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"Resolved—That DUNCAN D. CURRIE, Secretary ; WILLIAM SCOTT, Assistant-Secretary ; and SAMUEL ROSE, Book Steward ; are hereby appointed a Committee to publish, in a suitable form, the Journal of this General Conference."

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It was, on motion, *Resolved*,—That those delegates, whose names have been reported by the several Annual Conferences, as having been elected to serve as delegates in this General Conference, be accepted, as authorized representatives.

On motion the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *September 16th.*

THE Conference opened, with devotional exercises, at two o'clock p.m. Hon. Judge Wilmot in the Chair.

The Conference proceeded to the election, by ballot, of President. *Whereupon*, Rev. EGERTON RYERSON, D.D., LL.D., was chosen *President* of this General Conference.

The President immediately took the Chair.

The Conference proceeded to the election of a Secretary. *Whereupon*, Rev. DUNCAN D. CURRIE was elected to that office.

The Secretary nominated Rev. WILLIAM SCOTT, and BENJAMIN HOPKINS, Esq., *Assistant-Secretaries*; and Rev. JOHN BREDIN, *Journal Secretary*. The said nominations were confirmed by the vote of the Conference.

The Conference sang part of the 500th Hymn, and Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., offered prayer.

The President addressed the Conference.

Dr. Pickard moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Rev. G. R. Sanderson :—

That Standing Committees be constituted on Discipline, Itinerancy, Publishing Interests, Missions, and Education; and that each of such Standing Committees shall be composed of two members from each Annual Conference, to be nominated by the delegations respectively, and elected by the General Conference.

The consideration of said motion was deferred without a vote being taken thereupon.

It was, on motion of Rev. G. H. Davis,

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to draft rules for the regulation of the debates of this General Conference, and to report to-morrow morning.

Ordered—That Rev. G. H. Davis, R. Wilkes, Esq., Hon. Judge Wilmot, Hon. S. L. Shannon, and John Macdonald, Esq., do compose said Committee.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

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THURSDAY MORNING, *September 17th.*

The Conference opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Rev. W. Tindal.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon was read and confirmed.

Judge Deacon, from the Committee on Rules of Order, submitted a Report, which was, on motion, amended in Article III., and adopted, and is as follows :—

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

I.—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,

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and prayer; and shall then cause the Journals to be read and approved. And the business of the Conference shall proceed in the following order:—

(1) Reports—first of the Standing and then of the Special Committees

(2) Resolutions and other business of which notice had been previously given—*Provided always*, that each call, severally, shall have been completed before either preceding one shall be repeated, and the Secretary shall, immediately after the reading of the Journal, announce the order of business for the day.

II.—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.

III.—In case two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall decide which has the floor, and shall announce, if required, his name, and the Conference to which he belongs; and no member shall remain standing during debate, excepting the member addressing the President.

IV.—All motions or resolutions shall be submitted, *in writing*, by the proposer.

V.—When a motion is made, or a resolution 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; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amendment or decision.

VI.—All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

VII.—No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are here placed:—

(1) Indefinite postponement.

- (2) Laying on the table.
- (3) Reference to a Committee.
- (4) Postponement to a given time.
- (5) Substitute.
- (6) Amendment.

A substitute or amendment may be amended.

VIII.—When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and address the President.

IX.—No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order.

X.—No person shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than fifteen minutes, without leave of the Conference, except the mover, who shall have the right of a general reply.

XI.—When any motion or resolution has been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member, who voted with the majority, to move a reconsideration—*Provided* he shall have given notice of such motion at a previous session; but a motion to re-consider a non-debateable motion shall be decided without debate.

XII.—No member shall leave the Conference before its close, without leave first obtained.

XIII.—No member shall be allowed to vote upon any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference.

XIV.—Every member who is within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference shall, for special reasons, excuse him.

XV.—It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and

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XVI.—It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, and if such motion be sustained by a vote of *two-thirds*, the question shall be so taken.

XVII.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

XVIII.—No Rule or Order of proceeding adopted by the Conference, shall be suspended unless by a *two-thirds* vote.

On motion it was *Resolved*—That printed lists of the names of the Delegates be furnished for the use of members, arranged according to their respective Conferences, ministers and laymen in separate columns, and that five hundred copies be printed.

The Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., Delegate from the British Conference; Rev. Wm. H. Cornforth, of the British Conference; and Rev. Dr. Sargent, of the United States, were invited to the platform and introduced by the President, and severally addressed the Conference.

On motion, the limits within which members of the General Conference shall sit and vote were defined.

The following Resolution was moved by Dr. Green, and seconded by R. Wilkes, Esq. :—

Whereas, the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America, and the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada, have mutually agreed to unite in one body, under the style and title of "THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA;" and *whereas* these Churches have cordially agreed upon sundry Articles constituting the basis of said Union, and have elected representatives under the said

basis, to constitute this General Conference, for the purposes therein provided ; therefore,

Resolved, First,—By the representatives of those bodies here assembled, that we now proceed to prepare a Book of Discipline for the government of the said United Church.

Resolved, Secondly,—That the Articles of the basis of the said Union, together with the official documents authorizing this union, and the assembling of this Conference, be handed to the Secretary, to be entered in due form in the Journal of this General Conference.

The said Resolution was, on motion of Dr. Pickard, seconded by Dr. Jeffers, referred to a Committee to report thereon.

Ordered—That the President, Dr. Pickard, Judge Wilmot, Judge Deacon, Rev. Wm. Williams, Dr. Douglas, Hon. S. L. Shannon, and R. Wilkes, Esq., do compose said Committee.

The Resolution moved by Dr. Pickard and seconded by Rev. G. R. Sanderson yesterday, and deferred, was taken up for consideration.

An amendment thereto was offered by Rev. Wm. S. Blackstock, and seconded by Rev. James Gray, as follows :

Whereas,—It is expedient that all matters which are to engage the deliberations of the Conference be carefully considered in committee, and reported upon, before they are brought up in open Conference for consideration, therefore,

Resolved,—

1. That a Committee on Nominations be appointed, to consist of one minister and one layman from each Annual Conference, to be chosen by the delegation of said Annual Conference : said election to be by ballot.

2. That it shall be the duty of said Committee on Nominations, to consider and report upon the following subjects,

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namely: First, what committees are necessary or expedient; secondly, the number and composition of each of such committees; and, thirdly, the persons of whom they shall severally be composed.

Upon the question being taken upon the said amendment, it was adopted.

Dr. Douglas gave notice that he will move, at a suitable time, that the name of our Church shall be THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA; and that Judge Wilmot will second the same.

It was moved by Rev. W. J. Hunter, and seconded by Rev. D. Savage:

That, inasmuch as some of the Conferences represented in this body understood the basis of Union to admit of the appointment of alternates, in the place of delegates to this Conference, and have in good faith acted upon this understanding, and have elected alternates, who are now ready to take their seats in place of delegates who cannot attend, therefore,

Resolved—That such alternates be now permitted to take their seats as members of this Conference.

Pending the consideration of this motion the Conference adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *September 17th.*

The Conference was opened with singing; and prayer by Dr. Stewart.

The Journal of this morning was read and approved.

The consideration of the Resolution moved by Rev. Mr. Hunter was resumed; and upon the question being taken the motion was lost.

The Presidents of the several Annual Conferences reported the names of the brethren elected members of the *Committee on Nominations*, as follows :—

Newfoundland Conference—Rev. George S. Milligan, J. J. Rogerson, Esq.

Nova Scotia Conference—Rev. John McMurray, Hon. S. L. Shannon.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference—Rev. Henry Pope, jun., David Allison, LL.D.

Montreal Conference—Rev. James Elliott, William Patrick, Esq.

Toronto Conference—Rev. Ephraim B. Harper, M.A., John Macdonald, Esq.

London Conference—Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D., James Scarff, Esq.

New Connexion Conference—Rev. David Savage, R. Wilkes, Esq.

It was moved and seconded that a public meeting of the Conference be held for the reception of delegates from other Conferences, on Monday evening next, to commence at half-past seven o'clock.

To which an amendment was moved, that said reception shall take place on Tuesday evening next, and at the hour named.

And upon the question being taken upon the said amendment, it was carried.

It was moved that Judge Wilmot, Dr. Douglas, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Hon. J. J. Rogerson, and Rev. D. Savage, be requested to speak at the Meeting of Welcome, to-morrow (Friday) evening.

The motion prevailed.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

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FRIDAY MORNING, *September 18th.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Rev. A. Hurlburt.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon was read and confirmed.

Judge Wilmot, from a special committee, submitted a Report, as follows:—

Whereas the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America, and the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada, have respectively agreed to a basis of Union as follows:—

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1. The Wesleyan Methodist Conferences in British America shall be so altered in the form of their general government as to be composed of one General Conference, and several Annual Conferences.

2. The name of the Church hereby organized shall be THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, or if it should hereafter be found expedient, THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. *Whereas*, under existing circumstances, it is deemed expedient to make such arrangements as will admit of the incorporation of Lay Representation in the General Conference, if it be found that the requisite majority of the Quarterly Meetings of the two existing Conferences desire such incorporation.

The General Conference shall be composed of either one Minister for every four members of each Annual Conference, or of one Minister and one Layman for every eight members of each Annual Conference. *Provided*, nevertheless, that a fraction of three-fourths shall entitle a Conference to an ad-

ditional representation. *Provided always*, that the President of each Conference shall be one of those so elected; and also *provided always*, that the whole number of delegates elected to the First General Conference shall not exceed two hundred and twenty.

4. The Ministerial members of the General Conference shall be elected by ballot in their respective Annual Conferences.

5. The appointment of Laymen to the General Conference shall be made as follows:—

(1) The Laymen in each Annual District Meeting next preceding the meeting of the General Conference shall elect from among the members of our Church, within the bounds of the District, a representative or representatives to the General Conference; the number so elected to be determined by the number of Church members in the District, as compared with the entire membership within the bounds of the Annual Conference; the whole number not to exceed the number of Ministers appointed by such Annual Conference.

(2) The Lay Members of the District Meeting making such appointments to the General Conference shall be elected by ballot by the Quarterly Official Meeting next preceding.

6. The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall compute the number of Laymen to be appointed by each District, in accordance with the principles laid down in Sec. 5, and publish the same in the Minutes of the Annual Conference next preceding such District appointment. Each delegate must be not less than twenty-five years of age, and must have been a member of the Church continuously during the five years next preceding the time of his election.

7. A majority of those chosen to constitute the General Conference shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

8. The first General Conference shall meet on the first Wednesday after the fifteenth day of September, in the year 1874, provided that the Conferences concerned shall have

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approved of the plan of Union; and thenceforward, once in four years, on the first Wednesday after the fifteenth day of September, in such place as may be decided by the General Conference.

9. Each General Conference, from its Ministerial members, shall, on its assembling, elect by ballot, without debate, a President, who shall preside over its proceedings, and all its Committees, during the four years of his Presidency.

10. Each General Conference shall, immediately after the election of the President, elect by ballot, without debate, a Secretary or Secretaries, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of its proceedings, and publish the minutes, under the direction of the General Conference.

11. The General Conference only shall have power to make rules and regulations for the Church, under the following limitations and restrictions, viz.:

(1) They shall not revoke, alter, or change any article of religion, nor establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our existing and established standards.

(2) They shall not destroy the plan of our Itinerant system.

(3) They shall not make any changes in the General Rules of our Society.

(4) They shall not do away with the privilege of our Ministers and Preachers, of trial by a Committee of Ministers, and of an appeal; neither shall they do away with the privileges of our members, of trial by a Committee, and of an appeal.

(5) They shall not appropriate the profits of the Book Room to any purpose other than for the benefit of the Preachers, Travelling and Superannuated, of the Canada Conference, and the travelling Preachers and Supernumeraries of the Conference of Eastern British America, their wives, widows, and children.

(6) All new regulations, and alterations of any rule or regulation now in force, respecting our temporal economy, —such as the building of Churches, the order to be observed therein; the allowance to the Ministers or Preachers, their widows and children; the raising of annual supplies for the propagation of the Gospel, (Missions excepted); for the making up of the allowances of the Ministers, Preachers, &c., shall not be considered of any force or authority until such rule, regulation, or alteration, shall have been laid before the Quarterly Meetings throughout the several Annual Conferences, and shall have received the concurrence of a majority of the members who may be present at the time of laying said rule or regulation before them, of two-thirds of said Quarterly Meetings.

(7) Nor shall any new rule, regulation or alteration respecting the rights and privileges of our members; such as receiving persons on trial; the conditions on which they shall retain their membership; the manner of bringing to trial, finding guilty, reprovng, suspending, or excluding disorderly persons from Society and Church privileges, have any force or authority till laid before the Quarterly Meetings and approved as aforesaid: *Provided however*, that on the concurrent recommendation of three-fourths of all the members of the several Annual Conferences who shall be present and vote thereon, then a majority of two-thirds of the General Conference succeeding shall suffice to alter any of the above restrictions, except the first and third, which they shall not alter; *Provided further*, when such alteration or alterations shall have been passed by two-thirds of the General Conference, so soon as three-fourths of the members of the several Annual Conferences shall have concurred as aforesaid, such alteration or alterations shall have effect; *Provided also*, that in case there shall be a lay delegation in the General Conference, the appeal to the Quarterly Meetings, allowed in the above restrictions, shall not be continued in force, but shall be null and void.

12. Any act of the General Conference involving constitutional changes, shall become law only when it secures

a majority of three-fourths of the members of the General Conference, who may be present and vote thereon.

13. Any act of the General Conference affecting the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences, shall become law only when it secures a majority of two-thirds of the members of the General Conference who may be present and vote thereon, and also a majority vote of the members of the several next ensuing Annual Conferences, who may be present and vote thereon.

14. The General Conference, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, shall have power to increase or diminish the number, or alter the boundaries of the several Annual Conferences.

15. Each General Conference shall appoint a special committee of not less than twelve persons, containing an equal number of Ministers and Laymen, whose duty it shall be, from one session of the General Conference to another, to watch over and guard the rights and privileges of our Church throughout the Dominion; to promote, as far as possible, the recommendations of the General Conference; to consider and decide upon all questions affecting the general interests of the Church; and to adopt such measures as it may judge expedient to secure their accomplishment:—*Provided, nevertheless*, that this Committee shall not exercise any legislative power whatever, nor do anything that shall interfere with the duties of any Annual Conference or any officers of the Church.

16. In the intervals of the Session of the General Conference, its President shall perform such duties as the General Conference may direct, and shall call and preside over all Standing Committees of the General Conference:—*Provided, nevertheless*, he shall not exercise a general superintendency, or any powers which are conferred upon other officers of the Church.

17. Toward meeting the expenses of the First General Conference, a collection shall be made throughout our whole work, and the Annual Conferences shall fix the time when such collection shall be made within their respective bounds.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

18. The work in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec shall be divided into three Annual Conferences, to be known as the Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences.
19. The Toronto Conference shall embrace the Toronto, Bradford, Barrie, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Whitby, Cobourg, Peterboro', and Belleville Districts.
20. The London Conference shall embrace Hamilton, Niagara, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, Chatham, Sarnia, Guelph, and Goderich Districts.
21. The Montreal Conference shall embrace the Kingston, Brockville, Perth, Pembroke, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Stanstead Districts.
22. Each Annual Conference shall be composed of all Ministers received into full connexion and ordained, who are stationed and appointed by it.
23. Each Annual Conference shall retain all rights, powers, and privileges at present possessed, except such as are vested in the General Conference.
24. Each Annual Conference shall, on its assembling elect a President from among its own members by ballot, without debate.
25. Each Annual Conference, immediately after the election of the President, shall appoint a Secretary by ballot, without debate; and shall also elect the Chairmen of Districts, according to Discipline.
26. In the event of the death or disability of a President of an Annual Conference, the ex-President shall immediately enter upon the duties of the Presidency and discharge them to the end of the year.
27. Each Annual Conference shall examine the character and qualifications of all Ministers and Preachers on trial within its limits, and its decisions shall be final.
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29. The Stationing Committee in each Conference shall consist of the President, the Chairmen of Districts, and another Minister from each District, for whose election the Lay Representatives shall also vote—the voting being always by ballot. One of the General Missionary Secretaries may be, *ex-officio*, a member of the Stationing Committee of the Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences.

30. Each Annual Conference shall continue to act under its own Discipline until the meeting of the first General Conference.

31. The several Annual Conferences shall assemble during the month of June in each year, and shall appoint the place of meeting from year to year.

32. Each President of an Annual Conference shall be stationed on a Circuit, or otherwise, as the Conference shall direct.

TRANSFER OF MINISTERS.

33. The President of the General Conference, the President of each Annual Conference, and one Minister elected annually by each Annual Conference, shall be a Committee for the transfer of Ministers and Preachers, from one Annual Conference to another, and the decision of such Committee shall be final. To the Chairman of such Committee shall all communications by all parties concerned be addressed, but not later than the first day of May in any one year:—*Provided*, nevertheless, that any Minister who deems himself aggrieved shall have the privilege of appearing before the Transfer Committee and stating his case; and *provided*, likewise, that such transfer shall not prejudice the ultimate financial claims of any Minister or Preacher so transferred.—Each Minister transferred shall be subject to the action of the Stationing Committee of the Conference to which he may be transferred.

FINANCIAL ECONOMY.

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

34. All the moneys raised for Missionary purposes in all the Conferences shall form one General Missionary Fund. Such Circuits as are now assisted in the Conference of Eastern British America by the grant from the Parent Conference and by the Home Mission Fund, and such Circuits and Missions of the Canada Conference as are now assisted by its own Mission Fund, shall hereafter be supported by the General Missionary Society, according to the principles upon which the Missions of the Canada Conference have been hitherto sustained.

35. There shall be a Central Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually.

36. This Board shall be composed, for the present, of the President of each Annual Conference, one Minister annually elected from each Annual Conference, the General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, and twelve Laymen, of whom one shall be appointed by the Laymen of each Annual Conference Missionary Committee, and the others by the Laymen of the General Conference.

37. The duties of this Board shall be to review the Missionary work, and apportion the funds committed to them to the respective Conferences according to their necessities.

38. When a vacancy occurs in the Board by death, resignation, or any other disability, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies. If the vacancy or vacancies arise from the members elected by the Annual Conference, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled from among the Ministers or members of such Conference as the delegates belonged to, and for the interval till the next Annual Conference; and if from those elected by the General Conference, to fill the vacancy or vacancies so occurring till the next General Conference; but no person or persons shall be elected to, or

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39. The General Conference shall appoint the General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Central Missionary Board.

40. The Districts of Red River, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Japan, shall be regarded as Missionary Districts, and for the present shall belong to the Toronto Conference.

41. All Missionaries must be connected with some Annual Conference, and be amenable to such Conference for their conduct in all respects.

42. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Local Missionary Committee, constituted as the General Conference may determine.

OTHER CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

43. It is deemed desirable, as soon as legal and other difficulties can be removed, to amalgamate the different funds of the United Church, and to place them under the management of a Central Board.

44. For the present, the Superannuated Ministers' Fund of the Canada Conference, and the Supernumerary Ministers' Fund of the Conference of Eastern British America, shall be kept distinct, each department being managed by its own laws.

45. The Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences shall, for the present, have one General Contingent Fund, and one General Children's Fund.

46. The Contingent Fund (embracing the income from the Commutation Fund) shall be divided annually among the several Conferences, according to the number of Church members, including those on trial.

47. For the Children's Fund a uniform rate shall be levied on the membership, including those on trial, in the above-

named Conferences, and the amount so raised divided annually among said Conferences, according to the number of their respective claimants.

The Church Relief Fund shall not be made a General Conference Fund, and its discontinuance is recommended.

49. Whenever Connexional Funds are organized or amalgamated, their management shall be entrusted to a Board or Boards, constituted by the General Conference, similarly to the Missionary Board.

EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

50. The publishing interests of the United Church shall be under the direction of the General Conference.

51. The General Conference shall appoint the Editor or Editors, and the Book Steward or Book Stewards.

52. The General Conference shall determine the number and character of our educational institutions, and shall prescribe the manner of forming the Governing Boards of all Universities and Theological Schools. The General Conference shall also prescribe a Course of Study for all candidates for the Ministry.

And *Whereas*, such basis of Union was duly submitted by the Canada Conference and by the Conference of Eastern British America, respectively, for the approval of the British Conference; and the British Conference, upon due deliberation, did resolve as follows:—(*Minutes British Conference, 1873, p. 248.*)

“1. This Conference formally rescinds the Articles of Union which now subsists between the Connexion in Great Britain and the Conferences of Canada and Eastern British America respectively, and gives to those Conferences the right to conclude such arrangements for their own consolidation into one Body, and for their entering into union with other Methodist Bodies, as shall be in accordance with the

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doctrines of Methodism contained in Mr. Wesley's first four volumes of Sermons, and his Notes on the New Testament, and with a system of discipline which, while adapted to the altered circumstances of Canadian Methodism, shall preserve the fundamental principles of a Connexional form of Church-government.

"2. This Conference also confers upon the two Conferences now existing, and through them, and by such arrangements as they shall agree to, upon the Connexion to be consolidated in the Dominion of Canada, all such rights and interests as it may now possess by virtue of the existing Articles of Union, or by virtue of any Deeds or Instruments relating to any Trust-property secured for the benefit of either of the present Conferences.

"3. This Conference further directs that the official seal of the Conference be affixed to any document which may be necessary for declaring its full concurrence in any application which the Canada Conference, or the Conference of Eastern British America, may see fit to make either to the Parliament of the said Dominion, or to any Provincial Legislative Assembly outside the bounds of the said Dominion, but comprised within the bounds of either of the Conferences aforesaid, for such powers as may be necessary to the vesting of the whole or any part of the Trust-property now held for the use of either of the same, in such manner and upon such terms as shall secure the same to uses and upon trusts in connection with the proposed united Conference, similar, as nearly as may be, to those for which they are now secured.

"4. In cordially agreeing to the preceding resolutions, the Conference expresses its affectionate regard for the two Conferences named; its earnest prayers that they may be guided by Divine wisdom in all their deliberations and decisions, and favoured with great prosperity in the work which lies before them in the Dominion, and wherever their Missions may be planted; and the gratification which it will have in receiving and sending from time to time communications, by deputations or otherwise, which may express and promote an abiding feeling of fraternal union."

And, *whereas*, the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada did submit such basis of Union for the approval of the British Conference of the Methodist New Connexion, and such Conference did, upon due deliberation, resolve as follows:—(*Minutes of Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada, 1874, p. 87.*)

“That inasmuch as a large majority of the Quarterly Meetings in Canada have accepted the Basis of Union, and as their deliverances have been ratified and adopted by our Canadian Conference which now asks our formal consent thereto, this Conference in view of these facts deems it undesirable further to oppose the Union, and should the Canadian Conference, adjourned to the call of the President for the final consideration of this question, after receiving our resolutions, resolve to consummate the Union on the terms proposed, this Conference accepts such decision in the hope that the proposed Union will be overruled by the Great Head of the Church to the establishment and extension of liberal Methodism in the Dominion of Canada, and to the advancement of the principles and blessings of the Kingdom of Christ in the world.”

And upon receipt of such resolution the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada did declare its final acceptance of the terms of Union as follows:—(*Minutes New Connexion, 1874. p. 88.*)

“That this Conference has listened with much satisfaction to the statements made by our deputation to the English Methodist New Connexion Conference respecting the spirit in which that honoured body has met the overtures which during our sessions of May last we commissioned these brethren to submit. We hereby put on record our sense of the faithfulness with which our deputation have fulfilled the delicate and important trust we placed in their hands. We rejoice also to know that our brethren in England have found it consistent with their views of what is due to them-

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selves to accept the action of the Canadian Connexion on the question of the Union of our denomination with that of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, as that action is found embodied in the expressions of our Quarterly Boards, as also of our Conference at its recent sessions.

“ We would also recognize the over-ruling of a wise and gracious Providence in conducting the complicated negotiations through which we have been led from year to year to a consummation thus satisfactorily reached. This Conference, however, cannot allow the close and cordial relations that have subsisted for so many years between the Parent Methodist New Connexion community in England and ourselves, to come to a close without expressing our profound sense of indebtedness to our brethren there for the large and uninterrupted liberality which has distinguished their policy towards the Canadian Mission, and trust that in the fraternal relations to be continued in the future, we may have frequent opportunities of intercourse as pleasant and mutually profitable as in the past. We would also most fervently pray that the guiding and sustaining presence of our common Father and God may be vouchsafed to His servants in the prosecution of their entire work at home and abroad. Further be it

“ *Resolved*, That as this Conference at its former session, held in Milton, on May 23, 1874, did agree to adopt the Basis of Union on condition that the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Canada, the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America, and the Methodist New Connexion Conference of England would accept our declaration of Union, with the intpretation of Clause 23 in the basis then agreed to ; and *whereas* these conditions have since been fulfilled by all the contracting parties, this Conference hereby declares its final acceptance of the terms of Union between the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada and the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada ; all necessary legal provisions to be determined by this General Conference.”

And *whereas* the said respective Conferences are now here represented by their delegates, in pursuance of such agree-

ment for Union, *therefore it is resolved*,—That this General Conference do now proceed to deliberate upon, and adopt, such measures as may best conduce to the interests and good government of The Methodist Church of Canada, and to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Upon the question being taken upon the adoption of the said Report, it was carried unanimously.

And upon the adoption of the foregoing Report it was proposed and decided, by acclamation, that each member of this General Conference do subscribe his name thereto in the Journal.

In accordance with said decision the members present affixed their signatures.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Dr. Allison, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted a Report, number one, of said Committee, which was, on motion, received.

1. The Committee on Nominations recommends committees on the following subjects, others suggested having been reserved for further consideration, viz. :—

- (1) Discipline.
- (2) Missions.
- (3) Education.
- (4) Book and Publishing Interests.
- (5) Sabbath-schools.
- (6) Church Property.
- (7) Course of Study for Ministerial Probationers.
- (8) Itinerancy and Ministerial Support.
- (9) The adjustment of relations between those Circuits occupied in common by the New Connexion and Wesleyan Churches.
- (10) The arrangement of Connexional Funds, so far as they are affected by the union of the New Connexion and Wesleyan Churches.

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2. In regard to the number of members to compose said Committees, this Committee is prepared to report no further than as respects those of them the constitution of which it is now ready to report, viz. :—

- (1) The Committee on Discipline, 21.
- (2) The Committee on Missions, 21.
- (3) The Committee on Education, 21.
- (4) The Committee on Book and Publishing Interests, 25.
- (5) The Committee on Sabbath-schools, 25.

3. For the aforesaid Committees, this Committee recom-
mends the following names :—

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| Rev. Dr. Wood. | Rev. James Elliott. |
| “ John A. Williams. | “ William Williams. |
| “ John McMurray. | “ Henry Pope, jun. |
| “ George S. Milligan, M.A. | “ Richard Jones. |
| “ Dr. Rice. | “ George H. Davis. |
| “ William Tindall. | “ Dr. Pickard. |
| “ John Lathern. | “ Thomas Harris. |
| James Gooderham. | Hon. Judge Wilmot. |
| William Patrick. | “ S. L. Shannon. |
| James Scarff. | “ W. J. Strong. |
| Rev. Leonard Gaetz. | A. Williamson. |

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| Rev. Dr. Wood. | Rev. Thomas Harris. |
| “ E. B. Harper, M.A. | “ John Borland. |
| “ Dr. Evans. | “ J. Gray. |
| “ George R. Sanderson. | “ J. Elliott. |
| “ Dr. Douglas. | John Maedonald. |
| “ W. J. Hunter. | William H. Gibbs. |
| “ James Caswell. | Joseph Lister. |
| “ Stephen F. Huestis. | J. V. Detlor. |
| “ Dr. Stewart. | James Patton. |
| “ Duncan D. Currie. | William A. Schofield. |
| “ Leonard Gaetz. | Benjamin Hopkins. |
| “ G. S. Milligan, M.A. | Thomes M. Lewis. |
| “ J. McMurray. | E. E. Lockhart. |
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ON EDUCATION.

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| Rev. Dr. Ryerson. | Rev. Professor Burwash, M.A. |
| “ William R. Parker, M.A. | “ G. S. Milligan, M.A. |
| “ George McRitchie. | “ Dr. Allison. |
| “ D. Savage. | William Beatty, LL.B. |
| “ J. McMurray. | Joseph Lister. |
| “ Henry Pope, jun. | M. Lavell, M.D. |
| “ Dr. Douglas. | Robert Wilkes, M.P. |
| “ Dr. Rice. | W. H. Allison. |
| “ Dr. Nelles. | Hon. J. J. Rogerson. |
| “ Dr. Pickard. | “ Judge Wilmot. |
| “ Dr. Stewart. | “ James Ferrier. |
| “ E. B. Ryckman, M.A. | |
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| Rev. Samuel Rose. | Rev. I. B. Howard. |
| “ E. H. Dewart. | “ Dr. Pickard. |
| “ A. W. Nicolson. | “ Charles S. Eby, M.A. |
| “ David Savage. | J. N. Freeman, Esq. |
| “ J. McMurray. | Z. Chipman. |
| “ R. A. Temple. | Thomas Elliott. |
| “ Joseph Hart. | James Patton. |
| “ James Taylor. | Waring Kennedy. |
| “ William Scott. | Dr. Ogden. |
| “ A. Sutherland. | Dr. Clarke, M.P.P. |
| “ H. McKeown. | A. S. Fisher. |
| “ James Gray. | James Evans. |

ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

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| Rev. G. N. A. F. T. Dickson. | J. G. Strong. |
| “ N. R. Willoughby, M.A. | W. E. Youmans. |
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| “ C. Lavell, M.A. | G. C. Bryant. |
| “ W. S. Blackstock. | Rodney Holden. |
| “ Wm. Hall, M.A. | Hon. Judge Wilmot. |
| “ J. Prince. | A. Rowley. |
| “ James England. | Hon. W. G. Strong. |
| “ E. Brettle. | Minor Tupper. |
| “ Richard Smith. | E. C. Foster. |
| “ Thomas Harris. | Hon. J. J. Rogerson. |
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On motion, the several recommendations of said Committee on Discipline, Missions, Education, Book and Publishing Interests, and Sabbath Schools were adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Wood, and adopted :—

From the long continued, faithful, and eminent services rendered to the Wesleyan Conference in Canada by the Rev. John Ryerson, and understanding that he is now in the city of Toronto, this General Conference would have pleasure in welcoming him, as often as the state of his health would justify his attendance at its sessions, and in receiving the benefit of his matured and large experience.

Rev. John Lathern gave notice that, at a suitable time, he will move the following resolution :—

Resolved,—That a Special Committee be appointed, in which each Annual Conference shall be represented, to consider the question of our Hymn Book, in regard to such Revision as may be deemed desirable to meet the growing necessities of Christian worship ; and also in relation to its publication, for the purpose of securing to Canadian Methodism the profits upon its sales.

On motion, Rev. S. Rose was appointed Treasurer of the General Conference Expenses Fund.

Judge Wilmot gave notice that, at a suitable time, he will move the following resolution :—

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon the advisability of preparing and publishing a Tune Book for general use throughout the Conference.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *September 18.*

The Conference was opened with singing ; and prayer by Rev. W. H. Poole.

The Journal of this forenoon's proceedings was read, and confirmed.

The Rev. John Ryerson was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Nominations submitted a Report, number two, as follows, recommending the appointment of Committees, as follows:—

ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

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| Rev. Dr. Green. | Hon. James Ferrier. |
| “ Alexander Sutherland. | Judge Jones. |
| “ Dr. Douglas. | Robert Wilkes, M.P. |
| “ Dr. Evans. | Hon. Judge Wilmot. |
| Judge Deacon. | A. Frost. |
| Hon. S. L. Shannon. | |

ON THE COURSE ON STUDY.

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| Rev. Dr. Jeffers. | Rev. Professor Burwash. |
| “ Dr. Douglas. | “ Dr. Fowler. |
| “ J. R. Gundy. | William Patrick. |
| “ Dr. Stewart. | Hon. S. L. Shannon. |

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| Rev. Henry Wilkinson. | Thomas Mitchell. |
| “ James Brock. | Peter Pearce. |
| “ John Shaw. | William H. Gibbs. |
| “ James Gray. | James Beatty. |
| “ Dr. Green. | John McCausland. |
| “ Alexander Langford. | John Adams. |
| “ Richard Whiting. | Robert Kenny. |
| “ H. F. Bland. | T. M. Lewis. |
| “ J. England. | Z. Chipman. |
| “ J. Lathern. | E. E. Lockhart. |
| “ D. D. Currie. | George Norris, M.D. |
| “ Thomas Harris. | |

TO ADJUST RELATIONS OF THOSE CIRCUITS OCCUPIED IN COMMON BY THE NEW CONNEXION AND WESLEYAN CHURCHES.

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| Rev. Dr. Rice. | Rev. William McGill. |
| “ J. A. Williams. | “ Thomas Cosford. |
| “ James McAllister. | “ William English. |
| “ David Savage. | Thomas Bowles. |
| “ J. Wakefield. | M. McAllister. |
| “ W. R. Parker, M.A. | James Scarff. |
| “ William Williams. | John Zimmerman. |
| “ William Tindall. | J. Langford. |

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| Rev. S. Rose. | Rev. Edwin Holmes. |
| “ Dr. Green. | “ H. W. Wilkinson. |
| “ William H. Poole. | G. W. Rife. |
| “ G. Richardson. | J. P. Bridgman. |

ON THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

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| Rev. K. Creighton. | Rev. H. McKeown. |
| “ J. Bredin. | “ G. R. Sanderson. |
| “ W. S. Griffin. | John Macdonald. |
| “ Francis Berry. | John Armstrong. |
| “ George Richardson. | George Webster. |
| “ R. M. Hammond. | James Hough. |
| “ William Hansford. | Robert Wilkes, M.P. |
| “ A. W. Nicolson. | A. B. Walker. |
| “ Dr. Pickard. | William Patrick. |
| “ Leonard Gaetz. | Hon. James Ferrier. |
| “ George McRitchie. | “ J. J. Rogerson. |

This Committee recommends the Conference to order that the quorum of all committees above twenty shall be nine ; and of all committees under twenty, five.

The recommendations were adopted.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the Committee on Nominations be requested to nominate a Committee on Conference Expenses.

The motion prevailed.

Judge Deacon gave notice that he will move in the session of to-morrow morning for the appointment of a Special Committee of three to be nominated by the President to prepare a seal for this Conference, and submit the same for its approval and adoption.

Rev. T. W. Constable gave notice that at a suitable time he will move :

1. That until the next General Conference, the officiating minister may use, as he shall judge most expedient, either

the book known as the "Wesleyan Methodist Hymn Book," or the book known as the "New Connexion Hymn Book."

2. That a Committee shall be appointed at this Conference to prepare and publish a Supplement to the Hymns now in use, in as cheap a form as possible; which shall also be, at the discretion of the minister, used until the next General Conference.

3. That the said Supplement may contain any hymns found in other collections, and hymns that are alterations of the hymns at present in use by us; and that the utmost effort of the Committee shall be employed to secure the best possible selection with a view of enabling the next General Conference to compile a Hymn Book, or to make the new Supplement a Standard Hymn Book of the Connexion, and that all the peculiar metres of the prepared Supplement shall be set to music.

Rev. T. W. Constable gave notice that he will move at a suitable time:

1. That there shall be for the whole Church one Investment Board, appointed by, and responsible to, the General Conference, which shall have under its control all the investments of Connexional Funds.

2. That the proceeds of investments shall be annually appropriated by the Investment Board, according to the necessities of the claims of each Annual Conference, and that the claims shall be presented annually in a document prepared for that purpose by the Board.

3. That each Annual Conference shall have the entire management and control of its own Connexional Funds, and may supplement the sums allotted to it by any financial arrangements that it may judge to be most effectual for carrying on its work.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, *September 19.*

The Conference opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Rev. A. W. Nicolson.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon was read, and approved.

Dr. Allison, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted a report, number three, recommending the appointment of Committees, as follows :

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

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| Rev. Charles Fish. | W. A. Narraway. |
| “ J. G. Laird. | C. Sanders. |
| “ W. J. Hunter. | Sheriff Freeman. |
| “ R. Smith. | G. G. Bryant. |
| “ George Brown. | Z. Chipman. |
| “ G. S. Milligan, M.A. | Hon. J. J. Rogerson. |
| R. Richardson. | |

CHILDREN'S FUND.

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| Rev. J. C. Slater. | G. G. German. |
| “ W. Stevenson. | James Appelbee. |
| “ David C. McDowell. | Stephen Washington. |
| “ J. W. Sparling, B.D. | G. W. Webb. |
| “ T. W. Constable. | James Patton. |
| “ Edward Kershaw. | J. W. Eaton. |
| “ S. F. Huestis. | Joseph Brownridge. |
| “ D. D. Currie. | E. C. Foster. |
| “ Thomas Harris. | E. E. Lockhart. |
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CONTINGENT FUND.

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| Rev. James Gray. | George Fletcher. |
| “ William Briggs. | Robert Hay. |
| “ J. E. Betts. | Theodore Wigg. |
| “ James Preston. | James Squelch. |
| “ D. D. Rolston. | M. Lavell, M.D. |
| “ Leonard Gaetz. | W. H. Allison. |
| “ James Taylor. | A. Rowley. |
| “ G. S. Milligan, M.A. | F. J. Osborne. |

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| “ William Irwin. | S. T. Wilmot. |
| “ William H. Poole. | M. Neville. |
| “ James Graham. | Jared Kilborne. |
| “ R. J. Forman. | J. Reid Howell. |
| “ George Brown. | Judge Deacon. |
| “ J. Borland. | Johnson Zimmerman. |
| “ J. Lathern. | Minor Tupper. |
| “ J. Prince. | Hon. W. G. Strong. |
| “ J. Hart. | Thomas J. Staples. |
| “ E. B. Ryckman, M.A. | John Francis. |
| Thomas Harris. | |

ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

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| Rev. Asahel Hurlburt. | J. B. Lane. |
| “ Leonard Gatz. | G. W. Rife. |
| “ J. Hart. | |

The recommendations were adopted.

A notice of motion was given by Dr. Rice for appointment of a Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The President read a communication on the subject of the appointment of a Day of Thanksgiving.

Whereupon, it was moved by Dr. Ogden, and seconded by Rev. E. H. Dewart, That a Committee, composed of one person from each Province of the Dominion, be nominated by the President to consider the matter of a Day of Thanksgiving, and report, at a subsequent sitting of the Conference.

The motion was adopted.

The Rev. W. J. Hunter gave notice that, at a suitable time, he will move, That such a change shall be made in the Deed, under which the property of the United Church shall be held, as to admit of the appointment, as Trustees, of persons who are not members of the Church: *Provided always*, that the number of such persons, on any Trust Board, shall not exceed one-third of the whole number of Trustees; and

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Rev. J. A. Williams moved, That as there are some members of the late Canada Conference, whose children are not at present claimants on the Children's Fund, the Committee of the Children's Fund are hereby instructed to consider such cases.

Said resolution was referred to the Committee on the Children's Fund.

It was moved, and agreed, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to name a Committee on Temperance.

Rev. E. H. Dewart gave notice that he will move, at a proper time,

That the basis of Union be amended, by inserting after the article "Providing for the Appointment of President," the following: "Each General Conference shall also elect by ballot one Vice-President, who, in case of the absence, disability, or death of the President, shall preside in the Sessions of the Conference and its Committees, and perform the duties of the President."

Rev. Jesse T. Peck, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, was introduced to the Conference, and invited to a seat on the platform.

Dr. Pickard moved, That the Secretary of the Conference shall furnish the Chairmen of the respective Committees with copies of all resolutions, referred to them severally.

The motion was carried.

It was moved by Hon. S. L. Shannon, That a public Missionary Meeting be held on some evening next week, to afford an opportunity for distinguished Missionaries and others to make statements in reference to the Mission work.

The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Charles S. Eby,

1. That the memorial of the German brethren with regard to the publication of a German paper, be referred to the Committee on Publications.

2. That the memorial on consolidation be referred to the Committee on Missions.

The motion was carried.

On motion of Dr. Jeffers, it was *Resolved*,—That the Committee on Discipline be directed to report on the best method of providing for the Registration of Baptisms on the several Circuits of the Connexion.

On motion of Dr. Jeffers, it was *Resolved*,—That the Committee on Church Property be directed to report on the best way of providing for the filling of vacancies in Boards of Trustees of Church and Parsonage Property.

On motion of Dr. Jeffers, it was *Resolved*,—That the Committee on Discipline be directed to report on the best way of providing for cases in which a President of Conference, Chairman of a District, or Superintendent, cannot from any cause be present to preside at official meetings.

Rev. A. Sutherland submitted a memorial from the Quarterly Meetings of the Centre Church, St. James Street, Montreal, asking for the extension of time of Ministerial appointments from three to five, or six years, in certain cases.

On motion, said Resolution was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Rev. A. Sutherland submitted a memorial from the Quarterly Meeting of the Centre Church, St. James Street, Montreal, asking that the closing prayer be offered immediately after the sermon, instead of after the third hymn.

On motion, said Resolution was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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On motion said resolution was unanimously adopted. And the Committee on Nominations was requested to recommend a Committee in accordance therewith.

A communication from W. T. Mason, Esq., was read, asking the Conference to set apart an evening, to be designated "An Evening with our Hymn Book,"

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That said request be complied with, and that said meeting be held on Friday evening next.

It was moved by Judge Deacon, That a committee of three, to be nominated by the President, be appointed to prepare a suitable Seal for this General Conference, and submit the same for approval and adoption.

The motion was carried.

Ordered, that Judge Wilmot, Judge Deacon, and John Macdonald Esq., do compose said committee.

On motion of Judge Wilmot it was *Resolved*, that the resolution, in reference to a Tune Book, of which he gave notice, be referred to the Committee on the Hymn Book.

On motion it was *Resolved*, that the resolution of Rev. T. W. Constable, in reference to a Hymn Book, be referred to the Committee on the Hymn Book.

It was moved by Rev. Alfred Andrews,—That this Conference has heard, with profound sorrow, the melancholy intelligence which has been telegraphed, announcing the

death by drowning of the son of brother W. W. Dalglish, of Huntingdon, one of the delegates to this General Conference; and would hereby give expression to the sincere sympathy which we feel for our esteemed brother and his afflicted family, and earnestly pray that the grace of God may be abundantly given to sustain them under this severe bereavement; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to brother Dalglish.

The motion was carried.

On motion of Dr. Douglas, the name of Hon. James Ferrier was added to the Education Committee.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, *September 21.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Rev. J. McAllister.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

A memorial from the Owen Sound Financial District Meeting, in reference to election of ministerial Delegates, was read, and another in reference to appointment of substitutes.

On motion, said memorials were referred to the Committee on Discipline.

A Resolution from the Centre Circuit, Ottawa, in reference to extension of time of ministerial appointment, and in reference to order of services of public worship, was submitted. On motion, said Resolution was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial from the Owen Sound District, in reference to rearrangement of our work on Circuits, occupied in com-

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The Committee on Nominations submitted Report number four, recommending Committees, as follows :—

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| Rev. William H. Poole. | Rev. L. Gaetz. |
| “ E. H. Dewart. | Dr. Clarke, M.P.P. |
| “ W. R. Parker, M.A. | A. C. Davis. |
| “ J. W. Wakefield. | G. G. German. |
| “ William Scott. | John Adams. |
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ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

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| Rev. William Briggs. | James Beatty. |
| “ P. Pearce. | G. White. |
| “ G. R. Sanderson. | W. A. Schofield. |
| “ C. Lavell, M.A. | W. H. Walker. |
| “ R. Whiting. | Minor Tupper. |
| “ William Hall, M.A. | E. C. Foster. |
| “ E. Holmes. | E. E. Lockhart. |
| “ E. Clements. | J. W. Eaton. |
| S. T. Wilmot. | |

ON OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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| Rev. Dr. Jeffers. | Rev. A. Sutherland. |
| “ Dr. Evans. | “ William Williams. |
| “ W. S. Griffin. | “ R. A. Temple. |
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ON THE HYMN BOOK.

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| Rev. E. H. Dewart. | Rev. J. Lathern. |
| “ J. A. Williams. | Hon. Judge Wilmot. |
| “ Dr. Douglas. | Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A. |

Said Report was adopted.

The Committee on Discipline submitted a Report, number one.

On motion, said report was received, and considered clause by clause. Several sections of the report were adopted; and the further consideration of said report was deferred until this afternoon.

Bishop Peck was introduced by the President, and addressed the Conference.

Wherefore, Dr. Douglas moved, and Dr. Pickard seconded, the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:—

Resolved,—That this Conference has heard with profound satisfaction the eloquent words of fraternal greeting which the Rev. Dr. Peck, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, has just addressed to us, and for his Scriptural and impressive sermon of yesterday. We cordially reciprocate his sentiments of Christian regard, and fervently pray that God's choicest blessings may continue to rest upon the Church and the country which Bishop Peck so worthily represents.

Rev. Dr. Sargent read a letter from Dr. Thomas O. Summers, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, asking Dr. Sargent to represent the General Conference of that Church in this Conference. Dr. Sargent expressed the desire that one or more representatives be sent to the next General Conference of that Church, which is to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, in May, 1878.

Whereupon Rev. A. Hurlburt moved the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Committee on Official Correspondence be instructed to prepare an address to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to express the hearty desire of this body to open and establish fraternal intercourse, both by letter and by the exchange of representatives, with that large branch of the great Methodist family.

The Conference adjourned until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, *September 21.*

The Conference opened with singing; and prayer by Rev. J. Lathern.

The Journal of this morning was read, and approved.

The consideration of the Report number one of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Whereupon, the said Report having been considered, and amended in several of its sections, was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee on Discipline beg leave to present Report number one.

1. We recommend that the twenty-five Articles of Religion, as published in the Discipline of the late Canada Conference, be accepted, and published in the Discipline of The Methodist Church of Canada.

2. We recommend the chapter on the GENERAL CONFERENCE to be as follows:

SECTION I.

OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

(1) The General Conference shall be composed of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay Delegates.

(2) The Ministerial Delegates shall consist of one member in every eight members of each Annual Conference, one of which Delegates from each Annual Conference shall be its President; and the other Ministerial Delegates shall be chosen in the meeting next preceding the meeting of the General Conference. *Provided*, nevertheless, that a fraction of three-fourths shall entitle a Conference to an additional representative.

(3) Each Ministerial Delegate to the General Conference must receive a majority of votes of the members of the Annual Conference, who may be present and vote, in order to an election.

4. The appointment of Laymen to the General Conference shall be made as follows:

(a) The Laymen in each Annual District meeting next preceding the meeting of the General Conference shall elect, by ballot, from among the members of our Church within the bounds of the District, a representative or representatives to the General Conference: the number so elected to be determined by the number of Church members in the District, as compared with the entire membership within the bounds of the Annual Conference: the whole number not to exceed the number of Ministers appointed by such Annual Conference.

(b) The Lay members of the District Meeting making such appointments to the General Conference shall be elected by ballot, by the Quarterly Official Meeting next preceding.

5. The Secretary of each Annual Conference shall compute the number of Laymen to be appointed by each District, in accordance with the principles laid down in Sec. 4, and publish the same in the Minutes of the Annual Conference next preceding such District appointment. Each delegate must not be less than twenty-five years of age, and must have been a member of the church continuously during the five years next preceding the time of his election.

6. A majority of those chosen to constitute the General Conference shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

7. The next General Conference shall meet on the first Wednesday in September, in the year 1878, at nine o'clock, a.m.; and thenceforward once in four years, on the first Wednesday in September, and in such place as the previous General Conference may determine.

8. Each General Conference shall, on its assembling, elect by ballot, without debate, from its ministerial members, a President, who shall preside over its proceedings.

9. Each General Conference shall, immediately after the election of a President, elect by ballot, without debate, a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of its proceedings, and publish the Minutes under the direction of the General Conference; and two Assistant Secretaries.

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10. Each General Conference shall elect, by ballot, from the ministerial members, a Vice-President, who, in the absence of the President, shall preside in the General Conference; and in the event of the death or disability of the President, shall immediately enter upon the office, and shall be considered as having all the power, privileges, and authority of the President, and shall be responsible for all his duties during the time of such disability; and in case of the death of the President, until the ensuing General Conference.

11. The General Conference only shall have power to make rules and regulations for the Church under the following limitations and restrictions, viz.:

(1) It shall not revoke, alter or change any article of religion, nor establish any new standards or rules of doctrine, contrary to our existing and established standards.

(2) It shall not destroy the plan of our itinerant system.

(3) It shall not make any change in the General Rules of our Society.

(4) It shall not do away with the privileges of our Ministers or Preachers, of trial by a Committee, and of an appeal; neither shall they do away with the privileges of our Members of trial before the Society, or by a Committee, and of an appeal.

12. Any act of the General Conference involving constitutional changes, shall become law only when it secures a majority of three-fourths of the members of the General Conference, who may be present and vote thereon.

13. Any act of the General Conference, affecting the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences, shall become law only when it secures a majority of two-thirds of the members of the General Conference who may be present and vote thereon. *Provided*, also, that such act be not disapproved by a majority of the next ensuing Annual Conference.

14. The General Conference, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, shall have power to increase or diminish the

number, or alter the boundaries of the several Annual Conferences.

15. Each General Conference shall appoint a Special Committee of not less than twelve persons, containing an equal number of ministers and laymen, who shall, from one General Conference to another, watch over and guard all the rights and privileges of our Church throughout the Connexion; promote, as far as possible, the recommendations of the General Conference; consider and decide upon any measures which may seem necessary for the general interests of the Church, and which could not have been foreseen at the meeting of the General Conference, and adopt such means for their accomplishment as it may judge expedient: *Provided*, nevertheless, it shall not exercise any legislative authority, or do anything that may interfere with the disciplinary duties of any Annual Conference, or of any officer of the Church.

16. In the intervals of the Session of the General Conference its President shall perform such duties as the General Conference may direct, and shall call and preside over all Standing Committees of the General Conference: *Provided*, nevertheless, he shall not exercise a general superintendence, or any powers which are conferred upon other officers of the Church.

17. The General Conference shall direct a collection to be made throughout our whole work for meeting the expenses of the ensuing General Conference; and the Annual Conferences shall fix the time when such collection shall be taken up in the Churches. A collection for this purpose shall also be taken up in the Church in which the General Conference shall be held, and during the time of its sittings.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, from the Committee on Missions, submitted its Report, number one, as follows:

1. The Committee recommends the General Conference to instruct the Executive of the Missionary Society to appoint a deputation, composed of two or more persons, to visit the Conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince

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Edward Island, and Newfoundland, during the present autumn, at such time and places as the Presidents of these Conferences may indicate.

2. The Committee recommends that the General Conference Missionary Meeting be held in the Metropolitan Church, on Thursday evening next, 24th inst., at half past seven o'clock. That the Hon. L. A. Wilmot, D.C.L., be requested to preside on the occasion; and that the following brethren be appointed speakers: Rev. Geo. Young, Rev. Geo. McDougall, Rev. J. Borland, Rev. G. S. Milligan, and Rev. D. D. Currie.

The first section of said Report was laid upon the table.

The second section of said Report was adopted.

Dr. Jeffers moved that the Committee on Discipline be directed to report on the expediency of providing for the establishment of a Court of Appeal, for cases of appeal from official decisions on questions of law.

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Rev. J. Borland, the Conference proceeded to the election of Vice President.

Whereupon Rev. George Douglas, LL.D., was elected Vice President of the General Conference.

Rev. George Young, Chairman of the Red River District, Manitoba, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Rev. Mr. Bland gave notice that he will move at a proper time, that, in the judgment of the General Conference, the practice of reading sermons in the pulpit by Methodist Ministers, is unwise and injurious.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, *September 22.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Rev. James England.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon was read and adopted.

Dr. Steward, from the Committee on the Course of Study for Probationers, submitted a Report, number one, as follows:—

I. All Candidates before being recommended to the Conference to be received on trial, shall undergo a satisfactory examination in English Grammar and Composition, Arithmetic, Geography, Ancient History (Schmitz), Modern History (Collier's British Empire, New Testament History (Smith), Theology (Wesley's Sermons, i. to li.)

II. *First Year's Course.*—Biblical Introduction (Horne by Ayre, Pts. 1, 2, 3); Theology (Hare on Justification, Wesley on Christian Perfection, with review of Wesley's Sermons, Nos. i., v., ix., x., xl., xlv.); Old Testament History (Smith's).

III. *Second Year's Course.*—Exegesis of Matthew and John. (On Matthew, Wesley's and Watson's Notes. On John, Wesley's and Whedon's Notes). Theology (Watson's Institutes, Pt. 2, Chap. i. to xvii.). History of the Christian Church to the Reformation (Kurtz). Natural Philosophy (Ganot).

IV. *Third Year's Course.*—Exegesis of Romans (Wesley and Whedon). Theology (Watson's Institutes, Pt. 2, Chap. xviii. to the end. Fletcher's Checks, i. to v.). History of the Reformation (Fisher). History of Methodism to the death of Wesley (Stevens). Rhetoric (Whately).

V. *Fourth Year's Course.*—Practical Theology (Watson's Institutes, Pts. 3 and 4). Apologetics (Fisher's Essays). Logic (Whately). Metaphysics (Hamilton, Bowen's Am. Ed. Stewart's Active and Moral Powers). Discipline of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church.

On motion, said Report was laid upon the table, with a view to its subsequent consideration.

Rev. James C. Slater submitted a resolution from the Sarnia Financial District Meeting, as follows: *Resolved,*—

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That when appropriations are made from the Missionary and Contingent Funds to dependent Circuits and Missions, any amounts payable by Trustees, as interest on parsonage debts, shall be regarded as rent, and taken into due consideration.

Said resolution was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Dr. Rice moved, That the answer to the address of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States to the Canada Conference, at Hamilton, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The motion was adopted.

Rev. Robert Fowler moved, That a memorial of the Guelph District, on Ministerial Salary, be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Ministerial Support.

Rev. Francis Berry moved, That the General Conference be recommended to fix the minimum salary of married ministers at \$800.

Said motion was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Ministerial Support.

A memorial from the Quarterly Board of the Peterboro' Circuit, asking for the extension of the term of Ministerial Service to five years, was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial from the Quarterly Meeting of the Millbrook Circuit, asking for the extension of the term of Ministerial Service to five years, was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Mitchell Neville, Esq., informed the Conference that he had a memorial, which he had been requested to submit.

On motion, said memorial was referred to a Committee of four, namely:—Rev. J. Borland, George McRitchie, Dr. Lavell, and Judge Wilmot.

A memorial from the Quarterly Meeting of the Metropolitan Church, on extension of time of Ministerial Service, was read, and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A memorial from the Quarterly Meeting of the Metropolitan Church, on the Order of Service in Public Worship was read, and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. G. R. Sanderson moved, That all resolutions and memorials, designed by the members presenting them to be referred to a Committee, or directed by the Conference so to be, shall be written in duplicate, and furnished to the Secretary of the General Conference—one copy to be retained by him for the Conference, and the other to be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee to which the document is referred.

The motion was adopted.

Rev. Thomas W. Constable moved, That the memorial of the Montreal District Meeting to the Conference at Hamilton, on the establishment of a Book Room and Paper in Montreal, be referred to the Committee on Publications.

William H. Gibbs, Esq., moved, That the President be requested to communicate with the authorities of the Provincial Exhibition, with a view to obtain permission for members to visit the exhibition on Thursday next, at seven o'clock a.m.

The motion was passed.

The Vice-President introduced the Rev. Mr. Gallagher, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, who addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned until this afternoon, at three o'clock.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *September 22nd.*

The Conference was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. Borland.

The Journal of this morning was read, and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Borland, from the Committee to whom was referred a memorial from I. B. Aylesworth, M.D., of Collingwood Circuit, to the General Conference, submitted a Report, as follows:—

1. That much contained in said memorial refers to subjects several times brought before Conferences of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and other Courts of said Conference, and by them considered and dealt with; and therefore cannot be consistently entertained by this Conference.

2. That such matters in the memorial as have reference to certain changes in our Church Government and Administration, having no connection with or dependence upon the portions of the memorial referred to, be sent to the Committees which have charge of such and kindred subjects.

Rev. John A. Williams, from the Committee on Discipline, submitted a Report, number two.

The said report was considered, section by section, and amended in some of its parts; and, without reaching a final decision thereon, its further consideration was deferred until to-morrow morning.

The Vice-President read a programme for meeting of Committees, and moved that said programme, with some modifications, be the Order of the Meeting of said Committees, and that the same be printed.—Carried.

Rev. J. H. Robinson, of the New Connexion Conference in England, was introduced, and invited to a seat on the platform, and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned until this evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, *September 22.*

The Conference met in open session at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Young.

The President introduced Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., representative of the British Conference, who presented the address of said British Conference to this Conference.

The address was read by the Assistant Secretary. (See Appendix.)

Rev. Gervase Smith addressed the Conference.

The President introduced Rev. J. H. Robinson, of the Methodist New Connexion Conference, in England, who addressed the Conference.

Rev. R. Boyle and Robert Walker, Esq., of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, were introduced by the President, and each briefly addressed the Conference.

Rev. James Gardner and Rev. Michael Benson were introduced, as the representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, and presented the address of said Church to this Conference.

The said address was read ; and the said representatives briefly addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Sargent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned at 10.30 o'clock, until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Rev. Bishop Richardson pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *September 23.*

The Conference opened with singing, reading the Scriptures ; and prayer by Rev. James Taylor.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon and evening was read and adopted.

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On motion it was *Resolved*,—That a Committee be appointed to prepare an address for presentation to the Governor-General of the Dominion.

Ordered,—That Judge Wilmot, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Dr. Fowler, and Rev. E. H. Dewart, do compose said Committee.

Rev. G. R. Sanderson submitted a Resolution from the Quarterly Meeting of the St. Catherines Circuit, requesting the General Conference to make no change in the Rule which limits the appointment of ministers to three years.

Said Resolution was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

The consideration of the Report, number two, of the Committee on Discipline, was resumed. Progress was made therein, and its further consideration was deferred.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, from the Committee on Missions, submitted a Report, number two, which was adopted, and is as follows :

Inasmuch as some of the Annual Conferences have not elected their representatives to the Central Missionary Board, the Committee recommends the General Conference to authorize the election of such representatives (from the Lay delegates of the respective Annual Conferences), for the present year. And further, that the General Conference authorizes any Annual Conference that may not have elected a ministerial representative to the Central Board to make such election, through the ministerial delegates of such Conference, who are now present, in order to the immediate organization of the Central Board.

Rev. A. Andrews, from the Committee on Sabbath-schools, submitted a Report. It was ordered that said report be printed in the *Daily Recorder*, and that its further consideration be resumed at a future time.

Rev. S. F. Huestis submitted a Report, number one, from the Children's Fund Committee, which was considered clause by clause ; and several sections having been adopted, its further consideration was deferred.

On motion of Dr. Rice it was *Resolved*,—That the General Conference receives with great pleasure the visit of Rev. J. H. Robinson, of the British New Connexion Conference, and hereby assures him that it will afford us the highest satisfaction to receive from him, at any time, any observations which he may deem proper to address to the General Conference.

On motion of Rev. Wm. Williams, it was *Resolved*,—That a Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Rice, Dr. Green, and D. Savage, be appointed to confer with Rev. J. H. Robinson, and report to this Conference as to the relation which he shall sustain to this Conference and Connexion in the future.

On motion it was *Resolved*,—That it shall be the order of the day, to-morrow morning, to consider the name by which our church shall be designated.

It was *Resolved*,—That the Resolution from the Toronto Conference, on the importance of maintaining the College Sustentation Fund as usual, in the Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. W. R. Parker moved the following Resolution : That this Conference has heard with pleasure the address of the Rev. Mr. Gallagher, and would hereby magnify the grace of God in the noble stand taken by him and the Reformed Episcopal Church, whose sentiments he represents, against un-Scriptural doctrines and anti-Protestant practices ; and in their heroic protest against *Sacerdotalism* and *Sacramentarianism*.

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To which it was moved, in amendment, that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

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And, upon the question being taken upon the said amendment to the amendment, it was carried.

The Conference adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, *September 24.*

The Conference opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Dr. Green.

The Journal of yesterday was read and confirmed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the consideration of the name of the Church be postponed till to-morrow.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the Conference was granted to Hon. Mr. Shannon, and Messrs. Freeman, Rowley, Richardson, and Langford, for special reasons.

The consideration of Report number one, of the Committee on the Course of Study, was resumed, and the Report was adopted.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, from the Committee on Missions, submitted Report number three, from said Committee.

The said Report was received, and ordered to be printed in the *Daily Recorder*, for further consideration.

Dr. Allison, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted a Report, number five, recommending Committees, as follows, which was adopted:—

Committees to prepare addresses:

To the British Wesleyan Conference:—

Rev. Dr. Nelles, D. Allison, LL.D., Hon. Judge Wilmot.

To the Methodist Episcopal Church (U.S.):—

Rev. G. R. Sanderson, Rev. H. Pope, Hon. J. Ferrier.

To the Methodist Episcopal Church, South :—

Rev. E. H. Dewart, Rev. Wm. Briggs, Judge Deacon.

To the Methodist Episcopal Church, Canada :—

Rev. J. Borland, Rev. W. S. Griffin, Sheriff Patrick.

To the Primitive Methodist Church, Canada :—

Rev. W. S. Blackstock, Rev. D. Savage, John Macdonald, Esq.

To the Methodist New Connexion Conference, England :—

Rev. W. Williams, Rev. A. Sutherland, W. Kennedy, Esq.

The Union Committee :—

Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Rev. E. H. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Rice, Rev. D. Savage, Rev. J. Gray, Rev. E. B. Harper, M.A., Rev. A. W. Nicolson, Rev. A. Sutherland, Rev. J. Elliott, Rev. J. A. Williams, J. Scarff, Esq., R. Wilkes, Esq., M.P., J. Macdonald, Esq., J. Zimmerman, Esq.

The Committee to determine the Duties of President :—

Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Rev. Dr. Douglas, J. Macdonald, Esq., Hon. Judge Wilmot, Rev. J. Elliott, Rev. J. McAllister, Rev. Dr. Pickard.

Rev. A. Hurlburt moved the following resolution :—

Resolved,—That this General Conference desires to express its gratification at the appointment of the Rev. Ger-vase Smith, M.A., as the representative of the British Wesleyan Conference to this Body, and its unfeigned satisfaction with the communications he has made to us. The high character of this distinguished representative, whose name has been so long familiar to us, and his great talents displayed in his addresses to the Conference, and in his richly evangelical and practical sermon, have excited our admiration, as his urbanity and Christian courtesy have won our affection. And we beg that our honored brother, on leaving us to return to England, will bear with him the assurance, not only of our loyal, grateful, and unabated attachment to the Parent Body, but also, our warmest esteem for his person, and our fervent prayer for his Divine protection and future prosperity.

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The Resolution was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

On motion, the consideration of the regulations concerning Probation of Candidates, was referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

Dr. Clark, M.P.P., from the Committee on Temperance, submitted a Report, which was, on motion, received, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Conference.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, *September 25th.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Rev. James Gray.

The Journal of yesterday was read, and adopted.

Mr. Rodney Holden was allowed permission to return home, on account of family affliction.

The consideration of Report number two, of the Committee on Discipline, was resumed, and, having been considered section by section, was adopted.

SECTION II.

OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

There shall be six Annual Conferences in the year, known as the Toronto, London, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and the Newfoundland Conferences.

The Toronto Conference shall embrace all those portions of the Province of Ontario formerly included in the Toronto, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Barrie, Bradford, Whitby, Cobourg, Peterboro', and Belleville Districts; and the Missionary Districts, known as the Red River, the Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and the Foreign Missions.

The London Conference shall embrace all that portion of the Province of Ontario formerly included in the Hamilton, Niagara, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, Chatham, Sarnia, Guelph, and Goderich Districts.

The Montreal Conference shall embrace all those parts of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec formerly included in the Kingston, Brockville, Perth, Pembroke, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Stanstead Districts.

The Nova Scotia Conference shall embrace the Province of Nova Scotia and the Bermudas.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference shall embrace the Provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The Newfoundland Conference shall embrace Newfoundland, Labrador, and the Islands contiguous.

Each Annual Conference shall be composed of all ministers received into full connexion and ordained, who are stationed and appointed by it, and of those who may reside within its bounds by the authority of the General Conference.

Each Annual Conference shall retain all rights, powers and privileges at present possessed, except such as are vested in the General Conference.

Each Annual Conference shall, on its assembling, elect a President from among its own members, by ballot, without debate.

Each Annual Conference, immediately after the election of a President, shall appoint a Secretary, by ballot, without debate. Each Annual Conference shall elect the Chairmen of Districts, according to Discipline.

Each Annual Conference shall examine the character and qualifications of all Ministers and Preachers on trial within its limits, and its decisions thereupon shall be final.

Each Annual Conference shall station all the Ministers and Preachers within its limits according to the rules of the Stationing Committee.

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In the event of the death or disability of the President of an Annual Conference, the ex-President shall immediately enter upon the duties of the Presidency, and discharge them during the continuance of such disability, or to the end of the year; but in case there be no ex-President of such Annual Conference, then the Secretary of such Conference shall call the Special Committee together, who shall elect by ballot a President, who shall continue in office till the ensuing Conference, or during such disability.

The Stationing Committee in each Conference shall consist of the President, the Chairmen of Districts, and another Minister from each District, for whose election the lay-members in the District Meeting shall also vote,—the voting always being by ballot. One of the General Missionary Secretaries shall be a member of the Stationing Committee of such Annual Conference or Conferences as may desire it.

Each Annual Conference shall assemble in the month of June in each year, and shall appoint the place and time of meeting from year to year.

The President of an Annual Conference shall be stationed on a Circuit, or otherwise, as the Conference shall direct.

What shall be the usual order of conducting the business of the Conference?

1. The President shall open the Conference with the usual devotional exercises, and shall then cause the roll of the Conference to be called. The Conference shall then proceed to choose its President, after which the Secretary shall be elected.

2. Are there any objections to any of our Ministers and Preachers?

3. Who compose the several Conference Committees?—The Stationing Committee?—Pastoral Address?—On Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions?—Statistical returns?—Sabbath-schools?—Contingent Fund?—Education of Candidates for our Ministry?—and the Missionary Committee?—and, What Laymen are appointed for the several Committees on Connexional Funds?

4. What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and to be ordained?
5. What Preachers remain on *trial*?
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Who have travelled *one* year?
6. What Preachers are on the List of Reserve?
7. What Preachers are now received on trial?
8. Who have died since last Conference?
9. Who are the Superannuated Ministers?*
10. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?
11. What persons, who were in full connexion with the Conference, now cease to be recognized as Ministers among us?
12. Who are now deposed from the office of the Ministry?
13. Who are now deposed from the office of the Ministry, and expelled from the Church?
14. How are the Ministers and Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?
15. What is the number of Church Members, Places of Worship, Attendance on Worship, on each Circuit and Mission? What is the number of Baptisms administered, and of Marriages solemnized by each Minister?
16. What is the number of Ministers, Preachers, and Laymen, in the Quarterly Official Meetings? Of Sabbath-schools? and, What Connexional Property? These questions to be answered in accordance with the authorized Conference Schedules.
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18. What are the Reports of the several Committees?—The Book Committee? Pastoral Address? On Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions? On Statistical returns? Sabbath-schools? Contingent Fund? Children's Fund? Education of Candidates for our Ministry? Superannuation Fund?

19. What further measures can be adopted for the promotion of the work of God, within or beyond the bounds of the Conference; and what are the recommendations of District Meetings on this important subject?

A record of the proceedings of the Conference shall be kept by the Secretary, which shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and preserved among the documents of the Conference.

THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

1. (For composition of Stationing Committee, see page 65.)
2. The Stationing Committee shall meet at the call of the President at the place appointed for holding the Annual Conference, previous to the commencement of its sessions, to prepare a draft of the stations; which draft shall be printed and ready at the opening of the session, for the use of members of Conference.
3. The Stationing Committee shall meet as often as may be deemed necessary during the Sessions of the Conference, for the revision of the stations; and each member of the Conference shall have the right to appear before the Committee to represent his case in regard to his appointment.
4. The first draft of stations shall be placed on the table of the Conference at the close of the first session; the second draft at the close of the session on the third day of Conference, and the third and final draft not later than the close of the session on the fifth day of the Conference.

5. The Stationing Committee shall not allow any Minister or Preacher to remain more than three years successively on the same Circuit, except the General Conference Officers, Superannuated and Supernumerary Ministers, the Missionaries among the Indians, and on the Foreign Mission Districts, and such Ministers as may be appointed to our Educational Institutions.

6. When the third draft of stations shall have been presented to the Conference, the Secretary shall read over successively the names of the Ministers stationed in each District, and the Conference shall elect by ballot one of the members of Conference so stationed to be Chairman for the ensuing year.

Immediately after the election of the Chairman of a District is declared by the President, the said Chairman shall nominate a Financial Secretary for his District, and the Conference, if it approves, shall appoint the same.

SECTION III.

OF THE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Ques. 1. What regulations are necessary for the preservation of our whole economy in active efficiency?

Ans. Let the work be divided into Districts.

Ques. 2. What regulations shall be made concerning the management of Districts?

Ans. The Chairman shall oversee all the spiritual and temporal business of the Church in his District, and shall, in conjunction with the travelling Ministers and Preachers under his care, be responsible to the Conference for the enforcement of the Discipline.

Ques. 3. Who compose the District Meetings?

Ans. All Members of Conference, and Preachers on trial in each District; the Recording Stewards of the several Circuits and Missions, and one other Lay-representative for each travelling Minister or Preacher appointed, in addition to the Superintendent on each Circuit or Mission. The

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District Meetings immediately preceding the General Conference, in addition to Ministers and Preachers of the District, shall be composed of Lay members, elected by ballot at the previous Quarterly Meeting of the Circuits.

Ques. 4. What directions shall be given concerning the District Meetings?

Ans. 1. After the Chairman has opened the Meeting by the usual devotional exercises, a Secretary shall be elected by ballot, who shall keep a record of the proceedings in a book procured for that purpose. At the close of each Meeting the Minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary. The book shall be kept by the Chairman, and brought to Conference, and delivered by him to his successor.

2. The method of proceeding at each Meeting shall be as follows:—The Chairman shall inquire:

First.—What members are now present?

Second.—Are the Ministers and Preachers blameless in life, conversation, and doctrine?

In the examination of Ministers and Preachers in the District Meeting, the Chairman is required to ask the following questions, *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.

The Chairmen are required to examine into the case of every minister who has married during the year, whether the fourth of the "Rules of a Preacher" has been obeyed, which says, "Take no steps towards marriage without first

consulting your brethren ;" and to report to the Conference any cases in which that important direction shall appear to have been violated. This rule shall be considered as requiring in particular a consultation with the Chairman of his District, his Superintendent, or some senior minister competent to give advice in the case.

Every preacher on trial who has travelled four years, and has been recommended by his District Meeting to the Conference to be admitted into full connexion, shall attend the Conference of that year.

Third.—What Ministers are appointed by this Meeting to represent the District as members of Conference Committees ?

Fourth.—Are the young men on trial acquainted with the prescribed course of study, and what books have they read ?

The Reports of Examining Committees are to be presented to the District Meetings for consideration; and their recommendation is to be recorded in the Minutes of the District, to be read at the Conference.

The Chairman shall also examine every preacher on trial respecting his acquaintance with the books recommended to him, and the general course of reading which he has pursued during the preceding year. For this purpose every such preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. This list shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior Preachers such advice and directions respecting their studies as may appear necessary.

In addition to the preceding course of inquiry the following questions are to be put every year by the Chairman to every young man on trial on the District, but they need not be inserted in the District Minutes. It is enough to say that the usual questions were put to the young men on trial and satisfactorily answered; or, if otherwise, to state the case. In the Annual Examination of Candidates for our Ministry, it shall be the duty of the Chairmen of Districts

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to include the Disciplinary question, "Do you take snuff, tobacco, or drams?" and a distinct answer in the negative shall be required in every case as a condition of continuing on trial, from year to year.

1. Have you now faith in Christ, and are you going on to perfection?

2. Have you attended regularly to private prayer, and to the devotional reading of the Scriptures, and books of a spiritual and experimental kind, in order to keep up devout and lively religious feelings in your own heart?

3. Have you carefully visited the sick under your charge, and others to whom you could obtain access?

4. Have you visited the people at their houses, inquiring into their religious state, praying with them, and administering wholesome counsel; and have you catechised the children of the schools, and those of your friends and hearers, as you have had opportunity?

5. Have you had fruit of your ministry during the year, and are you endeavoring so to state the leading truths of Christian doctrine and experience in your discourses, and so to apply them with affection, and earnestness, and prayer, as to do all in your power to secure success in your work?

6. Answer the following questions in such terms as you would use in stating the doctrines they contain to an inquirer under religious impressions, or in your sermons:—What is Evangelical Repentance? What is Justification? What is Justifying Faith? What is the direct Witness of the Spirit? What is the indirect Witness of the Spirit? What is Christian Perfection? What is the difference between Justification and Sanctification? What is the difference between Justification and Regeneration? What is the difference between Sanctification and entire Sanctification?

Let these points be proved in order by appropriate passages of Holy Writ.

The brethren will see the propriety of conducting this part of the proceedings with peculiar deliberation and

solemnity, as in the immediate presence of God ; and they may enlarge on doctrinal questions as they may deem necessary, so as to lead the candidates to a right understanding, and an appropriate expression of our leading doctrinal peculiarities as a Church.

Fifth.—Who have travelled four years and are now recommended to the Conference to be received into full connexion and to be ordained ?

Sixth.—What preachers are recommended to be continued on trial ?

1. Who have travelled *three* years ?
2. Who have travelled *two* years ?
3. Who have travelled *one* year ?

Seventh.—What Preachers are on the List of Reserve ?

Where the Preacher has been recommended to travel, but not called out into the work in the course of the year, the Chairman shall make inquiry of the Superintendent of the Circuit where he resides, whether he be still deemed a proper person to be employed in our regular ministry ; and the result shall be reported to the District Meeting.

Eighth.—What Preachers are recommended to be received on trial ?

The Chairmen are required not only to examine very minutely in the District Meetings, all persons proposed as candidates for our Ministry, but also to report distinctly in the District Minutes, for the consideration of Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings after such examinations, respecting the health, piety, moral character, ministerial abilities, and educational acquirements, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances.

Ques. 1. How shall we try those who profess to be moved by the Holy Ghost to preach ?

Ans. 1. Let the following questions be asked :—Do they know God as a pardoning God ? Have they the love of God

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2. Have they gifts as well as grace for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding—a right judgment in the things of God—a just conception of salvation by faith? And has God given them an acceptable way of speaking? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?

3. Have they fruit? Are any truly convinced of sin, and converted to God by their preaching?

As long as these three marks concur in any one, we believe he is called of God to preach. These we receive as sufficient proof that he is moved by the Holy Ghost.

Ques. 2. How is a preacher received on trial, and what regulations are observed respecting him during his probation?

Ans. 1. Before a Chairman or Superintendent shall propose a Preacher to the District Meeting to be recommended to the Conference to be admitted on trial, such Preacher must first be approved and recommended by the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit or Station on which he resides.

2. Every candidate thus recommended shall attend the ensuing District Meeting, and be examined before all the brethren present respecting his religious experience, his knowledge of divine things, his educational acquirements, his reading, his views of the doctrines of the Gospel, and his regard for Methodism in general.

He shall also be required to have passed a satisfactory examination on the subjects prescribed by the Conference, as the preliminary Course of Study.

3. Every person proposed to the District Meeting is then to be asked by the Chairman the following questions, to each of which a distinct answer shall be required:—

Have you been converted to God? Have you now faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you

groaning after it? Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work? Have you been baptized? What are your views on Infant Baptism and the Lord's Supper? Do you know the Rules of the Society? Do you keep them? Do you take snuff, tobacco, or drams? Have you read the whole Discipline? Are you willing to conform to it? Have you considered the twelve rules of a preacher, as contained in answer to question 2nd, Sec. IV. Chapter III., especially the first, the tenth, and the twelfth? Will you keep them for conscience sake? Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God? Will you preach at every suitable opportunity, endeavoring not to speak too long nor too loud? Will you diligently instruct the children in every place? Will you visit from house to house? Will you recommend fasting, both by precept and example? Are you in debt? What is your age? Have you good health, and have you a sound constitution? Are you engaged to marry?

Do you sincerely and fully believe the doctrines of Methodism as contained in our Articles of Faith, and as taught by Mr. Wesley in his notes on the New Testament and volumes of sermons?—especially the following leading ones—a Trinity of Persons in the Unity of the Godhead; the total depravity of all men by nature, in consequence of Adam's fall; the Atonement made by Christ for the sins of all the human race; the direct witness of the Spirit; the possibility of falling from a state of justification and holiness, and perishing everlastingly; the absolute necessity of holiness, both in heart and life; and the proper eternity of future rewards and punishments? Will you endeavor fully and faithfully to preach them? What is your religious experience? and what is your call to this work?

4. After the examination the Candidate shall withdraw, and the Meeting shall determine whether he shall be recommended to the ensuing Conference, to be received on trial.

5. If it be not convenient for the Candidate to attend the District Meeting, the Chairman with two other Ministers shall examine him as above directed, and report the result to the District Meeting.

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6. If a Preacher who has been received on trial, but not into full connection, desist from travelling, he shall be dropped in silence, unless he desist from want of health.

7. A Preacher who marries while on trial shall be dropped in silence.

8. Observe: taking on trial is entirely different from admitting a Preacher into full connection. One on trial may be either admitted or rejected without doing him any wrong: otherwise it would have been no trial at all. Let every Chairman explain this to those on trial.

9. The time for a Preacher to remain on trial shall be four years, at the end of which period, if recommended by his District Meeting, he may be received into full connection.

Ninth.—What Ministers or Preachers have died?

Tenth.—Who are recommended as Superannuated Ministers?

Eleventh.—Who are recommended as Supernumerary Ministers?

Twelfth.—Who have desisted from travelling?

Thirteenth.—Who have been suspended during the year; and what is the recommendation of the District Meeting in the case?

Fourteenth.—What is the number of Baptisms administered and Marriages solemnized by each Minister? Have all such Marriages, solemnized during the year, been duly recorded, and the returns made according to law?

Fifteenth.—Can any measures be adopted for increasing the efficiency of our ministerial labors, and the promotion of the work of God?

1. Are all the means possible used to visit all the towns and settlements within the boundaries of each Circuit or Mission?

2. Are there earnest attempts made in every place where there are services, to form classes?

3. Is sufficient time allotted in the arrangements of the Quarterly Visitation of the Classes for the Minister or Preacher to acquaint himself with the state of each member, and to give suitable advice to each?

4. Have the Rules of Society been read during the year, and have they been given to the members on trial, according to the Discipline?

5. Do the brethren pay sufficient attention to Pastoral visitation, and to catechising the children of our members and friends?

These important enquiries shall be followed by a solemn review of the state of the work of God. And any suggestions for the religious improvement of our children and the members of our Church and especially for the greater efficiency of our Ministerial labors, are to be entered on the Minutes of the District Meeting, and, when thought necessary, recommended to the consideration of the Conference.

All the foregoing questions and directions shall be considered as belonging to the examination of Ministerial character.

The following order shall be observed when the general business of the District Meeting is under consideration:—

1. What Recording Stewards, and what other Lay representatives are now present?

2. What are the Receipts and what is the Expenditure of each Circuit or Mission?

3. What has been collected on each Circuit and Mission for Connexional Funds?

4. What special cases are now recommended to the favorable consideration of the several Connexional Funds?

Sixteenth.—What is the number of Ministers' children on the District, having claims on the Children's Fund; and what are their respective names and ages? Have all the regulations respecting the Children's Fund been fully carried into effect in the District?

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Eighteenth.—What is the number of Ministers, Preachers, and Laymen, in the Quarterly Official Meeting of each Circuit and Mission? Of Sabbath Schools? And what Connexional Property? Have the approved Conference Schedules been duly filled up?

Nineteenth.—What Churches or Parsonages have been built, enlarged, or sold during the the year. What Connexional Property is insured? In what office? For how much? At what rates? What Parsonages have been furnished? What other Connexional Property has been acquired? What changes in relation to Church Property are now recommended? What property has been destroyed by fire?

Twentieth.—What can be done to improve the financial state of the District?

1. Are all the financial arrangements of the Church duly observed in each Circuit and Mission? The Quarterly Contributions at the renewal of Tickets? The public collections and private subscriptions?

2. What changes are recommended in the order and arrangement of the work on the Circuits and Missions? What new Circuits or Missions are recommended? What additional Preachers are required for any Circuit or Mission on the District?

Twenty-first.—What Laymen are appointed by this Meeting as Members of the Conference Committees? And what Laymen are elected to represent the District in the General Conference?

Two copies of the District Meeting records shall be brought to Conference, in addition to the one entered in the District Book:—One copy for the Secretary of Conference, and one for the members of the District and of the Conference.

OF THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1. A Financial District Meeting, consisting of the Superintendent, and a Steward from each Circuit and Mission, shall be held in each District not later than the month of September, to apportion to the several Circuits the amounts placed at their disposal by the Conference; to make arrangements for Missionary Meetings, which arrangements shall be binding on all concerned; and to arrange the claims of the Children of Ministers on the District.

2. The Financial District Meeting shall examine into the circumstances and probable income of the Domestic Missions, in the same way as they examine into those of the Circuits, and recommend the amount which, in their judgment, should be appropriated towards the support of such Missions; which shall be reported by the Chairman to the Missionary Secretaries.

3. The Financial Secretaries shall be the Local Treasurers of the District, and shall pay to the Superintendents of Circuits, or on their order, the sums appropriated to their Circuits, which payments such Superintendents shall report to their respective Quarterly Official Meetings.

SECTION IV.

OF LOCAL PREACHERS AND THEIR MEETINGS.

Ques. 1. What directions shall be given concerning Local Preachers and their Meetings?

Ans. 1. Where there are six Local Preachers on a Circuit, of three years' continuous standing, the Superintendent shall regularly meet the Local Preachers once a quarter; and no person shall be put upon the plan as a Local Preacher, or be suffered to preach among us as such, without the approbation of that meeting, on the nomination of the Superintendent; or, if in any Circuit such a Local Preachers' Meeting cannot be held, they shall be proposed and approved at the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit.

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2. The Superintendent at each regular Local Preachers' Meeting, or the Chairman or Superintendent at the last Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit, shall inquire into the religious and moral character, doctrines, abilities to preach, punctuality in attending appointments, of each Preacher by name.

3. The questions proposed in the examination of the characters of Local Preachers, shall be the same as those proposed in regard to Travelling Preachers, viz. :—

- (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 our Discipline?
- (4) Has he competent abilities for a Preacher?
- (5) Is he punctual in attending all his appointments?

4. Every person proposed to be received as a Local Preacher, or taken on trial, shall be asked by the Chairman or Superintendent the following questions, to which a distinct answer shall be required :

What is your religious experience? Have you faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be perfected in love in this life? Are you groaning after it? Are you resolved to devote yourself to God and his work? Do you sincerely and fully believe the doctrines of Methodism as contained in our Articles of Faith, and as taught by Mr. Wesley in his Notes on the New Testament, and Volumes of Sermons?—especially the following leading ones: a Trinity of Persons in the Unity of the Godhead; the Total Depravity of all men by nature in consequence of Adam's fall; the Atonement made by Christ for the sins of all the human race; Justification by Faith; the direct Witness of the Spirit; the possibility of falling from a state of Justification and Holiness, and perishing everlastingly; the absolute necessity of holiness both in heart and life; and the proper eternity of rewards and punishments. What is Evangelical Repentance? What is Justification? What is Justifying Faith? What is the direct Witness of the Spirit? What is the indirect Witness of the

Spirit? What is Christian Perfection? What is the difference between Justification and Sanctification? What is the difference between Justification and Regeneration? What is the difference between Sanctification and entire Sanctification?

Will you endeavor fully and faithfully to preach these doctrines?

5. All Local Preachers shall meet in class. No exception shall be made in respect to any who may have been Traveling Ministers or Preachers in former years.

6. No Local Preacher shall hold Lovefeasts without the consent of the Superintendent, nor in anywise interfere with his business.

7. Whenever a Local Preacher or Exhorter removes from one Circuit to another, he shall obtain from the Superintendent of the Circuit a certificate of his official standing in the Church at the time of his removal, without which he shall not be received as a Local Preacher or Exhorter in other places.

8. No Local Preacher coming to reside among us from another part of the world, although duly recommended, shall be allowed to preach or hold meetings in our Churches unless he become a member of the Church and submit to its Discipline.

9. No Minister or Preacher who has been suspended or expelled by the Conference, shall on any account be employed as a Local Preacher without the consent of the Conference.

10. The name of every Local Preacher shall be recorded on the Journals of the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit in which he resides.

11. Preachers who have been formerly in connection with the Conference, but who have located, shall be subject to all the regulations affecting Local Preachers, and when charged with immorality shall be proceeded against as other Local Preachers. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall report the case to the District Meeting.

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12. Should any Local Preacher belonging to any other Methodist Church make application to be received into our Church, the Chairman of the District or Superintendent of the Circuit, in concurrence with the Quarterly or Local Preachers' Meeting of the Circuit on which such Local Preacher shall reside, is authorized to receive him, after having inquired into his qualifications and all the circumstances of his case.

ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Professor Burwash, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

I. That having carefully considered the charters of our various Connexional Educational Institutions, they recommend the following changes, to meet the requirements of our new Church organization.

1. That for the University of Victoria College, in Cobourg, and the Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies, the power of appointing the Board heretofore vested in the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, and in the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Eastern British America, be vested in the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada. That these Boards hold office for four years, from one General Conference until that next succeeding.

2. That for the Wesleyan Female College in Hamilton, the Wesleyan Collegiate Institute, Dundas, and the Stanstead College, the clerical directors heretofore appointed by the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada be appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, to hold office for four years, from one General Conference till that next succeeding. That any vacancies which may occur in the interval between one General Conference and another shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

That the Board of Directors of each of these institutions may nominate a member of any Annual Conference of our Church as Governor of such institution, and such Annual

Conference shall have power to appoint the person so nominated.

That whenever the charter of the Ontario Ladies' College in Whitby shall be assimilated to those of our other proprietary institutions, the foregoing provisions do also apply to it,—the General Conference Executive Committee appointing the first clerical directors.

II. That we find the following institutions to be the property of the Connexion, and entirely under its control :—

The University of Victoria College.

The Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies.

The Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

The Wesleyan Institute of Manitoba.

That in addition to these, we would recommend the establishment of an Educational Institution for the French Canadian Mission work on the basis herewith submitted as Appendix No. 1.

III. That after careful consideration of the financial condition of these institutions, we find that the sum of \$15,000 per annum, in addition to all present available resources, is necessary to secure their efficiency for the educational work of our Church.

IV. That to provide such necessary fund an Educational Society, similar to our Missionary Society, be formed, upon the basis of a constitution herewith submitted as Appendix No. 11.

APPENDIX NO. I.—ON THE FRENCH INSTITUTION.

That the general management of the school be placed in the hands of a Board appointed by the General Conference.

That it shall be the duty of this Board to hold the property in trust for the Methodist Church of Canada, according to our model deed, supervise the income and expenditure of the school, and to appoint all officers and teachers except the Governor.

That they shall have power to nominate as Governor a member of any Annual Conference of our Church, and that

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That for the establishment of the institution, the Rev. J. Borland be authorized to take up a subscription throughout our Connexion.

That for its annual support, in addition to fees and voluntary contributions, grants be requested from the Boards of the Missionary and Educational Societies.

APPENDIX NO. II.—EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

1. That this society be called the Educational Society of the Methodist Church of Canada.
2. That the object of the Society shall be the financial and moral support of our institutions for University, Theological, and Higher Education in Missionary fields.
3. Any person may become a member of this Society by payment of an annual contribution of five dollars.
4. That the management of the Society shall be vested in a central Board consisting of one layman from each of the Annual Conferences, said layman to be appointed by the General Conference to hold office for four years; and of one minister elected annually by each of the aforesaid Conferences, and of the chief officer of each University and Theological School. The Board shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
5. It shall be the duty of the Central Board to organize and sustain a branch of the Society in each Annual Conference. The Annual Conference shall appoint a Conference Committee of Ministers and Laymen, who shall arrange to hold a public meeting on behalf of the Society on each Circuit or Station within the bounds of their Conference, at some time during the months of February or April each year.
6. At such meeting, full information as to our educational work shall be laid before our people, and contributions taken up on behalf of the funds of the Society. On the preceding Sabbath, sermons on education shall be preached

in all our churches and preaching places, and collections made for the Society.

7. The Central Board shall meet each year and appropriate the funds of the Society to meet the claims and wants of our aforesaid Educational Institutions.

Messrs. Hopkins, Eaton, Patrick, and Schofield were allowed to return home, for special reasons.

ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Judge Jones, from the Committee on Church Property, submitted the following Report from said Committee, which was, on motion, adopted.

1. This Committee recommend that all Church Property, such as parsonages, burying-grounds, etc., hitherto held in trust for the several Churches and Conferences now embraced in the General Conference, shall be held as vested in Trustees in trust for the Methodist Church of Canada.

2. That all Church Property as above mentioned, that may hereafter be acquired, shall be deeded to and held by Trustees in trust for the use of the said Church, according to the form of the deed to be hereafter approved and settled.

3. That such deed to be so settled shall provide that the Church Property so held may be sold and transferred by and with the consent of the Annual Conference within the bounds of which such property is situate, said consent to be certified under the signature of the President or Secretary of such Annual Conference, with the Conference seal thereto attached.

4. That application be made to the Legislatures of the several Provinces comprising the Dominion of Canada and of the Province of Newfoundland and the Bermuda Islands, for such legislation as may be required to give legal effect to the provisions herein set forth.

5. That we recommend that this Committee be appointed a Standing Committee, with full power to carry out the foregoing recommendations, and with authority to act for such time as may be necessary, after the close of this Conference.

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ON THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

Rev. S. F. Huestis, from the Committee on the Children's Fund, submitted a Report, as follows, which was adopted:—

That each Annual Conference shall have a Children's Fund under its own control and management, for the purpose of providing effectively and uniformly for the payment of allowances of the children of our ministers, and of equalizing the claims for this object on the several Circuits within its bounds, subject to the following regulations and restrictions:—

1. That the amount payable for the support of each child under eighteen years of age shall not be less than thirty dollars per year.
2. That the Book and Printing Establishments, Colleges, and other Connexional Institutions, shall respectively pay to the Ministers connected with such Institutions the amounts due for their children's allowances.
3. That the claims of children whose fathers are employed on the French, German, Indian, Japan, and other Foreign Missions shall be paid by the Missionary Society.
4. The regular claimants upon this Fund shall be:—
 - (1) Such children of Ministers engaged in the active work as were born after their fathers had been received into full connection with the Conference.
 - (2) The children of Superannuated and deceased Ministers who were born while their fathers were in the active work, or within one year after their superannuation or death.
5. That any arrangements now existing for the payment of claims for children born before their fathers were received into our Ministry, shall continue in force; but hereafter no claims for children born before their fathers reception into the Ministry of our Church, shall be provided for by this Fund.

Messrs. Frost, Kilborne, McAllister, and Dr. Clarke, were allowed to return home, for special reasons.

Rev. Geo. McDougall, of Saskatchewan, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Revs. Geo. Young and Geo. McDougall, were invited to seats on the platform.

Dr. Douglas moved, and Judge Wilmot seconded, the following Resolution :

Resolved,—That the name of the United Churches represented in this General Conference, shall be **THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA**.

Dr. Stewart moved, in amendment, that the further consideration of said resolution be postponed until the next General Conference.

Upon the question being taken upon the amendment, it was lost.

Upon the question being taken upon the original motion, it was carried by an almost unanimous vote.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, *September 26th*.

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The names of G. Webster and J. Zimmerman were added to the Committee on Conference expenses.

Hon. James Ferrier, James Hough, Esq., Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Z. Chipman, Esq., and W. H. Allison, Esq., were allowed, for special reasons, to return home.

The following resolution was offered by W. H. Gibbs, Esq., and adopted :

Resolved,—That this General Conference desires to express its hearty appreciation of the kindness and courtesy

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of the President and Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association of Ontario, in permitting its members to attend the Exhibition at present open in this City, free of charge, at an hour when their grounds and buildings were not open to the general public, thereby greatly promoting their convenience and comfort, by allowing them to witness the evidences which the Association has brought together of the growing prosperity of this great Province, without any serious interruption of their Conference business.

The report of the Sabbath School Committee was considered, section by section, and progress having been made therein, its further consideration was deferred.

On motion, the name of Rev. S. F. Huestis was added to the Committee to prepare an address to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Conference adjourned until Monday next, at 2 o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *September 28th.*

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Hough submitted a memorial in reference to the Order of Public Worship, which was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

The consideration of the report of the Sabbath-school Committee was resumed, and adopted, as follows :—

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to consider the condition and wants of our Sabbath-school work would respectfully present the following report, viz. :

There should be, in our judgment, a distinct chapter in the new book of Discipline, on the subject of SABBATH-SCHOOLS, as follows :

OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

What directions are necessary for the thorough organization and government of our Sabbath-schools ?

Answer 1. Let all our new schools be organized on our denominational basis.

Answer 2. It shall be the duty of the superintendent minister of every circuit and mission to see that, so far as possible, there shall be a Sabbath-school or Sabbath-schools in connection with each of our congregations. Such school or schools to be kept open, if at all practicable, during the whole year.

Answer 3. In organizing a new school, the superintendent of the circuit shall appoint, with the concurrence of the Quarterly Official Meeting, a suitable person to superintend the same ; and the person so appointed shall, with the concurrence of the Superintendent of the Circuit, appoint the necessary officers and teachers, and proceed to organize the school on the basis of the following Constitution :

SECTION I.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This School shall be known as the —— Methodist Sabbath-school, and shall be under the supervision of the Quarterly Official Meeting of the —— Circuit or Mission.

ARTICLE II.—MANAGEMENT.

1. The management of the school shall be vested in a Committee, consisting of the minister and preacher, or ministers and preachers on the Circuit ; the officers and teachers of the school, (such teachers, except in the case of new schools, being of at least six months' standing as teachers

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in the school); and not less than three nor more than five other persons, who shall be nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit in the Quarterly Official Meeting, and elected by said meeting as its representative on the Sabbath-school Committee.

2. Should any teacher's meeting, composed of not less than fifteen members, prefer to elect a certain number from among themselves to represent them on the Committee of Management, they may appoint not less than seven, nor more than ten, for this purpose.

ARTICLE III.—INSTRUCTION.

The instruction given in this school shall be the doctrines of the Word of God as expounded in the recognized standards of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Catechisms shall be regularly used in such manner as may be approved by the Superintendent and Teachers of the school.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the School shall be a Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian. If deemed necessary, an assistant in any of the above offices may be appointed. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent must be members of the Methodist Church.

ARTICLE V.—ELECTION.

The Committee of Management shall annually elect all the Officers and Teachers at the regular meeting next preceding the anniversary of the school: the Superintendent of the Circuit nominating the Superintendent of the school, who shall, immediately after his election, nominate the rest of the Officers and Teachers.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

Regular meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held once a quarter.

The following order of business is recommended:—

1. Opening exercises ; singing and prayer.

2. Calling the roll.
3. Reading Minutes of previous meetings.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Reports : Of Committees, Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian ; and Minutes of Teachers' Meetings.
6. Miscellaneous.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Secretary, at the request of the Minister or the Superintendent of the School. Due notice must be given to all the members of the Committee, and the special business to be transacted shall be stated when the notice is given. No other subject shall be introduced at such special meetings.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

A monthly meeting of the Officers and Teachers shall be held for the transaction of the ordinary business of the school, at which time vacancies in the list of teachers shall be filled, subject to the action of the Committee of Management. And when it is at all practicable there shall be a weekly meeting for the study of the lesson.

ARTICLE VII.—ANNIVERSARY.

A public Anniversary Meeting of the school shall be held in the month of ——— in each year, when the reports of the school, as adopted by the Committee of Management, shall be read ; the Officers and Committee for the year announced, and such other exercises as, in the judgment of the Committee, may be deemed expedient.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1. It is an understood principle of Methodist discipline, that the Superintendent of the Circuit is an *ex-officio* Chairman of all Committees. In his absence the Superintendent of the school shall preside.
2. No person shall be permitted to retain a position as Officer or Teacher whose character or religious opinions, in

the judgment of the Circuit Office sufficient grounds for the removal of teachers from the schools.

3. It is the duty of the Sabbath School Teachers. And, when they are not present at their regular meetings, they shall be commended to the care of the Circuit. There shall be a quarterly meeting of the regular preachers.

4. The *ex-officio* members of the Circuit in vacation shall be the

5. The Superintendent shall prepare a quarterly report of the annual schedule of the May Quarterly Meeting, and forward it to the

6. Should any member of the school, who is a member of the Ministry, be removed from the membership of the school, the Committee of Management shall report the cause thereof to the next Quarterly Meeting, and forward it to the

1. Each member of the Circuit shall be a member of the Circuit Office.

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the judgment of the Committee of Management or Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit, shall be deemed a sufficient ground of unfitness for service in our Sabbath-schools.

3. It is highly important that our Ministers should visit the Sabbath-schools on their respective Circuits from to time. And, whereas, some find it impossible to do this and fill all their regular preaching appointments; therefore it is recommended that the work be so arranged in such cases that there shall be an Open Meeting of each Sabbath-school held once a quarter, and, if necessary, at the usual time of the regular preaching service.

4. The Superintendents of Sabbath-schools shall be *ex-officio* members of the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit in which the school is situated.

5. The Superintendent of the School shall cause the Annual Schedule to be filled up, and present the same to the May Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit. The Recording Steward shall prepare the Circuit Report, and forward it to the May District Meeting.

SETTLEMENT OF DIFFICULTIES.

6. Should any difficulty arise in connection with the school, which the Committee cannot satisfactorily adjust, the Minister, Superintendent of the School, or any three members of the Committee, may, on giving due notice to the Committee of their intention, refer the matter in dispute to the next Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit; when the cause shall be heard and finally decided.

SECTION II.

DISTRICT MEETING.—S. S. WORK.

1. Each Annual May District Meeting shall appoint one member of the Annual Conference Sabbath-school Committee.

2. Each Chairman shall enquire at the May District Meeting, when the laymen are present, into the condition of

the Sabbath-schools on every Circuit by name, and call for the schedules, which shall pass under careful review.

3. There shall be a Sabbath-school Convention held in each District, to be composed of all the Ministers and Preachers in the District, all Superintendents of schools, and two or more delegates from each Sabbath-school in the District; to be held in connection with the Financial District Meeting, or at such other time as the May District Meeting may determine. The exercises of which shall consist of discussions on Sabbath-school matters, essays, normal or model classes, public addresses, etc.

SECTION III.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—S. S. WORK.

1. COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Sabbath-school Committee for each Annual Conference, composed of one member from each District, as provided for by the last section, of which the President of the Annual Conference shall be the Chairman. But in his absence, the Committee shall proceed to elect its own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to collect the statistics of the Districts, and prepare therefrom the Conference Report, and make such recommendations to their Conference as the necessities of the work may require from time to time.

It is the duty of the Secretary of the Sabbath-school Committee to take charge of all books and papers belonging to our Sabbath-school work, from one Conference to another; make arrangements for the first meeting of the Committee so soon after the opening of Conference as may be convenient, and continue in office until his successor be appointed.

2. CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF S. S. BOARD.

Each Annual Conference shall appoint one Corresponding member of the General Sabbath-school Board.

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3. ANNUAL MEETING.

There shall be a public Sabbath-school Meeting held in connection with the Annual Conference, for which arrangements shall be made by the Committee appointed to prepare the plan of public services for the Conference, assisted by the Secretary of the Sabbath-school Committee of the said Conference.

4. COLLECTION.

An Annual Collection in aid of the Sunday-School Work shall be taken up in the Sunday-Schools.

SECTION IV.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.—S. S. WORK.

1. The General Conference shall appoint a Board of Management, consisting of not more than eleven persons, to be known as the General Sabbath-school Board of the Methodist Church of Canada, which shall meet at such times and places as may be deemed expedient.

2. In the absence of the President or Vice-President of the General Conference, the members of the Sabbath-school Board may elect a Chairman *pro tem*.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

The Board shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. It shall also superintend the selection, examination, and recommendation of suitable Books for our Sabbath-school Libraries, and publish and circulate catalogues of the same. Any book proposed to be introduced into any of our Sunday-school Libraries, which has not been approved by the Sunday-school Board, must be approved by the Superintendent of the Circuit.

As soon as circumstances will justify, the Board shall publish a suitable Sabbath-school paper for the Dominion.

It shall also make grants of books to destitute localities so soon as its financial condition will enable it to do so. Such grants to be made on the application of the

Superintendent of the school, signed by the Superintendent of the circuit, to the General Board, through its Secretary.

The Board shall prepare and cause to be forwarded, through the Secretaries of the Committees of the Annual Conferences, all necessary schedules for the collection of statistics.

The Board shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report to the Board once a year. And a similar Committee shall report once in four years to the General Conference.

Dr. Rice offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Whereas, the New Connexion Conference have arranged their Circuits so as to keep up an independent Circuit organization and support for the present year ; and, *whereas*, it will be very difficult under these circumstances to harmonize the work on Circuits occupied by both Connexions ; therefore, *Resolved*,—That this Conference authorizes the Missionary Society to take the income arising from the New Connexion Missionary Society, and consider their dependent Circuits as domestic missions, and make equitable grants to them accordingly.

The Committee on Discipline submitted its Report number three, as follows, which was adopted :—

The Committee on Discipline, to whom certain resolutions on the order to be observed in public worship were referred, beg leave to present the following order of services, for insertion in the Discipline.

ORDER OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

1. MORNING SERVICE : Singing, Prayer, reading a Lesson out of the Old Testament and a Lesson out of the New Testament, Singing, Preaching, Singing, Prayer, Benediction.

2. The same order shall be observed in the afternoon and evening services, except that one Lesson shall suffice.

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The Committee on Discipline submitted Report number four. Progress was made therein; and its further consideration deferred.

Dr. Evans, Rev. Wm. Hansford, and Mr. Osborne were permitted, for special reasons, to return home.

The Conference adjourned until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

MONDAY EVENING, *September 28.*

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of this afternoon was read and approved.

The consideration of the Report, number five, of the Committee on Discipline, was resumed; and having been amended in some of its parts, was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee recommends the following order of arrangement for the Ritual of the Methodist Church of Canada:—

1. Baptism of infants.
2. Baptism of adults.
3. Lord's Supper.
4. Solemnization of Matrimony.
5. Burial of the dead.
6. Ordination service.
7. Laying of the corner-stone of a Church.
8. Dedication of churches.
9. Covenant service.

The Committee on Discipline also recommends the following, which was adopted, as part of THE RITUAL:—

SACRAMENTAL AND OTHER SERVICES.

SECTION I.

THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO INFANTS.

The Minister coming to the font, which is to be filled with pure water, shall use the following, or some other exhortation suitable to this sacred office.

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and that our Saviour Christ saith, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that having of his bounteous mercy redeemed [*this child*] by the blood of his Son, He will grant that [*he*] being baptized with water may also be baptized with the Holy Ghost, received into Christ's holy Church, and become [*a lively member*] of the same.

Then shall the Minister say,—Let us Pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of thy great mercy didst save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also didst safely lead the children of Israel, thy people, through the Red Sea, figuring thereby thy holy baptism, and hast set apart water for this Holy Sacrament; and who hast condescended to enter into gracious covenant with man, wherein thou hast included children as partakers of its benefits, declaring that, "of such is the kingdom of heaven;" we beseech thee for thine infinite mercies, that thou wilt look upon [*this child*]; wash [*him*] and sanctify [*him*] with the Holy Ghost; that [*he,*] being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church, and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally [*he*] may come to the land of everlasting life; there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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Grant that all carnal affections may die in [*him*], and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in [*him*]. AMEN.

Grant that [*he*] may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. AMEN.

Grant that whosoever is dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. AMEN.

Almighty, ever living God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to his disciples that they should go and teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, our supplications; and grant that [*this child*,] now to be baptized, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and be found at last in the number of thy faithful and elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the people stand up: and the Minister shall read one or more of the following portions of Scripture.

Hear the words of the Lord written in the book of Genesis (Chap xvii. 7):

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generation, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

The Apostle Peter declares (Acts ii. 39) that: The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off.

The Apostle Paul likewise saith, in the Epistle to the Galatians (Chap. iii. 13, 14, 29): Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles

through Jesus Christ. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs, according to the promise.

The Lord hath by his servant Ezekiel (Chap. xxxvi. 25) said: Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Here also the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark, in the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse:—

They brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them. And his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Then the Minister shall take the child in his arms, and say to the parents or friends of the child, "Name the child," and then, naming it after them, he shall baptize the child, saying,

N. I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Then shall be said, all kneeling,

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. AMEN.

The Minister may conclude with extempore prayer.

SECTION II.

THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO ADULTS.

The Minister shall use the following, or some other exhortation suitable to this holy office.

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and they that are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions;) and our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that, of his bounteous goodness he will grant to [*these persons*] that which by nature [*they*] cannot have; that [*they*] may be baptized, not only with water but also with the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made lively [*members*] of the same.

Then shall the Minister say,

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon thee for [*these persons*] that [*they,*] coming to thy holy baptism, may be filled with the Holy Ghost. Receive [*them,*] O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask and ye shall receive,—seek and ye shall find,—knock and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that [*these persons*] may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. AMEN.

After which he shall say,

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee; increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to [*these persons,*] that [*they*] may be made [*heirs*] of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in [*these persons*] may be so buried that the new man may be raised up in [*them.*] AMEN.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in [*them,*] and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in [*them.*] AMEN.

Grant that [*they*] may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. AMEN.

Grant that [*they,*] being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. AMEN.

Almighty, ever living God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to his disciples that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of this congregation, and grant that [*these persons*] now to be baptized may receive the fulness of thy grace, and be found, at last, in the number of thy faithful and elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the people stand up, and the Minister shall say,—Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. John, in the third chapter, beginning at the first verse :

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye

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Hear the words of the Prophecy written by Ezekiel (Chap. xxxvi. 25-27) :

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean : from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you : and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and will cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my statutes, and do them.

Hear also the words of St. Paul, written in his epistle to the Romans (Chap. xv. 8, 9) :

Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

Then the Minister shall speak to the persons to be baptized on this wise :

Well-beloved, who [*have*] come hither, desiring to receive holy baptism, [*ye*] have heard how the congregation have prayed that the Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you, and bless you, to release you of your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. And our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised, in his Holy Word, to grant all those things that we have prayed for ; which promise he for his part will most assuredly keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, you must also faithfully, for your part, promise before this whole congregation, that you will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's Holy Word, and obediently keep his commandments.

Then shall the Minister demand of each of the persons to be baptized, severally :

Ques. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works,

the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow or be led by them ?

Ans. I renounce them all.

Ques. Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth ? and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord ? and that he was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary ? that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried ? that he rose again the third day ? that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from thence he shall come again, at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead ?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost ; the Holy Catholic Church ; the Communion of Saints ; the Remission of Sins ; the Resurrection of the Body, and everlasting life after death ?

Ans. All this I steadfastly believe.

Ques. Wilt thou be baptized in this faith ?

Ans. This is my desire.

Ques. Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life ?

Ans. I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper.

Then shall the Minister ask the name of the person to be baptized, and repeating the same shall baptize him, saying :

N, I Baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, all kneeling.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. AMEN.

The Minister may conclude with extempore prayer.

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SECTION III.

OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

THE ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

While the collection for the poor is being taken up, the Minister shall say one or more of these sentences :

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.—Matt. v. 16.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal ; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.—Matt. vi. 19, 20.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them, for this is the law and the prophets.—Matt. vii. 12.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.—Matt. vi. 21.

Zaccheus stood forth and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and if I have done any wrong to any man I restore him four-fold.—Luke xix. 8.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly ; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart ; not grudgingly, or of necessity ; for God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. ix. 6, 7.

As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.—Gal. vi. 10.

Godliness with contentment is great gain ; for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out.—1 Tim. vi. 6, 7.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not

highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy ; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate ; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.—1 Tim. vi. 17, 18, 19.

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.—Heb. vi. 10.

But to do good and to communicate forget not ; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.—Heb. xiii. 16.

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ?—1 John iii. 17.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord ; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.—Prov. xix. 17.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor ; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.—Psalm xli. 1.

While these sentences are being read, some fit person, appointed for that purpose, shall receive the alms for the poor ; and then bring them to the Minister, who shall place them upon the table.

After which the Minister shall say :

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways ; draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort ; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general confession be made by the Minister in the name of all those that are minded to receive the Holy Communion, both he and all the people kneeling humbly upon their knees and saying :

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men : we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time

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to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say :

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Collect.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name, through Christ our Lord.

Then shall the Minister say :

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee and saying, Holy, holy, hoily, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. AMEN.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful God, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the

same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy ; Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by his death, and washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.

Then the Minister shall offer the Prayer of Consecration as followeth :

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption ; who made there (by his oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world : and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again : bear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood, who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread ; and when he had given thanks he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take eat ; this is my body which is given for you ; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup ; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this ; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins ; this do ye, as often as ye drink of it, in remembrance of me. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister or Ministers first receive the Communion in both kinds : and then proceed to deliver the same to the people also, in order, into their uncovered hands. And when he delivereth the bread he shall say :

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And the Minister that delivereth the cup shall say :

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink of this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

If the consecrated bread or wine be all spent before all have communicated, the Minister may consecrate more by repeating the prayer of Consecration.

When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and place upon it what remaineth of the consecrated elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

Then may the Minister say the Lord's Prayer : the people repeating after him every petition.

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name ; Thy Kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

After which may be said as followeth :

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we thy humble servants desire thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and thy whole church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee ; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service ; not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord : by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

Then may be said :

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord ; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the Glory of God the Father. AMEN.

Then the Minister, if he see it expedient, may offer an extempore prayer ; and afterwards shall let the people depart with this blessing :

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

N.B.—If the Minister be straitened for time, he may omit any part of the Service, except the Prayer of Consecration.

SECTION IV.

THE FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

First, the banns of all that are to be married must be published in the Congregation, according to law, (unless in cases where special license has been obtained).

At the time appointed for the solemnization of Matrimony, the Persons to be married standing together, the man at the right hand of the woman, the Minister shall say :

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here, in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony, which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union

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that is betwixt Christ and his Church ; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and the first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honourable among all men ; and therefore is not by any to be enterprised or taken in hand unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, and in the fear of God.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore, if any one can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

And also speaking unto the persons that are to be married, he shall say :

I require and charge you both (as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed), that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, you do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than as God's word doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is their Matrimony lawful.

If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister say unto the Man :

M, Wilt thou have this Woman to be thy wedded Wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony ? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health ; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live ?

The Man shall answer :

I WILL.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman :

N, Wilt thou have this Man to be thy wedded Husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of Matrimony ? Wilt thou obey him, serve him, love, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health ; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live ?

The Woman shall answer :

I WILL.

Then the Minister shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by the right hand, and to say after him as followeth :

I, *M*, take thee *N*, to be my wedded Wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance ; and thereto I plight thee my faith.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the Woman, with her right hand, taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister :

I, *N*, take thee *M*, to be my wedded Husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance ; and thereto I give thee my faith.

When the parties desire to be married with a ring, the following form may be used ;—The Man, placing the ring upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, shall say after the Minister :

With this Ring, a token and pledge of the Vow and Covenant now made between me and thee, I do thee wed, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Then shall the Minister say :

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all Mankind, Giver of all Spiritual Grace, the Author of Everlasting Life ; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this Man and this Woman, whom we bless in thy name ; that as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say :

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob bless this Man and this Woman, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts, that whatsoever in thy holy word they shall

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profitably learn, they may indeed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully on them from heaven, and bless them. And as thou didst send thy blessings upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort; so vouchsafe to send thy blessings upon this Man and this Woman, that they, obeying thy will, and always being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, who at the beginning didst create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and didst sanctify and join them together in marriage, pour upon you the riches of his grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both in body and in soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say :

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Forasmuch as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have pledged their faith either to other, and have declared the same by joining of hands, and by the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they are husband and wife together,—In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

And the Minister shall add this blessing :

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. AMEN.

Then shall the Minister say :

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. AMEN.

SECTION V.

THE ORDER OF THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

[N.B. The following or some other solemn service shall be used:]

The Minister meeting the corpse, and going before it, shall say:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. John xi. 25, 26.

I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. Job xix. 25, 26, 27.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. 1 Tim. vi. 7; Job i. 21.

At the grave, when the corpse is laid in the earth, the Minister shall say:

Man that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up and is cut down as a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased.

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, and grant us at our last hour, such divine comfort and strength that, amid even the pains of death, we may glorify thee.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister shall say,

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in his wise providence, to take out of the world the soul of the departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead ; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed and made like unto his own glorious body ; according to the mighty working where- by he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Then shall be said :

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; and their works do follow them.

Then shall the Minister say :

Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us,

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. AMEN.

The Collect.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life ; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally : we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness ; that when we shall depart this life we may rest in him ; and, at the general resurrection on the last day, may be found acceptable in thy sight,

and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. AMEN.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

The Committee on Discipline presented Report number six, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The fourth restrictive rule shall be as follows :

They shall not do away with the privileges of our Ministers or Preachers, of trial by a Committee, and of an appeal ; neither shall they do away with the privileges of our Members of trial before the Society, or by a Committee, and of an appeal.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

SECTION I.

THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Ques. 1. What are the duties and powers of a President ?

Ans. 1. To preside in the Conference, and in all Conference Connexional Committees ; and to give a casting vote in case of an equal division.

2. To see that the appointments of the Ministers and Preachers for the Districts, Circuits, Stations, and Missions, are made according to the rules of Conference respecting the Stationing Committee.

3. To ordain the Preachers received into full connexion, with the assistance of two or more of the senior Ministers, according to our form of Ordination.

4. In the intervals of Conference to oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the Church ; to travel through

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the Conference at large, or be placed on a Circuit or Station, as the Stationing Committee or Conference may direct. The President shall be, *ex-officio*, Chairman of the District, for the time being, through which he may travel, or in which he may be stationed, during the year of his Presidency. He is also, *ex-officio*, Chairman of all the Conference Committees.

Ques. 2. To whom is the President amenable for his conduct ?

Ans. To the Conference ; and if he be accused of immorality in the interval of Conference, he shall be proceeded against in the District in which he is stationed or resides, or through which he may be travelling where the alleged crime is said to have been committed, in the same manner as against a Chairman of a District.

SECTION II.

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Ques. 1. Who is the Chairman ?

Ans. That Minister who oversees all the spiritual and temporal business of the Church in his District.

Ques. 2. By whom are the Chairmen of Districts to be chosen ?

Ans. By the Conference ; as soon as the stations are confirmed by the third reading of them to the Conference, the Secretary shall read over successively the names of the Ministers stationed in each District, and the Conference shall elect by ballot one of its members so stationed to be Chairman for the ensuing year.

Ques. 3. What are the duties of a Chairman ?

Ans. 1. To take the oversight of the whole work on his District, according to the Discipline, as far as his duty to the Circuit on which he resides will permit.

2. To visit any Station or Circuit on his District when he may judge expedient.

3. To see that every part of the Discipline is duly enforced. The Chairman is especially directed and required

to visit any Circuit or Station in his District when requested by the Superintendent of such Circuit or Station, in case of any dispute or difficulty which the Superintendent may desire assistance to adjust; also, in all cases of appeal. In all these cases the Circuit or Station visited shall pay the travelling expenses of the Chairman. The Chairman shall have authority to call in any Minister or Preacher of his District to supply his place when absent in visiting any Circuit or Station.

4. In case of appeal on a Circuit or Station of which the Chairman is the Superintendent, the President shall either preside or appoint a Chairman of a District to preside at the hearing of the appeal.

5. To preside in the District and Quarterly Official Meetings in his appointed District.

6. To take charge of all the Ministers, Travelling and Local Preachers, and Exhorters in his District.

7. To change, receive, and suspend Ministers or Preachers in his District in the intervals of Conference, and in the absence of the President, as the Discipline directs: *Provided*, nevertheless, he shall not change any Minister or Preacher contrary to his wish, unless with the concurrence of two or more members of the Conference in his District.

8. If any Minister or Preacher absent himself from his Circuit without the leave of his Chairman, the Chairman shall, as far as possible, fill his place with another Minister or Preacher, who shall be paid for his labors out of the allowance of the absent Minister or Preacher, in proportion to the usual allowance.

9. To attend the President when present in his District, and to give him when absent all necessary information by letter of the state of his District.

10. Should the Chairman, or Superintendent, or any of his colleagues, be requested to withdraw on any occasion from any of our regularly constituted meetings for business, he shall in no case do so; and should he be obliged to withdraw from any such meeting during its sittings, the meeting will be thereby dissolved. And if any Chairman, or Superintendent, or other Travelling Minister or Preacher

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do willingly submit to any requisition to withdraw from any such meeting before its conclusion, he shall, on proof, receive due censure at the ensuing Conference.

Ques. 4. Shall a Chairman have power to employ a Preacher who has been rejected at a previous Conference?

Ans. He shall not, unless the Conference give him liberty under certain conditions.

Ques. 5. What shall be done in the case of the death or disability of a Chairman during the year?

Ans. The Financial Secretary shall call a meeting of the members of the District, to elect, by ballot, one of their number, being a member of the Conference, as Chairman until the ensuing Conference.

SECTION III.

OF THE DUTY OF TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

Ques. What is the duty of a Preacher?

Ans. 1. To preach. 2. To meet the Societies, Classes and general Bands. 3. To visit the sick. 4. To preach in the morning where he can get hearers.

Ques. 2. What are the directions given to a Preacher?

Ans. 1. Be diligent. Never be unemployed, never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary.

2. Be serious. Let your motto be, Holiness to the Lord. Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.

3. Converse sparingly; and conduct yourself prudently with women. 1 Tim. v. 2.

4. Take no step towards marriage without first consulting your brethren.

5. Believe evil of no one without good evidence: unless you see it done, take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on every thing,—you know the judge is always supposed to be on the prisoner's side.

6. Speak evil of no one: because *your* word especially

would eat as doth a canker. Keep your thoughts within your own breast, till you come to the person concerned.

7. Tell every one under your care what you think wrong in his conduct and temper, and that lovingly and plainly, as soon as may be, else it will fester in your heart. Make all haste to cast the fire out of your bosom.

8. Avoid all affectation. A preacher of the Gospel is the servant of all.

9. Be ashamed of nothing but sin.

10. Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them, not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

11. You have nothing to do but to save souls: therefore spend and be spent in this work; and go always not only to those who want you, but to those who want you *most*.

Observe: It is not your business only to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that Society, but to save as many as you can—to bring as many sinners as you can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord. And remember—a Methodist Preacher is to mind every point, great and small, in the Methodist Discipline. Therefore you will need to exercise all the sense and grace you have.

12. Act in all things not according to your own will, but as a son in the Gospel. As such it is your duty to employ your time in the manner which we direct; in preaching and visiting from house to house—in reading, meditation, and prayer. Above all, if you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful you should do that part of the work which *we advise*, at the times and places which *we judge* most for His glory.

SECTION IV.

OF THE ELECTION AND ORDINATION OF MINISTERS, AND THEIR DUTIES.

Ques. 1. How is a person constituted a Minister?

Ans. By the election of the Conference, and by the laying on of the hands of the President and other senior Ministers.

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Ques. 2. What are the duties of a Minister?

Ans. To conduct all parts of Divine worship, to administer Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to solemnize Matrimony, and in general to perform all the work of a Christian Minister.

No Minister who ceases to travel without the consent of the Conference, certified under the hand of the President, except in case of sickness, debility, or other unavoidable circumstances, shall, on any account, exercise the peculiar functions of his office, or even be allowed to preach among us; nevertheless, the final, determination in all such cases is with the Conference.

SECTION V.

OF THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Ques. 1. On what condition shall we receive those Ministers who may come to us from the Wesleyan Connexion or the Methodist New Connexion in Europe, the Affiliated Conferences, or the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States?

Ans. If they come to us properly accredited from any of those Conferences, they may be received according to such credentials, provided they give satisfaction to the Conference of their willingness to conform to our Church government and usages.

Ques. 2. How shall we receive Ministers who may offer to unite with us from any other body of Methodists, or from other Christian Churches?

Ans. They may be received by the Conference, according to our usages, on condition of taking upon them our ordination vows, without re-imposition of hands, having previously given satisfaction to a committee composed of the Chairman and two other Ministers of the District, and to the Conference, of their being in Orders, and of their agreement with our Church in doctrine and discipline, government and usages: *Provided*, also, that the Conference is satisfied with their gifts, grace, and usefulness.

Ques. 3. How shall we receive Preachers from any body of Methodists, or from other Evangelical Denominations?

Ans. They may be received as Probationers, provided they give satisfaction that they are suitable persons to exercise the office; that they believe in the doctrines, and approve of the discipline, government, and usages of our Church. The Chairman and any two Ministers (members of the Conference) of the District, within the bounds of which such Preacher may be travelling or resident, are authorized to act as a committee on behalf of the Conference, to admit him into our Church; and he may be employed until the ensuing Conference; and if he be recommended by a District Meeting he may be received as a Preacher on trial.

SECTION VI.

RULES BY WHICH WE SHOULD CONTINUE OR DESIST FROM PREACHING AT ANY PLACE.

Ques. 1. Is it advisable for us to preach in as many places as we can without forming any Societies?

Ans. By no means: we have made the trial in various places: and that for a considerable time. But all the seed has fallen by the way side. There is scarce any fruit remaining.

Ques. 2. Where should we endeavor to preach most?

Ans. 1. Where there is the greatest number of quiet and willing hearers.

2. Where there is most fruit.

Ques. 3. Ought we not diligently to observe in what places God is pleased at any time to pour out His Spirit more abundantly?

Ans. We ought: and at that time to send more laborers than usual into that part of the harvest.

SECTION VII.

OF THE MATTER AND MANNER OF PREACHING, AND OF OTHER PUBLIC EXERCISES.

Ques. 1. What is the best general method of preaching?

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Ans. 1. To convince; 2. To offer Christ; 3. To invite; 4. To build up; and to do this in some measure in every sermon.

Ques. 2. What is the most effectual way of preaching Christ?

Ans. The most effectual way of preaching Christ is to preach him in all his offices; and to declare his law, as well as his Gospel, both to believers and unbelievers. Let us strongly and closely insist upon inward and outward holiness in all its branches.

Ques. 3. Are there any other advices which might be of use to us?

Ans. Perhaps these: 1. Be sure never to disappoint a congregation. 2. Begin at the appointed time. 3. Let your whole deportment be serious, weighty, and solemn. 4. Always suit your subject to your audience. 5. Choose the plainest text you can. 6. Take care not to ramble, but keep to your text, and make out what you take in hand. 7. Beware of anything awkward or affected, either in your gesture, phrase, or pronunciation. 8. Do not usually pray *extempore* above eight or ten minutes (at most) without intermission. 9. Frequently read and enlarge upon a portion of Scripture; and let young preachers often exhort without taking a text. 10. Always avail yourselves of the great festivals, by preaching on such occasions.

SECTION VIII.

OF THE DUTIES OF MINISTERS AND PREACHERS TO GOD, THEMSELVES, AND ONE ANOTHER.

Ques. 1. How shall the Minister or Preacher be qualified for his charge?

Ans. By walking closely with God, and having his work closely at heart; and by understanding and loving discipline—ours in particular.

Ques. 2. Do we sufficiently watch over each other?

Ans. We do not. Should we not frequently ask each other: Do you walk closely with God? Have you now fellowship with the Father and Son? At what hour do you rise? Do you punctually observe the morning and evening hour of retirement? Do you spend the day in the manner which the Conference advises? Do you converse seriously, usefully, and closely? To be more particular: Do you use all the means of grace yourself, and enforce the use of them on all other persons? They are either instituted or prudential.

First—The instituted are:—

1. Prayer: Private, family, and public; consisting of deprecation, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving. Do you use each of these? Do you forecast daily wherever you are, to secure time for private devotion? Do you practice it everywhere? Do you ask everywhere—Have you family prayer? Do you ask individuals—Do you use private prayer, every morning and evening in particular?

2. Searching the Scriptures by—

(1) Reading: *Constantly*, some part of them every day; *regularly*, all the Bible in order; *carefully*, with notes; *seriously*, with prayer before and after; *fruitfully*, immediately practising what you learn there.

(2) Meditating: At set times. By rule.

(3) Hearing: Every opportunity; with prayer, before, at, and after. Have you a Bible always about you?

3. The Lord's Supper: Do you use this at every opportunity? With solemn prayer before? With earnest and deliberate self-devotion?

4. Fasting: Do you use as much abstinence and fasting every week as your health, strength, and labor will permit?

5. Christian Conference: Are you convinced how important and how difficult it is to order your conversation aright? Is it always with grace? Seasoned with salt? Meet to minister grace to the hearers? Do you not converse too long at a time? Is not an hour commonly enough? Would it not be well always to have a determinate end in view? And to pray before and after it?

Second—Prudential means, we may use either as Christians, as Methodists, or as Ministers and Preachers.

1. As Christians: What particular rules have you in order to grow in grace? What arts of holy living?

2. As Methodists: Do you never miss your Class or Band?

3. As Ministers and Preachers: Have you thoroughly considered your duty? And do you make a conscience of executing every part of it? Do you meet every Society? Also, the Leaders and Bands?

These means may be used without fruit. But there are some means which cannot, namely, watching, denying ourselves, taking up our cross, exercise of the presence of God.

1. Do you steadily watch against the world? Yourself? Your besetting sin?

2. Do you deny yourself every useless pleasure of sense? Imagination? Honor? Are you temperate in all things? Instance in food? 1. Do you use only that kind and that degree which is best both for body and soul? Do you see the necessity of this? 2. Do you eat no more at each meal than is necessary? Are you not heavy and drowsy after dinner? 3. Do you use only that kind and that degree of drink which is best both for your body and soul? 4. Do you choose and use water for your drink? And only take wine medicinally or sacramentally?

3. Wherein do you take up your cross daily? Do you cheerfully bear your cross, however grievous, to profit thereby?

4. Do you endeavor to set God always before you? To see his eye continually fixed upon you? Never can you use these means but a blessing will ensue. And the more you use them, the more you will grow in grace.

SECTION IX.

OF VISITING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, AND ENFORCING PRACTICAL RELIGION.

Ques. 1. How can we further assist those under our care?

Ans. 1. By instructing them at their own houses. What unspeakable need is there for this! The world says, "*The Methodists are no better than other people.*" This is not true in general; but, 1. Personal religion, either toward God or man, is too superficial among us. We can but just touch on a few particulars. How little faith is there among us! How little communion with God, how little living in heaven, walking in eternity, deadness to every creature! How much love of the world! Desire of pleasure, of ease, of getting money! How little brotherly love! What continual judging one another! What gossiping, evil-speaking, tale-bearing! What want of moral honesty! To instance only one particular: Who does as he would be done by, in buying and selling?

2. Family religion is wanting in many branches. And what avails public preaching alone, though we could preach like angels! We must, yea, every Travelling Preacher must instruct the people from house to house! Till this is done, and that in good earnest, the Methodists will be no better.

Our religion is not sufficiently deep, universal, uniform: but superficial, partial, uneven. It will be so till we spend half as much time in this visiting, as we now do in talking uselessly. Can we find a better method of doing this than Mr. Baxter's? If not, let us adopt it without delay. His whole tract, entitled, *Gildas Salvianus*; or, *The Reformed Pastor*, is well worth a careful perusal. Speaking of this visiting from house to house, he says, (p. 351), "We shall find many hindrances, both in ourselves and the people."

1. In ourselves there is much dullness and laziness, so that there will be much ado to get us to be faithful in the work.

2. We have a base, man-pleasing temper, so that we let them perish rather than lose their love; we let them go quietly to hell, lest we should offend them.

3. Some of us have a foolish bashfulness; we know not how to begin, and blush to contradict the devil.

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4. But the great hindrance is weakness of faith. Our whole motion is weak because the spring is weak.

5. Lastly, we are unskilful in the work. How few know how to deal with men, so as to get within them, and suit all our discourse to their several conditions and tempers : to choose the fittest subjects, and follow them with a holy mixture of seriousness, terror, love, and meekness !

But undoubtedly this private application is implied in those solemn words of the Apostle, "*I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing, and his kingdom, preach the Word ; be instant in season ; out of season ; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine.*"

Oh, brethren, if we could but set this work on foot in all our Societies, and prosecute it zealously, what glory would redound to God ! If the common lukewarmness were banished, and every shop and every house busied in speaking of the Word and Works of God ; surely God would dwell in our habitations, and make us his delight.

And this is absolutely necessary to the welfare of our people, some of whom neither repent nor believe to this day. Look around, and see how many of them are still in apparent danger of damnation. And how can you walk and talk, and be merry with such people, when you know their case ! When you look them in the face you should break forth into tears, as the Prophet did when he looked upon Hazael, and then set on them with the most vehement exhortations. Oh, for God's sake, and the sake of poor souls, bestir yourselves, and spare no pains that may conduce to their salvation !

What cause have we to bleed before the Lord, that we have so long neglected this good work ! If we had but engaged in it sooner, how many more might have been brought to Christ ! And how much holier and happier might our Societies have been before now ! And why might we not have done it sooner ? There were many hindrances : and so there always will be. But the greatest hindrance is in ourselves, in our littleness of faith and love.

But it is objected, I. "This will take up so much time we shall not have leisure to follow our studies." We an-

swer, 1. Gaining knowledge is a good thing, but saving souls is a better. 2. By this very thing you will gain the most excellent knowledge, that of God and eternity. 3. You will have time for gaining other knowledge, too. Only sleep not more than you need; "and never be idle or triflingly employed." But, 4. If you can do but one, let your studies alone. We ought to throw by all the libraries in the world, rather than be guilty of the loss of one soul.

It is objected, II. "The people will not submit to it." If some will not, others will. And the success with them will repay all your labor. O let us herein follow the example of St. Paul! 1. For our general business, *Serving the Lord with all humility of mind*: 2. Our special work, *Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock*: 3. Our doctrine, *Repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ*: 4. The place, *I have taught you publicly, and from house to house*: 5. The object and manner of teaching, *I ceased not to warn every one, night and day, with tears*: 6. His innocence and self-denial, *Herein have I coveted no man's silver or gold*: 7. His patience, *Neither count I my life dear unto myself*. And among all other motives, let these be ever before our eyes: 1. *The Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*. 2. *Grievous wolves shall enter in; yea, of yourselves shall men arise speaking perverse things*.

Write this upon your hearts, and it will do you more good than twenty years' study. Then you will have no time to spare: you will have work enough. Then, likewise, no Preacher will stay with us who is as salt that has lost its savour. For to such this employment would be mere drudgery. And in order to it, you will have need of all the knowledge you can procure, and all the grace you can attain.

The sum is, go into every house in course, and teach all therein, both young and old, to be Christians inwardly and outwardly; make every particular plain to their understanding; fix it in their minds; write it on their hearts. In order to this, there must be line upon line, precept upon precept. What patience, what love, what knowledge is requisite for this! We must needs do this, were it only to

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avoid idleness. Do we not loiter away many hours in every week? Each try himself. No idleness is consistent with a growth in grace. Nay, without exactness in redeeming time, you cannot retain the grace you receive in justification.

Ques. 2. Why are we not more holy? Why do we not live in eternity? Walk with God all the day long? Why are we not devoted to God,—breathing the whole spirit of Missionaries?

Ans. Chiefly because we are enthusiasts; looking for the end, without using any means. To touch only upon two or three instances. Who of us rise at four, or even at five, when we do not preach? Do we know the obligation and benefit of fasting, or abstinence? How often do we practise it? The neglect of this alone is sufficient to account for our feebleness and faintness of spirit. We are continually grieving the Holy Spirit of God by the habitual neglect of a plain duty. Let us amend from this hour.

Ques. 3. How should we guard against Sabbath-breaking, evil-speaking, unprofitable conversation, lightness, expensiveness or gaiety of apparel, and contracting debts without due care to discharge them?

Ans. 1. Let us preach expressly on each of these heads. 2. Read in every Society the sermon on evil-speaking. 3. Let the Leaders closely examine and exhort every person to put away the accursed thing. 4. Let the Ministers and Preachers warn every Society, that none who is guilty herein can remain with us. 5. Extirpate out of our Church buying or selling goods which have not paid the duty laid upon them by Government. Let none remain with us who will not totally abstain from this evil in every kind and degree. Extirpate bribery—receiving anything directly or indirectly—for voting at any election. Show no respect to persons herein, but expel all that touch the accursed thing. And strongly advise our people to discountenance all treats given by candidates before or at elections, and not to be partakers, in any respect, of such iniquitous practices.

SECTION X.

OF EMPLOYING OUR TIME PROFITABLY, WHEN NOT ENGAGED IN PUBLIC EXERCISES.

Ques. 1. What general method of employing our time shall we advise?

Ans. We advise, 1. As often as possible to rise at four. 2. From four to five in the morning, and from five to six in the evening, to meditate, pray, and read the Scriptures with notes, and the closely practical parts of what Mr. Wesley has published. 3. From six in the morning till twelve (allowing an hour for breakfast) read, with much prayer, some of our best religious books.

Ques. 2. Why is it that the people under our care are not better?

Ans. Other reasons may concur, but the chief is, because we are not more knowing and more holy.

Ques. 3. But why are we not more knowing?

Ans. Because we are idle. We forget our first rule, "Be diligent—never be unemployed—never be triflingly employed. Neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary." We fear there is altogether a fault in this matter, and that few of us are clear. Which of us spend as many hours a day in God's work, as we did formerly in man's work? We talk, talk—or read what next comes to hand. We must, absolutely must, cure this evil or betray the cause of God. But how? 1. Read the most useful books, and that regularly and constantly. 2. Steadily spend all the morning in this employment, or at least five hours in four-and-twenty. "But I have no taste for reading." Contract a taste for it by use, or return to your former employment. "I have no books." Be diligent to spread the books, and you will have the use of them,

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SECTION XI.

OF THE NECESSITY OF UNION AMONG OURSELVES.

Let us be deeply sensible (from what we have known) of the evil of a division in principle, spirit, or practice, and the dreadful consequences to ourselves and others. If we are united, what can stand before us? If we divide, we shall destroy ourselves, the work of God, and the souls of our people.

Ques. What can be done in order to a closer union with each other?

Ans. 1. Let us be deeply convinced of the absolute necessity of it.

2. Pray earnestly for and speak freely to each other.
3. When we meet, let us never part without prayer.
4. Take great care not to despise each other's gifts.
5. Never speak lightly of each other.
6. Let us defend each other's character in every thing, so far as is consistent with the truth.
7. Labor, in honor, each to prefer the other before himself.
8. We recommend a serious perusal of *The Causes, Evils, and Cures of the Heart and Church Divisions.*

SECTION XII.

OF THE RELATION OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN TO THE CHURCH.

Ques. 1. Are all young children entitled to baptism?

Ans. We hold that all children, by virtue of the unconditional benefits of the atonement, are members of the kingdom of God, and, therefore, graciously entitled to baptism; but as infant baptism contemplates a course of religious instruction and discipline, it is expected of all parents or guardians who present their children for baptism, that they

use all diligence in bringing them up in conformity to the Word of God, and they should solemnly be admonished of this obligation, and earnestly exhorted to faithfulness therein.

Ques. 2. What is the relation of baptized children to the Church?

Ans. We regard all children who have been baptized, as placed in visible covenant relation to God, and under the special care and supervision of the Church.

Ques. 3. What shall be done for the children of our Congregations?

Ans. 1. Urge upon all parents the duty and importance of presenting their children to God in the ordinance of baptism.

2. As early as they shall be able to understand, let them be taught the nature, the design, and the obligations of their baptism, and the truths of religion necessary to make them wise unto salvation; let our Catechisms be placed in their hands, and let all who can, read and commit the same to memory; let them be encouraged to attend class, and to give regular attendance upon all the means of grace, according to their age, capacity, and religious experience.

3. Pray earnestly for them, and talk with them at every suitable opportunity.

4. As far as practicable, it shall be the duty of every Minister and Preacher to obtain the names of the children of his congregation, to form them into classes for the purpose of giving them religious instruction, to instruct them regularly himself, as his other duties will allow; to appoint a suitable Leader for each class, who shall instruct them in his absence, and to leave for his successor a correct list of each class with the name of its Leader.

5. Preach expressly on education. "But I have no gift for this." Pray earnestly for the gift, and use every other means to attain it.

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otherwise, be deprived of Christian guardianship, the Superintendent shall ascertain and report to the Leaders' Meeting the facts in the case ; and such provision shall be made for the Christian training of the child, as the circumstances of the case may admit and require.

SECTION XIII.

OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Ques. 1. What direction shall be given for the establishment of uniformity in public worship among us, on the Lord's Day ?

(1) Let the following Order of Services be observed in all our Churches :—

(a) Morning Service : Singing, Prayer, Reading a Lesson out of the Old Testament and a Lesson out of the New Testament, Singing, Preaching, Singing, Prayer, Benediction.

(b) The same order shall be observed in the Afternoon and Evening Services, except that one lesson shall suffice.

(2) Let the people be earnestly exhorted to take part in the public worship of God—first, in singing ; secondly, in prayer, in the Scriptural attitude of kneeling.

(3) Let the Lord's Prayer also be used on all occasions of public worship in concluding the first prayer, and the Apostolic benediction in dismissing the congregation.

(4) In administering the ordinances, let the form in the Discipline be used.

(5) Let the Society be met, at least once a quarter, wherever it is practicable, on the Sabbath-day.

Ques. 2. Is there not a great indecency sometimes practised among us, viz., talking in the congregation before and after service ? How shall this be cured ?

Ans. Let the Ministers and Preachers enlarge on the impropriety of talking before or after service ; and strongly exhort those that are concerned to do so no more.

SECTION XIV.
OF THE SACRAMENTS.

BAPTISM.

1. Who are the proper subjects for baptism?

Infants, and believing adults who have not been baptized in infancy.

2. What is the mode of baptism?

Sprinkling, or pouring; but should any candidates for baptism prefer any other mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request.

Wherever practicable, let the ordinance be administered in the public congregation.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Ques. Are there any directions to be given concerning the administration of the Lord's Supper?

Ans. 1. Let those who have scruples concerning the receiving of it kneeling, be permitted to receive it either standing or sitting.

2. Let no person who is not a Member of our Church be habitually admitted to the Communion, without examination, and some token given by the Minister.

3. No person shall be admitted to the Lord's Supper among us, who is guilty of any practice for which we would exclude a Member of our Church.

SECTION XV.

OF THE SPIRIT AND TRUTH OF SINGING.

Ques. How shall we guard against formality in singing?

Ans. By choosing such hymns as are proper for the congregation.

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2. By not singing too much at once ; seldom more than five or six verses.

3. By suiting the tune to the words.

4. By often stopping short, and asking the people, " Now ! do you know what you said last ? Did you speak no more than you felt ? "

5. Do not suffer the people to sing too slowly. This naturally tends to formality, and is brought in by those who have either very strong or very weak voices.

6. In every large Society let them learn to sing ; and let them always learn our tunes first.

7. Introduce no new tunes till they are perfect in the old.

8. Recommend our tune-book. And if you cannot sing yourself, choose a person or two at each place to pitch the tune for you.

9. Exhort every person in the congregation to sing ; not one in ten only.

10. The singing and all other parts of public worship are under the control and discretion of the Superintendent of the Circuit.

OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION I.

THE ORIGIN, DESIGN, AND GENERAL RULES OF OUR UNITED SOCIETIES.

1. In the latter end of the year 1739, eight or ten persons came to Mr. Wesley, in London, who appeared to be deeply convinced of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption. They desired (as did two or three more next day) that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That he might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, namely, on *Thursday*, in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join

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with them, (for their numbers increased daily), he gave those advices, from time to time, which he judged most needful for them; and they always concluded their meetings with prayer, suited to their several necessities.

2. This was the rise of the UNITED SOCIETY, first in Europe and then in America. Such a Society is no other than "*a company of men, having the form and seeking the power of godliness; united in order to pray together to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation.*"

3. That it may be the more easily be discerned, whether they are indeed working out their own salvation, each Society is divided into smaller companies, called Classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in a Class, one of whom is styled *The Leader*. It is his duty,—

First. To see each person in his Class once a week at least, in order,

1. To inquire how their souls prosper.
2. To advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require.
3. To receive what they are willing to give towards the support of the Ministers, Preachers, Church, and Poor.

Second. To meet the Ministers and Stewards of the Society once a week, in order,

1. To inform the Minister of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd.
2. To pay the Stewards what they have received of the several Classes in the week preceding.
3. There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these Societies,—*a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and be saved from their sins.*

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First. By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practised,—such as :

The taking of the name of God in vain.

The profaning of the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein, or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in case of extreme necessity.

The buying and selling of men, women, and children, with the intention to enslave them.

Fighting, quarrelling, brawling, brother going to law with brother ; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing ; the using many words in buying or selling.

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

The giving or taking on usury, *i.e.*, unlawful interest.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation ; particularly speaking evil of Magistrates or Ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

Doing what we know is not for the glory of God,—as :

The putting on of gold or costly apparel.

The taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The singing those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Softness and needless self-indulgence.

Laying up treasure upon earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying, or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

5. It is expected of all who continue in these Societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

Secondly. By doing good, by being in every kind merciful after their power, as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men.

To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison.

To their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine, that "we are not to do good, *unless our hearts are free to it.*"

By doing good, especially to them who are of the household of faith, or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others; buying one of another; helping each other in business; and so much the more, because the world will love its own, and them only.

By all possible diligence and frugality, that the gospel be not blamed.

By running with patience the race which is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as of the filth and offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them *for the Lord's sake.*

6. It is expected of all who desire to continue in these Societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation.

Thirdly. By attending to all the ordinances of God,—such as :

The public worship of God.

The ministry of the word, either read or expounded.

The Supper of the Lord.

Family and private prayer.

Searching the Scriptures, and

Fasting or abstinence.

7. These are the general rules of our Societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written

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word, *which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice.* And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul, as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season, But, if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us, We have delivered our own souls.

SECTION II.

OF THE BAND SOCIETIES.

Two, three, or four true believers, who have confidence in each other, form a band:—only, it is to be observed, that in each of these bands all must be men, or all women; and all married, or all unmarried.

Rules of the Band Societies, drawn up December 25, 1733.

The design of our meeting is to obey that command of God, *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.*—James v. 16.

To this end we agree,—

1. To meet once a week at least.
2. To come punctually at the hour appointed; unless some extraordinary reason prevents.
3. To begin exactly at the hour with singing or prayer.
4. To speak, each of us in order, freely and plainly, the true state of our souls, with the faults we have committed in tempers, words or actions, and the temptations we have felt since our last meeting.
5. To end every meeting with prayer, suited to the state of each person present.
6. To desire some person among us to speak his own state first, and then to ask the rest in order, as many and as searching questions as may be, concerning their state, sins, and temptations.

Some of the questions proposed to one before he is admitted among us may be to this effect :—

1. Have you the forgiveness of your sins ?
2. Have you peace with GOD, through our LORD JESUS CHRIST ?
3. Have you the witness of God's Spirit with your spirit that you are a child of God ?
4. Is the love of God shed abroad in your heart ?
5. Has no sin, inward or outward, dominion over you ?
6. Do you desire to be told of your faults ?
7. Do you desire to be told of *all* your faults, and that plain and home ?
8. Do you desire that every one of us should tell you, from time to time, whatsoever is in his heart concerning you ?
9. Consider ! Do you desire we should tell you whatsoever we hear concerning you ?
10. Do you desire that in doing this we should come as close as possible, that we should cut to the quick, and search your heart to the bottom ?
11. Is it your desire and design to be on this, and all other occasions, entirely open, so as to speak without disguise and without reserve ?

Any of the preceding questions may be asked as often as occasion requires ; the four following at every meeting :

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting ?
2. What particular temptation have you met with ?
3. How were you delivered ?
4. What have you thought, said, or done of which you doubt whether it be sin or not ?

Directions given to the Band Society, December 25th, 1744.

You are supposed to have the *Faith that overcometh the world*. To you, therefore, it is not grievous,

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1. To neither *buy* nor *sell* anything at all on the Lord's-day.
2. To taste no spirituous liquor, no dram of any kind, unless prescribed by a physician.
3. To be *at a word* in buying or selling.
4. Not to mention the *faults* of any *behind his back*, and to stop those short that do.
5. To wear no *needless ornaments*, such as rings, ear-rings, necklaces, lace, or ruffles.
6. *To use no needless self-indulgence.*

II. Zealously to maintain good works ; in particular,

1. To *give alms* of such things as you possess, and that according to your ability.
2. To reprove those who sin in your sight, and that in love and meekness of wisdom.
3. To be patterns of *diligence*, and *frugality*, of *self-denial*, and taking up the cross daily.

III. Constantly to attend on all the ordinances of God ; in particular—

1. To be at church, and at the Lord's table, and at every public meeting of the Bands, at every opportunity.
2. To use private prayer every day ; and family prayer, if you are the head of a family.
3. Frequently to read the Scriptures, and meditate thereon. And—
4. To observe as days of fasting or abstinence all *Fridays* in the year.

SECTION III.

OF CLASS MEETINGS.

Ques. 1. How may the Leaders of Classes be rendered more useful ?

Ans. 1. Let each of them be diligently examined concerning his method of meeting a Class. Let this be done

with all possible exactness, at least once a quarter. In order to this, take sufficient time.

2. Let each carefully inquire how every soul in his Class prospers: not only how each person observes the outward rules, but how he grows in the knowledge and love of God.

3. Let the Leaders converse frequently and freely with those who have the charge of their Circuits.

Ques. 2. Can anything more be done in order to make the Class Meetings lively and profitable?

Ans. 1. Change improper Leaders.

2. Let the Leaders frequently meet each other's Classes.

3. Let us observe which Leaders are the most useful; and let these meet the other Classes as often as possible.

4. See that all the Leaders be not only men of sound judgment, but men truly devoted to God.

5. As a general rule let no Leader have charge of more than one Class.

Ques. 3. How shall we prevent improper persons from insinuating themselves into the Church?

Ans. 1. Give Tickets to none until they are recommended by a Leader, with whom they have met at least three months on trial.

2. Give trial tickets to none but those who are recommended by one you know, or until they have met three or four times in a Class.

3. Read the rules to them the first time they meet.

4. Private members in connection with other Evangelical Churches, or with any other body of Methodists, who make application for admission into our Church, may be received by the Ministers on the Circuit as members, without the usual term of probation.

Ques. 4. What shall we do with those members of our Church who willfully and repeatedly neglect to meet in Class?

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Ans. 1. Let the Chairman, or one of the Preachers, visit them whenever it is practicable, and explain to them the consequence if they continue to neglect, viz., exclusion.

2. If they do not amend, let him who has the charge of the Circuit exclude them, (in the church), showing that they are laid aside for a breach of our rules of Discipline, and not for immoral conduct.

Ques. 5. How often shall we permit those who are not of our Church to be present at our Class Meetings and Love-feasts?

Ans. Let them be admitted with the utmost caution, and, to the Lovefeast, not without a note of admittance.

SECTION IV.

OF MARRIAGE.

Ques. 1. Do we observe any evil which has prevailed in our Church with respect to marriage?

Ans. Many of our members have married with *un-awakened* persons. This has produced bad effects: they have been either hindered for life, or have turned back to perdition.

Ques. 2. What can be done to discourage this?

Ans. 1. Let every Minister or Preacher publicly enforce the Apostle's caution, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."—2 Cor. vi. 14.

2. Let him declare, whoever does this may be put back on trial for three months.

3. When any such is put back on trial, let a suitable exhortation be subjoined.

4. Let all be exhorted to take no steps in so weighty a matter, without advising with the most serious of their brethren.

Ques. 3. Ought any woman to marry without the consent of her parents?

Ans. In general she ought not. Yet there may be exceptions. For if, 1st. A woman believe it to be her duty to marry; if, 2nd. Her parents absolutely refuse to let her marry any Christian, then she may, nay, ought to marry without their consent. Yet even then, a Methodist Preacher ought not to be married to her.

We do not prevent our people from marrying persons who are not of our Church, provided such persons have the form and are seeking the power of godliness; but we are determined to discourage their marrying persons who do not come up to this description. And even in a doubtful case, the member shall be put back on trial.

SECTION V.

OF DRESS.

Ques. Should we insist on the rules concerning dress?

Ans. By all means. This is no time to give any encouragement to superfluity of apparel; therefore, give no tickets to any till they have left off superfluous ornaments. In order to this, 1. Let every one who has the charge of a circuit read the thoughts upon dress, at least once a year, in every large Society. 2. In visiting the classes, be very mild, but very strict. 3. Allow of no exempt case:—Better one suffer than many. 4. Give no tickets to any, who, in their mode of dress, exceed the plainness and moderation enjoined in the New Testament.

The Report, number three, of the Committee on Missions was considered, and adopted, as follows:

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

NAME AND OBJECT.

This Society shall be called the "Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada."

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The object of the Society is to combine and direct the exertions of the Societies and Congregations (and others who are friends to the heathen and the extension of the Gospel) in the support and enlargement of the Indian, Domestic, Foreign, and other Missions, which are carried on under the sanction of the Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada.

MEMBERS.

Every person subscribing and paying annually the sum of four dollars and upwards, and every person collecting twelve dollars and upwards, annually, for this Society, shall be deemed a member of the Society, and entitled to an Annual Report. And every benefactor presenting a donation of fifty dollars and upwards shall be a life member of the Society.

AUXILIARY AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

All Methodist Missionary Societies which have already been formed, or which may be formed for the several Conferences into which the Methodist Connexion is, or may be divided, shall be entitled "Auxiliary Missionary Societies" for the Conference in which they have or may be formed. And all Methodist Missionary Societies already formed, or hereafter to be formed, in the Districts of any Conference shall be entitled "Branch Societies." Sabbath-school and Juvenile Christmas Offerings are also earnestly recommended, where donations of this nature are likely to be advantageous.

OFFICERS OF AUXILIARY AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Chairman of each District shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch Society of his District; and every Superintendent of a Circuit shall, by virtue of his office, be Secretary and Treasurer of the Societies in the Circuit over which he presides.

The Chairman shall require regular quarterly communications to be made by each of the Missionaries on his respective District to the Secretaries of the Society, giving information of the state and prospects of the several Missions in which they are employed.

The money raised in any Circuit for Missions shall be regularly paid, as soon as collected, to the Treasurer of the District Branch Society, with the deduction only of such sums as may have been disbursed for incidental and local expenses. And the Treasurer of every Branch Society shall remit to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society all sums so received by him, deducting only therefrom the necessary incidental expenses. Such remittance to be made as soon as the sum of twenty-five dollars shall be received by him.

The Secretary of each Circuit Society shall forward annually to the Chairman of his District a list of the benefactors and subscribers of two dollars and upwards, during the preceding twelve months, with an account of their respective contributions, and all other moneys received. And the Chairman of the District shall forward such lists to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society, who shall transmit them to the General Secretaries, accompanied by a statement of the gross receipts, local expenses, and remittances, to the General Treasurer.

CENTRAL BOARD.

There shall be a Central Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually.

This Board shall be composed, for the present, of the President of the General Conference, the President of each Annual Conference, one Minister annually elected from each Annual Conference, the General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, and twelve Laymen, of whom one shall be appointed by the Laymen of each Annual Conference Missionary Committee, and the others by the Laymen of the General Conference.

The duties of this Board shall be to review the Missionary work, and apportion the funds committed to them to the respective Conferences, according to their necessities.

When a vacancy occurs in the Board by death, resignation, or any other disability, the Committee of Finance and Consultation, as hereinafter provided, shall fill such vacancy or vacancies. If the vacancy or vacancies arise from the members elected by the Annual Conference, such vacancy or

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vacancies shall be filled from among the Ministers or members of such Conference as the delegates belonged to, and for the interval till the next Annual Conference; and if from those elected by the General Conference, to fill the vacancy or vacancies so occurring till the next General Conference; but no person or persons shall be elected to, or remain a member of the Board, who is not a member of the Church in good standing.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE AND CONSULTATION.

A Committee, to be called the Committee of Finance and Consultation, shall be annually appointed by said Board, consisting of the officers of the Missionary Society, and ten Ministers and ten Laymen, the majority of whom shall be members of the Central Board, who shall provide during the intervals of its annual meetings for any exigencies that may arise. All the proceedings of said Committee shall be entered in a minute book, and reported to the Central Board at its next annual meeting.

The Report, number four, of the Committee on Missions, was submitted. Progress was made therein; and its further consideration was deferred.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, *September 29.*

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of yesterday evening was read and approved.

ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

Dr. Rice submitted a Memorial of the Ontario Ladies' College, in Whitby, asking that the appointment of Rev. John J. Hare, B.A., as the Principal of the said College, be confirmed by the General Conference, for reasons set forth in said Memorial.

Whereupon Dr. Rice offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. John Bredin, and adopted,—

Resolved, that the prayer of the memorialists be granted.

The Report, number four, of the Committee on Missions was considered, and adopted, as follows :—

There shall be within the bounds of each Annual Conference a Local Missionary Committee, constituted as the Annual Conference may determine, said Committee to consist of Ministers and Laymen in equal numbers, the lay members to be appointed by the laymen of each Annual District Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION.

1. That the Conference direct the Committee on Discipline to insert the following clause in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Superintendents :"

It shall be the duty of each Superintendent of a Mission to prepare a report of the religious state of his Mission, and read it in the Annual District Meeting, subject to the revision of that Meeting.

2. That we recommend the General Conference to empower the Annual Conferences to appoint an assistant to the Chairmen of Missionary Districts in their Circuit work, in order to allow them to visit and superintend more efficiently the Missions on their Districts; and also that provision be made by the Central Board to meet the expenses of such assistants.

ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Public Meeting of the members and friends of this Society shall be held at the time and place appointed by the Central Board, and connected with such religious service as may be deemed expedient.

GENERAL OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

The General Conference shall appoint the General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Central Missionary Board.

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The General Secretaries shall, previously 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; together with the amount of Missionary grant recommended by the Financial District Meetings, which schedule shall be forwarded by the Chairman to the President of his Annual Conference, who shall immediately transmit it to the General Secretaries. From these schedules the General Secretaries shall prepare a tabular statement, showing the estimated income and expenditure of the Missions and Districts of the Connexion, for the information of the Central Board, in order that its members may intelligently and justly apportion the income of the year to the Annual Conferences.

It shall be the duty of the Missionary Secretaries to make themselves acquainted with the entire Mission field, by official correspondence and personal visitation, where practicable. And in order to secure this knowledge, it is expected that one of them shall employ the greater portion of his time in visiting the Missions, and delivering addresses in advocacy of the Mission cause. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to publish, under the direction of the Committee of Finance and Consultation, the Missionary Notices and the Annual Report, the several Annual Conferences furnishing them with a statement of their income and expenditure.

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. *Provided always*, that in case of any emergency arising that may require prompt action in the matter of supplying any remote Mission, it shall be competent for them, on the recommendation of the Committee of Finance and Consultation, to request the Executive Committee of any Annual Conference to aid them in meeting such emergency, by appointing one of its Ministers or Preachers to such Mission or Missions.

The Report of the Committee on Education, number two, was submitted, and adopted, as follows :—

I. Additional clauses to recommendations adopted yesterday (see page 83 of this JOURNAL) :—

1. To the recommendation respecting the Charters of Victoria College and Mount Allison Wesleyan College, there shall be added the following clause : And that these Boards have power to fill vacancies in their number, occurring in the interval between General Conferences.

2. In the Constitution of the Educational Society, Article 4, after the words "one Minister elected by each Annual Conference," there be added, "who shall be Treasurer of the Society for his Conference."

3. In Article 5, after the words "who shall arrange," there be added, "by appointing a deputation for each District."

II. To consist with the recommendations which the Conference has now accepted, the Committee recommend the following changes in the part of the Discipline already adopted :—

Page 12, Ques. 4, No. 3. Instead of the words "Education of Candidates for our Ministry," the words "the member of the Central Board and the Conference Committee of the Educational Society" be substituted.

Page 13, No. 18. For "Education of Candidates," substitute "Educational Society."

Page 28, Ques. 26. That the word "Education" be omitted.

Page 29, No. 1. After the words "Missionary Meetings," insert "and Meetings on behalf of the Educational Society."

III. The Committee recommend the following resolutions to the Conference :—

1. That the Boards of our various Educational Institutions be authorized to petition their respective Legislatures for the legislation necessary to carry the foregoing recom-

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mendations into effect; and that the President and Secretary of the General Conference, as well as the members of each Board, sign said petitions. This resolution includes application for charters for those institutions not yet incorporated.

2. That a member of any Annual Conference may be appointed to a professorship in any of our institutions, subject to the control of the Annual Conference and of the Transfer Committee.

IV. This Committee recommends that, to avoid any legal difficulties, the Boards of chartered Institutions appointed in the several Conferences in June last, hold office till the next General Conference, and that their names be inserted in the Acts amending their respective charters, as constituting such governing Boards, till their successors are appointed, as therein provided.

1. That the Board of the Methodist Theological College, Montreal, appointed by the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in June last, be reappointed by this Conference with the addition of Mr. James Ferrier, jun., and that their names be inserted in the charter of that College, as above.

2. They would recommend the following gentlemen to constitute the Board of the Manitoba Wesleyan Institute:—Revs. E. Young, M. Fawcett, E. R. Young, H. Manning and A. Bowerman, M.A., the Hon. W. N. Kennedy, and Messrs. F. P. Roblin, Jas. Stewart, M. Shipley, J. H. Ashdown, A. Burrows, W. Fowler, Thos. Nixon and John Palk.

COURSE OF STUDY AND PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

The Report of the Committee, number two, on the Course of Study and Probation of Candidates for the Ministry, was submitted as follows, and adopted:—

9. The following regulations and questions in continuance of those already inserted on page 75 of this Journal.

10. Every preacher on trial shall pursue the course of study prescribed by Conference, (See Appendix No. I.) except as hereinafterwards provided; and before he shall be received into full connexion, he shall give satisfactory evidence to the District Meeting, from year to year, of his knowledge of the subjects and books included in such course of study.

11. Graduates in Arts shall pursue the course of study prescribed in Appendix No. II.

12. Probationers appointed to attend our Theological Schools shall pursue the course of study prescribed in Appendix No. III., except Undergraduates in Arts, who, in addition to their course in Arts, shall take such Theological studies as may be deemed advisable by the Faculty in Arts of the University to which they are appointed.

13. Graduates in Divinity shall be exempted from the course of study; but prior to being recommended to be received into full connexion and ordained, they shall be examined on Wesley's Sermons and Notes on the New Testament; Fletcher's Checks, I. to V.; Steven's History of Methodism, and the Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada. This examination shall also be required of all probationers passing through our Theological Schools, who have not been examined on these subjects in their course of study.

14. Candidates for our German Missionary work shall pursue the course of study prescribed in Appendix No. IV.

15. After four years' probation, and an examination before, and approved by, the Conference, he shall be received into full connexion and be publicly recognized. If a preacher who has been received on trial, but not in full connexion, desist from want of health, or is proved guilty of immorality, it shall be stated in the Minutes; but in all other cases his name shall be dropped in silence.

16. That when a student, by appointment of an Annual Conference, attends a University or Theological School for two or more years, one year shall be allowed on his probation; and if within the term of his probation he proceed to a degree, two years shall be so allowed.

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17. All young men taken into the work by Chairmen of Districts, with the consent of the President, before the Second Quarterly Official Meetings, shall be allowed the full year.

18. No Chairman of District, or other Conference officer, shall have authority to employ a married Preacher during the year, with a view to his being received as a Candidate for our Ministry, without the consent of the Conference or the Conference Special Committee.

19. No District Meeting shall recommend any married Preacher to the Conference for reception on trial, unless he has been previously employed in case of absolute necessity, in accordance with the foregoing restriction.

20. When a Preacher's name is not inserted in the Minutes he must receive a written license from the President, or Chairman of the District on which he resides.

Ques. What Candidates for our Ministry are recommended to attend college during the year ?

Ans. 1. All students who enjoy the free advantage of our Theological Schools shall be appointed thereto by an Annual Conference, or recommended by a Quarterly Official Meeting.

2. Probationers shall be eligible to appointment to College at the end of the first year of their probation.

3. As far as practicable, the time of attendance shall be three years.

4. Before any Candidate for our Ministry shall be sent to college with recommendation of a grant from the Theological Fund, his circumstances shall be inquired into by the District Meeting, and the Minute of the District in his case shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of said Theological Students' Fund.

5. Probationers appointed to attend college shall retain their connection with the Annual Conference by which they were appointed.

6. The Examining Committee appointed by Conference

shall conduct all the usual District Meeting Examinations of students appointed to such institutions during the first two years of their attendance, and report to their respective Conferences. But at the end of the third year they shall return to and be examined by the District Meeting to which they last belonged; or, if this be not possible, they shall be examined by the Meeting of the District within the bounds of which their college is situated, and reported thence to their respective Conferences.

7. After preliminary examination by the Examining Committee of the college, students recommended by a Quarterly Official Meeting, shall return to the District from which they are recommended, for their further examination and recommendation to the Annual Conference.

8. That the Students at each Theological School shall be under the pastoral superintendence of the Professor of Theology.

II. They recommend the following provision for the examination of Candidates for the Ministry of our church :

1. For the examination of all Candidates for the Ministry, except those attending our Colleges, each Annual Conference shall appoint a Board of Examiners, who shall meet the Candidates belonging to such Conference at one or more central places, and examine them upon the prescribed Course of Study, by printed or written questions supplemented by oral examinations where necessary, and issue certificates to the successful candidates, to be presented at the Annual District Meeting.

2. That for the examination of Candidates attending Victoria College, the London, Toronto, and Montreal Conferences shall each appoint two examiners, who shall form a Board, to meet at Cobourg, and examine the Students there attending, on all subjects prescribed by Conference.

That the same Conferences shall appoint a similar Board for the Wesleyan Theological College at Montreal.

That the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the Nova Scotia and the Newfoundland Conferences shall appoint

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a similar Board of two from each Conference, to examine the students at the Mount Allison Wesleyan College.

3. That the travelling expenses of Candidates in attending examination shall be paid by the Circuit or Mission upon which they are stationed. All other expenses of examinations shall be defrayed from the Theological Students' Fund.

4. That for the present year the examinations shall be conducted according to the regulations in force among the various Conferences in June last.

APPENDIX No. I.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study as already adopted for candidates for our Ministry, see page 54 of GENERAL CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

APPENDIX No. II.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR GRADUATES IN ARTS.

PRELIMINARY.—Biblical History, (Smith's New Testament); Theology, Wesley's Sermons, I.-LII.

FIRST YEAR.—Biblical Introduction, (Horne, abridged by Ayre, Pts. I., II., and III.); Theology, (Hare on Justification, Wesley's Christian Perfection, and Review of Sermons, I., V., IX., XXI., XXIV.); Biblical History, (Smith's Old Testament); Apologetics, (Fisher's Essays on the Supernatural Origin of Christianity).

SECOND YEAR.—Theology, (Watson's Institutes, Pt. II., Chaps. I.-XVII., inclusive, and Parts III.-IV.); Church History, (Kurtz's History of the Christian Church to the Reformation); Exegesis, (The Gospels of St. Matthew and St. John in the original Greek, with Wesley's, Watson's, and Whedon's Notes).

THIRD YEAR.—Theology, (Watson's Institutes, Pt. II, XVIII, to the end, and Fletcher's Checks, I.-V.); Church History, (Fisher's Reformation, and Stevens' Methodism to

the Death of Wesley); Exegesis, (The Epistle to the Romans in the original Greek, with Wesley's and Whedon's notes); The Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada.

APPENDIX No. III.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.—Theology, Introductory Lectures; Church History to the Reformation; The Elements of the Greek Language; Logic; Analytical Study of the Grammatical Forms of the English Language; Rhetoric, with Exercises in Composition and Elocution.

SECOND YEAR.—Systematic Theology continued; History of the Reformation; The Greek Language; Exegesis of the New Testament, commencement; Metaphysics; Physiology or Hebrew; Homiletics, with Exercises in Elocution.

THIRD YEAR.—Theology, History of Doctrines and Church Polity; Exegesis of the New Testament; Ethics; Natural Science or Hebrew; English Literature; Homiletics, with Practical Exercises.

The Professor of Theology in each college may vary the literary part of the course, wherever, upon examination, the attainments of the student render it expedient.

APPENDIX No. IV.

COURSE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE GERMAN WORK.

All Candidates, before being recommended to Conference to be received on trial, shall pass a satisfactory examination in the following subjects:—

Nast's Larger Catechism; The Calverin Church History; The Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada; Elements of German Grammar.

After admission they shall be examined each year during their probation, as follows:—

FIRST YEAR.—Jacoby's Compend of Doctrines and Scripture Proofs; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I; Hare on

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SECOND YEAR.—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II. ; Wesley's Christian Perfection ; Fletcher's Appeal ; Sauer's Church History ; Wurst's Grammar.

THIRD YEAR.—Nast's Introduction to the New Testament ; Lisco's Exposition of the Creed ; Nast's Wesley and his Coadjutor's ; Pearson on Infidelity ; Ahn's First Course of English.

FOURTH YEAR.—Warren's Logic ; Luthard's Apologetics ; Harless' Christian Ethics ; Ahn's Second Course of English.

☞ The Candidates shall present a written sermon each year on some subject embraced in the course of study for that year.

The Committee on Itinerancy submitted a report,

Pending the consideration of said Report, the Conference adjourned until this afternoon at two o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *September 29.*

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of this morning was read and approved.

The consideration of the Report number one of the Committee on Itinerancy, was resumed. Progress was made therein ; and its further consideration was deferred.

The Address to the British Conference was read by Dr. Nelles, and was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Wood, seconded by Rev. Richard Jones, it was *Resolved*,—That the President of the General Conference, Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., be the senior representative to the British Conference.

It was moved that the Conference do now proceed to elect by ballot the junior representative to the British Conference.

To which it was moved, in amendment, that the Committee on Nominations be directed to nominate from members of the General Conference, from whom we shall ballot for the junior representative to the General Conference.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion prevailed.

Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., addressed the Conference.

Rev. Wm. Cornforth also addressed the Conference.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for the junior representative to the British Conference, and also to the Methodist New Connexion Conference of England.

Whereupon, Rev. David Savage was elected to that position.

The Conference adjourned until 7.30 o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, *September 29.*

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of this afternoon was read and adopted.

Rev. J. Borland submitted the Address to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, which was, on motion, adopted.

Rev. George R. Sanderson submitted the Address to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, which was, on motion, adopted.

Rev. E. H. Dewart submitted the Address to the General

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Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the United States, which was, on motion, adopted.

Rev. Dr. Fowler submitted the Address to the Governor-General of Canada, which was, on motion, adopted.

The report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Seal for the General Conference, was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, subject to revision.

Rev. A. Sutherland submitted the Address to the Methodist New Connexion Conference of England, which was, on motion, adopted.

Rev. Wm. S. Blackstock submitted the Address to the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church of Canada, which was, on motion, adopted.

Dr. W. W. Ogden, from the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests, submitted the Report of said Committee, which was, on motion, received; and its further consideration was deferred.

Rev. S. Rose offered a resolution in reference to a Hymn and Tune Book.

It was moved, that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

It was moved, in amendment, that a small committee be appointed to consider the subject involved in said resolution.

A substitute was offered by Rev. Mr. Blackstock, as follows, and adopted unanimously :—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the gentlemen who have generously devoted a large amount of gratuitous labor in the preparation of the Tune Book, which has been accepted by the Book Committee, and published by the Rev. Samuel Rose.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *September 30.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures ; and prayer by Rev. F. J. Forman.

The Journal of yesterday evening was read and adopted.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests was resumed. Progress was made therein, and its further consideration was deferred.

The Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *September 30.*

The Conference was opened with singing ; and prayer by Rev. George Dickson.

The Journal of this morning was read and adopted.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Book and Publishing interests was resumed ; and having been amended in several of its parts, was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Book and Publishing Interests beg to report, that, having given the various matters coming under their notice careful consideration, they respectfully present the following :—

(1) ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OR BALANCE SHEET OF THE WESLEYAN BOOK ROOM, TORONTO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1874.

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| (a) Unavailable Assets—consisting of Real Estate and Buildings—of value... .. | \$22,089 18 | |
| Furniture, Machinery, &c. | 18,255 64 | |
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| (b) Available Assets—consisting of Stock of Books and Stationery..... | \$22,755 22 | |
| Cash on Hand | 371 06 | |
| Bills Receivable..... | 3,377 93 | |
| Outstanding Debts..... | 28,116 43 | |
| Paper for Printing Periodicals, &c..... | 2,088 55 | |
| | | \$56,709 19 |
| Total Assets | | \$97,054 01 |

(2) LIABILITIES OF THE WESLEYAN BOOK ROOM,
TORONTO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1874.

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| (c) Permanent Loans, consisting of as follows:— | | |
| From Superannuated Ministers' Fund | \$5,500 00 | |
| From Victoria College | 3,909 56 | |
| | | \$9,409 56 |
| (d) Accounts subject to Early Payment, as follows:— | | |
| Due Subscribers to <i>Three</i> Periodicals | 14,735 44 | |
| Bills Payable | 9,773 44 | |
| To Sundry Creditors | 6,223 86 | |
| | | \$30,732 74 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$40,142 30 |

The Committee assume, that what are called *permanent loans*, are not likely to be demanded for some years; and they find, therefore, that deducting the other liabilities, amounting to \$30,732 74, from the available assets,—amounting to \$56,709 19—the Wesleyan Book Room has an active capital of \$25,976 45.

On the other hand, if the total liabilities—as above—be deducted from the total assets, there will be a balance left of \$56,911 71.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION BOOK ROOM.¹

Report on the publishing affairs of the late New Connexion Church for the year ending June 1st, 1874:

(e) We find from reports submitted by the Rev. Mr. Savage, that there is no real estate connected with their publishing interests, and that there will be a *deficit* in the New Con-

nexion publishing accounts, amounting to the sum of \$200, which the Conference of that Church proposes to assume.

WESLEYAN BOOK ROOM AT HALIFAX.

Report on the Wesleyan Book Room and *Provincial Wesleyan*, of Halifax, for the year ending May 1st, 1874.

(f) In reference to these affairs, according to report presented by the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, there are no available assets connected with the establishment, and no real estate. But owing to a debt due to the ministers of that Church for advances, said debt is made a first charge on the profits of the Concern, which, though not a pressing claim, nevertheless leaves a deficiency of twelve hundred dollars and sixty-three cents.

On motion, the question of the name of the paper belonging to the Eastern section of our work was referred to the Eastern section of the Publication Committee.

THE BOOK COMMITTEE—ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

1. The General Conference shall, quadrennially, appoint a Book Committee, consisting of thirty-seven members, to be composed of Ministers and Laymen, residing within the bounds of the several Annual Conferences as follows:—The London Conference, nine members; the Toronto Conference, nine members; the Montreal Conference seven members; the Nova Scotia Conference, five members; the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, five members; and the Newfoundland Conference, two members; who shall be elected by the delegates of the several Conferences, together with the Book Stewards and Editors.

2. Immediately after its appointment, the Book Committee shall meet, and make such arrangements as it may deem expedient, for the efficient working of the different Book and Publishing Establishments of the Church.

3. The Book Committee shall also meet at the time and place of the meeting of the next ensuing General Confer-

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ence, when it shall carefully review the Book and Publishing Business of the preceding four years, and prepare a full report of the same, which shall be submitted to the General Conference.

4. At the first meeting after its appointment the Book Committee shall divide into two Sections, to be called respectively the "Western" and "Eastern" Sections of the Book Committee.

5. The Western section shall consist of the members residing within the bounds of the Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences; thirteen of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The Eastern section shall consist of the members residing within the bounds of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Conferences: seven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. The Western section shall have the control and supervision of the Book and Printing Establishment in the city of Toronto, and of any other that may be established by the General Conference within the bounds of the Toronto, London, or Montreal Conferences.

7. The Eastern section shall have the control and supervision of the book and printing establishment in the city of Halifax, and of any other that may be established by the General Conference within the bounds of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, or Newfoundland Conferences.

Each section shall elect its own Secretary, and, in the absence of the President and Vice-President of the General Conference, appoint its own Chairman.

(a) The Western Section of the Book Committee shall meet *annually* on the first Wednesday in *May*, and the Eastern Section on the first Wednesday in *June*, at their respective Book Rooms, when they shall fill up any vacancies that may have occurred in their numbers during the year. (b) They shall examine the proceedings of the Executive Committee and the business of each establishment during the preceding year. (c) They shall annually appoint

suitable persons to audit the accounts, and prepare a full and clear report to be laid before the Annual Conferences which they respectively represent; and at the last annual meeting of the quadrennial period, prepare a report for the General Book Committee, to be laid before the General Conference.

(d) They shall fix the salary of the Book Steward or Book Stewards, and Editor or Editors.

(e) Each Section shall have authority to suspend either a Book Steward or Editor for *incompetency* or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and to supply his place until the next General Conference: *Provided, always*, that no such suspension shall take place except by the vote of *three-fourths* of the members of the section. (f) In case of the death, resignation, or permanent disability of a Book Steward or Editor during his term of office, the Section having supervision of the establishment in which such vacancy occurs shall have power to appoint a successor to fill the office until the next General Conference. (g) At the end of each quadrennial term, they shall cause a correct valuation of the real property, stock, machinery, debts, and other property to be made, entering such property at its actual value, and report the same to the General Committee, to be laid before the General Conference.

10. A special meeting of the members of either Sections may be called by the Book Steward and Editor, or by the Secretary, on the written request of any three members.

11. For the present, all real estate and other property connected with the Book and Printing Establishment in the city of Toronto, and any other that may be acquired within the bounds of the London, Toronto, or Montreal Conferences, shall be vested in the Western Section of the Book Committee and their successors, who shall apply all profits, not required in the business, exclusively for the benefit of the Superannuation Fund within the bounds of the aforesaid Conferences.

12. For the present, all property connected with the Book and Printing Establishment in the city of Halifax, and any

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other that may be acquired within the bounds of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, or Newfoundland Conferences, shall be vested in the Eastern Section of the Book Committee and their successors, who shall apply all profits, not required in the business, exclusively for the benefit of the Supernumerary Ministers and Minister's Widows' Fund.

13. Each Section of the Book Committee shall also at its first meeting, and at each subsequent annual meeting, appoint an Executive Committee, which shall meet quarterly and review the business of the preceding quarter; and shall advise and decide in all matters submitted for their consideration.

14. The Executive Committee of the Western Section shall consist of *nine* members,—five to constitute a quorum,—four of whom shall be selected from the Toronto Conference, three from the London Conference, and two from the Montreal Conference.

15. The Executive Committee of the Eastern Section shall consist of *five* members,—three of whom shall constitute a quorum,—who shall be selected from those members of the Eastern Section residing in the vicinity of the Book Room, in Halifax.

16. Each Executive Committee shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and keep a correct record of the business transacted at its meetings; which shall be submitted to the respective Sections of the Book Committee, at their annual meeting.

17. All books which may be published by order of the General Conference, under the direction of any one of the existing Book Establishments, shall be furnished to the other Establishment at cost.

THE BOOK STEWARDS.

1. The General Conference shall elect a Book Steward, who shall have charge of the Book and Printing Establishment in Toronto, under the direction of the Western Section

of the Book Committee; and also a Book Steward, who shall have charge of the Book and Printing Establishment in Halifax, and who shall also have the Editorial management of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, under the direction of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee.

2. It shall be the duty of each Book Steward to purchase all materials and books required for the establishment under his charge, keeping in view the mental wants of the Church and the religious instruction of the people generally; he shall give the Committee such information as they may require concerning the state of the business, and present a quarterly statement of the affairs of the establishment to the Executive Committee. He shall also present annually, to the meeting of his section of the Book Committee, a balance sheet, exhibiting the financial state of the Book Room and periodicals, together with a cash account, showing the sources whence the money has been received, and the purposes for which it has been paid.

3. Each Book Steward shall conduct the business of his department in the most efficient and economical manner, and pay over to the Treasurer of the Superannuation or Supernumerary Fund such proportions of the profits as the respective sections of the Book Committee shall determine.

THE EDITORS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. As it is highly desirable that the religious papers published by our Church be made thoroughly efficient as family and connexional journals, it is recommended that, at the close of the present year, the *Evangelical Witness* be incorporated with the *Christian Guardian*, under the title of the *Christian Guardian and Evangelical Witness*; and that the General Conference elect an Editor and an Assistant Editor, who shall have the editorial management of the *Christian Guardian and Evangelical Witness*, and also of the Sunday School publications, published in Toronto, under the supervision and direction of the Western Section of the Book Committee.

2. It shall be the duty of the Editor to make these periodicals not only soundly Scriptural and instructive, but

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also to put forth all reasonable effort to render our Sunday School papers highly attractive and interesting to the young. He shall likewise carefully supervise the printing of all books and periodicals published at the Book Room in Toronto.

3. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Editor to faithfully co-operate with the Editor in the accomplishment of the objects here indicated; and it is required, that, in all matters respecting the publication of the periodicals, the Book Steward and Editor shall act in harmony.

4. The duties of the Editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, in Halifax, shall be similar to those of the Editor of the *Christian Guardian and Evangelical Witness*.

The Book Stewards and Editors elected by the General Conference, shall hold office for four years from the time of their election, and shall be eligible for re-election; but they shall continue in office, after the appointment of their successors, till the meeting of the Annual Conference to which they belong.

REGARDING EXISTING BOOK AND PRINTING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Your Committee recommend that the existing Book and Printing Establishments in the cities of Toronto and Halifax be continued, under the direction of the Western and Eastern Sections respectively of the Book Committee.

REGARDING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BOOK CONCERNS.

We respectfully advise that, in view of the requirements of our Church in the Province of Quebec, as well as the peculiarities of its circumstances in that section, it is desirable to provide, at the earliest practicable date, an agency for the sale of Methodist publications in the city of Montreal; we therefore recommend that the Western Section of the Book Committee be instructed to appoint, at its first meeting, a Sub-Committee to confer with leading members of our Church, in Montreal, in regard to the best method of carrying out the above recommendation.

EXISTING PERIODICALS—THEIR NUMBER AND CHARACTER.

The Committee recommend that the publication of the *Christian Guardian* be continued under the direction of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, and that the *Provincial Wesleyan*, of Halifax, be also continued under the same direction.

SABBATH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.

In reference to Sabbath School Publications, we recommend the continuance of the *Sunday School Banner* and the *Sunday School Advocate*; and that all possible effort be made to improve these publications.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

As regards an increase in the number of publications, it is *Resolved*,—(a) *Whereas*, a request presented from the Montreal District Meeting, for the establishment of a religious paper in the City of Montreal, was referred by the last Conference at Hamilton, for the consideration of this Conference, it is, in our judgment, highly desirable that the request should receive the fullest and most careful consideration; therefore, *Resolved*,—That the Western Section of the Book Committee appoint at its first meeting a Sub-committee, to confer with leading friends of our Church in Montreal, regarding the practicability of the enterprise, and the necessary steps for carrying it into effect.

(b) That in the event of the establishment of such a periodical, the Western Section of the Book Committee be authorized to subsidize the same, if necessary, to the extent of not more than one thousand dollars per annum.

(c) That if the enterprise be found, after fair trial, financially unsuccessful, the above named section of the Book Committee shall have authority to suspend the publication at the end of any year of its issue.

IN REFERENCE TO A MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

Whereas, it is believed that the publication of a good Monthly Magazine, under the direction of our Church, will

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tend greatly to the edification of our people, therefore,
Resolved,—That the Book Committee be instructed to take the subject into consideration at its first meeting, to be held immediately at the close of the present Conference; and if it be found advisable, to make arrangements for the early commencement of such publication.

IN REFERENCE TO THE GERMAN WORK.

(a) *Resolved*,—That in view of the fact, that we have in Canada, and within our reach, a large and increasing population of Germans, who cannot be reached by any of our existing publications, and that numerous publications are circulated amongst them totally opposed to Methodism and Christianity, and for the most part of pernicious influence on the morals of the people; and that we have a hopeful Mission amongst this people, who need instruction in the doctrines, polity, and workings of our Church; we therefore recommend the establishment of an efficiently conducted religious paper, which shall serve as an organ to our Church and an exponent of our doctrines, as well as an aid to our Missionaries in their work of evangelization.

(b) In view of the fact that Rev. Mr. Eby has established at his own risk and expense a weekly paper, called the *Canadian Evangelist*, which has been doing this work for nearly two years; that this paper is endorsed and supported by our people and Preachers of the German tongue; and that the spiritual results of the same have been of the most gratifying character:—We therefore recommend that the Western Section of the Book Committee be directed to confer with Bro. Eby, with the view of transferring the plant and right of the *Evangelist* to the Book Concern, and that in the future the paper may be published as the Western Section of the Book Committee may decide.

(c) In view of the fact that the work of the German paper must necessarily be largely of a Missionary character, we recommend further that an annual grant of not less than \$250 be requested from the Missionary Fund, for the publication of translations of *Missionary Notices*, and

other missionary matter ; and that the Missionary Society subscribe for at least 200 copies annually for gratuitous distribution.

The following amendment to Section *c* of the above recommendation was, on motion, adopted :—

(*d*) That this Conference would express its earnest sympathy with the German work, and would refer Section *c* of the Committee's Report to the Missionary Committee, with the earnest recommendation that the prayer be granted.

CONCERNING CLAIMS BY THE BOOK STEWARD.

1. Every Minister and Preacher is peremptorily required finally to settle his book account for the preceding year at each Annual Conference, and also regularly to transmit the money in his hands, without any reservation or deduction whatever, to the Book Steward, whenever it shall amount to ten dollars.

2. Should any Minister or Preacher, having claims on Connexional Funds, fail to pay up his account, as above directed, it shall be the duty of the Book Steward annually to draw upon the Treasurer of any of those Funds an amount not exceeding one-fourth of the claim of the Brother on such Fund, towards the payment of his debt ; and the Treasurer of each Fund is hereby directed to honor such drafts when presented.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We respectfully recommend that the *Christian Guardian and Evangelical Witness* or the *Provincial Wesleyan* be furnished to Ministers and travelling Preachers at one dollar a year.

2. That all Ministers and travelling Preachers connected with the Annual Conferences shall be authorized agents of the above publications.

3. That twenty-five per cent. be allowed to agents for all new subscribers, and that five per cent. be allowed for all renewals.

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4. That it be a standing instruction to the Book Steward to require all subscriptions in advance.

5. That any person obtaining ten new subscribers, and remitting the cash in advance, shall be entitled to one copy gratis.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot a Book Steward for the Western Section of our work :—

Whereupon, Rev. Samuel Rose was elected Book Steward for the ensuing term of four years.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot a Book Steward for the Eastern Section of our work :—

Whereupon, Rev. A. W. Nicolson was elected to that office for the ensuing term of four years.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot the Editor for the *Christian Guardian and Evangelical Witness* :—

Whereupon, Rev. Edward Hartley Dewart was elected to that office for the ensuing four years.

The Conference proceeded to elect an Assistant Editor for the *Christian Guardian* :—

Whereupon, Rev. William H. Withrow, M.A., was elected to that office for the ensuing term of four years.

It was moved that there shall be elected two Missionary Secretaries.

To which it was moved in amendment that we proceed to elect a Missionary Secretary, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Lay-Treasurer.

The amendment prevailed.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot the Missionary Secretary :—

Whereupon, Rev. Enoch Wood, D.D., was elected to that office.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot the Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Society :—

Whereupon, Rev. Alex. Sutherland was elected to that office.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot the Lay-Treasurer of the Missionary Society :

Whereupon, John Macdonald Esq., of Toronto, was unanimously elected to that office.

The Conference adjourned until 7.10 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, *September 30th.*

The Conference was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Journal of this afternoon was read and adopted.

The Presidents of the several Annual Conferences reported that the following persons have been elected by the Annual Conferences, members of the Central Missionary Board, namely :—

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| Toronto | Conference, | Dr. Green, W. H. Gibbs. |
| London | “ | Dr. Rice, Judge Jones. |
| Montreal | “ | Rev. Geo. McRitchie, Judge Deacon. |
| Nova Scotia | “ | “ S. F. Huestis, E. C. Foster. |
| N.B. & P. E. I. | “ | “ Dr. Pickard, Judge Wilmot. |
| Newfoundland | “ | “ Thos. Harris, Hon. J. J. Rogerson. |
| New Connexion | “ | “ Wm. Williams, Robt. Wilkes, M.P. |

Judge Wilmot reported on behalf of the Lay Delegates of this General Conference, That they have elected the following persons members of the Central Missionary Board, namely : Hon. James Ferrier, Geo. H. Starr, William E. Sanford, W. Clendinneng, and Joseph Lister, Esqs.

Dr. Norris, from the Committee on Itinerancy, submitted a Report, which was adopted, as follows :—

Your Committee recommends that the Stationing Committee shall not allow any Minister or Preacher to remain more than three years on any Circuit or Station, except the Editors of our Connexional Papers, the Book Stewards, Missionary Secretaries, Superannuated and Supernumerary Ministers, Missionaries among Indians and on Foreign Mission Fields, and all Ministers or Preachers appointed over the several Departments of our Educational Institutions by the authority of the General Conference.

Your Committee also recommends as follows :—

1. The salary of a married minister shall be three hundred dollars per annum, and travelling expenses ; and the minimum amount for the support of a married man, embracing salary, board, fuel, horse-keeping, and travelling expenses, shall be seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which shall not include children's allowances or rent.

2. The salary of a preacher on trial shall be two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and travelling expenses.

3. A Minister's salary, after he is received into full connexion and ordained, shall be three hundred dollars per annum while he remains single. The salary of all unmarried men to be exclusive of the appropriations usually made heretofore by the Quarterly Meetings.

4. We recommend the introduction of the envelope system of weekly and monthly payments for ministerial support, wherever practicable.

Rev. A. McKeown gave notice that he will, at a suitable time, offer the following resolution :—

In order that there may be no injustice done to the Superintendents of Circuits who have young men as colleagues, it is therefore *Resolved*,—That when the receipts of a Circuit fail to meet their salaries, the deficiency shall be borne by each, in proportion to their relative claims.

DELEGATIONS TO CONFERENCES.

The Rev. A. Sutherland offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

That it shall be competent for any member of Conference to nominate, without debate, any other member of Conference as a delegate to any sister Conference; and when such nominations are concluded, the Conference shall proceed to elect, without debate, from among those so nominated, one or more persons to compose such delegation.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for representatives to the several sister Conferences: whereupon Rev. John A. Williams, and John Macdonald, Esq., were elected Delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States.

Rev. Dr. Douglas and Judge Wilmot were elected Delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the United States.

Rev. Dr. Green, and R. Wilkes, M.P., were elected Delegates to the Primitive Methodist Conference of Canada.

Rev. Wm. Williams and Rev. James Gray were elected Delegates to the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Canada.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *October 1.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The Journal of last evening was read and adopted.

Judge Wilmot, from a Committee appointed to define the duties of the President, submitted a Report as follows, which was adopted:—

The Committee appointed to consider what shall be the duties of the President, in the intervals of the Sessions of the General Conference, having duly considered the subject:—

Recommend,—That the Conference should direct that the President, in addition to the duties imposed by the 16th

Section of the Basis of Union, should, whenever practicable, visit the several departments of the work and the fields of labor within the bounds of the General Conference.

And it is further recommended, that the travelling expenses for such visitations shall be charged upon such Fund as the General Conference may direct.

Rev. A. Sutherland offered the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That the Journal of this General Conference shall be printed in full, in demy 8vo. form.

To which an amendment was moved by Dr. Nelles, as follows:—

Resolved,—That Rev. Duncan D. Currie, Secretary; Rev. Wm. Scott, the Assistant Secretary; and Rev. Samuel Rose, Book Steward, are hereby appointed a Committee to publish, in suitable form, the Journal of this Conference.

The amendment prevailed.

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submitted a Report, number three, which was adopted, as follows:—

In order to combine in one effort the entire Educational work of our Church, we recommend the following revised Constitution of the Educational Society.

I. REVISED CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as "The Educational Society of the Methodist Church of Canada."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Society shall be to assist in maintaining our Universities, Theological Schools, and Higher Mission Schools; to defray the expenses of the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry in our Church; and to aid such candidates in obtaining an education.

ARTICLE III.

All subscribers of five dollars per annum and upwards shall be members of the Society, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Report.

ARTICLE IV.

The management of the Society shall be vested in a Central Board, composed as follows :—

The President of the General Conference ; one Layman from each Annual Conference, to be appointed by the General Conference, to hold office for four years ; one Minister from each Annual Conference, to be elected annually by such Conference, and to be Treasurer of the Society for his Conference ; and also the head of each University and of each Theological School.

ARTICLE V.

A branch of the Society shall be organized in each Annual Conference, under the management of a Committee of such Conference, composed as follows :—

The President of the Annual Conference, the members of the Central Board within the bounds of the Conference ; and four Ministers and four Laymen, appointed by the Annual Conference.

ARTICLE VI.

Sermons shall be preached on behalf of the Society, and collections taken up in aid of its funds, in all our churches and preaching places, at sometime in February or April in each year.

Meetings shall be held on each Circuit or Station, at which the claims of our Educational work shall be placed before our people, and contributions taken for the funds of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

The Central Board shall meet annually in the month of July, for the transaction of the following business :—

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First, to make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Examining Boards of our Conferences and Colleges.

Secondly, to appropriate to each Conference a sum to aid students appointed by each Conference to attend College.

Thirdly, to make appropriations according to the claims and wants of each University, Theological School, and Missionary Institute.

Fourthly, to determine the proportion of Students to be sent each year to each College from each Conference.

The Central Board shall appoint its own Secretary and Treasurer, and in the absence of the President of the General Conference, elect a Chairman *pro tem*.

They shall fill vacancies occurring in the lay portion of the Board, and shall appoint the time and place of their next meeting.

They shall publish annually a Report of the work of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Annual Conference Committees shall meet annually at the time and place of the Meeting of the Annual Conferences respectively, for the following purposes:—

1. To consider the cases of all candidates recommended to attend College by the District Meetings, and report to the Conference as to the amount of aid to be given to each, and the College he shall attend, in harmony with the arrangement of the Central Board.

2. To appoint a deputation to each District to attend meetings on behalf of the Society.

3. To arrange for a public Anniversary Meeting of the Society, in connection with the Session of each Annual Conference.

II. NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD, AND COMMITTEES OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

1. Lay Members of the Central Board :

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| Toronto Conference | James Patterson, Esq. |
| London Conference | W. E. Sanford, Esq. |
| Montreal Conference | Win. Clendinneng. |
| New Brunswick & Prince Edw'd Island Conference | A. A. Stockton, LL.B. |
| Nova Scotia Conference | J. B. Morrow, Esq. |
| Newfoundland Conference | C. R. Ayre, Esq. |

2. Clerical members to act as Treasurers of the Society, and to hold office only till next meeting of the Annual Conferences.

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| Toronto Conference | Rev. R. Jones. |
| London Conference | Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D. |
| Montreal Conference | Rev. G. McRitchie. |
| New Brunswick & Prince Edw'd Island Conference | Rev. H. Pickard, D.D. |
| Nova Scotia Conference | Rev. J. Lathern. |
| Newfoundland Conference | Rev. G. S. Milligan. |

3. Conference Committees to act until the next meeting of the Annual Conferences :—The President of each Annual Conference, and the members of the Central Board within the bounds of the Conference, with power to add to their number.

III. That this Constitution be published in our Discipline, and the collection for the Educational Society shall be inserted in all places with the collections for other Connexional Funds.

That all Professors of Theology in our Institutions be appointed by the General Conference, or, *ad interim*, by its Executive Committee, on nomination of the governing Board of each Institution.

On motion of Dr. Pickard, it was *Resolved*,—That the present Professors of Theology shall continue in office until their successors shall have been appointed.

HIGHER FEMALE EDUCATION.

R. Wilkes, M.P., offered the following resolution :—

Whereas it is of the greatest importance to our people that uniform superior female education should be afforded to their children, of such sort as shall command their confidence,—that shall be reasonably accessible—and that shall be at the lowest possible price.

It is hereby *Resolved*,—

1st. That this Conference, in order to realise the above objects, recommends the adoption of some suitable plan which shall include existing Institutions, but which shall be sufficiently comprehensive to bring the advantages sought within the reach of the largest possible number of our people.

2nd. That the above resolution be referred to the early and favorable consideration of the Central Board of Education.

On motion, the consideration of said resolution was referred to the Central Board of Education.

BAPTISM RECONSIDERED.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the vote on the subject of Baptism, taken at a previous session of this Conference, shall be re-considered.

Bro. Langford thereupon offered the following as a substitute for the original section.

Ques. 1. Who are the proper subjects for baptism ?

Ans. Infants ; and believing adults who have not been baptized in infancy.

Ques. 2. What is the mode of baptism ?

Ans. Sprinkling, or pouring : but should any candidates for baptism prefer another mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request. Whenever practicable, let the ordinance be administered in the public congregation.

ADJUSTMENT OF CIRCUIT RELATIONS.

Rev. W. R. Parker, from the Committee appointed to Adjust the Relations of Circuits, submitted a Report as follows, which was adopted :—

The Committee appointed to adjust the relations of those Circuits occupied in common by the New Connexion and Wesleyan Churches, report as follows :—

I. *Whereas*, the boundaries of the Wesleyan and New Connexion Districts and Circuits are not indetical ; and *Whereas*, it is essential that they should be so arranged as to secure the harmonious and efficient working of the United Body, therefore be it

Resolved,—That towards the close of this Conferential year, the usual District Meetings, for both branches of the Church, shall be held to close up the work of the respective Churches.

II. That the boundaries of Districts shall be those defined by the Wesleyan Conference of 1874.

III. That there shall be held United District Meetings, composed of the members of the District Meetings of both Sections of the Church, which shall transact the business defined by the Discipline under the basis of Union.

IV. That each United District Meeting, upon assembling, shall elect its Chairman by ballot.

V. The United District Meetings shall be held at the place of the holding of the Wesleyan District Meetings, and on the third day of their sessions, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m. ; and that the Wesleyan Chairmen shall notify the new Connexion Chairmen of the time and place of such meetings : and, moreover, the said United District Meetings shall arrange the *Circuit Boundaries* for the *ensuing year*.

VI. In the case of a Circuit extending into two or more Districts, the separate District Meetings shall decide to which of the United District Meetings such Circuit shall send its representatives.

VII. That while the Circuits interlacing each other shall remain financially distinct for the present year, nevertheless the Superintendents of Circuits, together with the Chairmen of those Districts interested, shall make such arrangements as they believe will conduce to the best interests of the work.

VIII. Inasmuch as there are upon Wesleyan and New Connexion Circuits, occupying the same ground, churches and parsonages that are not required for occupancy and use by the Methodist Church of Canada; and inasmuch as it is very important to select the property the most eligible in character and location, and to judiciously dispose of what is not required, and equitably appropriate the moneys accruing from the sale: therefore it is *Resolved*,—1st. That the Superintendents of the Methodist New Connexion and the Wesleyan Circuits affected, shall arrange for and call a meeting of their Trustees and members to select the church or parsonage property to be retained for use, or to be otherwise disposed of, in accordance with the rules and usages of the Wesleyan and Methodist New Connexion Churches respectively.

2. That a Committee, composed of four members from each section of the Church, namely, the Rev. Dr. Rice, Rev. Messrs. J. H. Robinson, Jno. A. Williams, D. Savage, G. R. Sanderson, Wm. Tindal, Judge Jones and R. Wilkes, M.P., shall have power to adjudicate upon all cases submitted to them by said meeting, and to determine upon the use or sale of properties, and the disposition of the proceeds of such sale.

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS' COMMITTEE.

Rev. Edwin Holmes submitted a Report from the Committee to arrange the Connexional Funds, so far as affected by the union between the New Connexion and Wesleyan Church, as follows, which was adopted:

1 THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

In relation to this Fund we find nothing invested by either section of the Church.

2. THE CONTINGENT FUND.

In relation to this Fund, we find that while its intention and working are the same in both sections, neither has any invested funds, except in the case of the late Wesleyan Church Commutation Fund, in which \$33,000 are invested, the interest of which is available yearly for the Contingent Fund.

3. THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

In behalf of the late Wesleyan Methodist Church, we find invested, in good securities, the sum of \$31,856.54, being \$56.50 per claimant, together with an interest in the profits of the Book Room. And in behalf of the late New Connexion Church we find invested, in good securities, the sum of \$6,652.91, being \$69.30 per claimant, together with other investments amounting to \$5,363.57, as follows :

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Your Committee recommends that, after June, 1875, all those funds of the two sections be amalgamated and managed by the usual Boards; and that all the claimants on the Superannuation Fund receive the same amount from said Fund, according to the authorized scale of allowance.

Rev. A. W. Nicolson, from the Committee on the Superannuation Fund, submitted a report, which was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, beg leave to report that the present scale of allowance is utterly inadequate to the support of Ministers who have consecrated the best of their lives to the building up and extension of Methodism in this country; and recommend the adoption of a scale having reference to their greater comfort, as well as better provision for widows and orphans.

Considering that no fund will more readily commend itself to the consideration of our people throughout the entire Connexion, we recommend to this Conference the following, as a suitable constitution for the fund, which shall, for the present, embrace the interests hitherto existing in the Superannuation Fund of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, as well as those of a similar fund in the late New Connexion Church. The Committee expresses the hope that the fund in the Eastern Provinces, known as the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, may, in due time, be amalgamated with the General Fund.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The name of this Fund shall be the Superannuated Ministers' Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada.

2. This Fund shall be managed by a Central Board, composed of eighteen members, nine of whom shall be laymen, who may or may not be members of the General Conference, and who shall elect their own Treasurer or Treasurers.

3. The members of the General Board shall be elected by the General Conference for a term of four years.

SOURCES OF INCOME.

This Fund shall consist of the annual income arising

1. From the interest of such moneys as may have been or may be invested in its behalf.

2. From subscriptions and donations taken annually in the Classes and among the lay friends of the Church, during the months of October and November. The amount to be remitted to the Treasurer on or before the first day of December in each year.

3. From an annual public collection which shall be taken up in aid of this Fund in all our congregations in the month of October or November.

4. From the annual subscriptions of all our Ministers and Probationers in the active work, which shall not be less

than ten dollars each, to be paid to the Financial Secretary at the May District Meeting, and by him remitted to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, not later than the day preceding the meeting of the Annual Conference.

5. From such moneys as may be appropriated from the profits of the Book and Printing Establishments.

6. Five per cent of the regular income of the Fund shall form a first charge upon the current income of each year, and shall be added annually to the vested capital; and the vested capital shall in no case be used for disbursements, the interest only being available for such purposes from year to year.

CLAIMANTS.

1. The period for computing Minister's claims upon the Superannuated Minister's Fund shall commence from the term of their being received by the Conference for our work, except such Preachers as were employed previous to the second Quarterly Meeting, under direction of a Chairman of a District, and allowed such year by the Conference, to whom the claim for the year may be granted.

2. All Ministers hereafter coming to us from other Churches shall be allowed a claim upon this Fund according to the number of years they shall have travelled in connection with our Conference; and if, upon entering our work, they may desire a relation to this Fund which would entitle them to payment for back years, they shall have such claim only after and according to the payment of such sums as may be deemed equitable by the Conference.

3. Each Subscriber of Five Dollars or more annually to this Fund, shall have his or her name printed in the Minutes of Conference, and shall receive a copy of said Minutes gratis.

SCALE OF PAYMENTS.

1. Every Superannuated Minister who has travelled effectively 15 years and upwards shall have a sum of \$12 per

annum for each year of effective service he may have travelled.

2. Every Superannuated Minister who has travelled ten years, and less than fifteen years, shall have a claim of twelve dollars for each year of effective service he may have rendered, said payment to continue for five years only.

3. The case of Superannuated Ministers who have travelled less than ten years shall be referred to the Board of this Fund for consideration and adjustment.

4. Any minister who may locate and enter into secular business, and subsequently be received into the Conference, shall not be allowed any claim for the time previous to his location.

5. The Board shall have power, upon the recommendation of an Annual Conference, to communicate with such ministers as may be superannuated, from causes which do not disqualify them for secular business, by payment of such sums as may be deemed equitable, instead of allowing them to become permanent claimants upon the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

6. Ministers who retire temporarily from the work on account of ill health or accident, while they receive from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, may also receive from the Contingent Fund or Missionary Fund for service rendered in the regular or Missionary work.

7. Widows of deceased ministers, being members of our Church, shall receive four-fifths of the amount their husbands would have received, according to the foregoing scale; except such widows as were fifteen years younger than their husbands, and were married after their husbands were fifty-five years of age, whose case shall be referred to the Board.

8. *Provided always*, that when the claims upon this Fund for any year shall exceed the income of such year, each claimant shall have deducted from the amount of his or her claim such a sum as shall be equal to a *pro rata* amount of such deficiency.

9. Any Minister who may be expelled from the Conference, or shall hereafter leave our effective work for other employment, shall thereby forfeit the amount which he may have paid into the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

10. The Supernumerary Fund of the Conferences embraced within the limits of the late Conference of Eastern British America, shall be managed by the Conferences of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland for the next four years.

11. The Superannuated Preachers' Annuitant Society, in connection with the late Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada, shall, after June, 1875, be incorporated with the Superannuated Ministers' Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada.

12. That Revs. S. Rose, Dr. Green, and W. T. Mason, Esq., be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Superannuation Fund of the late Conference of Eastern British America, with a view of amalgamating both funds upon an equitable basis, and report to the Central Board as soon as convenient.

13. The Central Board shall consist of the following persons:—

LONDON CONFERENCE.

Revs. G. R. Sanderson, George Richardson, W. S. Griffin, S. S. Junkin, Esq., Alexander Johnston, Esq., and William E. Sanford, Esq.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

Revs. Dr. Green, R. Jones, S. Rose, John Douse, W. Tindal, John Macdonald, Esq.: Hon. T. N. Gibbs, Robert Wilkes, M.P., Hon. J. C. Aikens, and W. T. Mason, Esq.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. James Elliott, G. Douglas, LL.D., J. T. Pitcher, Hon. James Ferrier, Sheriff Patrick, and Dr. Lavell.

14. That, in the changes of the Charter of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, the number of the members of the

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Board be increased by four; and that Revs. Dr. Green and S. Rose, and Hon. J. C. Aikins and W. T. Mason, Esq., be provisionally appointed to said Board.

Rev. W. J. Hunter submitted a Report from the Committee on Church Extension, which, on motion, was received, and laid upon the table.

Rev. John Lathern, from the Committee on the Hymn Book, submitted a report.

Pending the consideration of said report, the Conference adjourned until this evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, *October 1.*

The Conference was opened with singing; and prayer by Rev. Mr. England.

The Journal of this afternoon was read, and approved.

The consideration of the Report on the Hymn Book was resumed:

Whereupon, the following resolution was moved and adopted as a substitute for said report:—

Resolved,—That we use in all our churches the hymn books now in use, and that the following Committee—Hon. L. A. Wilmot, Dr. Wood, Dr. Douglas, E. H. Dewart, J. Lathern, John A. Williams, G. S. Milligan, J. Carswell, Alexander Sutherland, John McMurray, Duncan D. Currie, Alex. W. Nicolson, E. B. Harper, Prof. Burwash, Wm. Williams, John Macdonald, Dr. Steward, and Hon. Wm. G. Strong,—proceed to revise and prepare the materials for a new hymn book, to be submitted for consideration on the opening of the next General Conference.

Dr. Rice offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

As the merging of the *Witness* in the *Guardian* has been completed, it is *Resolved*,—That the Editor of the *Witness*

be added to the *Guardian* staff until the meeting of the next Annual Conference, or longer at the discretion of the Book Committee, in order that the subscription lists and business of the paper may be transferred at the least possible sacrifice.

THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

The consideration of the Report on Temperance was resumed, and adopted, as follows :—

Inasmuch as all methods of licensing intoxicating drinks as beverages have proven lamentably insufficient, either to abate or control the vice of drunkenness : And whereas this vice is the most prolific cause of loss and injury to all branches of the Christian Church, and encourages habits alike ruinous to the bodies and souls of our fellow-subjects : And whereas the Reports for 1873 and 1874 of the Ontario Legislature, and of the Senate and Commons of Canada show that three-fifths of all crime punished in the Dominion are the direct results of the use of intoxicating drinks : And whereas further, upwards of 4,000 deaths per annum in this Dominion are traceable directly to the said traffic. *Resolved*, therefore :—

1. That this Conference earnestly disclaims the principle involved in the licensing system, as well as its practical application.

2. That as in the opinion of this Conference the time for temporizing has passed away, we would call upon all ministers and members of our Church to speak and act fearlessly and conscientiously in behalf of the much needed temperance reformation.

3. That this Conference rejoices in the active sympathy and support given by the Methodist Ministry and laity to the efforts of the various Prohibitory Liquor Leagues, and would urge upon them to use their potent influence as a united people to secure the complete prohibition of the liquor traffic throughout the Dominion.

Dr. Clark offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved,—That this General Conference, convinced of the necessity for more efficient legislation against the widespread evils of intemperance, than any hitherto enacted, authorize the preparation and presentation of a petition to the Governor-General and Parliament of Canada, praying that a law may be passed at the next session of Parliament, prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, to take effect at a specified time thereafter; and that the President and Secretary of this Conference be empowered to affix thereto their official signatures and the seal of the Conference.

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, *October 2.*

The Conference was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures; and prayer by Professor Burwash.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Rev. Edwin Clement, from the Committee on the State of the Church, submitted a Report, which was, on motion, laid upon the table.

Rev. E. B. Harper offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That the President of the General Conference be requested to prepare an address to the members of our Church throughout this Dominion on the state of our work, with a view to promote its efficiency; said address to be published in the Journal, and otherwise, as may be deemed advisable.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the Chairmen of the former New Connexion Conference Districts shall be associated with the Stationing Committee of the Conference to which they may respectively belong, for the current year; and also that the President of the New Connexion Conference, and the members appointed to the Transfer Com-

mittee, shall respectively be associated with said Committee for this year.

THE CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

Rev. James Gray submitted the Report of the Contingent Fund Committee, as follows, which was adopted :—

CONSTITUTION.

This Fund shall be called the Contingent Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada.

The objects of this Fund shall be,

1st. To relieve cases of special affliction, and defray extraordinary expenses incurred in the service of the Church.

2nd. To aid those Circuits which have not been able to pay the salaries of their ministers and preachers.

The Fund shall be divided into two sections, Eastern and Western.

The Eastern Section shall include the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Conferences.

The Western Section shall embrace the Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences.

SOURCES OF INCOME.

The sources of Income shall be :

In the Eastern Section—

1st. Collections to be taken up on all the Circuits in the months of September and March, in each year.

2nd. The Public Collections taken up at each Session of the Annual Conferences.

In the Western Section—

1st. Interest from the investment of the Commutation Fund.

2nd. Collections to be taken up on all the Circuits in the months of September and March, in each year.

3rd. The Public Collections taken up at each Session of the Annual Conferences.

COMMUTATION FUND.

The Commutation Investment Fund shall be under the management of five persons, to be appointed by the General Conference, and chosen from the Western Section, two of whom shall be the Clerical and Lay Treasurers of the Western Section of the Fund.

TREASURERS.

There shall be appointed by the General Conference a Clerical and Lay Treasurer for each section, who shall receive, divide, and account for all Funds, according to the basis of Union between the several Conferences embraced in each section. The Contingent Fund (embracing the annual income from the Commutation) shall be divided annually among the several Conferences according to the number of Church members, including those on trial. (See Minutes of W. M. Conference, 1873, page 173.)

DUTIES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Each Annual Conference shall appoint seven Ministers, who, with seven Laymen, appointed by the Lay members of the May District Meeting, contiguous to the place where the Annual Conference meets, shall be the Contingent Fund Committee of such Conference, whose duty it shall be to consider all claims properly presented to it, and appropriate to their proper objects the funds placed at their disposal, and report all their proceedings to the Annual Conference.

This Committee shall meet annually at the seat of Conference, at such time as the Conference may direct, and appoint a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer from among themselves, and also two auditors.

1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a book, in which he shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Committee, and sign all orders upon the Treasurer, which have been authorized by the Committee.
2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys appropriated by the General Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, and make such disbursements as have been authorized by the Contingent Fund Committee of his Conference, and signed by the Secretary, and to render to said Committee an annual detailed account of the same.
3. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to examine the accounts of the Treasurer annually, and present their report to the Committee.
4. All applications for grants from this Fund shall be presented to the Committee by the Chairman of the District from which the claim is made, or by such other person as he may appoint to represent his District.
5. No application for aid to Circuits, or special claims, shall be entertained by this Committee unless they have passed the May Quarterly Meeting, and have been signed by the Recording Steward, and recommended by the District Meeting.
6. All applications for expenses incurred in the general work, or for claims not otherwise specified, shall be submitted to the Committee in detail for their investigation and approval.
7. At the Financial District Meeting, the amounts granted to that District by the Committee shall be apportioned to the different Circuits as fairly and impartially as possible.
8. Any Circuit which, in the preceding year, has received assistance from the Contingent Fund, may or may not obtain aid for the current year, as the Financial District Meeting may see fit; even though the said Circuit may or may not have been considered in the appropriation made to the District by this Committee.
9. The collections taken up for this Fund in September and March shall be paid over by Superintendents of Circuits

to the Financial Secretaries of their several Districts (not later than the 16th of the following months, respectively), or as soon as possible after they have been received.

10. The financial year shall end on the 31st of March in each year, before which time the Financial Secretaries shall pay over to the General Treasurers the amounts received from the various Circuits during the year.

The Committee recommend that Rev. James Gray and James Lister, Esq., be the General Treasurers of the Western Section, and that Wm. B. McNutt and Rev. Jas. Taylor be the General Treasurers for the Eastern Section. They also recommend that Rev. Dr. Green, John Macdonald, Esq., Rev. Dr. Ryerson, James Lister, Esq., and Rev. Jas. Gray, be the Committee of Management of the Contingent Commutation Investment Fund.

Rev. James Gray offered a resolution, as follows, which was adopted :—

Resolved,—That in order to pass over into our new arrangements, the grants made to Districts by the Canadian Conference shall stand for the present year; and that the Treasurers, when they ascertain the amount of income, shall make an appropriation to each Annual Conference within the bounds of the Western Section to meet the Contingent expenses, in proportion to the membership of each Conference, and shall pay the balance on the debt of the Fund.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rev. William Hall, from the Committee on Sabbath Observance, submitted a report, as follows, which was adopted :—

That inasmuch as the security of the church and of the nation is dependent upon the observance of the whole of God's law, no part of which is more fundamental than that which commands the sanctification of the Sabbath Day, your Committee feel deeply impressed with the necessity of continued vigilance and unwavering fidelity in guarding this sacred trust.

It is matter of great congratulation that, in general, our Sabbaths in Her Majesty's possessions on this side of the Atlantic are so religiously kept. In some parts, however, by work performed on railways, canals, and in the post office, the holy day is shamefully and publicly violated, exposing us to the Divine threatening for polluted Sabbaths. "Then I said I will pour out my fury upon them." On our statute books are wholesome laws for Sabbath observance, and the hands of the Magistrate should be strengthened by manifested Christian sentiment for the faithful carrying out of these enactments.

Like the plague of leprosy, in houses also is the evil spreading, by late rising on Sabbath morning, unprofitable conversation, and the very reprehensible habit of visiting during its sacred hours, unmindful of the breadth of the command in Leviticus,—“It is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.”

Proceeding from culpable ignorance, or as the outgrowth of a criminal carelessness, some content themselves with attendance at but one service; others fail in securing the presence of the children on public worship save at the Sabbath-school, and a great many professing Christians do sadly deprive themselves and their families of the “Spirit on the Lord's day” by allowing the reading of newspapers, and of literature only slightly tinged with Christianity, or even of an entirely secular character.

Under these circumstances, your Committee are of opinion that greater prominence should be given by all the Ministers of our Church to the proclamation and enforcement of the whole counsel of God on this vital point; and would suggest that at least one sermon annually be devoted to this special subject, and that additional effect would be secured by such sermon being preached simultaneously in all our pulpits, say on the third Sabbath in the month of January.

By very consistent and very determined action on the part of the various Churches of Christ in our land shall this bulwark of man's freedom and God's supremacy be saved out of the hand of the enemy, and in pious lives, godly

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households, peaceable communities, and an abiding national life, shall be manifested that we are inheritors of the blessings promised of old to those who keep the Sabbaths of the Lord, and reverence His sanctuaries.

On motion of Judge Jones, it was *Resolved*,—That the following named persons be added as corresponding members of the Committee on Church Property, namely: Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Newfoundland; Rev. George Young, Manitoba; Rev. William Pollard, British Columbia; and John Cassidy, Esq., of Hamilton, Bermuda.

ON MISSIONS.

Rev. W. J. Hunter read the report, number five, of the Committee on Missions, which was adopted, and is as follows:—

1. The Chairmen shall require regular quarterly communications to be made by each of the Missionaries on their respective Districts to the Secretaries of the Society, giving information of the state and prospects of the several Missions on which they are employed.

2. The Financial District Meetings shall examine into the circumstances and probable income of the Domestic, Indian, Foreign, and other Missions, in the same way as they examine into those of the Circuits, and recommend the amount which, in their judgment, should be appropriated towards the support of such Missions: which shall be reported by the Chairman to the Missionary Secretaries.

3. The Committee recommends the Conference to adopt the following resolution, moved by Rev. J. Borland, and seconded by John Macdonald, Esq.: "That an Advisory Committee on the French Work be appointed, consisting of the President of the Montreal Conference, the Superintendent of the French Work, the Principal of the Theological College, the Superintendent Ministers of the Montreal City Circuits, and the following lay gentlemen: Hon. James Ferrier, and Messrs. James A. Mathewson, William Clendinneng, James Patton, James McMillan, J. J. Mac-

laren, James Macpherson, John Dillon, Samuel Finlay, John Torrance, and James Ferrier, jun. ; and that the said Committee be authorized to fill up any vacancies that may occur during the intervals of the General Conference.

The General Missionary Committee, which met at Oshawa in August last, having referred the question of a site for the erection of Mission Rooms in Toronto to the General Conference, the Committee recommends that the site already secured, viz., a portion of the Metropolitan Church property, be retained.

Rev. John A. Williams submitted the Report of the Committee on Discipline, number five.

Pending the consideration of said Report, the Conference adjourned until this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *October 2.*

The Conference was opened with singing ; and prayer by Rev. A. Andrews.

The Journal of this morning was read, and confirmed.

The Presidents of the several Annual Conferences reported the members of the General Book Committee, as follows :—

GENERAL BOOK COMMITTEE.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

Revs. Dr. Wood, E. B. Harper, M.A., N. R. Willoughby, M.A., J. E. Betts, and John Potts ; Mr. Waring Kennedy, Robert Wilkes, M.P., Dr. Aikins, and Dr. W. W. Ogden.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

Revs. John A. Williams, Dr. Rice, G. R. Sanderson, David Savage, and Thomas Cosford ; Dr. Clarke, M.P.P., James Scarff, Thomas Mitchell, and Dennis Moore.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. James Elliott, Dr. Douglas, William Scott, and Wm. J. Hunter; Hon. James Ferrier, John Torrance, and Dr. Lavell.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Revs. John McMurray, J. Lathern, S. F. Huestis, and J. Reed; D. H. Starr, Esq.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CONFERENCE.

Revs. Henry Pope, Dr. Pickard, H. McKeown, and J. R. Finch, M.A.; Wm. E. Dawson.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, and J. Steer, Esq., together with the Book Steward and Editor.

Dr. Allison, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:—

GENERAL SABBATH-SCHOOL BOARD.

The following persons shall compose the Board:—Rev. A. Andrews, J. W. Bickle, Esq., Rev. W. Hall, M.A., George Young, Esq., Sheriff Bell, of Halifax, N. S., Rev. H. McKeown, W. Kennedy, Esq., R. Wilkes, Esq., M.P., Rev. N. R. Willoughby, M.A., Rev. J. Caswell, J. Edwards, Esq., and James Patterson, Esq.

Rev. A. Andrews moved, that an addition to the Constitution of Sabbath-schools be made, and incorporated in said Constitution with reference to management.

The said motion was adopted.

The consideration of the Report, number five, of the Committee on Discipline was resumed, and adopted, as follows:

On motion it was *Resolved*,—That the Rules of Order adopted by this General Conference be published in the Book of Discipline; and they are recommended for the guidance of the Annual Conferences.

Your Committee on Discipline, to whom was referred the special subject of a Court of Appeal, beg leave to report that they are not at present prepared to recommend a Court of Appeal other than that of the Annual Conferences, as already provided in the basis of Union.

Your Committee recommends the General Conference to appoint the Secretary of Conference, the Assistant Secretary, Rev. W. Scott, the Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, and the Book-Steward, a committee to arrange the various legislative acts of the Conference in suitable form for the edition of Discipline for our Church.

The Committee on Discipline reported further as follows, and the report was adopted.

TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

The President of the General Conference, the President of each Annual Conference, and one Minister elected annually by each Annual Conference, shall be a committee for the transfer of ministers and preachers from one Annual Conference to another, and the decisions of such committee shall be final. To the chairman of such committee shall all communications by all parties concerned be addressed, but not later than the first day of May in any one year: *Provided*, nevertheless, that any minister who deems himself aggrieved shall have the privilege of appearing before the Transfer Committee and stating his case; and *provided*, likewise, that such transfer shall not prejudice the ultimate financial claims of any minister or preacher so transferred. Each minister transferred shall be subject to the action of the Stationing Committee of the Conference to which he may be transferred.

CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

That a Special Committee be appointed by each Annual Conference, whose business shall be to consider and decide

upon all matters affecting the Conference which could not have been provided for at the time of the sitting of Conference—said committee shall consist of the President and Secretary of Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, and five other members of Conference, to be nominated by the President. The Special Committee shall report its proceedings to the next ensuing Annual Conference.

QUARTERLY OFFICIAL MEETINGS.

The Quarterly Official Meetings shall consist of the Ministers and Preachers on trial; the Local Preachers, the Exhorters, the Stewards of the Circuit, the Leaders of Classes, the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, being members of the Church; one representative from each Board of Trustees, he being a member of the Church; and also of additional representatives who may be appointed by the Societies of the Circuit; the apportionment and scale to be fixed by the fourth Quarterly Meeting, which also shall specify the mode by which the vote shall be taken; but such additional representatives shall not exceed the number of the Stewards on each Circuit.

The Superintendent of the Circuit shall be the Chairman of the Quarterly Meeting, except when the Chairman of the District shall be present.

Ques. 1. What shall be the regular business of the Quarterly Official Meeting?

1. To receive the financial returns from the several Classes, and to pay the salaries and all the expenses of the Ministers and Preachers.

2. To hear complaints, and to receive and try appeals.

3. At the first Quarterly Official Meeting to make an estimate of the amounts necessary for the family or families of the Ministers or Preachers, and appoint the Steward to attend the Financial District Meeting.

4. At the second Quarterly Official Meeting, to appoint the Stewards of the Circuit, the number not to be less than three nor more than seven, one of whom shall be the

Recording Steward, who shall keep a record of the proceedings in a book procured for that purpose.

5. At the third Quarterly Official Meeting, to recommend candidates for the ministry.

6. At the fourth Quarterly Official Meeting, to appoint the Lay Representative or Representatives to attend the ensuing District Meeting.

7. Where there is no Local Preachers' Meeting, to enquire into the character, gifts, labors, punctuality and usefulness of each Local Preacher by name, and, if there be no valid objection alleged and sustained, to renew their licenses.

8. To examine the character of Exhorters, and annually, at the fourth Quarterly Meeting, to renew their licenses.

9. At any Quarterly Meeting, where there is no Local Preachers' Meeting, to license Local Preachers in case of necessity.

LEADERS' MEETING.

Ques. 1. Who compose the Leaders' Meeting?

1. The Ministers and Preachers who are appointed to the Circuit.

2. The Stewards and Leaders.

Ques. 2. What are the duties of a Leaders' Meeting?

To meet at least once a month: To inquire—1. Are there any sick? 2. Are there any requiring temporal relief? 3. Are there any walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd? 4. Are there any who wilfully neglect the means of grace? 5. Are any changes to be made in the classes? 6. Are there any members on trial to be received into full membership? 7. What amount has been received for the support of the minister? 8. Is there any miscellaneous business?

STEWARDS' MEETINGS.

The Stewards shall meet at least once a quarter—previous to the Quarterly Official Meeting—to take an exact account of what has been collected for the support of the Ministers

or Preachers on the Circuit, and to recommend to the Quarterly Official Meeting such measures as they may think necessary in order to the prompt payment of the Ministers. The Stewards shall be the Committee to estimate the amounts necessary to meet the expenses of the year, and report to the first Quarterly Meeting.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

These meetings shall be held once a quarter whenever it is profitable, under the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit, or his Colleague acting under his direction.

The principal object of the meeting shall be the spiritual edification of the Church, by exhortation on the part of the Minister present, with prayer and other religious exercises. The members shall be faithfully admonished respecting their personal religion and Christian deportment, their closet and family duties, and their attendance upon the public and private means of grace. At these meetings the Rules of Society shall be read, and the representatives to attend the Quarterly Official Board may be appointed.

OF LOVEFEASTS.

That a Lovefeast shall be held in each Circuit at least quarterly, and that admission to it shall be by the Ticket of Membership or by notes of admission.

OF BRINGING MINISTERS AND MEMBERS TO TRIAL, AND OF INSOLVENCIES AND THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

SECTION I.

OF THE TRIAL OF MINISTERS AND TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

Ques. 1. What shall be done when a Minister or Preacher is under report of being guilty of some crime expressly forbidden in the Word of God, as an unchristian practice, sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of grace and glory?

Ans. 1. If the accused be a President of an Annual Conference, the Chairman of the District on which the President resides,—or if the President of the Conference is the Chairman of the District,—then the senior Chairman of a District, within the bounds of the Conference, is required to select a Committee of at least five ministers of the Conference, of which the accused is a member, to investigate the case, and preside at the trial.

2. The presiding officer shall furnish the accused, in due time, with an exact copy of the charge or charges and specifications, in writing, and the time and place of trial.

3. If the accused be a Missionary Secretary or a Chairman of a District, the President of a Conference—or in his absence a Deputy appointed by him, who shall be a Chairman of a District—shall select the Committee to investigate the case, and shall preside at the trial.

4. If the accused be a Minister or a Travelling Preacher, then,—

1. Let the Chairman, in the absence of the President, call as many Ministers as he may think fit—at least three—and if possible bring the accused and the accuser face to face.

2. If the person be clearly convicted, he shall be admonished, reprov'd, suspended, or dealt with as the Committee may judge expedient, until the next ensuing District Meeting.

3. If the accuser and the accused cannot be brought face to face, but the alleged delinquent evades trial, it shall be received as presumptive proof of guilt, and out of the mouth of two or three witnesses he shall be condemned. Nevertheless, in that case, as well as in all others, the District Meeting shall examine into it; shall dispose of the case as it judges expedient; and shall report to the Conference, where the whole matter shall be finally determined.

4. If a Minister or Preacher be charged with immorality between the time of holding the District Meeting and the Conference, a Committee chosen as above directed shall investigate the matter, and shall have authority to admonish,

reprove, or suspend the offender until the Conference, when the case shall be finally determined.

5. If there be a difference between any of the Ministers or Preachers, the respective parties shall choose two Ministers; and the Chairman of the District on which the respondent resides, with the four Ministers so chosen, shall be the final arbitrators to determine the matter in dispute.

6. In case of dispute between a Minister or Preacher and any one of our members, relative to matters of secular business, the Chairman of the District shall recommend an arbitration, over which he shall preside, consisting of a Minister or lay member of our Church, chosen by each of the parties; which two persons thus chosen shall call a third member or Minister, to whom the matter shall be referred. In case of the failure of this arbitration to satisfy either of the parties, the dissatisfied party may proceed against the other before our regular Church courts.

7. If any Minister or Preacher shall have contracted debts which he is not able to pay, let the Chairman appoint three judicious Ministers to be a Committee of inquiry into the circumstances of the supposed delinquent, and if, in their opinion, he has acted dishonestly, or contracted debts without a probability of paying, let him be reprovved, suspended, or disposed of as the Committee may judge expedient, until the next ensuing District Meeting.

8. In every case of equality the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Ques. 2. What shall be done in cases of improper tempers, words, or actions?

Ans. The person so offending shall be reprovved by his senior in office. Should a second transgression take place, one or more Ministers or Preachers shall be taken as witnesses. If he be not then cured, he shall be tried at the next District Meeting.

Ques. 3. What shall be done with those Ministers or Preachers who may hold and disseminate, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of religion and standards?

Ans. Let the same process be observed as in cases of gross immorality; but if the Minister or Preacher so offending do solemnly engage not to disseminate such erroneous doctrines, in public or in private, he shall be borne with until his case be laid before the next Conference, which shall determine the matter.

Ques. 4. What shall be done in case any Minister or Travelling Preacher follow a trade, or be engaged in any secular business?

Ans. If any Travelling Minister, Preacher, or Missionary be employed in, or carry on any trade, he shall, on proof thereof, be excluded from the Itinerant Work; as we judge such pursuit of private emolument is incompatible with our Ministerial duties. No Minister or Preacher who will not relenquish his trade of *buying and selling*, though it were only pills, drops, or balsams, shall not be considered a Minister or Travelling Preacher any longer. Selling *our own* books is an exception.

SECTION II.

OF THE TRIAL OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. When charges are preferred against a Local Preacher, the accused and the accuser shall respectively choose two Local Preachers, or other official members on the circuit; or, in the event of either or both parties refusing to make the necessary choice, the Superintendent shall name such persons as he may deem proper, being official members, to constitute the Committee, and shall, with the said Committee, try the accused preacher, and they shall have authority, if he be found guilty, to admonish, reprove, or suspend him, till the ensuing Local Preachers' Meeting, or Quarterly Official Meeting, when the whole matter shall be determined.

2. The Superintendent shall, on receiving a complaint against a Local Preacher, send a copy of the charge or charges and specifications to the person accused, with the name of the accuser or accusers, before he calls a Committee

to examine into the charge; and shall have a casting vote in case of equality.

Ques. What shall be done in cases of improper tempers, words, or actions?

Ans. The person so offending shall be reprimanded by the Superintendent. Should a second transgression take place, one or more faithful friends shall be taken as witnesses. If he be not cured, he shall be tried at the next Local Preachers' Meeting, or Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit, and if found guilty and impenitent he shall be expelled from the Church.

Ques. What shall be done when a Local Preacher fails in business, or contracts debts which he is not able to pay?

Ans. 1. The Superintendent Minister shall appoint three judicious members of the Church to inspect the accounts, contracts, and circumstances of the supposed delinquent; and if, in their opinion, he has behaved dishonestly, or contracted debts without the probability of paying, he shall be suspended until the ensuing Local Preachers' Meeting, or Quarterly Official Meeting, which shall examine into, and determine the case.

2. In every case, a Local Preacher under censure or suspension by the Local Preachers' Meeting, or the Quarterly Official Meeting, shall have the right of appeal to the ensuing District Meeting, by giving notice of his intention to do so at the time of such suspension.

SECTION III.

OF THE TRIAL OF AN ACCUSED MEMBER OF THE CHURCH.

Ques. 1. How shall an accused Member be brought to trial?

Ans. 1. Before a Committee of not less than five, who shall not be Members of the Quarterly Official Meeting (and who may, if the Superintendent judge necessary, be selected from any part of the Circuit), in the presence of

the Superintendent, who shall preside at the trial, and cause exact minutes of the evidence and proceedings in the case to be taken. Defendant may challenge for cause two in five. Let the accused and the accuser be brought face to face; but if this cannot be done, let the next best evidence be procured. If the accused person be found guilty, by the decision of a majority of the members before whom he is brought to trial, and the crime be such as is expressly forbidden by the Word of God, sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of grace and glory, let the Minister or Preacher who has the charge of the Circuit expel him. If the accused person evade a trial, by absenting himself, after sufficient notice given him, and the circumstances of the accusation be strong and presumptive, let him be esteemed as guilty, and accordingly excluded. Witnesses from without shall not be rejected.

2. But in cases of neglect of duties of any kind, imprudent conduct, indulging in sinful tempers or words, the buying, selling, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, dancing, playing at games of chance, attending theatres, horse races, circuses, dancing parties, or patronizing dancing schools, or taking such other amusements as are obviously of misleading or questionable moral tendency, or disobedience to the order and discipline of the Church:—First, let private reproof be given by a Minister, Preacher, or Leader. On a second offence, the Minister, Preacher, or Leader may take one or two faithful friends, and if there be acknowledgment of the fault and proper humiliation, we will bear with him for a season. On a third offence let the case be brought before the Society, or a select number, and if there be no sign of real humiliation, the offender must be cut off.

3. If a member of our Church shall be tried and convicted of endeavouring to sow dissensions in any of our Societies, by inveighing against either our Doctrines or Discipline, such person so offending shall be first reprovved by the Superintendent of his Circuit, and, if he persist in such pernicious practices, he shall be expelled from the Church.

4. Nevertheless, if in any of the above-mentioned cases, the Superintendent differ in judgment from the majority of

the Society, or the select number, concerning the innocence or guilt of the accused person, the trial, in such case, may be referred by the Minister or Preacher to the ensuing Quarterly Official Meeting.

5. If there be a murmur or complaint from an excluded person, in any of the above-mentioned instances, that justice has not been done, he shall be allowed an appeal to the *next* Quarterly Meeting: except such as absent themselves from trial, after sufficient notice is given them;—and the majority of the members of the meeting present, shall finally determine the case.

6. On any dispute between two or more of the members of our Church, concerning the payment of debts, or otherwise, which cannot be settled by the parties concerned, the Superintendent of the Circuit shall inquire into the circumstances of the case, and shall recommend to the contending parties a reference, consisting of one arbitrator chosen by the plaintiff and another chosen by the defendant, which two arbitrators so chosen shall nominate a third,—the three arbitrators being members of our Church.

In all cases of arbitration, the report thereof shall be handed to the Superintendent of the Circuit.

7. But if one of the parties be dissatisfied with the judgment given, such party may apply to the ensuing Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit for permission to have a *second* arbitration appointed; and if the meeting see sufficient reason, they shall grant a *second* arbitration, in which case each party shall choose two arbitrators, and the four arbitrators shall choose a fifth, the judgment of the majority of whom shall be final; and any person refusing to abide by it shall be excluded from the Church.

8. And if any member of our Church shall refuse, in case of debt or other disputes, to refer the matter to arbitration, when recommended by the Superintendent of the Circuit, or shall enter into a lawsuit with another member before these measures are taken, he shall be expelled, unless the cause be of such a nature as to require and justify a process at law.

9. The Superintendents of Circuits are required to execute all our rules fully and strenuously against all frauds, and particularly against dishonest insolvencies, suffering none to remain in the Church on any account who are found guilty of any fraud.

10. To prevent scandal, when any of our members fail in business, or contract debts which they are not able to pay, let two or three judicious members of our Church inspect the accounts of the supposed delinquent; and if he has behaved dishonestly, or borrowed money without a probability of paying it, let him be expelled.

11. Whenever a complaint is made against a member of the Church for non-payment of debt—when the accounts are adjusted and the amount ascertained—the Superintendent shall call the debtor before a Committee of at least three, to show cause why he does not make payment. The Committee shall determine what further time shall be granted him for payment, and in case the debtor refuses to comply, he shall be expelled; but in such case he may appeal to the Quarterly Official Meeting, and their decision shall be final. And in case the creditor complain that justice is not done him, he may lay his grievance before the Quarterly Official Meeting, and their decision shall be final; and if the creditor refuses to comply, he shall be expelled.

12. After such form of trial and expulsion, such persons shall have no privileges of Society, or Sacraments in our Church, without contrition, confession, and proper trial.

13. In all judicial proceedings, arbitrations, or committees of inquiry, involving the standing or Church relation of any of our Ministers or members, the President, or a Chairman of a District, or a Minister, or a Preacher, shall preside.

14. In cases where the Superintendent of a Circuit is a Preacher on trial, it shall be necessary that the Chairman of a District or some other ordained Minister whom he shall appoint shall preside in every trial of Church Members, against whom charges have been preferred.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

SECTION I.

BOUNDARIES OF CONFERENCE.

By whom are the boundaries of Annual Conferences determined?

By the General Conference.

What are the number and names of the Annual Conferences?

There shall be six Annual Conferences, known as the Toronto, the London, the Montreal, the Nova Scotia, the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and the New Foundland Conferences;—which shall meet annually in the month of June.

The Toronto Conference shall embrace those parts of the Province of Ontario formerly included in the Toronto, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Barrie, Bradford, Whitby, Cobourg, Peterboro', and Belleville Districts; and the Missionary Districts known as the Red River, the Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and the Foreign Missions.

The London Conference shall embrace those parts of the Province of Ontario formerly included in the Hamilton, Niagara, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, Chatham, Sarnia, Guelph, and Goderich Districts.

The Montreal Conference shall embrace those parts of the Province of Ontario and Quebec formerly included in the Kingston, Brockville, Perth, Pembroke, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Stanstead Districts.

The Nova Scotia Conference shall embrace the Province of Nova Scotia and the Bermudas.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference shall embrace the Provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The Newfoundland Conference shall embrace Newfoundland, Labrador, and the Islands contiguous.

Ques. 1. How are the Districts to be formed?

Ans. According to the judgment of the Stationing Committee.

Ques. 2. How are Circuits and Missions to be formed?

Ans. By the Stationing Committee, on the recommendation of the District Meeting: *Provided nevertheless*, that Circuits supporting their own Ministers or Preachers shall not be divided till such divisions have been approved of by their respective Quarterly Official Meetings, and their approval signified in writing by the Recording Steward; or otherwise by a *two-thirds* vote of the Annual District Meeting, when the Laymen are present.

On the Division of a Circuit, no Minister who has travelled successively the three preceding years on such Circuit shall be appointed to either part of it—nevertheless, this rule shall not apply to those places which may be transferred in adjusting the work by the District Meeting, which transfer has been sanctioned by the Stationing Committee.

SECTION II.

STEWARDS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Ques. 1. What are the qualifications necessary for Stewards?

Ans. Let them be men of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline, and of good natural and acquired abilities to transact the temporal business.

Ques. 2. How are Stewards to be appointed?

Ans. They shall be appointed by the vote of the Second Quarterly Official Meeting, the Superintendent nominating.

Ques. 3. What are the duties of Stewards?

Ans. It shall be the duty of Stewards to take an exact account of whatever has been collected for the support of ministers and preachers in the Circuit; to make an accurate return of every expenditure of money, whether to the

minister, the preacher, the sick, or the poor ; to seek the needy and distressed, in order to relieve and comfort them ; to inform the ministers or preachers of any sick or disabled persons ; to attend the Quarterly Meetings of their Circuits ; to give advice, if asked, in planning the Circuit ; to provide the elements for the Lord's Supper ; to write circular letters to the Societies in the Circuit to be more liberal if need be ; to let them know, when occasion requires, the state of the temporal concerns at the last Quarterly Meeting ; to fill up the Circuit Schedules correctly ; and to be subject to the President, the Chairman of their District, and the Ministers and Preachers of their Circuit.

Ques. 4. To whom are the Stewards accountable ?

Ans. The Stewards shall be accountable for the faithful performance of their duties to the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit.

Ques. 5. What number of Stewards is necessary ?

Ans. On each Circuit there shall be not less than three nor more than seven ; who shall be nominated by the Superintendent and appointed by the meeting, one of whom shall be the Recording Steward.

When a Recording Steward of a Circuit becomes incapacitated for the duties of his office, the Superintendent of the Circuit shall have authority to appoint another of the Stewards to that office until the next Quarterly Meeting, when his place shall be supplied according to discipline.

SECTION III.

OF THE BUILDING OF CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES, AND THE ORDER TO BE OBSERVED THEREIN.

Ques. 1. Is anything advisable in regard to building ?

Ans. 1. Let our churches be built plain and decent, and not more expensive than is absolutely necessary.

2. In order more effectually to prevent our people from contracting debts which they are not able to discharge, it

shall be the duty of the Quarterly Official Meeting of every Circuit, where it is contemplated to build a church or churches, to secure the ground or lot on which such church or churches are to be built, according to our deed of settlement, which deed must be legally executed; and also, said Quarterly Meeting shall appoint a judicious Committee of at least three members of our Church, who shall form an estimate of the amount necessary to build; and three-fourths of the money, according to such estimate, shall be secured or subscribed before any such building shall be commenced. All church property to be legally secured, and the deed registered within one year after its execution.

3. In future, we will admit no charter, deed, or conveyance, for any church to be used by us, unless it be provided in such charter, deed, or conveyance, that the Trustees of the said church shall, at all times, permit such Ministers and Preachers belonging to the Methodist Church of Canada, as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the Conference or by the Ministers of our Church, to preach and expound God's Holy Word, and to execute the Discipline of the Church, and to administer the Sacraments therein, according to the true meaning and purport of our deed of settlement.

4. When a new Board of Trustees is to be created, it shall be done by the appointment of the Quarterly Official Meeting, upon the nomination of the Superintendent of the Circuit, and shall consist of not less than seven, nor more than twenty-one.

5. No person shall be eligible as a Trustee to any of our churches, parsonages, school-houses, burial-grounds, or other property, who is not a member of our Church.

6. No person who is a Trustee shall be ejected while he is in joint security for money, unless such relief be given him as is demanded, or as the creditor will accept.

7. When and so often as one or more of the said Trustees, or of their successors in the said trust, shall die, withdraw, or cease to be a member or members of the said Methodist Church of Canada, according to the Rules and

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Discipline of the said Church, the vacant place of the Trustee or Trustees so dying, withdrawing, or ceasing to be a member or members of the said Church, shall be filled with a successor or successors, being a member or members of the said Church, of the full age of twenty-one years, to be nominated and appointed as follows: that is to say,—to be nominated by the Methodist Minister having charge for the time being of the Circuit in which the said premises shall be situate, and thereupon appointed by the surviving or remaining Trustee or Trustees of the said trust, or a majority of them, if he or they shall think proper to appoint the person or persons so nominated, and, in case of an equal division of the votes of the Trustees present, at any meeting of the Trustees held for the purpose of such appointment, the Minister in charge of the said Circuit shall have a casting vote in such appointment; and if it shall happen at any time that there shall be no surviving or remaining Trustee of the said trust, in every such case it shall and may be lawful for the Minister aforesaid to nominate, and the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit, if they approve of the persons so nominated, to appoint the requisite number of Trustees, the said Trustees of the said trust, by a vote of the majority of the members of the said meeting then present; and in case of an equal division of their votes, the Chairman of the said meeting shall have the casting vote in such appointment, and the person or persons so nominated and appointed Trustee or Trustees in either of the said modes of nomination and appointment, shall be the legal successor or successors of the said above named Trustees, and shall have in perpetual succession the same capacities, powers, rights and duties, as belonged to and were exercised by the original Trustees.

Ques. 2. What other directions are necessary with regard to church property?

Ans. 1. In order to prevent forgetfulness and loss of Church property, a correct inventory of all our property, whether Lands, Churches, Parsonages, or Furniture, shall be kept.

2. The Book Steward for the time being shall be the Registrar, and shall provide and keep a proper Book for the purpose, which book shall be laid before the Conference, for the inspection of its members.

3. Each Superintendent shall return a list and description of Church property within the circumference of his Circuit, every fourth year, according to Conference schedule, and at the time of the valuation of the Book Room property; also the exact locality and other information needful; and whether, and where, the Deeds are registered.

Ques. 3. What advice or direction shall be given concerning the building or renting of dwelling houses for the use of the Travelling Ministers?

Ans. 1. It is recommended by the Conference that Parsonages be obtained on each of our Circuits and Missions wherever practicable, for the use of our married Ministers and their families; and be secured according to our deed of settlement: or, where this is impracticable, that suitable houses be rented.

2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman and Ministers to use their influence to carry the above rules, respecting building and renting houses for the Ministers and their families, into effect. In order to this, each Quarterly Official Meeting shall appoint a Committee (unless other measures have been adopted) who, with the advice and aid of the Ministers and Chairman, shall devise such means as may seem fit to raise moneys for that purpose. And the Conference shall make special enquiry of their members respecting this part of their duty.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

The Committee recommends the form as found in the Discipline of the M. E. Church of the United States with the following alterations:—

1. In the first address, leave out the word "only" and read, "for it is those that be planted."

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2. Second rubric leave out, and substitute "Then the Minister may address the applicants in the following or similar language."

3. Substitute for the first question after the word "renew" the following: "Do you here in the presence of God, and of this Congregation renew the solemn consecration of yourself to God, and take upon you the sacred obligations involved and set forth in the holy ordinance of Baptism, and do you purpose that in heart and life, in death and forever, you will be a true servant of God and of Christ?"

Ans. "I do; such is my purpose, by God's help."

4. For next question, substitute the following: "Do you believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ, as the only and all-sufficient propitiation for the sins of mankind, and do you look to him for the remission of sin and eternal life?"

Ans. "Such is my faith and hope."

5. Next question, substitute the following: "Do you believe in the inspiration and Divine authority of Holy Scripture, and accept the same as a sufficient rule of faith and practice?"

Ans. "I do."

The following is the form as amended and adopted:—

FORM OF RECEIVING PERSONS INTO THE CHURCH AFTER PROBATION.

Upon the day appointed, all that are to be received shall be called forward, and the Minister addressing the congregation, shall say:

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—The Scriptures teach us, that the Church is the household of God, the body of which Christ is the Head, and that it is the design of the Gospel, to bring together, in one, all who are in Christ. The fellowship of the Church is the communion which its members enjoy one with another. The ends of this fellowship are the maintenance of sound doctrine, and of the ordinances of Christian worship, and the exercise of that power of godly admonition and discipline which Christ has committed to His Church for the promotion of holiness.

It is the duty of all men to unite in this fellowship, for it is those that be "planted in the house of the Lord, that shall flourish in the courts of our God." Its more particular *duties* are to promote peace and unity; to bear one another's burdens; to prevent each other's stumbling; to seek the intimacy of friendly society among themselves; to continue steadfast in the faith and worship of the Gospel; and to pray and sympathize with each other. Among its *privileges* are peculiar incitements to holiness from the hearing of God's Word, and sharing in Christ's ordinances; the being placed under the watchful care of pastors, and the enjoyment of the blessings which are promised only to those who are of the household of faith. Into this holy fellowship the persons before you, who have already received the Sacrament of Baptism, and have been under the care of proper leaders for three months on trial, come seeking admission. We now propose, in the fear of God, to question them as to their faith and purposes, that you may know that they are proper persons to be admitted into the Church.

Then the Minister may address the applicants in the following or similar language:

DEARLY BELOVED,—You come hither seeking the great privilege of union with the Church which our Saviour has purchased with his own blood. We rejoice in the grace of God vouchsafed unto you, in that he has called you to be his *followers*, and that thus far you have done well. You have heard how blessed are the privileges, and how solemn are the duties of membership in Christ's Church; and before you are fully admitted thereto, it is proper that you do here publicly renew your vows, confess your faith, and declare your purposes, by answering the following questions:—

Ques. Do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the solemn consecration of yourself to God, and take upon you the sacred obligations involved and set forth in the holy ordinance of Baptism, and do you purpose that in heart and life, in death and for ever, you will be a true servant of God and of Christ?

Ans. I do;—such is my purpose, by God's help.

Ques. Do you believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, as the only and all-sufficient propitiation for the sins of mankind; and do you look to him for the remission of sin and eternal life?

Ans. Such is my faith and hope.

Ques. Do you believe in the inspiration and divine authority of Holy Scripture, and accept the same as a sufficient rule of faith and practice?

Ans. I do.

Ques. Will you cheerfully be governed by the rules of the Methodist Church of Canada, hold sacred the ordinances of God, and endeavour, as much as in you lies, to promote the welfare of your brethren and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom?

Ans. I will.

Ques. Will you contribute of your earthly substance, according to your ability, to the support of the Gospel and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church?

Ans. I will.

Then the Minister, addressing the Church, shall say :

Brethren, you have heard the responses given to our enquiries. Have any of you any reason to allege why these persons should not be received into full membership in the Church?

No objection being alleged, the Minister shall say to the Candidates :

We welcome you to the Communion of the Church of God; and, in testimony of our Christian affection and the cordiality with which we receive you, I hereby extend to you the right hand of fellowship; and may God grant that you may be a faithful and useful member of the Church militant, until you are called to the fellowship of the Church triumphant, which is "without fault before the throne of God."

Then shall the Minister offer extempore prayer.

THE COVENANT SERVICE.

The Covenant Service shall be continued, as it is now printed in the Discipline of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

SECTION IV.

THE DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Ques. 1. Who is the Superintendent?

Ans. That Minister or Preacher on each Circuit who is appointed from time to time to take charge of the Ministers, Preachers, and Societies therein.

Ques. 2. What are the duties of the Superintendent?

Ans. To see that the Ministers and Preachers in his Circuit behave well, and want nothing.

To renew the Tickets quarterly, and to regulate the Bands.

To enquire, when necessary, at the Renewal of Tickets, what each member can give for the support of the Minister.

To meet the Stewards and Leaders regularly.

To appoint all the Leaders, and change them when he sees it necessary; but not contrary to the wish of the Class, or without consulting the Leaders' Meeting.

To receive, try, and expel Members, according to Discipline.

To hold Watch-nights and Lovefeasts.

To hold Quarterly Meetings; to preside in all Official Meetings of the Circuit in the absence of the Chairman, and to make all nominations to office.

It shall be considered as a principle in Methodist Discipline that no court shall be recognized as Methodistic in which the Minister or Preacher does not preside.

To take care that every Society be duly supplied with books; and to urge upon all who are admitted into our Church to read attentively our General Rules, the Second Catechism, and other Wesleyan Works.

To take an exact account of the number of members in Society in his Circuit, and report to the District Meeting the number of members who have been received on trial, or by ticket, and of those who have been removed, died, or ceased to be members, or have been separated from, or added to the Circuit by the alteration of its boundaries.

To leave for his successor a Circuit Book, containing a perfect list of all the official members, and also an exact list of the names of all the members in his Circuit, arranged in their classes, as found at the last Quarterly Official Meeting of the year.

To transmit to the Chairman his Quarterly Schedule, with such remarks as will furnish a full account of the state of the work under his charge.

To give due notice to the Chairman of the District in all cases of appeal.

Ques. 3. What other directions shall we give him?

Ans. To see that every Band-leader has the Rules of the Bands.

To enforce vigorously, but calmly, all the Rules of the Society.

To explain and enforce the General Rules of the Church, which should be understood; to prohibit our people from giving any countenance to card-playing or dancing.

To suffer no Lovefeast to last above an hour and a half.

To remind members, from time to time, that none are to remove from one Circuit to another without a certificate of membership from a Minister of the Circuit, and to warn them that without such certificate they will not be received into the Church in other places; and also to forward a duplicate copy of such certificate by mail to the Superintendent of the Circuit to which they may be removing.

To see that the General Rules are read once a year in every Congregation, and occasionally in each Society, by himself or his colleague.

To appoint Prayer Meetings wherever he can in his Circuit, and to see that a Fast be observed in every Society on the Friday preceding every Quarterly Meeting.

To license such persons as he may think proper to officiate as Exhorters, provided no person shall be so licensed without consulting the Stewards and Leaders or Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit in which the person proposed resides.

To make a plan of appointments for the Ministers, the Travelling and Local Preachers, and Exhorters on the Circuit, with the counsel of the Local Preachers' Meeting, or of the Quarterly Official Meeting where there is no Local Preacher's Meeting.

To make strict inquiry in the Local Preachers' Meeting at least once a quarter into the moral character of all the Leaders, their punctuality in beginning and ending their Class Meetings in proper time, and whatever relates to their office.

To invite and earnestly urge the attendance and assistance of the Recording Stewards and other Lay Representatives at the District Meetings, according to rule.

To read, with the assistance of his colleague or colleagues, the Pastoral Address of the Conference to all the Societies in his Circuit.

To prepare and present to the District Meeting an Annual Report of the state of the Sabbath Schools in his Circuit.

To examine the accounts of all the Stewards.

To appoint a person to receive the Quarterly Collection in the Classes, if necessary.

To see that the rule in regard to weekly and quarterly contributions and other financial regulations are observed in all our Societies as far as possible. Let every Leader receive the weekly contribution from each person in his Class.

To see that all Public Collections in aid of the Circuit, or of the Connexional Funds, be regularly made in each Congregation of the Circuit.

To make application in the Classes, and to our friends, on behalf of the Superannuation Fund, during the months of November and December; and to make a public collection

for the same object, in the months of October or November, paying the moneys thus received to the Financial Secretary, in time for transmission to the Treasurer on or before the first day of January.

To see that Collections for our Connexional Funds be taken up at the following times, viz. :

Contingent, in the months of September and March.

Educational, in the months of February or April.

To carry out the arrangements made by the Financial District Meeting in regard to the Missionary work on his Circuit.

To pay promptly to the appointed Treasurers all money collected for the several Funds at the times directed by Conference.

The section on the subject of Baptism, recommended for the Book of Discipline, by Rev. A. Langford, was considered, and adopted, and is as follows:—

BAPTISM.

1. Who are the proper subjects for baptism?

Infants, and believing adults who have not been baptized in infancy.

2. What is the mode of baptism?

Sprinkling or pouring; but should any candidate for baptism prefer another mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request.

Wherever practicable let the ordinance be administered in the public congregation.

A memorial was read, signed by several laymen, asking that the question of ministerial salaries be re-opened. The request was granted.

Dr. Pickard moved that the second sub-section of the first rule of order be suspended to allow Mr. Gooderham to move a reconsideration of the clause respecting the salaries of ministers.

The motion prevailed.

SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

James Gooderham, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That the rule in respect to the allowance of Ministers and Preachers, adopted at a former session of this Conference, be so amended as to provide that the salary of a married man be \$300 ; that of an ordained single man, \$250 ; and that of a probationer, \$200 ; nevertheless this shall not be so understood as to relieve the Quarterly Official Meeting from the obligation to provide for the necessary expense of board, fuel, rent, horse-keep, and incidental expenses.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARIES.

Judge Deacon offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. H. Gibbs, Esq., and adopted :—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this General Conference are due and are hereby tendered to our esteemed brethren, the General Secretary, Rev. Duncan D. Currie ; the Assistant Secretary, Rev. William Scott ; and the Journal Secretary, Rev. John Bredin ;—for the kindness, courtesy and efficiency with which they have respectively discharged their duties during the Sessions of this Conference, and, as a mark of our appreciation, the sum of fifty dollars be presented to each of such officers.

THANKS TO TORONTO FRIENDS.

J. Squelch, Esq., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

That this General Conference tenders its very hearty thanks to those kind friends of Toronto, who have so

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generously entertained its members during their protracted Sessions, earnestly praying that the best blessings of God may rest upon them, and that the Ministers of the City and Yorkville convey these thanks to the friends, at a suitable time and in a suitable manner.

It is also *Resolved*,—That to the Ministers of this City the cordial thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, for the very great attention they have shown to its members, and which has contributed so much to our comfort and convenience.

Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, M.A., of the British Conference, was introduced; and briefly addressed the Conference,

The Conference adjourned until 7.30 o'clock, this evening.

FRIDAY EVENING, *October 2.*

The Conference was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. ROBINSON.

The journal of this afternoon was read, and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Pickard, it was *Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to Rev. John A. Williams, for the valuable services rendered by him, as Secretary of the Committee on Discipline; and further *Resolved*,—That the sum of fifty dollars be presented to him.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES FUND.

Rev. Joseph Hart submitted the Report of the Committee on Conference Expenses, showing a small balance on hand, which was adopted.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the balance on hand shall remain in the hands of the Book Steward, subject to the order of the General Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President nominated the following persons as members of the General Conference Special Committee; and the said nominations were confirmed:—

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| Rev. Mr. Pope. | Judge Wilmot. |
| “ Mr. Milligan. | Hon. J. J. Rogerson. |
| “ Mr. McMurray. | “ S. L. Shannon. |
| “ J. Elliott. | “ J. Ferrier. |
| “ Dr. Wood. | W. H. Gibbs, Esq. |
| “ J. A. Williams. | Judge Jones. |
| “ J. Rice. | Alex. Johnston, Esq. |
| “ Dr. Nelles. | Hon. J. C. Aiken. |
| “ D. D. Currie. | “ Judge Young. |
| “ D. Savage. | R. Wilkes, M.P. |
| “ Dr. Green. | John Macdonald, Esq. |

METHODIST UNION.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the General Conference Special Committee be constituted a Committee on Methodist Union, to confer with similar Committees which may be appointed by any other Methodist Churches on this subject.

DEPUTATION TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The following brethren were appointed a Deputation to present the Address of this Conference to the Governor-General of the Dominion, namely:—The President, the Vice-President, the Chairman of the Ottawa District, our Ministers resident in Ottawa, W. H. Walker, and J. Rochester, Esqs.

THANKS TO RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT MANAGERS.

On motion, it was *Ordered*,—That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Managers of Railway and Steamboat Lines, who have granted privileges of travel to its members at reduced rates.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the third Sabbath in November be observed as a day of Thanksgiving.

SOCIETY TICKETS.

On motion, it was *Ordered*,—That the Book Steward, and the Editor, prepare suitable Class Tickets for the use of our Church; and that their use shall begin after the next Annual Conferences.

COURSE OF STUDY.

On motion, it was *Resolved*,—That the Course of Study hitherto in use, shall be the Course of Study until after the expiration of the present year.

THANKS TO REV. JOHN POTTS.

On motion of Waring Kennedy, Esq., the cordial thanks of the Conference was tendered to Rev. John Potts, for the perfect arrangements he has made for the convenience of the Conference.

THANKS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church, for permission to hold its Sittings therein.

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.

Rev. William S. Blackstock moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Judge Jones:—

Resolved,—That the cordial and hearty thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., for the courtesy, impartiality, and distinguished ability with which he has discharged the important and onerous duties of Presiding Officer of this Body during its protracted Sessions.

The resolution was adopted, unanimously, by a standing vote.

The President addressed the Conference.

The Journal of this evening was read and adopted.

The 534th hymn was sung; Revs. John Ryerson, Dr. Green, and the President offered prayer; and the Conference closed at 10 o'clock p.m.



EGERTON RYERSON,
President.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE,
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JOHN BREDIN,
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APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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TO THE

MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF
CANADA.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—I have been requested by the recent General Conference “to prepare an Address to the members of our Church throughout the Dominion, on the state of our work, with a view to promote its efficiency.”

This request is my reason and apology for the liberty I now take of addressing you, compressing what my heart prompts and duty requires me to say into as few words as possible.

1. The first feeling that should warm and swell our bosoms, is that of gratitude to Almighty God, not only for the material prosperity with which He has blessed our country, but for the displays of His grace to us as a Church, in the large increase of members, of places of worship, of seminaries of learning, of means to sustain and extend our missionary operations at home and abroad, and in consolidating three branches of the Methodist family into one vast connexion, extending from Newfoundland to British Columbia, embracing an inter-oceanic territory larger than the United States of America, including upwards of one thousand ministers, more than one hundred thousand communicants, and nearly half a million of adherents and hearers.

2. It is also a special ground of thankfulness to the Supreme Fountain of all wisdom and goodness, that, in the first representative Conference held in our Church, ministers and laymen have been elected by their wide-spread constituencies, assembled in equal numbers, and with one mind and heart, have avowed articles of faith and a system of doctrines, and adopted a polity of Church government by which the people called Methodists have been distinguished from the days of John Wesley—doctrines preached by Apostles and witnessed by martyrs—and a polity of operations which, in a century, has unfurled the banner of the cross and preached its unsearchable riches over continents and islands to a greater extent than any other Protestant Church in the world, adapting itself to all diversities of nations and conditions of society, and, by the renewing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, has, as in ancient days, converted the idolator of every type, and reformed the vicious of every degree, and raised up multitudes upon multitudes who, as living epistles of piety, virtue, and benevolence, are read and known of all men.

3. The conclusions of the lengthened deliberations of the recent General Conference are embodied in a Book of Doctrines and Discipline, which should, next to the Bible and our Hymn-Book, be in every Methodist family of the Dominion, and in which you will find the great principles and rules of government and practice received from our forefathers, specially adapted to the circumstances and wants of our country, and the circuit and missionary operations of our Church.

4. One leading object of these carefully matured disciplinary arrangements is, to give the unity and strength of our whole Church to the work of its every department—that the missionary, the Sabbath-school, the educational, and various other works of the Church should emanate from a common authority, should have the stamp of a common character, should be bound together by a common interest, should be animated by one spirit; while there should be ample local discretion in the application of common principles, and in advancing the divine purposes of our common

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5. The practical working of this simple but great machinery which God has placed in our hands, rests chiefly with the six Annual Conferences, and the ministers and congregations under their charge. The effectiveness of any system depends more upon the manner in which it is administered and worked out, than upon even the excellence of the principles and regulations which it embodies. The beauty of the wonderfully and fearfully made human body is but a lifeless spectacle on which to gaze, without the life, and spirit, and wisdom, and goodness which animate its faculties, and prompt and invigorate its activities. The might of the best ecclesiastical machinery lies not in the wisdom and completeness of its construction, but in the spirit and power of the living God, sanctifying, teaching, and empowering its every agent, and directing its every movement.

6. Under such conditions and circumstances, and with such responsibilities and divinely provided resources, what is the duty of every minister, and of every member of the Church, but that each *minister* shall remember his divine vocation, and his personal ordination vows; that the divine call is as fresh and authoritative every day of life, until its last setting sun, as it was when it first extorted the response, "Lord, here am I, send me;" and that the personal vow is binding at all times and in all circumstances, "in season and out of season," until the Master shall grant him his discharge, and say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" and that every member of the Church shall feel equally with the minister, that he is enlightened to give light, that he is pardoned, adopted, renewed, sanctified, made complete in Christ, that he may *witness* and *labour* for Christ. The obligation is commensurate with the blessing throughout the whole membership of the Church. "For *none* of us liveth to himself, and *no man* dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Did

these convictions control, and this spirit actuate every minister and member of our Church, what power would there be in all its ministrations and services, in all its meetings and counsels; what songs of salvation would be heard in all its habitations, what mighty victories would be achieved, and golden harvests gathered in all the fields of its conflicts and culture! The whole Church then would indeed be "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

7. The first step towards becoming the subject of such "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works," the attainment of such Divine love and anointing power, the cultivation of such graces, and the prosecution of such labours, is doubtless the daily and devout study of God's Word, as the rule of action, faith, and practice, and making it—especially the Gospels and Epistles of the New Testament—the standard of one's every-day feelings, experience and conduct, and nightly testing one's self by this Scriptural standard, by which we must all be weighed and judged at the last day. This Bible Christianity,* by which every believer learns God's will and communes with Him from day to day in His own Word, and worships Him without any interposing priest "throughone Mediator," and is himself a "royal priest unto God" offering up "spiritual sacri-

* "We ascribe it to nothing but the *revealed will of God*, that those kingdoms of the earth, which bow at the name of Jesus, have vastly outstripped in civilization every other, whether ancient or modern. If you search for the full development of the principles of civil liberty, for the security of property, for even-handed justice for the rebuke of gross vices, for the cultivation of social virtues, and for the diffusion of the generous care of the suffering, you must turn to lands where the cross has been erected—as though Christianity were identified with all that is fine in policy, and lofty in morals, and permanent in greatness. Yea, as though the BIBLE were a mighty volume, containing whatever is requisite for correcting the disorders of states, and cementing the happiness of families, you find that the causing it to be *received and read by the people*, is tantamount to the producing a thorough revolution—a revolution including equally the palace and the cottage—so that every rank in society, as though there had been waved over it the wand of the magician, is mysteriously elevated, and furnished with new elements of dignity and comfort.—*Melville*.

fices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ," "entering into the holiest by the blood of Jesus," exhibits a majestic simplicity of Divine worship, and invests the service of the true worshipper with a dignity and grandeur, that renders insipid and contemptible the artistic gesticulations and tawdry ornaments of a sensuous ritualistic worship.

8. The inward power and experience of Scriptural Christianity must ever be accompanied by its corresponding outward expressions and manifestations—attendance upon all the means of grace, as Providence may permit, and the practice of all Christian duties and charities, as ability may be given. The preaching of the word, the Supper of the Lord, the meeting for united prayer and mutual fellowship, the devotions of the family and the closet, as well as the reading of the Scriptures, are the divinely appointed means of spiritual nourishment, strength, growth, and health to the soul, as various material food is the agency of bodily nourishment, strength, growth, and health; and the neglect of the latter is no less fatal to the health and vigour of the body, than the neglect of the former is to the health and vigour of the soul. To starve the body is suicide, which no man will commit in his proper senses; to starve the soul is no less criminal and suicidal, which no Christian can do, except at the peril of his happiness here and his salvation hereafter. The Methodists have the reputation of being a hearty singing and a warm praying people: may they be equally noted as a Bible-reading and a Bible-living people! Let those means of grace be most resolutely and most scrupulously used against which the carnal mind most revolts, such as the prayer and class meeting. If attendance at these precious means of grace be punctual and uniform, there will be no neglect of the lovefeast, the Lord's Supper, and the ministrations of the sanctuary. The piety and strength of the Church is the aggregate of the piety and strength of its individual members, whether of the ministry or laity, whether young or old; and for each member to be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might," he must have "the joy of the Lord, which is his strength;" and that joy can only be possessed by a "life hid with Christ in God," by a heart filled with the love of God, re-

newed in His likeness, and having fellowship with the Father and the Son by the Holy Spirit, in all the sanctuary ordinances and means of grace, as well as in private meditation and secret prayer. "Praying without ceasing," is essential to "rejoicing evermore."

9. In addition to settling the polity of the Church, and considering the vital questions of personal piety and attendance upon the means of grace to maintain and promote it, the General Conference has devised and matured several organizations and plans of church work, which claim the united prayers and liberal support of the whole body. To the more prominent of these, it becomes my duty to draw your attention in few words, leaving detailed explanations and counsels as the more appropriate work of Pastors of congregations, and the Pastorals of Annual Conferences.

(1) The General Conference has organized the *Missionary Society* upon a basis of united and comprehensive action, under an effective management, extending its branches to every Circuit and Mission throughout the Dominion, and summoning the whole Church to its divine vocation of "seeking and saving that which is lost," by "preaching the Gospel to every creature"—the mission of the Son of God from heaven, the end of His teachings, sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension, and gifts of the Holy Spirit. No man can be true to Christ and untrue to Christian missions—the Saviour's great commission to the Church—the world's only hope.

(2) A complete system of *Sabbath-school organization* for the whole Church, including the publication of Sabbath-school papers and the supply of Sabbath-school books, has been matured and adopted by the General Conference. The experience of more than half a century, both in Europe and America, has shown that the agency of the Sabbath-school is the most potent yet devised to supplement parental instruction and public preaching for training up children and youth in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Sabbath-schools are the nurseries of the Church—its seed-plots, for the indefinite multiplication of plants of righteousness—the right hand of the Church's strength,—to be

worked as its richest mine of wealth, and nourished as its heart's blood. The youth of every family should be in the Sabbath-school, as teachers or pupils; and every member of the Church should, by prayer, by contribution, by advocacy, support the Sabbath-school; while all parents should, by their example, prayers, and instructions, prepare their children for Sabbath-school instruction and usefulness. The work of the fireside may be supplemented, but not superseded, by the work of the Sabbath-school. The parent, any more than the minister, cannot perform his duty by proxy. Every man must bear his own burden, do his own work, and receive his own reward.

(3) To all our *Educational Institutions*, whether male or female, including academies, colleges, and universities, unity and identity of interest and supreme control, with local discretion of management, have been given by the deliberations and decisions of the General Conference; all these agencies of intellectual and moral culture are thus handmaids of religion—imparting a thorough Christian and practical education to the sons and daughters of our people for important positions in social life, for the different professions, and providing also for the systematic theological training and higher intellectual education of those whom God has called to the work of the Christian Ministry. The continued success of all these educational institutions—one in interest and aim, and one in religious oversight and character, and established to meet the wants of the Church and the demands of the age, as they have already so nobly done, depends upon the liberality and co-operation of the members of the Church throughout the Dominion. If “wisdom and knowledge are to be the stability of the times” in the best ages of the Church and of the world, it becomes the Church, as a duty of the highest patriotism, as well as of the noblest Christian philanthropy, to see that the “wisdom and knowledge” taught in the academy and the college recognizes God in Nature as in Revelation—the all and in all of the true progress of society, and of man's highest development and happiness.

(4) In the constitution of the Book Committee, with its sections and branches, under the management of which our

periodicals are published, and our various religious and general literature provided, the best provision has been made for keeping all the members of the Church informed in regard to every department of our varied work at home and abroad, as also the operations of piety and benevolence in other Christian Churches, and for supplying our people, young and old, with a choice and varied selection of religious and general literature. I know of no other Church in the Dominion which has made so comprehensive and complete a provision for supplying the intellectual wants of its members and adherents, upon truly Christian principles, by its educational institutions, its periodicals, its religious, scientific, and general literature; and I fervently hope and pray that all the members and friends of the Methodist Church will avail themselves, to the utmost of their power, of the advantages thus accessible to them.

(5) The General Conference, both ministers and laymen, as on other subjects, has expressed a very decided opinion on the subject of *Temperance*, and has strongly recommended legislation to suppress the manufacture and traffic of spirituous liquors, and thus lessen, as far as may be done by statute law and its administration, the dreadful evils of intemperance, while it urges those religious and moral suasions—the primary and potent instruments of moral reform—upon all the members of the Church, and all the friends of humanity, to give their example and influence in favour of abstinence from intoxicating drinks. As law, in a free country, is but the embodiment of public opinion; so public opinion must be in advance of law. It becomes, therefore, the duty of every Christian and philanthropist to create and strengthen, by his example and influence, both within and without the Church, a sound public opinion on the subject of temperance, and the evils of intemperance—the source of nine-tenths of the crimes which destroy individuals, beggar families, afflict society, and impair the energies and resources of private and public comfort and wealth.

(6) Nor has the General Conference omitted to devise and suggest means and measures for advancing the im-

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portant and already rapidly progressing work of church accommodation, and providing for the more efficient support of the ministry. In this latter Scriptural and noble work the laymen of the General Conference took the most conspicuous part; and, if the spirit which they evinced is imbibed and cultivated by the members of our Church and congregations at large, an essential means of promoting both the comfort and efficiency of your ministers will be secured beyond all precedent.

10. I have devoted but brief paragraphs to subjects, on each of which my convictions and feelings would prompt me to write an essay, did the occasion permit. I earnestly commend these subjects to your serious, prayerful, and generous consideration, aided by reading the New Book of Discipline itself, and by what may be uttered from the pulpit and the platform, and sent forth in the columns of our periodicals.

11. I feel how poorly I have fulfilled the task imposed upon me by the General Conference, in thus addressing you; but I cannot forbear repeating the thought already expressed,—namely, the necessity, apart from the privilege, of the daily culture and practice of *vital religion*, the Samson-lock of individual and church strength, the perennial spring of the highest enjoyment, from which flow ever-widening streams of pious benevolence and useful activity, and without which all the externals of Christianity, however imposing and magnificent, and however adorned and enriched by wealth, talents, and gifts, are but “sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

12. Very dear Brethren,—Unexpectedly called to a position so much above my merits, and required thus to address you, I desire gratefully to confess, that “by the grace of God I am what I am,”—a sinner saved by grace—saved in youth, saved in manhood, being saved in old age; and being in the fiftieth year of my ministry, beyond my “three score years and ten,” sixty of which, save one, I have been enabled to witness, imperfectly indeed, a pardoning God and Saviour, I here record the avowal of my present views and feelings, that had I a thousand times, from

my early youth up, to live my life over again, I would, with all my heart and strength, strive to serve my God and Saviour more humbly, more faithfully, and more unservedly than I have done. The in-dwelling of God in the heart is the most radiant joy of youth, the mightiest strength of manhood, in both body and mind, the richest comfort of age; it prompts to labour, lightens toil, sweetens affliction, kisses the rod of disappointment and adversity, gives songs in the night of age and infirmity, and brightens with a lively hope the day-spring of immortality. My earnest prayer is, that every minister and member of the Church, with myself, may so learn, and live, and labour, that no child in the land, and no heathen abroad or at home, shall have cause to reproach us in the great day of final retribution.

Yours, very affectionately,

E. RYERSON, *President.*

Toronto, October 14th, 1874.

ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE
TO THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN
METHODIST CHURCH
IN THE
DOMINION OF CANADA.

DEAR BRETHERN,—We greet you in the name of the Lord. “Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Our affection for you, dear brethren, and our interest in the work of God committed to you, are none the less because we address you in a new relationship. You are now to us the representatives of the two Connexions with which it has

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been our joy through many years to hold official communications; and we do not forget that your Conference represents also a branch of the Methodist family, whose union with the two previously existing bodies now comprehended in your Connexion, has been consummated to the satisfaction of all the contracting parties. "Our heart's desire and prayer to God" is, that the church which is formed by this union may be the home of unbroken brotherly love, and may be the medium of the eminent display of the saving "power from on high."

We need not remind you, however, that all Church organization is but a means to an end. We rejoice, therefore, that the brethren who met in Conference at Hamilton, and whose Address we received with great satisfaction, were able to assure us of their unswerving determination to hold fast, and to hold forth, the great doctrines of the Gospel which God used so mightily in the preaching of our fathers. In thus addressing us we doubt not that they may be taken to represent the other brethren of your Conference. To us this is an unspeakable comfort. We value far more highly the substance of a Church's teaching than the form of a Church's ministration. This latter must necessarily be adapted to meet the needs of different nations, varying social conditions, and successive ages; always having regard to well-recognized and essential principles. But the faith of Christ's Church is the "faith once delivered to the saints." In it is the truth needed by, and sufficient for, all lands and all time. And we rejoice that while we shall continue to cry aloud to the dying world, the voice of your Church will be heard uttering in harmonious tones the self-same testimony. The orthodoxy of any church, however, depends more on its spiritual life than even on its regulations, or its formularies. We do not undervalue these latter. But where vital godliness does not flourish amongst a people, neither discipline nor creeds will preserve its members from deadly errors of practice and of faith. We are thankful, therefore, to hear that the work of God is prospering within your borders. Methodist Churches live most happily, and grow most surely, in the genial atmosphere of an intelligent and sound revival. May the cry of broken hearts and the

shout of hearts made new never be wanting in your borders, till the earth be filled with righteousness.

We are glad to know that you are able to commence a Mission to the heathen beyond the boundaries of your vast territory. We mark with affectionate interest the commencement of your operations in Japan, and shall follow your brethren in that new field with our sympathy and prayers. Our experience convinces us that you will not be less strong for any good work at home, because of your efforts to extend the Gospel abroad. In this sense also, "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

We are holding our Conference in Cornwall, a county which has been the scene of extraordinary Gospel triumphs from the earliest days of Methodism. Our session has been made memorable not only by the great public interest which it has excited, and the warmth of affection exhibited by the people of the county, but by the great spiritual power which has attended most of the public services. It will have gratified you to know that our President is the Rev. William Morley Punshon, LL.D., whose lengthened residence and great labours in "the Dominion" endeared him to you all, and who has always been to us, whether present or absent, a brother beloved. The interest of our sessions has been further increased by the presence with us of honoured brethren from our affiliated Conferences, and from the Mission field; and especially by the presence and addresses of Bishop Harris and Dr. McCauley, who brought to us the fraternal salutations of our brethren in the United States. We hope that in future years we may have—at least occasionally—the pleasure of welcoming brethren deputed from your Conference who shall bring to us tidings of your prosperity.

The review of our work has discovered cause for devout thankfulness to Almighty God. Our material prosperity advances without check. The work of chapel-erection proceeds at a rate increasing year by year.

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There is an addition of several thousands to the number of scholars attending our daily schools, with a still larger increase in the number of our Sunday scholars, and we are looking for a still further enlargement and consolidation of our Sunday-school work by means of a Connexional Sunday-school Union which we have determined to establish. Moreover, we are endeavouring to supply the missing links in the chain of our Educational agencies. On one hand the work of reclaiming and uplifting the orphan and deserted children of our land (a work to the success of which your valued co-operation has largely contributed) is attended with a manifest blessing. On the other hand we have determined to establish a High School in close neighbourhood to the University of Cambridge,—where the sons of our most intelligent people may receive an education which will fit them for the highest positions in commercial and professional life. Thus we are striving to bring the youth of all classes under the penetrating and purifying influence of a godly education. Meantime our Home Missionary efforts are not relaxed, and our Foreign Missionary income is larger by several thousands of pounds than in any previous year. But the best of all is, God has been with us in the preaching of the Word; and we report an increase in the membership of our Churches of three thousand souls. Though this is not commensurate with our desires and hopes, we accept it as a proof that the Lord is still with us, and as a challenge from Him to bring to His service a more impassioned zeal and a more complete devotion, so that "He may open the windows of heaven, and pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it."

We have deputed as our Representative to your Conference the Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., the honoured Secretary of our Conference, who enjoys the confidence and affection of our Churches. He will inform you, in detail, of the progress of the Lord's work amongst us, and we are sure that you will give to him a hearty welcome.

And now, brethren, farewell. May you be "strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might!" And as your

great Dominion develops its population, and opens up its territories, may you be always equal to the calls of the moment, and be able to spread over the whole extent of the vast region embraced within your boundaries the knowledge of that salvation which alone can make any people really prosperous and truly great, and to take your full part in the evangelization of the whole world!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

W. MORLEY PUNSHON, *President.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA,
TO
THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN,—

It has given us more than ordinary gratification to receive in this our First General Conference your fraternal address, replete, as it is, not only with sentiments of warm affection, but with wise and appropriate counsels. We gladly accept it as an additional proof of your regard, that you have sent to us as your representative the honored Secretary of your Conference, the Rev. Gervase Smith, M.A., from whose addresses and Sabbath ministrations we have derived much pleasure and advantage.

After full and careful consideration we have agreed, by an almost unanimous vote, that the name of the united Church represented in this General Conference shall be "The Methodist Church of Canada;" and it is our earnest desire to obliterate to the utmost all traces of former alienation or division in the great Methodist family of this Dominion. The Methodist Church of Canada will now cover a territory extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and in addition to the Provinces of the Dominion, will include also the islands of Newfoundland and the Bermudas. The number

of ordained Ministers belonging to the Church is 1,009 ; of church members, 102,238 ; and of adherents, nearly half a million. According to the tables of the last public census, the total number of Methodists in the Dominion is 567,091 ; in which estimate are included the adherents of the Primitive and Episcopal Methodist Churches. The number returned in the same tables as Presbyterians is 544,998 ; and as Episcopalians, or of the English Church, is 494,049. From which it will be seen that "the people called Methodists" considerably out-number any other single Protestant denomination in the Dominion.

We are profoundly thankful to Almighty God for the growth of this form of earnest Christianity in British North America, and for the remarkable and rapid success which has attended our recent efforts after organic oneness ; but we would lay solemnly to heart the salutary and well-timed injunctions of your address, and remember that "all church organization is only a means to an end," and would still strive "to value more highly the substance of a church's teaching than the form of a church's administration." We have taken care to provide, as far as in us lies, for the preservation of the doctrinal teaching and religious discipline by which both English and American Methodism has hitherto been characterised ; and we trust that our new organization, while not less favorable than the old to the spirit of religious revival, will be even better adapted to continued aggression upon all forms of error and sin.

We have chosen as the President of this our First General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., Chief Superintendent of Education for Ontario, the oldest Minister of the Church now in the effective ranks, and one whose name has become a household word in this land because of his eminent abilities as a writer, his untiring labors in the Christian ministry, and his singular merits and reputation as the founder of our noble system of Public Instruction.

Our Conference proceedings have been marked by delightful harmony and good feeling. The union of representative laymen and ministers in this highest court of the Church

has not thus far disappointed our cherished expectations, and we have been able to act with happy unanimity in completing such arrangements as seemed necessary to consolidate and advance the various interests of our entire community. The attempt to unite under one common supervision numerous societies and institutions connected with different fields of labor, has of necessity called for much anxious thought and the exercise of mutual concession; but it is hoped such adjustments have been effected as will give general satisfaction, and secure the unity and elasticity of our connexional system in the best way practicable throughout so wide an extent of territory.

Our Missionary Societies, our Publishing Interests, our Superannuation and Contingent Funds, our Sunday Schools, and Educational Institutions have all passed under review, and have been brought as far as possible into harmony with our new organization. We have formed an Educational Society after the manner of our Missionary Society, with the view of bringing annually before our people the important subject of Christian education, and of increasing the resources of our Universities, Theological Schools, and other Seminaries of learning. We have also recommended the founding of a Missionary School for the training of French Canadian youth in the Province of Quebec.

The signs of the times remind us more and more of the dangers of a culture that despises the authority of Revelation, and ignores the redeeming work of Him in whom lie hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. As the best antidote to infidelity on the one hand and superstition on the other we are resolved, by the blessing of God, to establish and maintain in this young empire, Christian colleges and schools for the higher education of youth of both sexes, and to demonstrate to the world the natural alliance of religious faith and intellectual freedom.

We thank you for your words of encouragement in regard to our recently undertaken Missions in the Empire of Japan. The accounts received thus far from the devoted brethren in charge of those Missions have confirmed the conviction with which the work was begun, and the increase

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in the contributions of our people for Missionary purposes has shown the wisdom of devising liberal things, and that by liberal things we shall stand.

The more vigorous prosecution of our Missionary work will, we trust, be one of the immediate advantages arising from the unity of Canadian Methodism. We feel, dear fathers and brethren, deeply humbled before God, as a part of the Church universal, that after the lapse of eighteen hundred years, the immense populations of Oriental lands should still remain in heathen darkness; that there should be found, even in young America, an ample supply of social comforts, and wealth and energy adequate to the most gigantic schemes of material development, and with all this an apparent lack of men, or means, or spiritual life, to convert the perishing millions of India, China, and Japan. We count it one of the highest aims of these friendly communications to stir each other up to a due sense of responsibility in this great matter, and we respectfully entreat you to join with us in earnest supplication to the great Head of the Church, for that spirit of Missionary zeal which glowed in the breasts of the Apostles, and for the hastening of the time when all nations shall be blessed with the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

The name of Wm. Morley Punshon, dear to us for his distinguished services to the cause of Christ in Canada, ought perhaps to be most of all dear to us because of his courageous faith in quickening our efforts to establish the Mission in Japan. We rejoice to learn that you have elected him to the Presidency of the British Conference, and shall be glad some future day once more to see his face and hear his voice in America.

We have been favored in our Conference with the presence of the venerable Bishop Peck, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States; of the Rev. Thomas B. Sargent, D.D., of the Methodist Church South, Representative to your Conference in 1842; Rev. J. H. Robinson, Representative from the New Connexion Church of England; and the Rev. W. H. Cornforth, of the British Conference. The presence of these distinguished visitors

has added largely to the Methodistic sympathy and Christian profit of our assembly.

We have chosen as our next Representatives to the British Conference, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, our beloved President; and the Rev. David Savage.

In conclusion, dear fathers and brethren, permit us again to assure you of our unchanged attachment to you as the Mother of all the Methodist Churches of the world, and of the deep interest with which we shall continue to look for your accustomed fraternal greetings, the visits of your Representatives, and your weighty words of parental counsel and exhortation.

And now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA

TO THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHERS,—Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. With a gratitude as sincere as our joy is great we note the progress of the work of God in the wide and constantly-extending field occupied by the Church of which you are the appointed and honored representatives. We thank

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God, on your behalf, who has been graciously pleased to vouchsafe to you so large a measure of success, that now you number within the pale of your Church a membership of a million and a half of redeemed and immortal souls. The little one has become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation !

The consideration of your vast Missionary organizations ; the number of your Ministers and Missionaries at home and abroad ; their zeal, fidelity, and success in the proclamation of a full and a free salvation, elevates our joy, animates our faith, and quickens our emulation.

We very greatly rejoice in your benevolent and successful efforts on the behalf of the Freedmen of your nation ; and we earnestly pray that your loftiest anticipations may be fully realized in the future of the once down-trodden but now emancipated millions, whose souls, equally with our own, have been redeemed by the precious blood of the world's Saviour.

Your marvellous enterprises in regard to religious education and a sanctified pure literature, as seen in the number of your schools, academies, colleges, and universities, and in the almost innumerable religious productions of the press under your control, command our admiration. We cannot fail to see, in the large extent to which you invoke the aid of these powerful agencies, a future before you and your country, bright with glorious promise !

We have sorrowed, dear brethren, with you in your griefs, as we have rejoiced with you in your joys. The loss of eminent men among you—eminent by official position and in the councils of your Church—we have felt to be a loss extending beyond the boundaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. But we have rejoiced with you in the abundant grace of God vouchsafed to them in a dying hour, and in an active and honored life.

We address you, beloved brethren, from the FIRST General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada ; and we are persuaded that it will afford you no small satisfaction to know that the efforts to unite the Conference of the Wes-

Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America, and the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada, have been so far successful that this our first General Conference is constituted of the representatives—both Clerical and Lay—of these several bodies now happily made one. The difficulties of organizing a General Conference and of arranging for seven Annual Conferences have been met in a spirit of Christian love, and the greatest harmony has prevailed in all our councils. We have sought, nor sought in vain, for the Divine guidance. God has been eminently with us, conducting us through perplexing questions and leading us to such conclusions as give great promise of perpetual harmony and increased usefulness.

You will not be surprised to learn that the first President elected by this General Conference is the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., one whose name and presence are not unfamiliar to your Body, and one who has for a period of nearly fifty years been an honored minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

We have now upwards of one thousand ministers in connexion with the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, and more than one hundred thousand members, constituting the largest Church in the entire Dominion. Gratifying as large numbers in themselves may be, we are nevertheless persuaded, that while they furnish enlarged power for further usefulness, they bring also increased responsibility. We deeply feel the supreme importance of vital godliness. Our ministry proclaim the grand old doctrines preached by our fathers; and our people, no less now than formerly, hold fast to the Doctrines, Ordinances, and Institutions so dear to the heart of the earliest members of the Methodist Church.

Our Missionary Society is prosecuting its work with increasing vigor. Its income and its agents are annually increasing; and God gives the laborers success in their various fields of Missionary toil. Our feeling of interest in the cause of Education is far from diminishing. We have now two universities for the Dominion. Additional colleges for

both sexes have recently gone into operation, and bid fair to be eminently successful.

Our Book Rooms and periodicals are exerting a salutary influence, and are largely aiding the Ministry of the Church in spreading Scriptural holiness throughout the land. We have been favored with the presence, counsels, and administrations of one of your honored bishops—the Rev. Jesse T. Peck, D.D.,—whose visit we gratefully acknowledge, but whose stay was of necessity too brief to gratify all our desires.

Our beloved brethren, the Rev. John A. Williams and John Macdonald, Esq., have been duly appointed our representatives to your General Conference. Their long and intimate acquaintance with every department of our work will enable them to furnish you, in ample detail, the state and operations of the several departments of our work in this land, and will supply any lack of service on these points which may appear in this address of fraternal greeting.

“ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope, through grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.”

Signed by authority and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, in the city of Toronto, this 28th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS

TO THE

BISHOPS, MINISTERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

HONORED FATHERS AND BRETHREN, — "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Though we have been for many years acquainted with your "work of faith and labor of love," yet, up to the present time, no formal correspondence nor intercourse has taken place between Canadian Methodism and that large branch of the great Methodist brotherhood of which you are the recognized overseers.

Several circumstances appear to us to indicate that the present is a propitious time to send you our first fraternal Christian greetings. Important changes have recently taken place in our own organization as a Church. We have felt, for some years, a desire, by the expression of our interest in the work you are doing for the Master, to strengthen those ties of Christian affection that should bind in unity of spirit all the different members of the family of God who hold the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

An agreeable visit from the venerable Dr. T. B. Sargent of your church, during the present meeting of our General Conference, has materially conduced to give this desire a practical expression. We have heard with sincere satisfaction his statements concerning the growth and extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the successes which have attended your labors throughout the vast field that has been assigned to you by the Head of the Church, as the sphere of your operations. It is specially gratifying to us to know that so soon after the disastrous civil war,

which must have been sadly inimical to every religious interest, Southern Methodism has regained its wonted vigor; and is so successfully prosecuting its work in every department of Christian enterprise.

Dr. Sargent did not come amongst us as a stranger. Many of us cherished kindly remembrances of a former visit, fourteen years ago, which secured for him on the present occasion a cordial welcome to our homes and hearts. His kindly Christian spirit, his words of tender, godly counsel, and his impressive and scriptural ministrations, have left with us pleasant memories that shall not soon be effaced. We rejoice to inform you that, probably, in no part of the world, has our beloved Methodism won more signal victories for Christ than in the Dominion of Canada. Our pioneer preachers in the new settlements of this country, amid toil and danger, scattered precious seeds of truth that have yielded rich harvests of golden grain.

Our educational institutions are rendering noble service, in preparing the youth of our country for an efficient discharge of life's great duties; and, by the dissemination of a sound religious literature, we are successfully combating the heresy and scepticism that are so fiercely and extensively assailing the faith of the children of God.

On our Missions to the Indians we have witnessed many glorious evidences of the power and sufficiency of the old gospel of life and love, to transform the rude and barbarous tribes of the wilderness into the "sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty;" while, in all the chief centres of population, we occupy a front rank in the work of supplying the religious wants of the people.

We have also successful Missions to the French Romanists of the Province of Quebec; to the German population of the Province of Ontario; to the rapidly extending communities of the new Province of Manitoba and the great North West; to the growing settlements and aboriginal tribes of the Pacific coast; on the shores of Newfoundland, and among the genial isles of the Bermudas; and within the last two years, through God's blessing and the increased

liberality of our people, we have been enabled to send two missionaries to lift up the standard of the cross among the enslaved and benighted multitudes of Japan.

For several years past there have been signs of a growing desire for an organized union of the different branches of Canadian Methodism. Practical measures have been adopted for securing this desirable object; and, as the result of this movement, our present General Conference, which represents over one thousand ministers, and more than one hundred thousand Church members, is the first meeting of representatives from three bodies, formerly known respectively as the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Eastern British America, and the Methodist New Connexion Church of Canada; and is composed of ministerial and lay delegates, in this respect adopting a reform, which your own Church was the first of the large Methodist denominations to inaugurate. And, though some of the minor bodies are not yet ripe for complete organic unity, still the spirit of uniting love is rapidly melting away the icy walls of separation and sectarian exclusiveness; and we trust, before long, the Methodism of our Dominion will present an unbroken front to the enemies of the cross of Christ.

In these times, when an atheistic philosophy and a diluted Christianity prevail so extensively, it will doubtless gratify you to know that, though our fields of labor are widely separated, we are one with you in contending earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints; and in faithfully proclaiming, in all their divine fulness, these "glad tidings of great joy," which are now, as in the days of the hero-fathers of Methodism, "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

We have appointed as our representatives to your next General Conference, the Rev. George Douglas, LL.D., our Vice-President, and the Hon. Judge Wilmot, D.C.L., brethren beloved.

Our earnest and prayerful desire for you is, that you may be enriched with peace and unity of spirit, and that your evangelistic labors may be crowned with abundant tokens

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of the Divine approval and benediction. May the God of all grace "supply all your need, according to his riches of glory by Christ Jesus."

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA,
IN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, would greet you most affectionately in the name of our common Lord.

It is a great satisfaction indeed to congratulate you upon the success in the blessed work of the Gospel, that has made it necessary or expedient for you to divide your extensive field of labor, and place it under the administration of several Annual Conferences; at the same time preserving your unity, and, we trust, increasing your efficiency, by this Representative and Legislative Council of the whole Church. The glory be unto God the Father, and Christ His Son, the great Head of the universal Church, and to the Holy Spirit, the Guide and Sanctifier, that you have been so prosperous in this land, in the presentation and diffusion of the holy doctrines of the Bible, and in the establishment and *maintenance* of so many institutions that are at once an evident benefit to the country and a blessing to our kind!

We rejoice with you because your work is the work of our Lord, and your growth is the growth of his kingdom and dominion among the sons of men. You preach the doctrines in which we implicitly trust, and which we joyously pro-

claim ; and you rest in the faith and hope that inspire our enterprises and animate our hearts.

As under the good hand of our God in the onward movements of your Church, you are now assembled for deliberation on most weighty matters, we earnestly pray that the pure and peaceable wisdom from above may be given you in large measure ; not only that your Conference may be harmonious and happy in the joy of the Gospel, but also that in the settlement of your affairs you may be directed to such measures and invigorated to such action as shall bring glory to God, and hasten on the complete triumph of Christian truth in our beloved Dominion, and in all lands in which your voice may be heard, and your influence, through the everlasting Gospel, be exerted.

That you may the better understand our minds in this Christian and fraternal salutation, and be better assured of our purpose and thoughts of love toward you, in our Lord Jesus Christ, we send to you two of our beloved brethren—the Rev. James Gardener, our Missionary Secretary, and the Rev. Michael Benson, the Secretary of our General Conference,—whom we commend to you in the sympathy and godly respect of our common Methodism ; who will tell you of our state, showing you how God has prospered us, and speak to you words of brotherly regard, inviting you to an interchange of fraternal relations and salutations, after the manner of the Churches in Apostolic times.

Praying that you may abound more and more in holiness, in the spiritual power of a pure Gospel, and in fruitfulness of labor for the salvation of men, we subscribe ourselves your brethren in the reproach and glory of the cross.

By order of the General Conference, Napanee, September 4th, 1874.

JAMES RICHARDSON, *President.*

MICHAEL BENSON, *Secretary.*

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TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA

DEAR BRETHREN,—We have much pleasure in acknowledging your very brotherly greeting and salutation conveyed to us by your deputation, the Rev. James Gardener and the Rev. Michael Benson. The assurance thus given us, both in your letter and in the communications of these brethren, are the more pleasing, as they so clearly give evidence of a charity which can rejoice in the prosperity of others even as in their own.

It has been necessary, as you say, that we should divide our extensive field of labor, and thus place it under the administration of several Annual Conferences; while at the same time, by a General Conference to preserve our unity, and thereby increase our efficiency. Our successes in the past, for which with you we give glory to God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—have rendered such a duty so manifest, that we have felt impelled to recognize and act upon it.

We join you most heartily in thankfulness that your Church can rejoice over those attending influences of the Holy Spirit upon your Ministry, manifested in the conversion of sinners and in the upbuilding of believers; and we pray, that in years to come, as in those that are past, you may have abundantly this Scriptural and truest evidence of Apostolicity as ministers of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

To you, as to us, dear brethren, the prayer of our Divine Lord is greatly important at this time and in this connection. It will not, we are sure, be thought by you untimely as irrelevant to introduce it here: "Neither pray I for them alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one, as thou Father art in

me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us : that the world may believe that thou hast sent me, and the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one,—I in them, and them in me,—that they may be made perfect in me ; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me." With such a oneness, it were little to say that Ephraim would not envy Judah, nor Judah vex Ephraim ; for in the flowing tide of Divine attestation and unction, which such a condition would secure, there would be other and more desirable subjects for our thoughts and feelings.

We are fain to believe that no great difficulty can be in the way of effecting more closely and fully than ever the unity for which our Lord prayed with those who, like your Church and ours, there exist so many things in common, and especially in the felt duty and privilege of offering to all whom our Ministry can reach, *a free, a full, and a present salvation*, through faith alone in the one only and all-sufficient sacrifice of the Son of God.

Praying that we all might be filled with the knowledge of *His* will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, we remain your brethren in the kingdom and patience of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Signed by order and on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE PRIMITIVE
METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.

BELoved BRETHREN,—We gladly embrace the opportunity afforded us by our assembling together in this our first General Conference, to convey to you our fraternal greetings, and the assurance of our hearty good will. We cheerfully

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bear testimony to the fidelity with which you have maintained the great principles of our common Methodism among you, the uncorrupted purity in which you hold the scriptural doctrines providentially committed to us as a denomination, and the zeal and self-denial which have from the beginning characterized your evangelical labours. We rejoice greatly in the large measure of success which has been vouchsafed to you by the Head of the Church; and we earnestly pray that the blessings which have been bestowed upon you in the past, may prove to have been but the earnest of the richer manifestations of the divine favour which await you in the future.

It has afforded us great pleasure to welcome among us the Rev. Robert Boyle, and Robert Walker, Esquire, brethren beloved by us as they are by you, as a fraternal delegation, commissioned to bear to us the assurance of your brotherly regard. We beg to assure you of our thorough appreciation of your Christian courtesy in sending us this delegation, and of our hearty reciprocation of the kindly and Christian sentiments embodied in the communications which they were pleased to make to us—especially the hope which they expressed, that all the divisions of our Zion might speedily be healed, and that Methodism throughout this vast dominion might, at no distant day, become one in external organization, as it is already one in spirit and in aim.

You will be pleased, we doubt not, to learn that the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the sessions of our General Conference, and has characterized all our deliberations. Although composed of delegates, ministerial and lay, from what had been heretofore three distinct ecclesiastical organizations, each having peculiarities of its own, and special interests to guard; and though the questions which have come up for consideration, in adapting the machinery of our Church to its altered constitution, have necessarily been of a most delicate and difficult character, we have not only been saved from any serious misunderstandings, but have also been led to conclusions and the adoption of measures, which, while they are acceptable to us all, will,

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we trust and believe, be promotive of the prosperity of the Church and the glory of God. We mention this with the greatest satisfaction, and with the livelier feeling of gratitude to Almighty God, inasmuch as we recognise in it an illustration of the feasibility of the completion of the unification of Methodism which has been so happily begun.

We have referred the matter of Methodist Union to a Committee, which will be prepared to confer with any similar Committee or Committees which may be appointed by other Methodist Churches, and we fondly indulge the hope that, by the blessing of God, such progress may be made in the work of uniting the various bodies which bear the generic name of "Methodist" that, if at the end of another quadrennial term all are not fused into one, some at least may be represented in our next General Conference, on terms honourable and advantageous to all concerned, which are not represented in this. In the meantime, we beg to assure you of the esteem and honour in which we hold you as brethren beloved, of our hearty sympathy and co-operation with you in your work of faith and labour of love, and of our earnest prayer to Almighty God, that your efforts to promote his glory in the spread of the truth and the salvation of souls, may be crowned with the largest possible measure of success.

By order and on behalf of the First General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

A D D R E S S

TO THE

NEW CONNEXION CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada to the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion Church in England, sendeth greeting:—

We salute you, Reverend and dear Brethren, in the name of our common Lord, rejoicing in the opportunity thus

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afforded of promoting Methodist unity by opening fraternal relations with your branch of the great Methodist family. Sympathizing most heartily with the sentiment of our revered founder, that "the Methodists are ONE all over the world," we desire to strengthen the uniting bond, and would therefore greet, as brethren beloved, all who hold fast the essential principles of Methodist doctrine, discipline and usage.

Although we have had no opportunity, hitherto, as a General Conference, of receiving any official communication from you, we are glad to assure you that your works of faith and labors of love have not been altogether unknown to us. We have marked your earnest endeavors to extend the Redeemer's kingdom both at home and abroad, and have rejoiced in the success that has crowned your efforts. And since, in the orderings of Divine Providence, our General Conference now embraces what was hitherto the Canadian branch of the Methodist New Connexion, we feel that this is an especial reason why fraternal relations, similar to those which unite us to other Conferences, should be opened and maintained between your Church and ours.

The measures which have been under consideration for several years for the consolidation of Methodism in this Dominion, have been crowned with gratifying success. Three distinct bodies of Methodists have united their forces under the name of "The Methodist Church of Canada." The full significance of this movement can be rightly estimated only by those who, living among us, understand the magnitude of the work before us as a Church, and the importance of united effort in providing for the spiritual necessities of the rapidly-increasing population of our country.

When the proposals for union began to take definite shape among us, it was clearly foreseen that they involved extensive changes in the policy of the uniting bodies, and fears were entertained by some that those changes would result disastrously to the peace of the churches concerned. Those fears, we are glad to say, have been entirely dissipated.

The varied and important interests involved were carefully considered ; mutual concessions were made ; and eventually a basis of union was agreed upon which commanded the almost unanimous consent of all concerned, providing as it did, not for the absorption of one church by another, but for an union, on equal terms, of several independent branches of Methodism.

The results of the movement, thus far, have fully met the anticipations of its warmest friends. The union is hearty in spirit and thorough in organization. The new elements have blended most harmoniously. Lay delegation, now fully recognized, has proved a valuable aid in the legislative work of the Church. The spirit of harmony and brotherly love has prevailed, to a marked degree, at all the sessions of our Conference. Former distinctions have been forgotten ; and all hearts have been animated by the spirit of the apostolic doctrine,—“ One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.”

We have been favored, during the greater part of our Conference Session, with the presence of a distinguished Minister of your body, the Rev. J. H. Robinson. Although not officially appointed to represent your Conference, we have been glad to listen to his brotherly words on our Conference platform, as well as his able ministrations on the Lord's day ; and we trust that his continued presence in this country may tend to strengthen the fraternal bond between us and you.

It would be impossible, within the limits of an official address, to give a detailed account of our work as a Church. Suffice it to say that, with a field of operation extending from Newfoundland and the Bermudas to British Columbia—with an intelligent and rapidly increasing population—with perfect religious freedom in the prosecution of our work, with more than one thousand ministers and preachers, not unworthy, we trust, of the honored name they bear, with more than one hundred thousand church members, devotedly attached to our doctrines and usages, with educational institutions of various grades, and for both sexes, providing a thorough education for our sons and daughters,

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with a net-work of Sunday-schools all over the land, and doors, great and effectual, opening on every side,—we have before us a prospect as hopeful as any church could desire. Realizing at once the magnitude of the work, and the greatness of the responsibility, we cast ourselves upon the “exceeding great and precious promises for grace to be faithful to our trust.”

Desiring that you should be fully informed in regard to affairs, we have appointed the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., President of the Conference, and the Rev. David Savage, our representatives to your Conference. These honored and beloved brethren will convey to you our fraternal greetings, and inform you, by word of mouth, of the condition and prospects of our various connexional interests. We pray that their visit may tend to promote the spirit of Methodistic unity, and prepare the way for continued fraternal intercourse between your church and ours.

Signed on behalf and by order of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE
RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL OF DUFFERIN,
K.P., K.C.B.,

Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We, the Ministers and Lay Representatives constituting the first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, including also the Islands of Newfoundland and Bermuda, now convened in the city of Toronto, do, on the occasion of this our first organization, desire for ourselves and on behalf of the numerous congregations which we represent, to convey to

Your Excellency the expression of our continued and ardent loyalty to the Throne of the British Empire and to the illustrious person of our rightful and beloved Queen Victoria, whom Your Excellency has the distinguished honor so ably to represent in this Dominion. We are truly thankful for the blessings we enjoy under Her Majesty's auspicious reign; and in union with all the civilized world, admire Her womanly and queenly virtues, satisfied that, in common with our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire, we are in the enjoyment of the most substantial freedom which the world has ever known.

We would express our hearty congratulations upon the auspicious union of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh with the illustrious and accomplished Czarvarina of Russia.

To yourself we would convey our warm appreciation of Your Excellency's urbanity during your late viceregal tour, which has won for yourself and the noble Countess of Dufferin the respect and affection of all classes, displaying your self-sacrifice for the good of our Dominion, and greatly intensifying and confirming the feeling of loyalty amongst us.

We assure your Excellency that our fervent prayers shall continually be offered that your future occupance of the viceregal throne may be characterized by the pre-eminent wisdom and domestic happiness which have marked the past.

Signed on behalf and by order of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada in Toronto, Ontario, this first day of October, 1874.

DUNCAN D. CURRIE, *Secretary.*



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THE CENTRAL MISSIONARY BOARD.

- The Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D., LL.D., President ;
 “ Enoch Wood, D.D., Senior Secretary, and President of
 the Toronto Conference.
 “ Alexander Sutherland, Secretary-Treasurer.
 “ John Macdonald, Esq., Lay Treasurer.
 “ John A. Williams, President of the London Conference.
 “ James Elliott, President of the Montreal Conference.
 “ John McMurray, President of the Nova Scotia Conference.
 “ Henry Pope, President of the New Brunswick Conference.
 “ G. S. Miligan, President of the Newfoundland Conference.
 “ David Savage, President of the New Connexion Conference.

ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES :

MINISTERS.

- Rev. Dr. Green
 “ Dr. Rice
 “ G. McRitchie
 “ S. T. Huestis
 “ Dr. Pickard
 “ William Williams
 “ Thomas Harris

LAYMEN.

- William H. Gibbs
 Judge Jones
 Judge Deacon
 E. C. Foster
 Judge Wilmot
 R. Wilkes, M.P.
 Hon. J. J. Rogerson

And the following Laymen, elected by the Lay-Delegates of the
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| Hon. James Ferrier | William E. Sanford |
| George H. Starr | William Clendinneng |
| | Joseph Lister, Esq. |

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