

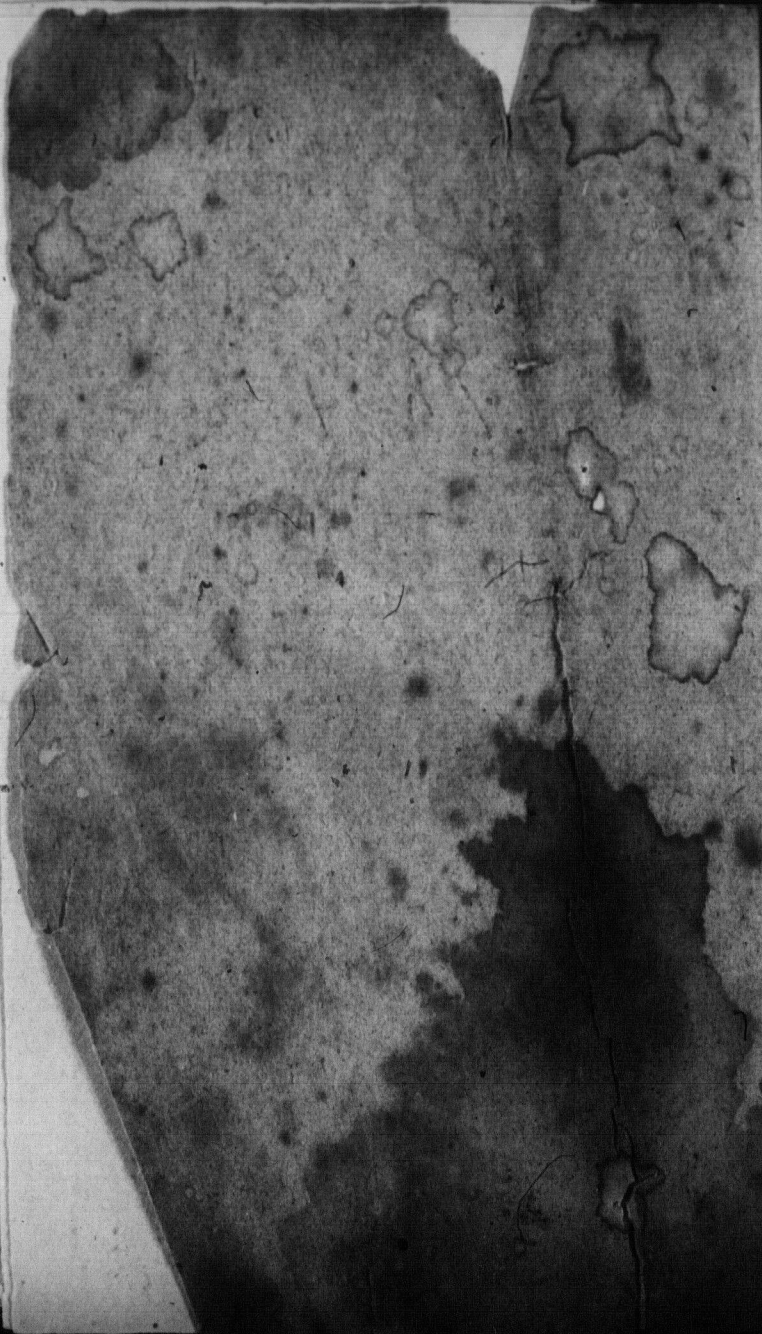
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OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church,

HELD AT

GUMMER'S CHAPEL,

YONGE STREET,

Commencing Wednesday, 7th September,

1842.

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MINUTES &c.

Question 1st—What Preachers are admitted on trial?

James Nixon*	Jacob Patterson,	James Baily,*
Lewis P. Smith,	George Jones*	James Gardiner,
William Cope,	John Gibson,	Daniel B. Ferguson,
George Harris,		

Note.—All those marked thus (*) are ordained Deacons.

Question 2d—What Preachers remain on trial?

Philip Waldron,	W. D. Hughson,	Benjamin Lawrence,
James Degeer,	Abraham Roy,	George Taylor,

Question 3d. Who have been admitted into full connexion?

Wm. T. Cartwright,	Wm. McKeeby,	Alexander Wright,
Titus G. Simons,	Elijah Harris,	Luman Hurlburt,
	Andrew Bursee.	

Question 4th. Who are the Deacons?

James Degeer,	Appleton Jones,	Elijah Harris.*
Emerson Bristle,	James Baily,	Alexander Wright,*
Henry Lane, Jr.	Wm. T. Cartwright,	Luman Hurlburt.*
Barny Markle,	Titus G. Simons,*	George Jones,
Robert Lyman,	James Nixon,*	Andrew Bursee,*

Note.—All those marked thus, (*) were ordained this year.

Question 5th—Who are the Elders?

James Richardson,	Barnabas Brown,	William E. Norman,
David Culp,	James Mitchell,	William Bird,
Philander Smith,	George Turner,	John Sills,
John Baily,	Henry H. Johnson,	I. N. D. West,
John H. Huston,	Henry Gilmore,	Robert Earl,
Thaddeus Lewis,	John W. Byam,	Richard Beal,*
James McNally,	Charles Pettis,	Thomas Webster.*
Jesse Owen,	Francis Bird,	Edwin S. Firman,*
Benson Smith,	Leonard Salsbury,	William McKeeby,*
Caleb Swazey,	Michael Davy,	Gideon Shepard.*
David Peery,	Joseph H. Leonard,	

Note.—Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

Question 6th—Who is the General Superintendent?

JOHN REYNOLDS.

Question 7th—Who have located this year?

Christopher Thompson,

Question 8th

Caleb Swazey,
George Turner,
James McNally,

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London Circuit,

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Question 8th—Who are the Supernumeraries?

Caleb Swazey,	Charles Pettis,	Jesse Owen,
George Turner,	Robert Earl,	John H. Huston.
James McNally,	Francis Bird,	

Question 9th—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
David Culp.

Question 10th—Who have been expelled this year?—None.

Question 11th—Who have withdrawn this year?—None.

Question 12th—Were all the Preachers' Characters examined?—This was strictly attended to.

Question 13th—Who have died this year?—None.

Question 14th—What are the numbers in Society?

London Circuit,	359	Dumfries do	354	Rideau circuit	160
Howard do	169	Oxford circuit,	200	Boneshire, do	40
Barton do	192	Niagara do	144	Leeds do	83
Blenheim do	375	Young st. do	339	Whitby do	646
Camboro' do	400	Toronto do	200	Hallowell do	380
Nelson do	334	Brighton do	360	Belleville do	222
Thames do	170	Sidney do	420	Waterloo do	342
Malahide do	180	B. Quinty do	392	Augusta do	233
Eliz'b'tht'n do	596	Matilda do	120	Brockville do	85

Members in Society this year,.....7495

Travelling Preachers this year,..... 60

Total amount this year,.....7555

last year,.....6049

Increase this year, 1506

Question 15th—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

LONDON DISTRICT.

JAMES MITCHELL, Presiding Elder.

Thames Circuit,	Elijah Harris.
Howard do	Benjamin Lawrence,
London do	Benson Smith, Andrew Iplied.
Malahide do	W. D. Hughson, one to
Oxford, do	Robert Lyman, Jamese.
Blenheim do	James Nixon, William applied.
Dumfries do	Barny Markle, one sent at his

Leonard D. Salsbury is left without an appointment on his own request.

The following persons are appointed a Committee of Privilege.

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Thames Circuit,	Alfred Scarlet, John Bobier.
London "	Nathan Jacobs, Thomas Baily.
Howard "	Henry Dabbyn, George Goslin.
Malahide "	John Elliot, John Huffman.
Barton "	John Grout, John Snyder.
Dumfries "	Elijah Mann, David Vansickle.
Blenheim "	Robert Pointen, Christopher Beamer.
Oxford "	Benjamin Thornton, Thos. B. Brown.
Canborough "	Charles Roy, Jonas Culp,
Niagara "	Henry Dishan, Charles Reed.
Nelson "	Jacob Fisher, Thomas Pickett.
Young street "	John Cummer, Ezra Clubine.
Gwil'mbury "	John Clubine, David Ferrigrine,
Toronto "	John Todd, Jacob Williams,
Whitby "	James Bradshaw, Benjamin Perry.
Hope "	Jehoida Boyce, Wm. Tourjee.
Brighton, "	Bildad Franklin, John Black.
Sidney, "	Joseph N. Lockwood, Caleb Gilbert,
Hallowell "	David Moran, Jacob Way,
Thurlow "	John Phillips, John Dettlor.
Belleville "	P. G. Seldon, Henry Yager.
Bay Quinte "	John Ham, James Spencer.
Waterloo "	Joseph Foster, Zacharia David.
Elizab't'n "	Farmer Lee, Wm. Brown.
Augusta "	Freeman Woodcock, Joseph Bass,
Matilda "	Elijah Tuttle, Michael Woolry.
Rideau "	Elisha Landon, George E. Hutton.
Brockville "	Silvester Skinner, David Fairbairn.

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Malahide do	0 4 10	Toronto do	1 4 2	Sidney,	1 0 10
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Received on account of Minutes
 Public Collections on Sabbath

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The above was appropriated as follows :

Paid for Stationery &c,	1	6	10
“ Bishop’s parchments and incidental expenses	2	2	6
“ Printing Minutes,	4	0	0
“ Widow Sever	14	11	1
“ Widow Powley,	14	11	1

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To the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.

DEARLY BELOVED :

Grace to you and peace from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure, that, after another year’s vicissitudes, and toil, and danger, we are permitted to meet in our Annual Conference, and under most auspicious circumstances to salute you with our Annual Epistle.

The hand of death has been stayed, so that during the year none of our fellow Labourers in the Conference have become its victims.—Our lives and families have been graciously preserved in the hands of Him in whom we “live and move and have our being.”

We have also, dear Brethren, to congratulate you on the healthy and peaceable state of our country; the indications of the parental regard of our Heavenly Father, who “giveth us rain and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

Our chief source of joy, however is found in the enlargement of the borders of Zion, the peaceful and prosperous state of our Societies, and the orderly walk, and Christian conversation of our brethren; and happy are we in knowing that this, at the present especially, is an increasing joy,—yes, brethren, “ye are our glory and joy.”

The borders of our Church have so enlarged during the year, that we have had to form six additional Circuits, and send out several additional itinerant labourers. We have reason to bless the great Head of the Church, that as our borders enlarge, and the fields ripen for the harvest, there is a supply of labourers provided, commensurate with our wants; so that as many as ten preachers have been received this Session as fellow labourers with the Conference; making our present number of efficient preachers, Sixty.

The increase of members the past year has quite surpassed that of any previous year, being 1506. So that the total number of members of our Church in this Province is now 7555.

The friends of our Zion have, in several places, given substantial proof of their attachment and zeal for the cause, in the erection of substantial and commodious Chapels, no fewer than ten such having been erected during the past year, and three more are in progress of erection and completion, and every year affords additional proof, that, however despised and despised we may be by some, yet in the estimation of our Heavenly Father, we are highly valued. Popular applause we court not, but the sympathy and esteem of others, we happily have no inconsiderable means we may be enabled to secure it by whatever suitable means we may be able to employ; and being at the same time persuaded that this is not given to time-servers, and courtly flatteries; but rather to firmness of principle and consistency of conduct.

The deliberations of the present Session of our Conference have been con-

ducted with the utmost Apostolic injunction in mind, more especially “salvation;” so dear to us, for by the hapless and the saying with the great the word of the Lord also, even as among

Suffer us now to your faithful performance.

We would exhort and pious examples, nursed and matured, furnish yourselves as moirs, and writings of writings elucidate the bible, their lives;

With the view of more commonly read and peruse a “Book Room” as great an assortment be available to the cause. And to effect this object, I am Agent to travel at large, commend him, with liberal patronage.

We cannot too often punctual attendance in class and prayer meetings of Divine Communion, extraordinary means, sufficient to supersede, carefully guarded against, advancement of religious faith.

We again beg to call your attention to the contributing of your means to your spiritual good. The Lord should live of the Gospel from those to whom this is sent to feed and clothe, will not be withheld.

And how, dear brethren, live and die with you. May the God be pleased finally give us wisdom and Kingdom.

Yours, in the best

Signed

GIDEON SHEPARD,

ducted with the utmost cordiality, mutual forbearance and respect. The Apostolic injunction—"Let brotherly love continue," we would ever bear in mind, more especially, when conferring together to promote the "great salvation;" so dearly purchased by the sufferings of a dying Lord, and called for by the hapless and degraded condition of our fallen race. In reference to ourselves, and the great work committed to our hands, we conclude by saying with the great Apostle to the Gentiles—"Brethren pray for us"—that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, among others also, even as among you.

Suffer us now to present a few things for your serious consideration, and faithful performance.

We would exhort you to abide closely by the primitive, Godly doctrines, and pious examples of the fathers and mothers in Israel, who first founded, nursed and matured the Methodist Societies in both Europe and America; furnish yourselves as far as you may have means, with the Biographies, memoirs, and writings of those who "being dead yet speak,"—while their writings elucidate Divine truth and embody the fundamental principles of the bible, their lives and conversation give us the pattern of holy living.

With the view of meeting the wants of our friends, relative to those works commonly read and published by the Methodists, we design if possible to form a "Book Room" in connection with our Church, and furnish for sale as great an assortment as our means may afford, the profits of which may be available to the carrying forward of the work committed to our trust.—And to effect this object, we have appointed one of our brethren Conference Agent to travel at large, and solicit your donations. We affectionately commend him, with the object in view, to your serious consideration and liberal patronage.

We cannot too often or too earnestly urge upon you the necessity of a punctual attendance upon all the stated means of grace—never omit your class and prayer meetings,—and assiduously labour to render them the channels of Divine Communications and comfort. It sometimes happens that extraordinary means, such as protracted meetings and camp-meetings, are sufficient to supersede the ordinary and stated meetings, but this should be carefully guarded against; for it is to the latter we must look for the steady advancement of religion in our Societies, for being built up in our most holy faith.

We again beg to call your attention to the importance of cheerfully contributing of your means to support the Ministers God has sent to labour for your spiritual good. The Lord has "ordained that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," and from whence is this support to come from those to whom this Gospel is preached. We ask no more than the Lord will send to feed and clothe ourselves and families, and this we confidently believe will not be withheld.

And now, dear brethren, we have only to add, that "you are in the world to live and die with you."

May the God of peace fill you with Heavenly Benediction, and finally give us with you an abundant entrance into his Kingdom.

Yours, in the bonds of the Gospel of peace and love

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN REYNOLDS, *President.*

GIDEON SHEPARD, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX.

*Names and Standing of the Local Preachers in connexion
with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.*

Belleville Circuit.—P. G. Seldon; Alfred Wood, Deacon; Wm. Bennet; Joseph Tapson; Geo. D. Greenleaf.

Niagara Circuit.—Charles Read, Deacon; Matthias Hughson; Daniel Collard, Deacon, Elec.

Nelson Circuit.—Morris Kennedy Dea.; Lawrence Hagar, Dea.; Charles Roberts; Abraham Purnell.

Camboro' Circuit.—Leonard Haney, Eld.; Amos Bradshaw, Dea.; Gilbert Lane, Dea.; John Upper, Dea. El.; Jeremiah Cutler.

Malahide Circuit.—Ransom Dexter; David Griffin Elder; Henry Will; John Elliott, Dea.

Howard.—Elijah Sutton; Ira Bentley, Dea.

Barton.—John Grout.

Dumfries Circuit.—Morris Hendershot, Hezekiah Tuttle.

Whitby Circuit.—John Campbell; Gardiner Wells; Moses F. Carr; Geo. Fisher, Dea.; Peter Hough; James Bradshaw, Dea.; Jared L. Sweet, Dea. Joseph Mallory; Wm. Hill, Dea. El.; James Satter.

Sidney Circuit.—Ira Hays; John Bird; Wm. Sills; James T. Robinson; Peter Wright, — Northrop, Elder.

Augusta Circuit.—Joseph C. Bass; Andrew Pike.

Matilda. Circuit.—Benjamin Meeker; Elijah Tuttle.

Blenheim Circuit.—Elijah Mudge, Dea.; John Boucher; Wm. Strou; Caleb Taylor, Elder.

Bay Quinte Circuit.—Augustus Shorts, Eld.; John Ham, Eld.; George Sills, Eld.; Samuel Shorts, Dea. Elect; Daniel Ungar; Zebediah Mill; Benjamin Lewis.

Rideau Circ't.—Elisha Landon, Dea.; Abraham Willis; Reuben Willis.

Oxford Circuit.—Thomas B. Brown; Michael Gray.

London Circuit.—N. F. English; Wm. Woodward; Daniel Winch; Wm. Brown; Andrew Banghart; John E. Waldron.

Thames Circuit.—James Shaw; Alfred Scarlet; Edward Rikeman.

Hallowell Circuit.—Wm. Williams; Wm. Reynolds, Dea. El.

Lighton Circuit.—Nathan Parks, Elder; James Gordon; Joshua We; Elder; John Black, Dea. El.; Almon Wait.

Jarvis Circuit.—Jabes Bullis, Dea.; Israel Mallory; Wm Brown; Crooker; Morris Caswel.

Alpo Circuit.—Zachariah David; Barraclough Atkinson; John H; Forrister, — Leads.

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