is hereby provided that the circuit contributions and ministerial subscriptions for the year 1894-95 shall be determined by the provisions of the Discipline of 1890, respecting "Sources of Income," as found in paragraphs 394 to 403

# 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Memorials and recommendations from individuals, circuits, districts and Conferences, relating to the Constitution of Superannuation Fund, were received, read and duly considered. Your Committee was also put in possession of the Report of the Commission on the Superannuation Fund. It was decided to proceed immediately with the consideration of the Report of the Commission, and to take up the paragraphs seriatim. Inasmuch, however, as two circuits, Waterdown and Tintern, had memoralized the General Conference in favor of abolishing the Superannuation Fund, your Committee thought it advisable to place on record

its opinion that any suggestion in the direction of abolishing the fund could not be entertained. Your Committee also instructed its secretary to classify the memorials and recommendations remitted to it. In accordance with this instruction the following analysis is laid before the General Conference, with the hope that it may assist in forming just conclusions regarding the state of opinion among the Methodist people of the Western Section of the Church.

Altogether, memorials and recommendations were received from seven individuals, fifteen circuits, six districts and three Conferences.

#### MEMORIALS FROM INDIVIDUALS.

1. Rev. R. W. Woodsworth memoralized the General Conference in favor of a division of the fund, for purposes of distribution into two parts, "A" and "B."

Fund "A" to consist of one-half of the Book Room appropriation, one-half of interest on Endowment Fund, one-half of ministers' subscriptions, after deducting 20 per cent. for Endowment Fund. Claimants having a private income of \$400 and upwards, to be paid out of this fund.

Fund "B" to be made up of one-half Book Room appropriation, one-half of interest on Endowment Fund, one-half of ministers' subscriptions, less 20 per cent. for Endowment Fund, the missionary grant and circuit contributions. All ministers and widows with a private income of less than \$400 to be paid out of "B."

The same scale of annuities to continue. The assessment on ministers to be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on salary, and the circuit assessments 6 per cent. on ministers' salary, and 3 per cent. on Connexional Funds. The circuit assessment to be included in the estimates of the Quarterly Official

2. Rev. John Kay submitted a scheme, of which the following is an outline:

The fund to be divided into two parts, "A" and "B," called the "Endowment Fund" and the "Annuitant Fund." The Endowment Fund to consist of—"A":

- (1) Interest on invested capital.
- (2) Book Room appropriation.(3) Legacies, bequests, etc.
- (4) Annual subscriptions of ministers, \$12 each.

Upon this "fund" all superannuates shall have a claim.

- The Annuitant Fund or "B" to consist of:—
- (1) One per cent. on ministers' salaries over \$500.
- (2) Missionary grant.
- (3) The freewill offering of the people in all our circuits.

Only those superannuates whose income from all sources is less than \$500; widows less than \$350, and children of superannuates, who are under sixteen years of age, shall be claimants on this fund.

Each circuit shall say at the August Quarterly Meeting what it is prepared to pay, and this amount shall be reported to the Chairman of the District.

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3. Rev. W. J. Crothers asked to have par. 422, p. 167, Discipline, amended to read, "Provided that, if his wife continue to be a member of the Methodist Church in good standing, she and infant children after his death shall receive an amount equal to that which they would have received if he had died just previous to his expulsion."

4. Rev. Geo. Jackson requested that par. 395, Discipline, be amended so that ministerial subscriptions be \$12, plus 2 per cent. on salaries in excess of \$600; that par. 399 be amended so that the basis of assessment for circuit contributions be ministerial salary only; also that one-twelfth of ministers' subscriptions be added to capital account.

5. Rev. Geo. Richardson petitioned to amend par. 424, as follows:

After the words "Itinerant Service" insert, "Nevertheless these restrictions shall not apply to ministers who have spent forty years in the active work of our ministry and may wish to superannuate."

6. Rev. W. H. Graham wished to amend par. 422, p. 166, so as to change "Shall thereby forfeit the amount paid into the fund" to "Shall be paid back."

7. Rev. C. H. Paisley objected to the assessment on the Union Church Relief Collection, and also called attention to the inequalities of the system of distribution of the fund, as laid down in pars. 412 and 413 of the Discipline.

#### CIRCUIT MEMORIALS.

- 1. Tintern and Waterdown memoralized in favor of abolishing the fund.
- 2. Ker, Kelvin, Wesley Church (Hamilton), Rattenbury Street (Clinton), Hagersville, Minto Mission and Belmont petitioned against making circuit appropriation a "first claim" on the income of the Quarterly Official Board.

3. Dutton, Millgrove and Amherstburg, against circuit assessments, and in favor of voluntary contributions of the people.

4. Bartonville, in favor of circuit assessment being graduated according to ministers' salary, the ministers' subscription to be 2 per cent. on salary.

5. Kintore and Nissouri were in favor of percentage in ministers' salary; Nissouri also favored the voluntary principle of lay contributions.

#### DISTRICT MEMORIALS.

1. Strathroy petitioned against "first claim" on income of Official Board, and against ministerial responsibility for circuit deficiencies; also, in favor of voluntary giving.

2. Toronto West favored 2 per cent. on salaries as ministerial contributions, and graduated percentage on ministers' salary for circuit assessment.

3. Barrie recommended a graduated assessment on ministers' salaries as the basis of ministers' subscriptions.

4. Whitby wished to have the circuit assessment on ministers' salary alone, and was opposed to making a charge on the income of the Quarterly Official Board.

5. Brampton advocated circuit assessment to be on ministers' salary alone, and favor  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on salary as ministers' subscription.

6. Kincardine also wished to have circuit assessment on salary alone, with ministers' subscription \$12 up to \$750 of salary, afterwards 2 per cent. on salary.

#### Annual Conference Memorials.

1. British Columbia memoralized that ministers' salary be basis of circuit assessment, and that 2 per cent. on salary be the ministers' subscription.

2. Bay of Quinte recommended that circuits should be ascessed on salary alone; that a graded percentage should be used in assessing ministers on their salary; that \$70 should be exacted for each General Conference officer, in lieu of circuit contributions; and that par. 417, Discipline, be amended to read, "Born during his membership in the

ministry of the Methodist Church."

3. London Conference memoralized against "first claim" on circuit income against Quarterly Board being required to determine how the circuit contribution should be raised, and in favor of Superintendent of Circuit and his colleague being held responsible for circuit deficiency in proportion to their respective salaries. The Conference also held that no penalty for non-payment of deficiency should be inserted, the usual Disciplinary penalty being sufficient;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  on salary was recommended as ministerial subscription.

> W. S. GRIFFIN, Chairman. W. J. Robertson, Secretary.

# 4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

Your Committee has considered all memorials and resolutions respecting the Superannuation Fund, also the Report of the Superannuation Fund Commission, and recommend that the Commission's Report be amended

1. That Art. VI., par. 395, be amended by striking out the last two lines and substituting therefor the words, "also of such portion of the ministerial subscriptions as shall not be required to pay all current claims

2. That Art. VI., par. 396, sec. 3, be stricken out and the following substituted therefor, viz.: "The annual subscriptions of ministers and

3. That Art. VI., par. 397, be amended by striking out of the second and third lines the words, "\$12, and in addition a sum equal to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.," and substituting therefor the words, "a sum equal to 3 per Also, by inserting after the word "fuel" the words, "but in no case shall his subscription be less than \$15 per annum."

4. That Art. VI., par. 398, be amended by striking out the words, "The said contribution shall be, etc.," to end of first paragraph, and

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5. That par. 405 be amended by inserting the word "permanently" before the word "superannuated" in the first line.

6. That Art. VII. be amended by adding a new paragraph as follows, viz.: "The widows of all ministers who were superannuated prior to 1883, after having travelled fifteen years or upwards, shall be entitled to the same protection as was granted to their husbands by the Basis of

7. That par. 409 be stricken out and the following substituted, viz.: "The period for computing a minister's annuity shall commence from the time of his being received on probation; nevertheless, a year of service rendered under the direction of a chairman and allowed by a Conference shall be counted, but not more than four years shall be credited on the Also, add the following paragraph, viz.: "The period for computing the annuity of a minister received from another Church shall commence from the time of his reception into our work."

8. That par. 412 be amended by striking out the 5th, 6th, and 7th lines and substituting the following, viz.: "Paid such a sum annually as shall be equal to such fraction of the amount which he would be entitled to receive for total years of service under this Constitution, as may be determined by the proportion of years travelled in the Western Section."

9. That par. 412 be amended by striking out all after the word "superannuation" the 4th line, and substituting the following, viz.: "Shall be paid such a sum annually as shall be equal to such fraction of the amount which he would be entitled to receive for total years of service under this Constitution, as may be determined by the proportion of years travelled in the Western Section of the Church.'

10. That par. 426 be amended by striking out the word "surviving" and substituting therefor the word "reaching."

11. That Art. XI. be amended by striking out all except par. 434 and substituting the following, viz.:

"429. A minister who is located, and who has rendered less than twenty-three years' service, shall thereby cease to be a member of the fund, and shall have his annual subscriptions refunded, with 6 per cent. simple

"430. In all other cases, when a member of the fund ceases to be a minister or probationer of the Methodist Church, he shall have the amount of his annual subscriptions refunded; nevertheless, if a superannuated member of the fund shall be deposed from the ministry, the sum of the payments he has received shall be deducted from the sum of his annual subscriptions, and the balance only, if any, shall be refunded."

12. That par. 437 be amended by striking out the last clause.

13. That Art. XII. be amended by adding par. 438, which shall read

"438. The legislation contained in pars. 397 to 401 of this Constitution shall go into effect on July 1st, 1895, and it is hereby provided that circuit contributions and ministerial subscriptions for the year 1894-95 shall be determined by the provisions of the Discipline of 1890 respecting 'sources of income,' as found in pars. 394 to 403 inclusive.

W. S. GRIFFIN, Chairman. W. J. Robertson, Secretary.

# 5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 3.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. Your Committee having taken into consideration the case of the Rev. Dr. Griffith, as submitted to it by the Montreal Conference, recommend that he be restored to full standing in relation to the Superannuation Fund, it being a condition that he repay to the Superannuation Fund the full amount advanced him with interest thereon.

2. The memorial of the Kingston District re Rev. W. Pimlott's claim on the Superannuation Fund having been duly considered, it is recommended to refer the same to the Superannuation Fund Board, with

3. With regard to the claim of the Rev. J. B. Cutler, your Committee do not see any ground for placing him on a different footing from other superannuated ministers of a like term of service.

4. Your Committee would recommend that the Superannuation Fund Board prepare a statement for the information of the Methodist people of the Western Section of the Church, said statement to make clear how far the claims of permanent claimants on the fund can be paid without making any demands on the contributions of the people, and how far the proceeds of circuit assessments are applied to the payment of the claims of temporary claimants, widows and orphans.

5. Your Committee recommend that, in view of the changes that have been effected in the Annual Conference boundaries, the Secretary of this Committee be instructed to insert in par. 388 the names that shall be chosen for the various Annual Conferences by the General

6. Your Committee further recommend that the fund shall be managed during the next quadrennium by a board chosen from the various Annual Conferences as follows:—From British Columbia, Manitoba and North-West Conference one minister, from London Conference one minister and one layman, from Hamilton Conference one minister and two laymen, from Toronto Conference two ministers and three laymen, from Bay of Quinte Conference two ministers and one layman, and from Montreal Conference one minister and one layman. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. Griffin, Chairman. W. J. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

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# XVII.-SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Report of the action of the delegations of the Eastern Conferences in reference to the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund. The delegates of the Eastern Conferences met according to Dis-

cipline to consider the affairs of the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and report as follows:—

1. Changes in the constitution of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Mir isters' Widows' Fund.

(1) That the words "of the Eastern Section" be struck out of section 427, on page 169, line 1, of the Discipline.

(2) That the last sentence of section 437, page 171, be struck out and the following section be added to the Constitution of the Fund: "No application for a supernumerary relation shall be granted by an Annual Conference, except on recommendation of a Committee on Conference Relations, consisting of seven ministers elected by the Conference in ministerial session, to which such application shall be referred; and this committee and the Conference, in making their decisions, shall not take into consideration anything else than the question, namely, 'Is the applicant physically or mentally unfitted for the itinerant service?'"

(3) That the word "Secretary" be inserted before the word "Treasurer," in line 1, of section 439, page 172.

(4) That the word "shall" be substituted for the word "may," in line 1, of section 441, page 172.

(5) That section 442, page 172, be amended so as to read as follows: "The Annual Conferences of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island shall be obligated to raise for the fund at the rate of not less than ten cents per member, including persons on trial, the number of members reported to each General Conference to form the basis of calculation for each year of the following quadrennium. Each Annual Conference shall apportion the amount required on this basis among the districts, and the Financial District Meeting shall apportion the amount required of the district among the circuits. Each Superintendent of a Circuit shall be held responsible by his Annual District Meeting for the amount apportioned to his circuit by the preceding Financial District Meeting. While the Conference of Newfoundland is not obligated to raise at present the amount of ten cents per member, it is expected that the Conference will approximate as closely as possible to the foregoing scale of contribution."

(6) That the words "by the General Committee on the recommendation of his Annual Conference" be inserted after the word "repaid," at the end of third line of section 452, on page 175 of the Discipline.

(7) That the words "with simple interest" he struck out of section 452.

2. On a ballot being taken for treasurers, the Rev. E. Evans, D.D., and the Rev. C. H. Paisley, A.M., were declared elected.

3. Appended is a summary of the financial business of the four years, marked A.

THOMAS MARSHALL, Secretary.

# THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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#### XVIII.-MEMORIALS.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Re Statutes of Manitoba respecting Marriage,—That having learned with regret that in the Province of Manitoba a man who is not a minister in good standing, in connection with any Church in said Province, may solemnize marriage, we recommend that the Manitoba Conference take steps to secure the joint action of all the Protestant Churches in securing from the Legislature of Manitoba such a change of the law of the said Province as may remove so serious an evil.

Re Female Ministers,—That this Committee recognizes, with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the zeal and consecration of devoted women in our Church.

We rejoice that provision has been made affording to these abundant opportunities for Christian work. At the same time we do not deem it advisable to suggest any further legislation to provide additional fields of usefulness for the devoted women of our Church who desire work for the Master.

 $\it Re$  case of Rev. J. J. Ashton, B.D., from the British Columbia Conference,

Resolved,—That the balance of the account, \$50.00, be paid from the General Conference Fund.

Re Mr. T. R. Parker's recommendations to the General Conference,

Resolved,—That while we commend the spirit and aim of the Memorial, we find the changes in our economy requested so numerous and farreaching that we deem them impracticable at present and recommend that no action be taken.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CALEB PARKER, Secretary.

### XIX.-ITINERANCY.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That they have taken into serious consideration, and discussed at length, various memorials and resolutions committed to them having reference to the extension of the pastoral term.

2. Item amended by Mr. J. Mills, LL.D. See Journal, page 43.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That they have given careful consideration to the various memorials, resolutions and notices of motion referred to them touching the constitution of the Stationing Committee, and recommend the Conference to make no change at this time.

2. A memorial was read from the Trustee Board of the Church in Simcoe, Niagara Conference, asking that the following words be added to paragraph 142, section 6, of the Book of Discipline: "Nor shall any minister be appointed to any circuit against the protest of the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit." Your Committee recommend that the request of the memorial be not concurred in.

3. Regarding a notice of motion by Rev. John Kay, that certain authority be given to the Stationing Committee, your Committee are of the opinion that the Discipline already secures the desired authority to that body and recommend that no action be taken.

4. With respect to a notice of motion by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, asking that the following sub-section be added to paragraph 142: "7. Ministers left without a station for the year shall be assigned to a circuit, and probationers sent to College, or left on the list of reserve, shall be assigned to a district," your Committee recommend that the sub-section be added to paragraph 142 as desired.

5. Respecting a notice of motion by Rev. W. J. Crothers, requesting that paragraph 142, sub-section 4, page 56, be amended by substituting the word "three" for the word "six," your Committee recommend that the change be not made.

6. With regard to a notice of motion by Rev. John A. Clark,—That when a Quarterly Board or a minister seeks a change in the appointments of the Stationing Committee in the intervals of Conference, the expenditure involved in the calling together of the special Stationing Committee provided for in the Discipline shall be guaranteed by the Quarterly Board or minister seeking such change your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

7. Item amended by resolutions of Revs. Dr. Griffin and Dr. Ross. See Journal, page 98.

8. Concerning the subject of invitations to ministers, on which subject a number of memorials and resolutions were referred to your Committee, they beg to report that inasmuch as the right of petition is an already recognized principle in all our Church Courts, we do not deem any legislation on the subject of invitations necessary or desirable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. FORD, Secretary.

# XX.—SUSTENTATION AND CHILDREN'S FUNDS.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to whom was referred all matters pertaining to the Sustentation and Children's Funds beg to report:—

The papers referred to this Committee were as follows:

1. A draft of proposals for a Sustentation Fund as printed and distributed.

2. A memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference asking that each Annual Conference be permitted to administer its own Sustentation Fund.

3. A resolution from Rev. W. P. Brown, endorsed by the Toronto Conference, with a view of securing to each minister, through the Sustentation Fund, a salary of not less than \$750.00.

4. A memorial from Rev. W. H. Garnham, C. L. Bowlby and other members of the Niagara Conference, asking that the Sustentation Fund be placed on a basis similar to the other funds of the Church; that the sources of income be an annual collection, and an assessment on the salaries of all ministers receiving \$700.00 and upwards, and that the fund be administered by a committee consisting of the General Superintendent, the Missionary Secretary, the Book Steward and a Treasurer, appointed by the General Conference for this purpose.

The Committee unanimously resolved as follows:

After full and mature consideration of the draft proposals and other papers submitted to us, and the needs of the work in every locality and division of our labor, we recommend the General Conference to enact the following, viz.:

That there be a Sustentation Fund, as at present, also a Contingent Fund, as at present, in connection with each of our Annual Conferences, to be administered by each Annual Conference as at present.

Further, we urge that the fund be more adequately sustained by our people, so that needy brethren may be properly supported in every field, however difficult or poor.

No papers having come before the Committee relating to the Children's Fund, it was resolved to recommend no change in regard thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

A. L. Russell, Chairman. Wm. Blair, Secretary.

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## XXI.-TEMPERANCE.

## 1.—REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

By the good providence of God we have met again in our Quadrennial Council, and your Committee beg to present an account of their stewardship in the matters committed to them by the last General Conference. Immediately at the close of the Conference the Rev. Dr. Carman called the Committee together for organization, when the Rev. D. L. Brethour was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. Arrangements were at once made to launch the movement to petition the Parliament of Canada, asking for immediate prohibition, as this was the first duty you committed to us. In co-operation with the representatives of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Church Courts of the various denominations, including the Salvation Army, were memorialized and invited to join with us in the work. We are glad to report that almost to a unit they agreed to do so. With the co-operation of the various temperance organizations, which was hearty and unanimous, we were able to mass the organized moral Rlank forces of the Dominion against this modern Moloch.

Blank forms of petition were sent to the various co-operating congregations from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia, and were in process of signature when, in the midst of our work, we had to cry a halt, for Parliament was dissolved and a new election ordered. A circular was issued by the Ontario section of the Committee and sent, through the Press, to the Methodist electors of the Dominion, urging of them had just signed, with what result the vote in the House of Commons later on disclosed.

Soon after the opening of the new Parliament the petitions were ordered to be sent forward for presentation to the House by the newly-million of citizens were laid before the House.

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To this voice the Government declared they must listen, and would take some action which at least would seem to be a worthy response to such an influential request. What that answer was the immediate sequel will show.

According to your order a large and influential deputation, representing the petitioners, met the Government, which was represented by the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell and the Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Finance. Sir John Macdonald was too ill to be present, which was deeply regretted by himself as well as by the delegation. The Government received and treated the delegation courteously. The interview lasted two hours. Both Ministers spoke on the question in reply to the plea and arguments of the deputation, but it was the remarks of the Finance Minister that specially arrested attention. They acknowledged the great importance of the question which formed the burden of the

petitions before the House, and the only argument produced by the Government against granting the prayer was that of revenue. Further, the Finance Minister intimated that, when temperance people showed themselves willing to stand by their temperance principles rather than their political parties, they might easily gain what they sought.

The only promise made by the Government was that the request of the petitioners would have due consideration. The petition movement was a child of prayer, and it was fondly hoped that there would have been room for this child of the Church somewhere in the world of practical politics. But alas! as in the days of old, "there was no room for him in the man." In the policy of the party in power, there was no room for Prohibition. In that policy the space was continental for the whole liquor traffic to stand upon, but there was not one square inch of room where the Church of Jesus Christ could stand to oppose the rum fiend by legal enactment. The deputation also called the attention of the Government to the abuses of the permit system in the North-West Territories, and urged a strengthening of the law. The promise was readily made to consider that question also. The immediate effect of that interview on the members of the deputation, as well as upon multitudes of the Christian people of Canada, was intensely disappointing.

A motion was before the House asking that the prayer of the petition for immediate Prohibition be granted. An amendment was moved by the Hon. Mr. Foster to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole question. The Government amendment was of course adopted, which said to the half million petitioners that no further answer should be given until the Royal Commission had reported, which would be as speedily as possible. The "speedily as possible" has not yet arrived. Clause 18, of the Temperance Report, declares that Christian men are obligated by their profession to rise above all considerations of expediency or personal party interests, and so to use their moral influence and their franchise as to contribute to the overthrow of the liquor traffic. Also, section 19, sub-sections 1 and 2, urge Christian voters to elect Prohibitionists to the House of Commons irrespective of party considerations. Your Committee have done its best to have those instructions carried out. In all elections, general and provincial, letters addressed to the Methodist voters and people were issued urging action along the lines of General Conference recommendations. The success that followed has not been, we fear, of the most satisfactory character, for results have shown in too many cases that the principle of Prohibition has been subordinated to the voter's political party. On the recommendation of your Committee, the General Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Carman, was asked to write temperance pastoral letters to the ministers and churches of Methodism, calling their attention to the General Conference recommendations.

During the quadrennium the question of Prohibition and the best methods leading thereto have been kept before the people of Canada as never before, and have been discussed with great ability and excellent spirit.

The appointment of the Royal Commission was looked upon by the politicians as practically removing the question from the House of

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Commons, until such time as the Commission should report. thoughts and activities of the temperance people to be paralyzed by this policy of delay also? If the Government foresaw this result they were disappointed, for an agitation was begun in Manitoba which led to a most thorough and effective campaign of education in at least four of the provinces of the Dominion, resulting finally in the most positive expression of public opinion ever given by our people in favor of Prohibition.

In the Province of Ontario the question was forced to speedy issue in Parliament by the introduction of a bill declaring that the retail sale of liquor in the Province should be prohibited. This precipitated the crisis, and the Government moved in amendment to take a plebiscite vote, and also to submit a case to the courts to finally determine the question of extent of jurisdiction. This amendment was carried. The Premier of Ontario, in agreement with the Premier of the Dominion, submitted the questions to the Supreme Court. All the provinces were alike interested in this course, and several of them were represented at the sitting of the court last May. The decision of the court has not yet been given; but when given, by consent, an appeal will be made to the Privy Council for final

Votes were taken in Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Nova Scotia, which resulted as follows:

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Besides this the Legislature of New Brunswick, on 7th April, 1893, passed a unanimous resolution, which is as follows:

"Whereas in the opinion of this Legislative Assembly the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law would conduce to the general benefit of the people of this Province, and meet with the approval of a majority of the

"Whereas legislative power in respect of the enactment of such a law rests in the Parliament of Canada, therefore

"Resolved,—That this Assembly hereby expresses its desire that that Parliament of Canada shall, with all convenient speed, enact a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage into or in the Dominion of Canada."

The conditions of the plebiscite vote in Ontario differed from the other provinces, as it was on the Municipal Voters' lists, and therefore admitted women, who gave a majority of 10,176, thus showing that when women poll their votes they will be overwhelmingly in favor of righteousness.

One thing the plebiscite vote has done: it has given an opportunity for temperance people to demonstrate their strength. It only remains for the same electors to remove from power any Government or Legislature who will refuse to crystallize into law the sentiments expressed by that vote.

The following will truly represent the state of matters in the North-West Territories:

For many years there had been in operation in the Canadian North-West Territories a prohibitory law, the results of which were remarkably beneficial to the residents of the territories, and formed a most instructive object-lesson in the value of prohibitory legislation. This testimony had been borne by many officials, travellers and railway contractors. law provided for the issue of permits, under which liquor was for some time imported in comparatively small quantities. When Hon. Mr. Dewdney was appointed Lieutenant-Governor, the issue of permits became so extensive as to lead to a great increase of drunkenness and crime. When Hon. Mr. Royal was appointed he interpreted the law as authorizing him to issue permits for the sale of liquor, and accordingly he practically changed the prohibitory law into a system of license for the sale of beer. The results were incalculably disastrous. Vigorous protests were made by the Alliance Council and other bodies.

### A Proposal was made to Repeal the Law.

The North-West Legislature asked that a plebiscite might be taken on the question of Prohibition. Petitions from residents of the territories were presented to the Dominion Government to the same effect. These petitions were ignored. The power to deal with the liquor traffic was delegated to a new Assembly about to be elected. The prohibitory law had been practically broken down, and the new Legislature substituted a rigid license law. Thus was a successful and valuable prohibitory law brought into disrepute by maladministration, and the liquor traffic established in the great North-West. The statistics of drunkenness and crime for the territories showed a startling increase, while Prohibition was being broken down. The evidence of competent witnesses goes to show that since the substitution of license these evils have been still more intensified. The whole history of this sad affair is a discredit to our country, and the official action that brought about the present bad conditions is to be strongly condemned.

In 1892 an organization known as "Advanced Prohibitionists" was formed, which aims at the election of pledged Prohibitionists, and such only, to Parliament. They urge the pledging of voters to vote for none but pledged candidates. In the midst of the "Marter Bill" excitement an immense meeting of advanced temperance workers was held in Toronto in the interests of Prohibition.

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" was l such r none ement In the month of February, 1894, another great convention called by a committee composed of representatives of all the temperance organizations was held in the Pavilion, Toronto, to take such advanced action as was demanded by the great success of the recent plebiscite. About fifteen hundred delegates met, composing the largest convention of Prohibitionists ever assembled in Canada. A large deputation was appointed to wait on the Ontario Government to ask them to declare themselves in favor of Prohibition. It was in answer to this deputation that the Premier, Sir Oliver Mowat, pledged himself and his Government to give all the constitution would allow him when the question of the extent of The following settled by the Privy Council.

The following is the Premier's statement: "If the decision of the Privy Council is that the Province has jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law as respects the sale of intoxicating liquors, I will introduce such a bill in the following session, if I am then at the head of the Government. If the decision of the Privy Council is that the Province has jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory law, I will introduce such a prohibitory bill as the decision will warrant, unless the partial prohibitory power is so limited as to be ineffective from a temperance standard."

At that convention, also, arrangements were made to organize an important delegation of more than provincial influence to wait upon the Dominion Government. In the month of May last, Sir John Thompson met the deputation, but gave them no encouragement that he would either now or at a later time introduce legislation such as they desired. At the Montreal convention held in July, 1894, and composed of delegates from many provinces, a resolution was passed, which is worthy of a place in this report. It is as follows:

"Recommended that, in order to secure the nomination of Prohibition candidates, our friends take a more active part in political organization so as to secure the nomination, by all parties, of men who can be depended upon to support our cause, giving it to be understood distinctly that any other candidates will have their active opposition; that no candidate for Dominion Parliament or local Legislature receive our support who will not publicly pledge himself to work in the interest of Prohibition at every opportunity, regardless of fealty to his political party."

If the temperance voters of Canada stand by this recommendation, the beginning of the end has come and Prohibition will become an accomplished fact.

The appointment of the Royal Commission on the liquor traffic, as an answer to the petitions of the Churches, is not satisfactory. After the resolution was adopted, many months passed before the Commission was announced. After its appointment a lengthy interval intervened before the Commission entered upon its work. The liquor men appointed an agent to accompany the Commission and look after their interests. The Dominion Alliance sent Mr. F. S. Spence to take charge of the interests of the temperance cause. This action of the Dominion Alliance has resulted in placing before the Commission a great deal of important

information that would otherwise not have been secured. Many members of your Committee were called upon by the Commission to state the attitude of the Methodist Church to the liquor traffic. It is to be regretted that the report of this Commission has been so long delayed. This delay seems, from our knowledge of the facts, altogether indefensible.

#### SCOTT ACT REPEAL.

In some of the provinces several attempts have been made to repeal the Scott Act, and have been in some measure successful, especially in Quebec, where it was lost in two counties and sustained in one. In many of the municipalities in that Province a form of local option is in force which prevents the issue of all licenses. The feeling of the temperance workers is in favor of a plebiscite, but is not very hopeful of success, though temperance sentiment is slowly rising. We are glad to be able to report that in Ontario the Government has superseded the old temperance text-book and placed a new and more suitable one in the The Governments of all the other provinces have adopted temperance text-books and made them compulsory in their schools. Public School children in our Dominion are studying in larger numbers than ever before the deadly character of the poison called alcohol, and its disastrous effects upon the physical and mental constitution of the human race when taken even moderately. We hail with delight this The W. C. T. U. must be largely credited with the advance movement. success of this work.

Your Committee have no reliable evidence how far the recommendations of sub-sections (1) and (2) of clause 19, Temperance Report, were carried out regarding the election of candidates irrespective of party consideration who will force the issue of Prohibition in Parliament, as independent candidates, if necessary. It is known by the whole nation that in 1891, in the House of Commons, the great majority of the members supported the Government amendment for a Royal Commission as against the resolution for immediate Prohibition.

It does seem strange that Christian electors will petition a Government one day to destroy the liquor traffic, and the next day will elect a Government who will defeat the prayer of their own petitions.

In the Province of Quebec the liquor interests are thoroughly aroused and are formally demanding the suppression of societies which they declare injure their lawful business.

In Ontario the hotel and other liquor interests have formed an organization, and on the strength of it they entered into the last provincial election campaign with apprently considerable spirit and expression of hope; they themselves say, with satisfactory results. We shall see.

Your Committee note with pleasure the action of Bishop Watterson, of Ohio, which was confirmed by the Papal Ablegate at Washington, in reference to selling intoxicating liquors by members of the Roman Catholic Church, and would indulge the hope that the decision thus given will be sustained and become the general law of said Church.

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### DOMINION PLEBISCITE.

In July, 1893, there was held, in the city of Ottawa, a convention of the Liberal Party for the Dominion. Its deliverance on Prohibition is all that concerns us now.

The following resolution was adopted:---

"That whereas public attention is at present much directed to the consideration of the admitted great evils of intemperance, it is desirable that the mind of the people should be clearly ascertained on the question of Prohibition by means of a Dominion plebiscite."

Your Committee are of decided opinion that any further plebiscite to ascertain the mind of the people of Canada on the liquor question, except in the provinces where such vote has not been taken, would be not only a useless delay, but a serious trifling with the frequentlyexpressed sentiment of the people on the question. Nor do we see a sufficient reason for this proposed action in the difference between the

franchises of the Dominion and the provinces.

In conclusion, your Committee would call the attention of the General Conference to what appears to be another most serious hindrance to the progress of our work, viz., the number of Church organizations in our Dominion which have not any prohibitory liquor law upon their own statute books, and, as a consequence, many persons engaged in the liquor traffic are members in good standing in said Churches.

Your Committee are of opinion that civil Governments will be slow to enact, for moral purposes, a law for the government of citizens that Churches do not put upon their books of law for the regulation of the

We would not meddle with what might appear to be the business of other Churches, but it does appear to us that the temperance cause would be greatly helped, and a much more forceful appeal could be made to civil Governments, if all Church organizations would become Prohibi-

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, Chairman. D. L. Brethour, Secretary.

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### 3.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

At the last General Conference a Standing Committee was appointed invested with the responsibility of watching the progress of temperance legislation during the quadrennium, and adopting such measures in harmony with the well-understood attitude of the Church as in their judgment should be deemed advisable.

The report of that committee was referred to us and has been carefully reviewed. We find that a large amount of work was performed by that committee, and invaluable service rendered the cause of temperance. The call to action by the chairman of the committee, our General Superintendent, was nobly responded to by the Church, and was recognized as one of the most potent influences which secured for the plebiscite in Ontario the immense vote which was recorded.

That committee, and especially its indefatigable secretary, Rev. Dr. Brethour, are entitled to the heartiest thanks of the Church. We recommend the adoption of the said report; also, the appointment of a similar committee by this Conference.

Representations have been made to us of the action of the Federal authorities in granting a brewery license in the neighborhood of Neepawa, Manitoba, which largely interferes with the working of the Local Option law in force in that locality. We commend the question to the consideration of the General Conference, with the hope that a vigorous protest be made against such an interference with the will of the people as expressed at the polls. (This matter was referred to the Mamioba and North-West Conference. See Journal, page 100.)

We are glad to be able to report a marked advance in the realm of provincial politics. In 1892, a plebiscite vote was taken in Manitoba, and subsequently in Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, with majorities in favor of the Act, aggregating nearly 133,000. In the North-West Territories a vote is soon to be taken. The Legislature of New Brunswick has passed a resolution affirming the desirability of a prohibitory liquor law, and asking the Dominion Parliament to enact the same. Quebec and British Columbia are the only provinces not yet heard from; and though enormous difficulties confront the movement in each, we are hopeful that ere long both will be in line with the other provinces in demanding the annihilation of the legalized liquor traffic. Never before in the Province of Ontario were the indications so hopeful; never was the Church so earnest and influential; and such is the strength of public sentiment that, in the last two sessions of the Legislature, both political parties engaged in fierce contest for the advantage of being recognized by the temperance electors as the one from which the most beneficial legislation might be expected.

From the one side of the House came what is commonly known as the Marter Bill, which proposed the prevention of the retail sale of intoxicating drinks in the Province; while from the Government side was granted the Plebiscite Act, and upon its adoption by the people the promise of the Premier, Sir Oliver Mowat, to introduce into the House

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a prohibitory law if the courts should decide that such was intra vires of provincial legislation, and, in the event of a contrary decision, he would introduce the utmost measure of restriction in the interest of the

We are, of course, aware that it is no part of our duty to determine between the respective claims of these parties; but this fact we desire to specially emphasize, that while a number of our representatives were prompted by no other motive than a desire for the public interest the increased concern manifested is mainly attributable to the conviction of the members that temperance men have come at last to mean what they say, and have determined to vote as they pray. We regret that the news from Ottawa is not so encouraging. As authorized by the General Conference, a large and influential deputation waited upon the Dominion Government, May 27th, 1891. The deputation reports a courteous reception and interview lasting two hours, with a promise that due consideration would be given to the matters brought before them. In the House of Commons the friends of temperance resolved upon a forward movement. The House had years before declared: "That the only remedy for the evils of intemperance is the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks;" but it was now proposed that the time had arrived when such a law should be placed upon the statute-book, and a resolution to that effect was introduced into the House. A vote upon this, however, was prevented by the passage of an amendment appointing a Royal Commission. This was the reply of the Government to the petitions of our own and other Churches, and of the half million of the people praying for Prohibition.

This Commission has not yet reported to Parliament, and we are instructed that no legislation need be expected until such time as they We believe that during the present quadrennium the crisis in the campaign will be reached, and the decisive battle fought. Your Committee, therefore, carefully sought for a policy which should be recommended as a guide to the Methodist Church in the struggle that awaits us. In our search we found in the report of the Standing Committee a paragraph as follows: "The Minister of Finance intimated that, when temperance people showed themselves willing to stand by temperance principles rather than their political parties, they might easily gain what they sought." This opinion is in accord with that of the political

We recommend that the challenge be accepted and the earliest opportunity afforded both in Provincial and Dominion elections. We remove from our representatives any doubt they may entertain on this matter. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolu-

"Recognizing the great importance of securing the election of representatives to Parliament of men true to the cause of Prohibition, we must earnestly recommend Methodist electors to attend the preliminary meetings of their political parties for the purpose of securing the nomination of candidates pledged to work for Prohibition at every opportunity, and we hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to carry this into

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effect. Your Committee are fearful lest the interest in political action should in any wise lead to the slightest abatement of effort in the direction of Christian Endeavor. We recommend, therefore, that all the ministers place before our congregations the Christian obligation of total abstinence, which is also one of the conditions of membership in the Church. We further recommend that Gospel Temperance meetings be held, and that the question of temperance be made the subject of exhortation and prayer in our week evening services, and especially that an effort be made in our Sunday Schools so that all the scholars be pledged to total abstinence."

The following declaration of principles is submitted for the adoption of the Conference:—

Resolved,—1. That the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin.

2. That it is the duty of the civil Government to prohibit the trade in intoxicating drinks.

Remaining sub-items struck out and report amended, by resolution of Rev. W. Kettlewell. (See Journal, page 101.)

The report of the Treasurer showed that the income of the quadrennium was \$491.02 and the expenditure \$502.68, leaving a balance still due the Treasurer. We recommend that a collection be taken up each year at the public temperance meeting in each circuit and forwarded to the Treasurer, and that an earnest appeal be made for increased liberality.

The following are recommended as members of the Standing

#### ONTARIO GROUP.

#### Ministers.

Dr. Brethour.	
Dr. Sutherland.	
George Webber.	
M. L. Pearson.	
H. S. Matthews.	

Wm. McDonagh.
A. C. Courtice, B.D.
F. E. Nugent.
J. W. Cooley.
Wm. Kettlewell.

#### Laymen.

James	Bowman.
Dr. A.	D. Watson.
F. W.	Watkins.
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Joseph Gibson. J. F. Cummings. Dr. Watson.

### QUEBEC GROUP.

#### Ministers.

Dr.	Rv	cki	nan.	
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James Strothard.
D. W. Johnston, M. A.
Thomas Marshall.

R. W. Weddall, M.A. W. Brown.

Laymen.

J. R. Woodburn. R. J. Sweet.

Wm. Vroom. Martin Lemont.

### NEWFOUNDLAND GROUP.

Rev. Dr. Milligan.

Hon, J. J. Rogerson.

## MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST GROUP.

Ministers.

Dr. Sparling.
J. M. Harrison.
Alfred Andrews.

T. J. Stacy. T. C. Buchanan.

Laymen.

Hon. J. W. Sifton. T. Nixon. W. H. Fieldhouse.

J. W. Smith. W. H. Cushing.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUP.

Ministers.

Laymen.

E. Robson. J. F. Betts.

T. W. Hall.

A. C. Wells. John Jessop.

E. Odlum, M.A.

That the Rev. Dr. Brethour be Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee. With reference to the memorials presented re Use of Tobacco, we recommend the Conference to reaffirm the judgment of the last Conference on the subject, as found on page 343 of the Journal.

Regarding the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference re Sacramental Wine, we recommend that it be an instruction to ministers not to use alcoholic wine in the administration of the Lord's

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. Sifton, Chairman. M. L. Pearson, Secretary.

## XXII.-CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

### 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Report No. 1 on being read was recommitted.

### 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Report No. 1 of this Committee having been referred back to them after the Conference had decided against the first clause of that report, your Committee, believing that a readjustment is desirable in the interest of the work, have again given careful consideration to the subject of a redistribution of the six Conferences in Ontario and Quebec, and to the various memorials and motions touching this question, referred to them by the Conference, and they now submit the following recommendations:

1. That it is desirable to redistribute the six Conferences in Ontario

and Quebec into five Conferences.

2. That these five Conferences shall be constituted as follows, viz.:— (1) No. 1 Conference shall be composed of the following districts, viz., London, St. Thomas, Aylmer, Chatham, Windsor, Ridgetown, Exeter, St. Mary's, Stratford, Goderich, Kincardine, Wingham, Listowel, Strathroy and Sarnia. This will give to this Conference 15 districts, 233

ministers, 40 probationers; total, 273, and 43,782 members.

(2) No. 2 Conference shall be composed of the following districts, viz., Hamilton, St. Catharines, Milton, Brantford, Woodstock, Guelph, Galt, Palmerston, Mount Forest, Walkerton, Wiarton, Norwich, Simcoe and Welland; giving to this Conference 14 districts, 222 ministers, 54 probationers; total, 276, and 43,531 members.

(3) No. 3 Conference shall be composed of the following districts, viz., Toronto East, Toronto Centre, Toronto West, Brampton, Uxbridge, Bradford, Orangeville, Barrie, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Bracebridge, Parry Sound and Algoma. This will give to this Conference 13 districts,

225 ministers, 48 probationers; total, 273, and 39,023 members.

(4) No. 4 Conference shall be composed of the following districts, viz., Belleville, Napanee, Picton, Brighton, Cobourg, Bowmanville, Whitby, Cannington, Lindsay, Peterborough, Campbellford, Madoc and Tam-This will give to this Conference 13 districts, 180 ministers, 29 probationers; total, 209, and 38,345 members.

(5) No. 5 Conference shall be composed of the following districts, viz., Montreal, Kingston, Brockville, Matilda, Perth, Pembroke, Nipissing, Sudbury, Ottawa, Quebec, Stanstead, Waterloo and Huntingdon. will give to this Conference 13 districts, 210 ministers, 45 probationers; total, 255, and 37,568 members.

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3. Referring to the memorial from the British Columbia Conference asking that the Calgary District be detached from the Manitoba and North-West Conference and added to the British Columbia Conference, your Committee recommend that no change be made.

4. A memorial was before us from the Fort Lawrence congregation, in New Brunswick Conference, asking that that appointment be transferred from the Point de Bute Circuit of the New Brunswick Conference to the Amherst Circuit in the Nova Scotia Conference, and your Committee recommend that the transfer be made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Jackson, Chairman. Cyrus A. Birge, Secretary.

## 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 3.

This report was recommitted except the following items, which were dopted:—

5. The President of the present London and Niagara Conferences shall be the convener of the Stationing Committee of Nos. 1 and 3 Conferences respectively, which Committee shall elect their own chairman by

6. That the names of the readjusted Conferences be as follows: Conferences—No. 1, London; No. 2, Hamilton; No. 3, Toronto; No. 4, Bay of Quinte; No. 5, Montreal.

7. That Uxbridge District become forthwith a part of Conference No. 3, and that Whitby District become forthwith a part of No. 4.

8. That the transfer of St. Lawrence appointment from New Brunswick to Nova Scotia Conference take effect at the close of the second quarter of the present Conference year.

> W. Jackson, Chairman. Cyrus A. Birge, Secretary.

## 4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 4.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend as follows:—On the portions of Report, No. 3, referred back to them:

1. That the Conferences heretofore known as London, Niagara and Guelph retain their autonomy for administrative purposes until 29th day of May, 1895, at noon, and that the several district meetings for 1895 report to their new Conferences.

2. That the Special Committee of the Guelph Conference, and the following laymen, viz.: W. G. Smith, W. J. Ferguson, Isaac Hood, H. L. Rice, J. E. Carson, L. H. Youmans and John Rutherford, be a commission to allocate the assets and liabilities of that Conference to the new Conferences in proportion to the amounts contributed to the respective funds in 1894 by the districts forming part of such new Conferences

respectively, and that the archives and records of the Guelph Conference be deposited in the Book Room in Toronto.

3. That the London Conference shall meet on Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m., at Strathroy.

That the Hamilton Conference shall meet on Thursday, June 1, at 10 a.m., at Hamilton

4. That the Presidents of the London and Niagara Conferences, respectively, shall perform the duties of Presidents of the new Conferences from 29th day of May, 1895, at noon, until their successors are elected; and that the said Presidents shall be Conveners of the respective Conferences and the Stationing Committee.

All of which is respectively submitted.

J. R. Gundy, Chairman. Cyrus A. Birge, Secretary.

## XXIII.-SOCIOLOGICAL QUESTIONS.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

1. Your Committee have carefully considered the fact that, even in Christian lands, distress and destitution prevail to a large extent in the great centres of population.

This destitution and distress seem to be increasing rather than diminishing.

While we admit that these things are largely due to the prevalence of indolence, improvidence, and especially intemperance, we think that they are also naturally the results of unsatisfactory economic conditions.

As a Church, our sympathies are with the struggling masses everywhere, and we stand ready to aid to the utmost in ameliorating their condition.

We are watching with intense interest the development and application of various theories for the social elevation of the masses, and individually we encourage and support them, as they seem to give promise of success; but, as a Church, we hesitate to commit ourselves to any of them, as they are still in a tentative stage and must be measured by their results, for which we anxiously wait.

We consider it not only a privilege, but also the duty of all Christians in a country like this, when the voice of the people can be heard and when the franchise may be effective, to watch the social movements of the day and to make all proper efforts to secure the most satisfactory economic conditions through appropriate legislation.

But while we would invoke the aid of legislation, we would still more exert ourselves to spread the principles of our divine Christianity, thoroughly satisfied that, when society has become impregnated with the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth, trusts, monopolies, heartless combinations

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2. Having considered the resolution transmitted to us from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the documents accompanying it, we recommend as follows:

That, inasmuch as the question of unrestricted immigration of the Chinese and certain other classes involves considerations which affect the interest of religion and morality, as well as those of industry and commerce, and requires the application for its solution of the principles both of equity and of Christian charity, and whereas the conclusions reached on the subject by different minds are widely divergent, we instruct the General Conference Special Committee to co-operate with the other Churches interested in requesting the Dominion Government to appoint a Commission to investigate the whole question of immigration in general, and that of the Chinese in particular, and to report what measures they find to be expedient and right, and that the Churches of our country be represented thereon.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Chairman. E. Odlum, Secretary.

## XXIV.-CIVIL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

## 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-That having considered the motion of Rev. F. A. Cassidy and Rev. Dr. Eby, referring to the fact that our ministers in certain foreign lands (especially in Japan) are not allowed to solemnize marriage among their fellow British subjects, we therefore recommend that a committee be appointed, consisting of the General Superintendent, the General Secretary of Missions and the General Secretary of Education, whose duty it shall be to bring this matter before His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, or take such other steps as may be found advisable to secure for our people thus affected this much-desired privilege.

JOHN POTTS, Chairman. J. S. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

## 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

1. That we reaffirm the action of the General Conference expressed four years ago, and embodied in the report of the Committee on Memorials, page 288 of the Journal of the General Conference, and also in the report of the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty, page. 2. We recommend the appointment of a Standing Committee of this Conference, consisting of the following: Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent; Rev. Dr. Potts, Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., Rev. J. R. Gundy, Thos. Hayne, Esq., Rev. J. McAlister, P. E. W. Moyer, M.A., Esq., Rev. I. Tovell, Senator Sanford, Rev. Dr. Burwash, Judge Dean, Rev. Dr. Ryckman, John Torrance, Esq., Rev. S. F. Huestis, J. R. Inch, Esq., LL D., Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Dr. Sparling, J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., and Rev. J. F. Betts; the committee to have full power to act in all cases where our civil and religious rights or privileges are in any sense endangered.

3. That of the above committee the following constitute an Executive, viz., the General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Potts and Dr. J. J.

Maclaren.

4. We recommend that in so far as possible the business of the Committee be conducted by correspondence.

JOHN POTTS, Chairman.
J. S. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

### XXV.-STATE OF THE WORK.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

1. With deepest gratitude to God we recognize the great advancement, during the quadrennium, in both the spiritual and material interests of the Church. The large increase in the membership, brought about by the faithful labors of consecrated workers, ministerial and lay, indicate that the spiritual tone of the Church was never higher than it is at the present. We have now 260,963 Church members—increase, 27,085; and 252,546 scholars in attendance at our Sunday Schools—increase, 24,496.

2. We desire to emphasize the importance of the class-meeting in our Church economy. While other agencies may be more instrumental in bringing members into the Church, none are more helpful in moulding Christian character and in leading members to a higher Christian life. We therefore earnestly recommend that a united effort be put forth to maintain the class-meeting in its highest state of efficiency.

3. The gratifying progress in the work in the North-West, showing marked advance in all its departments, calls for special thanksgiving. It is, however, a matter of deep concern that so many promising fields in

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that vast territory are still unoccupied by our Church, and that so many brought up in Methodist homes and under the influence of Methodist institutions are finding their way to points beyond the reach of our ministrations. These fields open to the Church large possibilities and impose on her great responsibilities. In her attempt to overtake the work, the Church must of necessity use, largely, young and inexperienced workers. This will suggest the importance of making provision for wise, energetic and thorough supervision of the work in addition to what the chairman of individual districts, with the varied interests under his charge and the vast areas to be covered, can give to it.

4. We recommend that the following paragraphs be added to those already in the Discipline in reference to evangelists:

(1) That evangelists other than recognized ministers and local preachers of our Church, who may be employed by the Superintendent of a Circuit, shall, under the supervision of the Chairman of the District, and previously to commencing their work, undergo an examination similar to that provided in the Discipline for local preachers.

(2) That no Superintendent of a Circuit be permitted to employ any unauthorized evangelist without first obtaining the consent of the Chairman of the District.

(3) That each Annual Conference shall have power to form rules and regulations for the guidance of the evangelists and their work within the bounds of the Conference.

GEO. McRitchie, Chairman. W. E. Tilley, Secretary.

## XXVI.-SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

### 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

Your Committee felt that, in preparing a report on Sabbath Observance, it was dealing with an institution which, when properly observed, honors God, elevates our conception of the dignity of man, emphasizes his higher nature and needs, and advances the temporal well-being of human life, and were surprised, therefore, that only three memorials were presented—one from the British Columbia Conference, a second from Dr. Griffith, and the third from W. M. McGibbon

Your Committee also speedily discerned that the proper observance of the Lord's Day is a matter of increasing difficulty and importance. Principles must remain unchanged, but rules based on principles may vary. We find that in many ways primitive rules cannot be applied to present conditions. It has been often said, and truly, that Jesus made provision for works of necessity and works of mercy on the Sabbath Day, and made the Sabbath a servant to man. It is in the spirit of our Master that we

would make our report, with a clear sense of man's superiority to the institution that is to serve him, and as wise a discrimination as to what is defensible on the Lord's Day.

We think it right and necessary to discern that works of mercy and works of necessity may vary from age to age; and in the absence of a list of such, the individual judgment must be enlightened, and the individual conscience quickened, and both of these must be appealed to and trusted. Our complicated civilization has changed the conditions of our life, especially in our large cities. Our firemen are on duty on Sabbath, our policemen also, and a limited number of telegraph and telephone operators, and the duties of such guardians of peace and property should be discharged on the Sabbath Day. For all such we bespeak the consideration they deserve, that their opportunities to attend worship may be as frequent as possible. Bicycle-riding for personal pleasure on the Sabbath Day is a growing evil. It is resorted to by large numbers of those who are unmindful of the house of God. We therefore urge our ministers and members to seek to draw away our young people from this practice, and ask, especially, that those who use bicycles themselves be careful of their example. Military and society parades, with bands of music, are a great disturbance to our Sabbath Schools, and we request our ministers to discourage such, unless the parties come quietly at the hour of regular service, or such other convenient hour as may be arranged with the minister.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the prevalence of Sabbath funerals is a matter practically in the hands of the ministers of the Churches, and co-operation and fidelity on their part will do away with all but necessary funerals, as has been done in Montreal, Toronto, London, and other places.

A memorial was presented to us complaining of "the practice of some of our ministers and people who travel on railways, and steamboats, and tramcars on the Lord's Day," and we were asked "to urge the discontinuance of the practice, except in cases of extreme necessity."

We do urge that all our ministers and people be very careful of their example in this matter. Further, we urge that every legitimate effort be put forth to reduce the railway and steamboat traffic, and in this connection we express our appreciation of the work of the Lord's Day Alliance, and especially the value of the speech and persistence of the efforts of Mr. John Charlton, M.P.

We regret that reports verbally presented from many of our cities indicate a general effort to introduce Sabbath excursions by steamboat. Such excursions are in violation of the spirit of the statute of Ontario, which says: "Excursions on the Lord's Day by steamboat plying for hire, or in part by steamboat and in part by railway, and having as their only or principal object the carriage of passengers for amusement or pleasure, and to go and return the same day by the same steamboat or railway, or by any others owned by the same person or company, shall not be deemed a lawful conveying of passengers within the meaning of this Act." The enforcement of this legislation should be looked after carefully.

Further, we advise concurrence in the recommendation of one memorial, and advise that a small committee be appointed to secure from the proper

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department of the Dominion Government such regulation as "shall prevent vessels with excursion parties to report to, or get clearance from, any port upon the Sabbath Day."

We express our gratitude to God for the issue of the long conflict in Toronto, so vigorously sustained, concerning the running of street cars on the Lord's Day. We recognize the fidelity and promptness of the chief officers of the city, and look upon the successful maintenance of a quiet Sabbath against such a persistent attack as an honor to the Christian people of the city, and a valuable object-lesson to the Dominion.

Finally, we are glad to assemble in this Conference session in a city where no Sunday street cars are proposed; where Sabbath funerals are reduced to a minimum; where the Sunday newspaper is a foreigner; where the attempt to secure pleasure excursions on the river on the Lord's Day was promptly suppressed by the City Council, and where the temples of worship are so numerous and well attended.

ISAAC TOVELL, Chairman. A. C. Courtice, Secretary.

## 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the Rev. G. McRitchie and Rev. J. Scanlon, together with the ministers of our Church resident in Ottawa, be authorized by this Conference to act with the Lord's Day Alliance during the quadrennium in the interest of a proper observance of the Sabbath.

2. That the Rev. John Potts, D.D., Dr. Lavell and Mr. Emerson Coatsworth, M.P., he a committee to present to the proper department of Government at Ottawa the prayer that vessels with excursion parties shall not be allowed to report to, or get clearances from, any of our Canadian ports on the Sabbath Day.

I. Tovell, Chairman.
A. C. Courtice, Secretary.

## XXVII.-WORK OF DEACONESSES.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

That no memorials or communications were referred to us for consideration.

We have, however, learned with much satisfaction that, in accordance with the provisions of section 122 of the Discipline, there has been organized in the city of Toronto, under the authority of the Toronto Conference, a Deaconess Home.

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In connection with this Home there is a Conference Board of twentyone members, seven of whom are ministers, seven women and seven laymen, appointed by the Conference to exercise a general control of the interests of this form of work and to have the management of the Home.

There has also been formed a Deaconess Aid Society, which has undertaken to furnish and maintain the Home as to running expenses.

Proper care is exercised in the admission of candidates, who are required, when admitted, to observe the established rules and regulations, and willingly give all their time to the work assigned them.

Certificates are issued to duly qualified persons, authorizing them to perform the duty of deaconesses in connection with the Church, provided that no person shall receive such certificate until she shall have served a probation of two years' continuous service, completed the prescribed course of study and shall be over twenty-two years of age.

After carefully examining the methods of work in this and other Homes, and looking at the results accomplished, your Committee would recommend—

1. That similar Homes be established, where desirable and practicable, in the cities and large towns of our Conferences.

2. For the present, the following course of study, as adopted by the Toronto Conference, viz.:

#### FIRST YEAR'S STUDY.

(a) For those not preparing to become trained nurses—

English Bible, book by book; the Discipline, Catechism, Theological Compend. (Binney), Smaller History of the Bible (Smith), Life of Christ (Stalker), Bible Geography (Hurlbut), Church History (Hurst), Textbook on Temperance (Nattress).

(b) For those preparing to become trained nurses-

The Bible, the Discipline, Catechism, Physiology (Hutchinson), Clara Weeks' Nursing Manual, How to Get Strong (Blaikie), and the theoretical instruction prescribed by the faculty of any standard Training School for Nurses, together with practical work in the hospital wards, under the direction of the head nurse.

(c) Recommended to be read-

The Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation (Walker), How to Study the Bible (Moody), Life of Elizabeth Fry (Mrs. Creswell), Christian Perfection (Wesley), Women and Temperance, Story of Methodism (Hyde), Deaconesses: Ancient and Modern (Wheeler), Deaconesses (Biblical), Early Church—European, American (Lucy Rider Meyer).

#### SECOND YEAR'S READING.

(a) To be pursued by both classes—

Life of Paul (Stalker), Life of John Wesley (Watson), Women of Methodism (Abel Stevens), Outline of the World's History (Swinton), History of Canada (Withrow and Adams), Manual of Methodism (Galbraith), How We Live; or, The Human Body, and How to take Care of It; the Bible, book by book.

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Manual of Christian Evidences (Row), Deaconesses in Europe, and their Lessons for America (Jane M. Bancroft), Abiding in Christ (Murray), Life of Collins, Socialism and Christianity (Behrends).

For resolution as to dress of deaconesses, see Journal, page 103.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Galbraith, Chairman. W. J. FAWCETT, Secretary.

## XXVIII.-SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee having considered the memorial forwarded by the Niagara Conference on the subject of Systematic Beneficence, and also that by Revs. Jos. Elliott and A. C. Courtice re methods of raising money for Church purposes, beg leave to report as follows:-

We recognize the great importance of this subject in relation to all the financial and spiritual interests of the church of Christ. Systematic and proportionate giving, so strongly inculcated in Holy Scripture, has, we are convinced, been lamentably neglected by the Church to the serious depletion of her treasury and the curtailment of her power. That the Bible expounds and enforces the subject under consideration will appear from the numerous instructions and illustrious examples therein contained. The Old Testament Scriptures clearly prove that, in accordance with a well-known law of reservation, God demanded of His ancient people tithes and offerings, holding out the strongest inducements to obedience, and warning them, under heavy penalty, not to ignore the divine claims on their earthly possessions. God's law of proportionate giving has come down to us from primitive times through the patriarchal, Mosaic and prophetical ages with multiplying illustrations of its beneficent character, and with startling vindications of its imperial rights. The law of tithing received the endorsation of Christ himself, and history informs us was practised by the primitive Christian Church. It therefore stands forth with its obligations unimpaired. Had it been a typical or ceremonial law, then, with all the rest of the Jewish ritual, might it have been set aside as having accomplished its purpose. But as it may be regarded in the light of a moral precept rather than a typical or ceremonial law, it is calculated to serve a most valuable purpose in all ages and under all dispensations.

The Gospel furnishes motives for giving of the highest character, prompting the heart to devise liberal things for the cause of God in this dispensation of unparalleled illumination and blessing. Under the mighty influence of Christ's constraining love, our earthly substance will be contributed with a glad heart, and we shall realize what the Saviour meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Beneath the shadow of the Cross the devout Christian will be very apt to surpass the tenth, supplementing this proportion by liberal freewill offerings according to his means. Love knows no burdens and restricts itself by no narrow limitations. It elevates the whole question of giving from the legal basis of duty to the Gospel platform of privilege. Any effort to enlighten the Church as to her privilege in using for the glory of God the vast sums of money now in her possession, deserves encouragement.

At this time, when the whole heathen world is a vast mission field, God is calling upon the Church as never before to consecrate and concentrate all her forces that she may measure up to the sublime opportunities of the hour.

We regret that the Church experiences so much difficulty in raising money to sustain her various institutions and agencies, and, in her financial embarrassment, has compromised her honor and dignity by resorting in many instances to unworthy methods for enriching her depleted treasury. Are professing Christians so unwilling to support the cause of Christ that all sorts of novel sensations must needs be invented to attract the crowd and make a few dollars for the Lord's suffering cause? The Church will never be delivered from her wretched penury till a complete reformation in her methods of finance has taken place. Let the people give systematically and proportionately as the Lord has prospered them. Let their offerings be brought to the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. Let the financial demands of Christ's cause be met by straight cash payments instead of by the laborious and expensive method of multiplied entertainments, and the result, both financially and spiritually, will abundantly justify the new order of things.

Your Committee would repeat and emphasize the recommendations

of the last General Conference:

1. "That all our people be urged to give to the cause of God at the rate of at least one-tenth of their income, and that the use of all unscriptural methods of raising money for Church purposes be discountenanced as unworthy of a Christian people."

2. "That in addition to the teaching of the pulpit on the duty of systematic giving, our ministers be earnestly requested to arrange for the circulation, throughout their congregations, of suitable literature on this important subject."

Respectfully submitted.

W. R. Parker, Chairman. R. W. Woodsworth, Secretary.

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## XXIX.-FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS.

## 1. REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church:

As your Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, I beg to report:—

That in May, 1892, I repaired to Omaha, the seat of the General Conference, duly presented my credentials as your representative, conveyed to the hands of the brethren there your fraternal address and greetings, which were received with all affection and honor, and myself addressed the Conference in your behalf on our common interests and relations. Further, I was favored to preach in one of the churches supplied from the Conference, and to address an immense gathering convened on the question of Sabbath Observance in Centennial Hall, the place of Conference sessions.

The reception and entertainment of your representative were, in all respects, as must be expected of our genial Methodism, nurtured by a free and noble people, cordial and abundantly fraternal. The love of the brethren for our Canadian Methodism was, and is, evidently deep and abiding. Dr. Bridgman, one of our own Canadians, risen to honor in that magnificent Zion of our King, took especial charge of your delegate, and, by his kindly and efficient offices, made every service easy and delightful. The attentions shown by the venerable bishops of the Church, both in public assemblies and social intercourse, were everything that could be desired; and they could have been expected in any degree, only on the ground of love to you and respect due to you, which with lavish hand were bestowed upon your unworthy representative.

The brethren there have but this desire concerning us: that we abide with them in the bonds of the Gospel, in the love and peace of our common salvation; that our borders be widely extended, and that we grow in knowledge, grace and power, and that our common Methodism save this continent to righteousness and truth, and prove a city set on a hill in the midst of the nations of the earth.

Your most humble and devoted servant,

A. CARMAN.

### 2. REPORT OF REV. DR. POTTS.

To the President and Members of the General Conference:

I beg to report that, in harmony with the appointment which I received four years ago, I visited the following Conferences in England and Ireland in 1892, and in the following order:—Primitive Methodist Conference at Norwich; New Connexion Conference at Ashton-under-Lyne; Irish Methodist Conference at Belfast; Bible Christian Conference at Newport, Isle of Wight, and the British Wesleyan Conference at Bradford. The reception accorded to your representative was most fraternal and hearty.

John Potts.

### 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, NO. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend :-

1. That Fraternal Delegates from this General Conference be sent to

the following Conferences:

(1) The English and Irish Conferences of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the Primitive Methodist, New Connexion and Bible Christian Churches of Great Britain

(2) The Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States.

(3) The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

(4) The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

(5) The African Methodist Episcopal Church. (6) The British Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. That, instead of Fraternal Addresses being prepared, letters of credentials simply be sent with the delegations.

3. That the delegates to these various Conferences be appointed immediately after the election of the General Conference officers.

J. PHILP, Secretary.

#### 4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, NO. 3.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

We nominate Rev. Dr. Burwash and Rev. Dr. Shaw as the delegation to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; Rev. T. W. Jolliffe as the delegate to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., as the delegate to the British Methodist Episcopal Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. PHILP, Secretary.

### XXX.-CHURCH UNION.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:— 1. We have examined fully all the papers referred to us touching a union between the Evangelical Association and the Methodist Church, the Basis of Union, the correspondence that has grown out of the proposal, the action and report of committees appointed by the two bodies; and regret that the Conference of that Church could not see their way clear at present to agree to the said union. It is to be regretted that such a union is as yet deemed inadvisable. But this Conference expresses a hope that at no distant day our evangelical friends may see their way

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clear to agree to the admirable report made by the Joint Union Committee, and take the final step towards the complete consolidation of the Methodism of this Dominion. We recommend the appointment of a Special Committee, composed of the General Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Henderson, the Rev. J. Scott, M.A., P. E. W. Moyer, M.A., and Thomas Hilliard, Esq., with whom negotiations may be resumed, provided it is desired on their part to reopen the question.

2. In relation to the communication on the subject of Church union from the Rev. Provost Body to the General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, your Committee recommend the General Conference to reaffirm the utterances of 1890 on this subject, as found on page 173 of the Journal of that Conference. The Conference would have been gratified if negotiations for the union of the Protestant Churches had been brought to a more successful termination, but cannot favor further action, except on the preliminary basis of such a definition of the "Historic Episcopate" of the Lambeth resolutions as would be in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament on that subject.

3. On the notice of motion of the Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., for a "Federal Court for Protestant Churches," your Committee would recommend its adoption as follows:

Whereas the General Conference has already affirmed its willingness to negotiate with other branches of the Protestant Church on the question of union; and

Whereas the needs of the missionary work at home and abroad call more forcibly than ever for economy, for mutual recognition of sister Churches and for co-operation, therefore

Resolved,—(1) That it is desirable, in the judgment of this Conference, to establish a Federal Court, composed of representatives of negotiating Churches.

(2) That such court, when established, shall not have power to deal with questions of creed or discipline, or with any question vitally affecting the independence of any of the negotiating Churches.

(3) That the General Conference of the Methodist Church now, on its part, appoints the following persons to be its representatives in such Federal Court, viz.:

Central Section—Revs. Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. T. G. Williams, Dr. W. C. Henderson, and Judge Deacon and A. Shaw.

Eastern Section—Revs. S. F. Huestis, Dr. Borden, Dr. Heartz, Dr. Inch, Wesley Smith, Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., and Rev. R. W. Weddall, M.A.

Western Section—Rev. Las. Woodsworth, J. F. Betts, A. W. Ross, J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., and E. Odlum, M.A.

Newfoundland Section—Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. J. Nurse and Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

The composition of the Methodist Section of the Court shall be as ollows:

1. It shall consist of three sections—(a) An Eastern Section, for the Maritime Provinces; (b) a Central Section, for Quebec and Ontario, and (c) a Western Section, for Manitoba and all the West.

2. Each section shall organize separately, and shall have power independently of other sections to consult and act with representatives of other Churches in the territory assigned to them.

3. The officers of the Central Section shall call the whole court when

a majority of the several sections shall deem it necessary.

The functions of the court shall be to consult and act with the representatives of other Churches with a view to co-operation and economy in regard to "dependent charges" within their territory.

A copy of this action, with the preamble and resolutions, shall be

sent to the following Church Courts:

1. The Presbyterian General Assembly. 2. The Baptist Missionary Society.

3. The Congregational Missionary Society.

See resolution as to unification of French Protestant Churches in

Journal, page 95.

4. Your Committee would also recommend that the General Conference appoint a Standing Committee on Church Union, consisting of the General Superintendent, Dr. A. Burns, Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. Galbraith, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Jackson, Dr. T. G. Williams, Dr. Lathern, Dr. Ryckman, Dr. Griffith, Dr. Stewart, I. G. Scott, Joseph Young, W. I. Ford, Hon. J. C. Aikins, G. A. Cox, J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C., Dr. Mills, E. Odlum, M.A., Judge Jones and A. Shaw.

> J. LATHERN, Chairman. A. Burns, Secretary.

## XXXI.-FINANCE.

### 1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 1.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

1. That the report of the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund,

as audited, be adopted and inserted in the JOURNAL.

2. That the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund be the treasurer of the General Conference Fund, at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

3. That the Advisory Committee on the General Conference Fund consist of Messrs. Richard Brown, J. B. Willmott, L.D.S., and Rev. Jas.

Allan, all of Toronto.

4. That the expenses of the Conference Secretary, inclusive of printing and stationery, be paid. That 500 copies of the Journal be published at cost, and the expenses remaining unpaid at the end of the quadrennium be met out of the profits of the Discipline.

5. That the Billeting Committee of this Conference be appropriated the sum of \$275.00, including allowance for church section and Confer-

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7. That the General Conference Fund Treasurer be authorized to borrow moneys necessary for the payment of claims during the quadrennium.

8. That the several committees of the General Conference nominate regular, skilled and competent persons to audit their respective accounts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McDonagh, Chairman. R. W. Clarke, Secretary.

### 2. REPORT OF COMMITTEE, No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :--

Your Committee recommend that the reasonable expenses of delegates to this Conference be paid for railway, steamboat and sleeping accommodation, and meals when necessary.

W. McDonagh, Chairman. R. W. Clarke, Secretary.

## XXXII.-BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

Fourteen reports were submitted dealing with location of Committees, Order of Business and Leave of Absence.

# XXXIII—RULES OF ORDER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference may stand adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

2. The roll of the members of the General Conference as certified by the President and Secretary of the Constituent Conferences shall be called immediately after the opening of the first session.

3. The following shall be the order of business:—1. Reading the minutes of preceding session. 2. Communications. 3. Memorials. 4. Reports of Standing Committees. 5. Reports of Special Committees. 6. Motions of which notice has been previously given. 7. Notices of motions. 8. Questions of which notice has been given. 9. Miscellaneous.

4. On the call for Reports of Committees, all reports that are ready shall be called in before action is taken on any one of them.

5. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate. When a member rises to a point of order, or the President calls any member to order, in either case the point of order shall be distinctly stated.

6. No member shall remain standing during debate, except the member

addressing the President.

7. The President shall nominate all Committees not otherwise specially

ordered by the Conference.

8. When a motion is moved and seconded, or a report is presented and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; nor shall any motion be withdrawn by the mover after being debated, without the consent of the Conference.

9. All motions shall be presented in writing by the proposer.

10. The following motions are not debatable:-

a. For the previous question.

b. To lay on the table.

c. For indefinite adjournment. d. For indefinite postponement.

11. No new motion shall be entertained until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which motions shall have the precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz. :-

a. Adjournment.

b. Lay on the table.

c. Indefinite postponement.

d Postponement to a given time.

e. Reference to a Committee.

f. Amendment.

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12. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and address the President, and shall proceed only when the President announces his name.

13. No person shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Conference, except the mover, who shall be entitled to a

14. No person shall speak more than ten minutes at one time without leave of the Conference, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

15. Any member who voted in the majority may move a reconsideration of a resolution. A motion to reconsider may be carried by a major-

16. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

17. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference, or of individual members, and orders of the day, shall be considered questions of privilege.

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<sup>\*</sup>This may be done during the session in which it was passed; but if done at any other time a notice of motion for reconsideration must be given at the session immediately preceding that in which the vote for reconsideration is to be taken. A resolution may be reconsidered once only.

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18. The previous question being moved, the President shall put it at once by asking, "Shall the vote be now taken?" If the previous question is carried, all debate shall cease save the right of reply on the part of the mover of the original motion, and after the mover shall have replied the President shall proceed to take the vote on the several motions before the Conference.

19. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Confer-

ence without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

20. No member who is not within the bar when any question is put by the President shall be allowed to vote on such question, except by leave of Conference, and it shall be compulsory upon all members of Conference in attendance at the time the question is submitted to vote, unless excused by the Conference.

21. Before the President rises to put a motion to the Conference, he shall ask, "Is the Conference ready for the question?" No member shall speak after the President has risen to put the question; and all

members present shall vote unless excused by the Conference.

22. No member shall be interrupted when speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President when he deems the speaker out of order, and any member may explain if he is misrepresented.

23. No business shall pass from individuals to the Committees with-

out reference through the Conference.

- 24. Any member may call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, provided he be sustained by twenty members. Any member may require that the number of votes for and against a resolution be announced.
- 25. When yeas and nays are ordered in relation to any motion, they shall be taken at that session of the Conference.
- 26. In the General Conference fifty members shall constitute a
- 27. The Secretary shall provide a bulletin, upon which announcements of meetings of committees and relating to other Conference business may
- 28. Members presenting memorials, petitions and other papers for reference, shall prepare the paper by writing in a plain hand on the back of it the following items in the following order, viz :-- (1) Subject to which it relates. (2) Name of the member presenting it, and the Conference to which he belongs, or the name of the body sending it, as the case may be. (3) Name of Committee to which the Conference refers it. Papers thus presented shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Conference, and by him sent to the Committee according to endorsement.
- 29. A motion consisting of two or more distinct propositions shall, if a call for its sub-division be sustained by two members of the Conference, be subdivided into two or more sections, and the vote shall be taken on each section separately.

30. In all cases in which an amendment of the Discipline is moved, the motion shall be so framed as to show the form in which the section or paragraph, as the case may be, will stand when

31. Committees reporting changes in the Discipline shall so frame their reports as to show how the section or paragraph, as the case may be,

will stand after the changes shall have been made.

32. When a motion is submitted, it may be amended, and an amendment to the amendment is also in order. In case the amendment to the amendment be rejected, it is in order to propose other amendments to the amendment, which shall be disposed of one by one. When these have been voted on, if one be adopted, the vote shall then be taken on the amendment thus amended, and if it be adopted the discussion may proceed, and other amendments to the main motion as thus amended are then in order. When all amendments have been disposed of, the motion as then before the Conference shall be voted on.

33. When any committee shall ascertain that a subject which has been referred to it has also been referred to another committee, it shall promptly report the fact to the Conference, and the Conference shall decide which committee shall have permanent charge of said

34. In all cases for which these Rules of Order do not make provision, the proceedings of the Conference shall be conducted according to the Rules and Usages of the House of Commons of 1894]

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THE ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH WESLEYAN CONFERENCE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we address you, once more

assembled in your General Conference.

The recurring occasions for these official communications remind us of the wonderful development which the Providence and grace of God have given to the work of Methodism. Originally so small and obscure, it has become a force operating throughout the world, embodying itself in many great Church organizations, and powerfully affecting the development of nations and the destiny of the race. In all this, we recognize the work of a Divine power and will, and remind ourselves of the fact, not for self-elation or denominational pride, but that we may more vividly realize that great opportunities bring with them great responsi-

We are thankful to know that the work of God committed to you is still prospering, and that you are fully maintaining your hold upon the population. How blessed is the fact that, though generation after generation of God's chosen and qualified workers disappears, His work maintains the divine vitality with which He has endued it. We have noticed with sympathetic sorrow your loss of faithful and devoted men, some of whom were in a marked degree representative of that spirit of holy aggression so necessary to a young and growing community. And it is not invidious towards others to mention the name of one whom you have mourned so deeply, and to whom we would pay a testimony of respect and love. Dr. Douglas was ours as well as yours, not only his early connection with our mission work, but by the respect and affection which he had won amongst us by his public services and personal intercourse. An eloquent man, valiant for the truth, fervent in spirit, having knowledge of the times and their necessities, and passionately loyal to Christ, the Head, the loss of him would be great to any community, and it is a loss to universal Methodism.

You will be glad to know that the hand of God is still upon us for good. Since we addressed you four years ago, the membership in Great Britain has increased by about fifteen thousand. This is by no means so large an addition as we should desire, but it is proof that Methodism is not only holding its own in this old land, but that it is making real progress, and we are glad to know that other Churches of the Methodist family have, to a considerable extent, enjoyed a similar

In our Foreign Missions, the signs of encouragement are even more marked. On the west coast of Africa, our long-established and very successful missions are still being prosecuted with great vigor, in spite of the enormous difficulties of the climate. In the southern part of that continent, the work under the South African Conference is making

notable advance, and the mission stations, under the direction of our own Committee, are being steadily pushed onward toward the equator. In India, also, the rich harvest so long waited for is beginning to be gathered. The number of converts increases rapidly year by year. A general conspectus of the work still organically connected with the British Conference shows, at the present time, a membership of more than six

hundred and twenty thousand persons.

At the same time, we are painfully conscious that the work of the year in our hands has not accomplished so much as the promises of God and the resources of His Spirit entitle us to expect. We do not acquit ourselves of all responsibility for this fact. We mourn before God our personal unfaithfulness, and our failure to use, to the fullest degree, the powers and opportunities committed to us, but we cannot overlook the many difficulties with which we have to contend. It is undoubtedly the fact that the social system of this country is unfriendly to all forms of Nonconformity, but far more serious is the prevalent worldliness of our time. More than ever men "make haste to be rich," and the spirit of gambling shows itself, not only in questionable sports, but too often in commercial speculation. The age is luxurious, and self-control, not to say self-denial, is unwelcome. Beyond this, there is a prevalent spirit of disquiet in reference to all religious questions, which manifests itself not only in reverent examination of all the creeds, especially the sacred writings on which all trustworthy creeds must be founded, but in a flippant questioning of all things which have been most surely believed, and in a readiness to assume that no Christian doctrines can be demonstrated, and that, therefore, all of them may be safely disregarded. In an atmosphere so largely charged with the elements of scepticism, it is difficult for Christian life and Christian work to breathe freely and vigorously. But this is not all. Perhaps the trend of public thought on religious questions has in some quarters weakened the strength of persistent evangelical appeal. The very fact that the influence of living Christianity has made the condition of the people the supreme question of the age brings with it special danger. That the social and economic conditions of life should be improved is one of the righteous demands of our time. The thoughts of the best men are strongly turned in this direction, and it is of the utmost importance that the Christian Church should make its proper contribution to the solution of the great social questions of our time. But absorption in these questions tends to divert thought and energy from the great evangelical mission. It is still necessary that the great doctrines of sin and of salvation should be preached plainly and fully, and that these doctrines should form the great staple of our ministry. Perhaps the competition of absorbing questions of a social character with the great evangelical doctrines may account for the fact that, in some quarters, the Christian Church does not report larger and more rapid increase in numbers.

But the mission of a Church is many-sided, and we are striving to fulfil our commission by caring for all classes of the community. Our schools of the higher grade are flourishing, and are tending to hold in allegiance to our Church many of our young people who were at one

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Schools are growing and vigorous, and our work for the orphan and outcast children of the country is becoming more and more valued by our people. In this part of our work you have a special interest, because of the large proportion of young people who are, after being carefully trained for life in the homes under the direction of our Conference become emigrants to your broad land, and are placed in situations under the oversight of our agency at Hamilton.

Our Central Missions are multiplying in the large towns, and are almost universally crowned with striking success. The spirit of Home Missionary enterprise is spreading more and more amongst our people. It has come to be an article of faith with us that no cause is hopeless, however depressed it may be; whether it be found in a remote village or in the centre of a great city. By the appointment of a suitable man, and the adoption of suitable methods, it has been proved again and again in recent years that such causes can be revived and reinvigorated.

We cannot fail to look upon your work with deep interest. In a young and vast country, whose life has not yet fixed itself in certain moulds, you are free from many of the difficulties which attend our work in this country. The equality of the Churches before the law within the Dominion, is a fact in which we can rejoice with you, because of the opportunities of progress which it opens before you. Nor can we hesitate to thank God that the union of the Methodist Churches in your country has freed you from some of the evils arising from needless rivalries and competition which beset our work. We have not, in this country, attained to such a union. The difficulties in our way are greater than those with which you had to deal. Whether or when such union may take place in this country, it is impossible for us to anticipate, but we rejoice that amongst the Churches of the Methodist family in Great Britain there is a continually growing union of spirit and heartiness of co-operation.

We were glad to receive amongst us, as a "brother beloved," your honored representative, the Rev. Dr. Potts. His fervent evangelical ministry, and his masterly statement concerning the position and prospects of your work, greatly interested and delighted the Conference and our people, and left upon our minds a deepened impression of the position and importance of your work in the Dominion. We have commissioned the Rev. Henry John Pope, who has just vacated the presidential chair after a year of very eminent service, to bring to you our affectionate greetings, and to inform you more fully of our affairs. It is needless to say that he possesses our entire confidence, or to bespeak for him, from you, a hearty welcome.

And now, brethren, we commend you to God and the Word of His grace, confidently assured the Gospel of Christ is still the one remedy for the woes of the world, and that life is best spent in making that Gospel known to men.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

DAVID J. WALLER, Secretary.

Birmingham, July 27th, 1894.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

We welcome the opportunity now again afforded to us by the near approach of the time you have appointed for the meeting of your General Conference to renew to you the assurance of our interest in the great work to which God has called you, and of our joy in the marked success of that work, of which from time to time we have tidings.

It was with great satisfaction that, two years ago, we welcomed the Rev. John Potts, D.D., as your representative to our Conference. It was not without significance to us that your honored messenger was a countryman of our own, who for many years has been beloved for his own sake, and for whose distinguished gifts and high position among you we had often rendered thanks to God. His visit to us as your representative, and his soul-stirring ministrations and important communications concerning your affairs, helped to make that Conference memorable to us.

We have noted with great satisfaction, but not with any surprise, the abundant tokens of your growth during the quadrennium now drawing to a close. All the interests of your Church, in its eleven annual Conferences, seem to prosper, and in this we rejoice. We are well aware of the special difficulties which confront you in one Province of your Dominion; but we doubt not that, even there, your zealous and faithful laborers will be able, from year to year, to render thanks to God, "who alway causeth them to triumph in Christ."

The details of your educational work, of your missionary work, of your work in regard to the great temperance reform, and of all the manifold agencies which you keep in motion in the prosecution of your calling, are full of interest to us, and are a stimulus to our own faith and zeal, in the smaller sphere in which we labor. The Lord hath done great things by you, and by your sainted predecessors in the ministry and membership of your Church, and we believe that what you have done is but the earnest and the promise of the full tide of blessing which, through you and your successors, He will pour over that fair Province of His earthly empire, in which He has fixed your habitation.

While we have rejoiced with you in the manifold blessing of God on your work as a Church, we have mourned with you on account of the deprivation and loss you have sustained by the removal from your ranks of some of your most able and honored workers. Foremost among these, as best known to all of us by fame, and highly endeared to some by personal knowledge of his lovable qualities, we would place the name of Dr. George Douglas. Your sorrow on account of his death was our sorrow likewise, and the sorrow of our common Methodism in every land. Truly "A prince and a great man" in our Israel fell on the day when he was

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We also have had a sad thinning in the ranks of our faithful ministry. Since our representative visited you in 1890, twenty beloved brethren have been called to their reward. With most of them the "burden and heat of the day" was over, and the cool eventide had come, in which they calmly waited for the summons to the presence of their Lord, and for his welcome "well done"; but in other cases the sun went down while it seemed yet to be but high noon, and the prospect of lengthened service was suddenly cut off. Among this number, it is our grief to reckon the beloved brother who signed our last address to you.

But with us, as with you, "though God buries his workmen he carries on his work." He has raised up a succession of faithful men who fill the vacant ranks, and He has placed His seal upon many more who stand ready for service, and for whom we could instantly find fitting employment if our financial resources were only equal to the opportunities which present themselves.

The spiritual results of our work continue to cheer us. Notwithstanding the difficulties under which the work is prosecuted, we have not to report any year of fruitless toil. Our Church members now number 26,219, which is an increase of 854 on the number reported four years ago, although in the same time the ceaseless tide of emigration has carried away 1,555 of our members to enrich the Churches of other lands.

We were never more deeply convinced that our Church has a work to do in this country, which cannot be neglected without incurring the guilt of disobedience to the divine call; and we were never more resolved that we will relax no effort which may be needful to fulfil the commission which God has given us. In this resolve the ministers and the laity who constitute this Conference are of one heart and of one soul.

We have asked the Rev. Henry Pope, who is this year our President, to be our representative to your General Conference. We need not commend him to your affectionate regard; his high position and his work are such as to make him well known to the whole family of Methodist Churches, and we are assured you will accord to him a very hearty and most loving greeting.

We pray that the spirit of wisdom may guide all the deliberations of your Conference, and that on your whole Church may be poured such an abundant blessing that the next quadrennium of its history may be the brightest and the best which it has yet known.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

R. CRAWFORD JOHNSON,

Dublin, June, 1894.

Secretary of the Conference.

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E. B. RYCKMAN, Secretary.

To his Excellency the Right Honorable John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen and Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, etc., etc., etc.:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—We, the ministers and laymen constituting the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in quadrennial session assembled in the city of London, representing 1,543 ministers, 252,000 members and 847,000 adherents of the Church, in their name and on their behalf, as well as our own, gladly embrace the opportunity afforded by the first session since your Excellency's acceptance of the high position and responsibilities of representative of Her Majesty the Queen in the Government of this Dominion, to convey the assurance of our most ardent loyalty and attachment to the crown and person of Her Most Gracious Majesty and to your Excellency as her honored and worthy representative.

We beg to assure your Excellency that the aim of the Methodist Church is to promote the ends of good government by teaching and enforcing that righteousness which exalteth a nation, by endeavoring to promote reverence for the Divine Name, obedience to the Divine Law, the sacred observance of the Holy Sabbath, the diffusion of sound Christian Education among all classes of the people, and by the inculcation, by both precept and example, of such sentiments concerning loyalty, sobriety, honesty and industry as shall contribute to a true, happy and useful citizenship.

We rejoice to know that your Excellency sympathizes with the work of the Churches, and with every patriotic and benevolent movement in our Dominion. We are, besides, profoundly grateful for the far reaching and benign influence exerted by the noble lady who presides at Government House, and we feel assured that the moral as well as temporal interests of the Dominion will be matters with both you and her of wise and unceasing solicitude.

To the Countess of Aberdeen we desire to convey expressions of our highest esteem, feeling, as we do, that her efforts on behalf of the women of the Dominion, and in furtherance of high social and educational aims, will result in blessing to all the homes of our favored land.

In your Excellency's high rank, character, abilities and experience, we see a strong exemplification of the solicitude of our beloved Sovereign

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Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference.

General Superintendent, Secretary.

London, Sept. 20th, 1894.

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