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**CED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1848.**

QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.

G. Bennett,  
T. Daws,

J. McLean,  
J. W. Jacobs.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

ANSWER.

Benjamin Lawrence,

Sylvester Kerr.

QUESTION III.

What Preachers have been admitted into full Connex'n?

ANSWER.

B. J. Hayward,

A. Hall.

QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER.

Benj. Lawrence,  
I. B. Richardson,  
Wm. Sutton,  
Elijah Harris,

Augustus Hall,\*  
G. P. Harris,  
J. Tufford,  
J. Moxsom.

NOTE.—Those marked thus,\* were ordained this year.

QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

ANSWER.

N. A. Fraser,\*  
George Lawrence,\*

Wm. McKeeby,t  
D. Culp,

John Hayward,*	J. Bailey,
James Richardson,	J. H. Huston,
Jesse Owen,	J. Mitchell,
Barney Markle,	Charles Pettes,
Nathan Parke,	Caleb Sweazy,
Henry Gilmore,	D. Griffin,
T. Robson,	A. R. Roy,
L. P. Smith,	J. Gibson,
S. Morrison,	E. S. Furman,†
G. Turner,	E. Bristol,
B. Brown,	W. D. Hughson,
S. Stewart,	C. W. Fraser,
Wm. Cope,	T. Webster,
J. W. Byam,	D. Pickett,
E. L. Koyl,	Wm. Woodward.

NOTE.—Those marked thus†, have removed to the United States, having received letters of recommendation.

\*Ordained this year.

#### QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendents?

ANSWER.

John Reynolds,

Philander Smith.

#### QUESTION VII.

Who have located this year?

ANSWER.—W. T. Cartright.

#### QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Supernumeraries?—ANSWER.

Elijah Harris,

Caleb Sweazy,

Henry Gilmore,

D. Griffin,

N. Parke.

#### QUESTION IX.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER.

Charles Pettis,

George Turner,

Jesse Owen,

Daniel Pickett,

Barney Markle,

J. H. Huston.

## QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year? ANSWER.—None

## QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XII.

Were all the Preachers characters examined?

ANSWER.

This was strictly attended to.

## QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year? ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society?

## ANSWER.

Darlington Circuit,	179	Barton Circuit,	168
Whitby "	320	Canboro "	220
Markham "	210	Niagara "	181
New Market "	130	Norwich "	251
Young Street "	190	Dumfries "	254
Toronto "	228	Blenheim "	165
Nelson "	242	Oxford "	153
Amaranth Mission,	42	Garafaxa Mission,	45
London Circuit,	250	Hamilton Station,	17
Malahide "	194	Sandwich Mission,	50
Southwold "	87	Huron "	78
Howard "	85	Sauble "	44
Thames "	136	London Station,	81

2293

1707

Total, ----- 4,000

Total last year, ----- 3,674

Increase this year, ----- 326

## QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers Stationed this Year?

ANSWER.

**Toronto District.**

EMERSON BRISTOL, PRESIDING ELDER.

Darlington Circuit	X	John Hayward.
Whitby	"	Wm. Sutton, one to be sent.
New Market	"	E. L. Koyle, one to be sent
Markham	"	A. Hall, one to be sent.
Young Street	"	W. D. Hughson, one to be sent.
Toronto	"	S. Morrison, one to be sent.
Nelson	"	Job Moxsom, one to be sent.
Amaranth Mission,	X	J. W. Byam.
Garafaxa	"	Wm. Woodward,

James Richardson who is Agent for the Upper Canada Bible Society.

**Niagara District.**

SAMUEL DUNNETT, PRESIDING ELDER.

Hamilton Station		John Tufford.
		Thomas Webster, <i>Editor.</i>
		John Bailey, <i>Book Steward.</i>

L. P. Smith is a travelling Agent for the Book Room and Printing Establishment.

Barton Circuit,		John Gibson.
Canboro	"	B. Lawrence, S. Kerr.
Niagara	"	T. Robson, J. McLean.
Norwich	"	C. W. Fraser, one to be sent.
Oxford	"	I. B. Richardson, one to be sent.
Blenheim	"	Wm. Cope
Dumfries & Rainham,		B. Brown, two to be sent.

G. Lawrence, left without an appointment at his own request.

**London District.**

A. R. ROY, PRESIDING ELDER.

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London Station,	G. P. Harris.
London Circuit,	J. W. Jacobs.
Malahide Circuit,	S. Stewart.
Southwold,	to be supplied.
Thames	to be supplied.
Howard	to be supplied.
Sandwich Mission,	G. Bennett.
Sauble	J. Mitchell.
Huron	T. Daws.

N. A. Fraser, left without an appointment at his own request.

QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?

ANSWER.

At Kilworth, London District, to commence on the fourth Wednesday in August, 1849, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

AMOUNT OF FIFTH COLLECTION.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Darlington,	£0 6 5	Dumfries,	£2 8 1½
Whitby,	0 15 4	Blenheim,	2 18 4
Markham,	1 7 6	Oxford,	1 16 3
New Market,	1 6 3	Thames,	0 18 9
Young Street,	0 15 0	London,	1 1 1½
Toronto,	1 5 5	London Station,	0 0 0
Nelson,	3 8 7	Southwold,	0 0 0
Barton & Rainham,	11 3	Malahide,	no return.
Canboro,	0 6 3	Howard,	" " "
Niagara,	1 10 7	Sandwich Mission,	9 0
Norwich,	1 10 1½	Conference Col.	3 5 5
			£25 19 8½

Which was distributed as follows:—

<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
G. Turner,	£5 14 8	Widow Bird,	£2 17 4
D. Pickett,	5 14 8	Widow Simons,	2 17 4
J. Owen,	5 14 8	Widow Alley,	2 17 4
Stationary,	0 3 8½		
			£25 19 8½

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TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the  
bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference.

"Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied."

DEARLY BELOVED :—

It is with no ordinary degree of comfort and satisfaction that we your ministers and preachers in Conference assembled, now address you. This springs, first, from the harmony of views and brotherly affection that is strikingly visible among us, in the progress of our Conference business.—But one object appears to actuate the whole.—Secondly, the quiet and peaceable state of the Societies in general within our respective pastoral charges, together with their increasing intelligence and stability in the things and ways of God.

In the next place, the success which has attended our labours in several portions of the Lord's vineyard, resulting in the addition of several hundreds to the numbers of church members, by happy conversion to God—a goodly number of whom are heads of families and persons of promise in the church—serves to cheer our hearts—being significant of the favour and sanction of our Divine Master, by whom alone the increase cometh. The erection of several commodious houses for Divine worship during the past year is also matter of congratulation, inasmuch as it evinces an increasing spirit among the brethren and friends of the church, of liberality and regard for the interests of Zion. In a word, the way appears to open out more and more before us for the spread of divine truth in this land, by means of our feeble and humble instrumentality.—Continue to pray for us, dear brethren, that the word of the Lord may have



free course, and be glorified among us yet more and more.

It hath pleased the blessed Lord to continue our lives unhurt through the course of the past year, also our health with a few slight exceptions has been graciously preserved during a time of more than ordinary sickness in several parts of our Province, for which we would be found truly thankful, yet in regard to some of our domestic relations the hand of the Lord has touched us in a most tender part. We allude principally to the bereavement by death of the beloved partner of our respected Superintendent and another of our number. But such is the will of our God, and this thought is alone sufficient to check every rising feeling of complaint or dissatisfaction. It is enough for us to know that HE DID IT. Let it rather be said in all such cases—"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord."

You will now, dear brethren, suffer us to address a few words of counsel and exhortation, touching some matters which we view as of vital importance; an attention to which is imperiously called for, if we would have the church of our choice rise to that degree of influence and usefulness, to which we, as a people, should aspire. Among these, PERSONAL HOLINESS stands first, we must be truly alive to God ourselves, if we would be the means of spreading religion among others, nothing should be made a substitute for this.—No zeal for opinions, nor liberality in our contributions, nor efforts to enlarge the borders of Zion, or increase her usefulness, can in the least compensate for the want of personal piety. We must have the LORD with us, if we would go up and possess the good land. To this end make it your business to attend punctually and steadily to all the means

of grace in use among us—Private, family, and social prayer—reading and studying the Holy Scriptures—The public assemblies for Divine worship and ministry of the word—the sacraments of the church as ordained by Christ—together with those most efficient means, which as Methodists we have adopted for mutual instruction and edification—class meetings and Love feasts.—Let not trifles hinder you from availing yourselves of all these within your reach, for you will constantly need them to preserve, increase and strengthen the Divine life within you. He that thinks he can enjoy religion without the constant use of these, or similar means, is an enthusiast who deceiveth his own soul.

Next in importance to personal holiness, is the maintenance of Gospel institutions for the spread and cultivation of religion in your respective neighborhoods and circuits. Too many persons, we fear, are apt to think that this principally, if not wholly, depends on the preachers; this is a fatal mistake. It devolves on you, as members of the church, to provide the means by which the preachers may go forth to their work and labor with fidelity and success. The finances of your circuits must be systemized, and the supplies regularly and timely brought forth. The Lord has "ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel."—and common sense tells us, that where men renounce, or lay aside, the means by which mankind provide for the sustenance of themselves and those dependent on them, their wants must be met by means of others; and common justice says that those who receive the benefit of their services are the proper persons to contribute to their support. Wherever therefore this imperative christian duty is overlooked or neglected, the work is hindered, because the agency is imp-

pled. For the order and system best adapted to manage the financial matters of the circuits we refer to the rules of our excellent discipline.

We next call your attention to the encouragement of those institutions which have for their object the increase and extension of our common christianity—such as Bible societies, Sabbath Schools, Societies for the distribution of religious books, and tracts, and though last, not least, missionary societies. Let it be remembered that every true christian is a person consecrated to the glory of God and the service of Christ; to be employed directly or indirectly in advancing the interests of his kingdom throughout the world, by every means he can command; therefore, no one can with impunity be indifferent in regard to those institutions above mentioned; their claims should be met and object promoted by means of our contributions, our sympathies and our prayers.

You are aware, brethren, that events a few years since, in regard to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, deprived her of the resources necessary for sustaining her Book Concern and printing Establishment, in consequence of which she suffered the loss of these, nevertheless, your unworthy servants, with the feeble means they have since collected, have succeeded in restoring them in some measure to the Church. Some of your ministers, however, in this effort have involved themselves and incurred heavy responsibilities, which must be met, or this promising beginning must prove abortive. Will you not help your preachers in this emergency? You are interested herein equally with your preachers; and we confidently hope that you will not fail us in this time of need.—We might, with some others, avail ourselves of the legal provisions made for a share of the

public monies arising from the sale of the Clergy Reserves; but our principles forbid this. We cannot be induced to countenance, either directly or indirectly, what we believe to be a public wrong; even though it may be sanctioned by law. Rather than seek relief by such a resort, we would choose to sink under our burdens. The voluntary principle in support of Religion is *with us, sacred*; and it is our conviction that no church can contravene it, without sooner or later suffering materially in her spirituality, and compromising to a great degree, her christian character. No, brethren, on you, under God, we cast ourselves; and humbly trust that our confidence will not be misplaced.

We cannot forbear from again commending to your favorable regard and support the societies for the suppression of intemperance. Let every member of the M. E. Church, at least, be a consistent *teetotaller*. The object of these societies is in importance second only to religion; the present and future benefit of thousands in this land is dependent on the attainment of them; and the times will not admit of the least relaxation of our efforts to arrest the progress of the destructive habits of drinking intoxicating liquors, which in many places so fearfully prevails.

The cultivation of a friendly feeling and christian regard for other branches of the church of Christ, is attended with happy effects on both ourselves and others—what may be called sectarian pride must be guarded against, lest we not only disparage others, but fall into that which must ever be grievous to the Holy Spirit, viz., *glorying in men*. God, in the economy of his grace, as well as nature, has connected variety with harmony—He is diversified in His operations while one in his purpose or object. There may be unity

without uniformity ; and happy will it be for the churches and the peace of the world, when professors in general have learned these facts, and conduct themselves accordingly.— We may have our preferences for our own peculiarities and we have a right to the exercise of our judgments in these things, but while we prize that freedom in our own case let us cheerfully concede the same to others. At the same time, with regard to every opinion that dishonors God, or militates against the glorious gospel of the grace of God ; and every sentiment or practice detrimental to a holy life, we should make no compromise whatever.

Finally brethren, ye are in our hearts to live and die with you, continue in prayer for us. We would come to you with strength renewed, and prosecute the work committed to our hands with more assiduity, zeal and perseverance. But as all our sufficiency is of God, to Him we must look for the needed grace.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, Amen.

(SIGNED IN BEHALF OF THE CONFERENCE.)

PHILANDER SMITH, *Supt.*

SAMUEL MORRISON, *Secty.*

Georgetown, Conference Room, Sep., 1848.

#### APPENDIX.

*Names and standing of the Local Preachers in connexion with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.*

*Thames Circuit.*—A. Scarlet, Deacon Elect ; J. Bobier, J. Knaggs, J. Shaw, E. Sutton.

*Howard Circuit.*—Ira Bently, Deacon; R. B. Cook, Deacon.\*

*Malahide Circuit.*—John Elliott, Deacon; Ransom Dexter, Deacon; O. H. Terrill, Wm. Yokom, N. Westover.\*

*London Station.*—James Bailey, Deacon; Andrew Banghart.

*London Circuit.*—Ralph Morden, John E. Waldron, Aaron Trotman, W. T. Cartright,\* Elder; Wm. Cope,\* Stephen Lancaster.\*

*Oxford Circuit.*—Andrew Bursee, Elder; Thomas Brown, Deacon.

*Blenheim Circuit.*—George F. Hill, Deacon.

*Dumfries Circuit.*—M. C. Hendershot, D. Drake, D. Howell, Wm. Boltinghammer.

*Norwich Circuit.*—Hezekiah Tuttle, Elijah Pettit.

*Sandwich Mission.*—Henry Scratch, Deacon Elect; James Dalson,\* Deacon Elect.

*Huron Mission.*—Richard Vines, Deacon Elect, J Chrysler.\*

*Sauble Mission.*—S. Eastman,\* Deacon Elect; G. Crossfield,\* C. Mann\*.

*Niagara Circuit.*—Daniel Collar, Deacon; Matthias Haun, James Lyons, Jesse Brodrick, Thomas Raney.

*Canboro Circuit.*—Leonard Haney, Elder; Jacob Pattison, Elder; Jeremiah Cutler, Nathaniel Roy, Gilbert Lane, Deacon; John Upper, Deacon; Amos Bradshaw, Deacon; Abel Rogers, Wm. Stringer, Henry R. Hill.

*Barton Circuit.*—John Vanduser, Deacon.

*Nelson Circuit.*—Lawrence Hugar, Deacon; Morris Ken-

nedy, Deacon ; Robert Lyman, Deacon ; A Purnell, S. Griffin, T. Pickett, W. F. Lowe, J Tiner.

*Toronto Circuit.*—James Frickleton.

*New Market Circuit.*—(no returns.)

*Whitby Circuit.*—James Bradshaw, Deacon ; Wm. Hill, Deacon ; George Fisher, Deacon ; Gardner Wells, Deacon ; Francis Latmore, Deacon Elect ; Michael Cryderman, John Campbell, Benjamin F. Perry, Israel Mallory, Wm. H. Hilliker.

*Schoogog Mission.*—Moses F. Karr, Deacon ; J. Orser.

*Markam Circuit.*—James Degeer, Elder ; James Cook.

NOTE.—The Secretary not having furnished a return of the names and standing of the Local Preachers for this year, we have been compelled to publish the list as it appeared in last year's Minutes, although several Local Preachers, have been added to the list, but as we are not in possession of their names we cannot insert them.—Ed.

NOTE.—Those names marked thus,\* are not in last year's Minutes.

Robert Lynton, W. E. Lowe, J. L. ...  
George F. ...

James ...  
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## MINUTES

OF THE BAY OF QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, HELD AT NAPANEE, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13th 1848.

### QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

### ANSWER.]

John McMullin,

### QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

### ANSWER.

Draton O. Mills,

Nathan H. Howard,

Charles Manson,

John W. Sills,

Daniel Smith,

John G. Bull,

### QUESTION III.

Who have been received into full connexion?

### ANSWER.

Robert Perry,

John A. Rogers.

### QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

### ANSWER.

John G. Bull,

Daniel Brown,

Charles Manson,

David Wilson,

Hiram Williams,

John Tuke, †

Benjamin W. Blanchard,

Ezra Orser,

Stallham W. La Du,

Simon Terwilligar,

John A. Rogers.\*

NOTE.—Those marked thus, \* were ordained this year.

† Was received into connexion last year, but inadvertently omitted, in the list of Deacons.

### QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

## ANSWER.

Benson Smith,	William Bird,
Appleton Jones,	Thaddeus Lewis,
William E. Norman,	Henry Lane,
John Sills,	Luman Hurlburt,
Richard Beal,	Alexander Wright,
George Jones,	Sheldon Young,*
James McNally,	Joseph H. Leonard,
Michael Davy,	Henry H. Johnson,
Robert Earl,	I. N. D. West,
Gideon Shepard,	Joseph Gatchell,
Geo. D. Greenleaf,	James Gardiner,
William Brown,	John F. Wilson,
Robert Perry,	John Hill,*

NOTE—Those marked thus, \* were ordained this year.

## QUESTION VI.

Who are our General Superintendents ?

## ANSWER.

John Reynolds,	Philander Smith.
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## QUESTION VII.

Who are the Supernumeraries ?

## ANSWER.

James McNally,	Joseph H. Leonard,
Richard Beal.	

## QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?

## ANSWER.

Joseph Gatchell,	Robert Earl,
David Perry,	

## QUESTION IX.

Who have located this year ?

## ANSWER.

John H. Andrews,	Peter F. Le Roy.
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## QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year?

ANSWER.

John Pickering,

## QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XII.

Were all the Preacher's characters examined?

ANSWER.

This was strictly attended to.

## QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year?

ANSWER.—None.

## QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society?

ANSWER.

Hope,.....	127	Leeds and	}	313
Brighton,.....	248	Brockville,		
Sidney and	} 396	Augusta,.....		190
Belleville,			Matilda,.....	
Huntingdon,.....	205	Rideau,.....		163
Tyendinaga,.....	200	Bytown,.....		54
Bay Quinte,.....	310	<i>Missions.</i>		
Camden,.....	232	Bonna Cheur,.....		58
Milford,.....	110	Wolf Island,.....		31
Hallowell,.....	137	Otonabee,.....		41
Consecon,.....	93	Spencerville,.....		187
Waterloo,.....	275	Ottawa,.....		36
Elizabethtown. ....	370	Winchester,.....		44
		Travelling Preachers,		47

Whole number this year,..... 4022

Whole number last year,..... 3819

Increase this year,..... 203

## QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER.

## BAY OF QUINTE DISTRICT.

GIDEON SHEPARD, PRESIDING ELDER.

*Hope*—Nathan H. Howard.

*Brighton*—Henry Lane, John W Sills.

*Sidney*—John Tuke, Simon Terwilligar.

*Belleville Station*—To be supplied.

*Huntingdon*—Robert Perry.

*Tyendinaga*—John Sills.

*Bay Quinte*—George Jones, David Wilson.

*Milford*—Ezra Orser.

*Hallowell*—Geo. D. Greenleaf.

*Consecon*—Alexander Wright.

*Otonabee Mission*—I. N. D. West.

*Cobourg Station*—Appleton Jones.

Joseph H. Leonard,

\*Robert Earl,

\*David Perry,

} *Supernumeraries.*

## AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

JAMES GARDINER, PRESIDING ELDER.

*Camden*—Daniel Brown.

*Waterloo*—William E. Norman, Hiram Williams,

*Leeds*—John G. Bull.

*Brockville and*

*Elizabethtown,*

} William Brown, Sheldon Young.

\*Here we have Robert Earl and David Perry as Supernumeraries, and in the answer to the question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers," we find the names of Robert Earl and David Perry. Which is correct, we do not know, therefore, their names are printed as forwarded to us by the Secretary.

ED.

*Augusta*—Benson Smith.  
*Matilda*—Michael Davy.  
*Spencerville*—John Hill.  
*Ottawa Mission*—Thaddeus Lewis.  
*Winchester Mission*—John A. Rogers.  
*Storvont*—Charles Manson.  
*Crosby*—Luman Harlbert.  
*Wolf Island Mission*—John McMullin.  
 James McNally Supernumerary.

## BYTOWN DISTRICT.

JOHN F. WILSON,\* PRESIDING ELDER.

*Bytown*—William Bird.  
*Rideau and Marlborough*, } B. W. Blanchard, Draton O. Mills.  
*Bonna Cheur, Mission*—Daniel Smith.  
 S. W. LA DU is Conference Agent.

## QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

## ANSWER.

At *Farmersville*, to commence on the second Wednesday in September, 1849, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M.

## QUESTION, XVII.

What was taken up as fifth collection?

## ANSWER.

Circuits.	Amount.	Circuits.	Amount.
Hope,-----	£0 5 3½	Elizabethtown,--	£0 10 0
Brighton,-----	0 15 0½	Augusta,-----	0 10 3
Sidney & Belleville, 3 16 5		Matilda,-----	0 10 0

\* NOTE—This appointment is made with the understanding that the incumbent be at liberty to labor as Travelling Agent for the "Bytown Branch Bible Society" in connexion with his District.

Huntingdon,-----	0	0	0	Rideau,-----	0	8	8
Tyendinaga,-----	1	2	0	Bytown,-----	0	15	6
Bay Quinte,-----	0	12	6	Bonna Cheur,---	0	8	9½
Camden,-----	0	0	0	Wolf Island,---	0	0	0
Milford,-----	0	8	0	Otonabee,-----	0	1	8½
Hallowell,-----	0	18	2	Spencerville,---	0	17	0
Consecon,-----	0	5	4	Ottawa,-----	0	0	0
Waterloo,-----	1	3	11½	Winchester,---	0	9	6
Leeds & Brockville,	0	10	0	Confer. Collection,	2	9	5
<b>Total,</b>				<b>£16 19 5</b>			

## QUESTION XVIII.

How was the fifth collection appropriated?

## ANSWER.

Paid for stationary at Conference,-----	£0	2	6
“ to Joseph Gatchel,-----	4	16	2
“ to Henry H. Johnson,-----	4	16	2
“ to James McNally,-----	2	8	1
“ to Widow Powley,-----	£2	8	1
“ to Widow Alley,-----	2	8	1
Amount appropriated			<b>16 19 5</b>

NOTE—The appropriation of the fifth collection, last year, should have been as follows:—

Paid for stationary at Conference,-----	0	2	11½
“ to Joseph Gatchel,-----	4	18	3
“ to Henry H. Johnson,-----	4	18	3
“ to Widow Powley,-----	2	9	3½
Total			<b>12 8 9</b>

The error was occasioned by the Conference Stewards having made a double appropriation in their Report, the first of which—the one published—was not erased, although rejected—The above is the appropriation allowed.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN CANADA, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE BAY QUINTE  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

Another year has passed away, and we are again permitted to present to you our annual Epistle.

In reviewing the occurrences of the past year, in connection with our pastoral relations with you, our feelings partake both of the pleasing and the painful. Pleasing, while we recognise the kind dealings of our Heavenly Father with us—"your servants for Jesus' sake"—in sparing our lives, so that not one of our number has fallen by death—Painful, while we reflect upon those endearing associations, with our several flocks, now dissolved, perhaps to be renewed no more till we meet in that better world, the home of all God's family.

We rejoice to inform you, that, notwithstanding the embarrassments under which we labor, in some sections of the work, as a whole, our progress is onward; and we are more than ever convinced, that in proportion as we rigidly adhere to the *principles and practice of primitive methodism*, in just such proportion *will* be our prosperity. Suffer us then, Dear Brethren, to urge upon your consideration the importance, nay, the indispensable *necessity* of a close and *practical observance* of those excellent rules contained in our *Book of Discipline*; and which, *next to the Bible*, should regulate our conduct. We should never forget the great object of our uniting together, to watch over one another in *love*; and, to help each other work out his salvation. But, while we urge you to the vigorous use of all the means, as if all depended upon

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them, we would not have you forget that great Truth, uttered by the Saviour of mankind;—"Without me ye can do nothing."

Christianity is aggressive in all its operations—and the amount of good accomplished is the general rule by which the strength of our religious principles is to be estimated.—Suffer us more particularly to call your attention to those matters, which, from our acquaintance with the general state of the work, seem to call for special notice. The cause of Sabbath Schools, we regret to say, does not meet that hearty and faithful support which its importance demands. Hundreds, if not thousands of Children, within our reach, are growing up almost as ignorant of the Bible as if reared in a Heathen land. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. The welfare of our beloved Zion requires increasing activity in this great department of Christian labor. The *Canada Sunday School Advocate*, published at our Book Room, if properly patronized, will be a powerful auxiliary in farthering this good work. We advise you to procure it without delay.

The Temperance enterprise is one which has a claim which ought not only to be recognised by every christian; but, especially by every Methodist. The great work of reformation is begun, shall it be hindered by the life or practice of any in our ranks? God forbid! Your preachers are all even to a man, *Teetotalers!* They have washed their hands from the curse of strong drink, and we rejoice to know that, with a few exceptions, the same may be said of our church at large. But, while as a body, we are practical Teetotalers our duty is not done till intemperance is driven from the land, and our country free from its blighting influence.



Our missionary operations, as you will learn, are steadily extending. But, there are important fields of labor which we cannot yet occupy for want of means. The Macedonian cry is heard from various quarters. Yet, many new settlements, after all our efforts, are destitute of the word of Life. Brethren, we want your money—we want your prayers—and we can appeal to you for these, with the more confidence, while we point you to the extent of our missionary work, and then to the actual expenditure of the society. You will readily see that the most rigid economy is exercised—that, while we have good men,—and faithful,—in the work, under all their privations, but a bare subsistence is afforded them. The Great Head of the church evidently smiles upon this department of our work, and we cannot but hope that it will share more largely in your liberality the coming year.

The Bible Society, that great engine for the dissemination of the word of Life, is an institution worthy of your hearty support; we hope, Dear Brethren, you will not fail by every possible means, to help forward this glorious enterprise.

Another matter of paramount importance to the interests of our Zion, we would urge upon your attention—the support of your Ministers. You are fully aware that a great deficiency is found to exist in this respect; but, perhaps you scarcely know how deeply we have suffered, and how seriously the work has been hindered by this crying evil.—Brethren the remedy is in your power—will you apply it? As a people your means are quite as ample in proportion to our claims, as those of any other church. The “voluntary principle,” for the support of the ministry, is the only

one which we recognise as scriptural; and to a man, our Conference is determined to acknowledge no other. And, while we thus give you the strongest proof we can give of our trust in God, and our confidence in you, shall we not find you ready to acknowledge the justice of our claims, and the truth of that declaration of Holy Writ—"The labourer is worthy of his hire?"

The *Book Room*, and *Printing Establishment* have strong claims upon you, and, more especially, as they are seriously embarrassed in the prosecution of business. By circulating the *Canada Christian Advocate*, and purchasing and reading those excellent works in our Book Room, a great amount of good may be done to the establishment, and to those who purchase and read. A taste for reading will be formed which is almost indispensable to religious prosperity. The minds of our children may be trained in the truths of Christianity, while, at the same time, the concern may be relieved from its heavy liabilities, and placed in a condition to become increasingly and permanently useful to the church. It is a paramount duty with us, as Methodists, to disseminate useful knowledge in every possible way.

The Conference has appointed an Agent for the special purpose of collecting the dues for the *Advocate*, and *Book Room*, and soliciting subscribers for the *Joint Stock Company*. We commend him and the objects of his labors, to your favorable notice.

The cause of Education has engaged the attention of the Conference, and the necessity of an Institution of Learning, under the direction of the Church, is becoming daily more apparent. A large committee have been appointed to lay the subject before you, and to enlist the public mind in its

behalf. We solicit your hearty co-operation in this great work. Many, important reasons might be given for this course, but we can hardly bring them before you in this brief epistle. The returns for the Niagara Conference, as also our own, show a considerable increase in the membership of our church during the past year. But we would remind you, Dear Brethren, that this is no certain criterion of genuine prosperity. The numbers of a church may be augmented while real religion may be rapidly declining. Let us labor that this may never be the case with our department of the Christian Church. In conclusion, we beg to assure you of our unabated attachment to you, and the church of our choice; and of our settled determination, more closely than ever, to adhere to our excellent rules—to be Methodists, as well as Christians.

That the Great Head of the Church, whose blessing maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it, may direct you in all the paths of righteousness and peace, and that you may finally be presented faultless before the throne of glory, is our fervent prayer. We are now about to close our deliberations, and repair to our several fields of labor, and we hope to come to you in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Peace, determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified. We solicit your prayers that we may make full proof of our ministry—doing the work of evangelists—and that our speech and our preaching may not be with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power. "We commend you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified."

JOHN REYNOLDS,  
PHILANDER SMITH.

} *Superintendents.*

GEO. D. GREENLEAF, *Secretary.*

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE BAY QUINTE CONFERENCE.

*Resolved, 1st*—That we purpose by the grace of God, to be more diligent in all the secret, social, and public duties of religion, as individuals and Christians; and that, in our ministrations, we will endeavor to urge the higher attainments of our holy religion upon our people.

*Resolved, 2nd*—That we will seek to make our calls and visits among our friends, more subservient to the great object of our services, as ministers of Christ, and as methodists, viz., to spread "scriptural holiness through the land."

## APPENDIX.

*Names and standing of the Local Preachers in connexion with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference.*

*Brighton.*—Joseph Webster, Elder; Philip Waldron, Deacon; J. L. Sweet, Deacon; Peter Holmes.

*Sidney.*—Ira Hays, Deacon; P. G. Selden, J. Waldron J. B. Houd.

*Huntingdon.*—William Sills, J. Border, J. Bird, P. Wright.

*Tyendinaga.*—William Bennett

*Bay Quinte.*—Augustus Short, Elder; George Sills, Elder; Samuel Short, Deacon; E. Ash, Elder; Daniel Unger, Deacon; Matthew Gorman, Deacon; Peter F. Le Roy, Deacon.

*Camden.*—Christopher Thompson, Deacon; Z. Mills, B. Lewis.

*Milford.*—Wm. Ranous, Deacon; Wm. Williams.

*Hallowell.*—Henry Hovey.

*Consecon.*—Alfred G. Wood, Deacon.

*Waterloo.*—B. Atkison, Z. Davids.

*Wolf Island.*—Almond Wait.

*Leeds.*—Joseph Mallory.

*Elizabethtown.*—Jabez Bullis, Elder; Wm. Brown, Deacon; James Boothe, Peter Bullis, Ira Parish.

*Augusta.*—J. C. Bass, J. Elliot, Deacon.

*Matilda.*—Samuel Albrant, E. Tuttle.

*Spencerville.*—James Johnson.

*Rideau.*—E. Landon, Deacon; G. E. Hutton, O. Thompson, J. H. Andrews, Elder.

*Ottawa.*—Joshua H. Johnson.  
*Winchester.*—Benjamin Meeker.

### THE COMMITTEE

*Appointed by the Bishops to examine the candidates for admission into the Conference are—*

Gideon Shepard,	John F. Wilson,
William Brown,	James Gardiner,
Benjamin W. Blanchard.	

Preachers on *trial* and the *Deacons* are expected to meet the above named Committee at Farmersville, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in September, 1849, at 10 o'clock A. M.

### COURSE OF STUDY RECOMMENDED.

#### 1st Year.

*Divinity*—Bible, Wesley's Sermons, second part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline.

*English Grammar*—Kirkham.

*Geography.*

#### 2nd Year.

*Divinity*—Bible, with notes, Clark's or Benson's; first part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline.

*Church History*—, Ruter's or Mosheim.

*On Church Government*—Bang's Discipline with Hedding's Notes.

#### 3rd Year.

*Divinity*—Bible, Wesley's Notes, Horne's Introduction, third part Watson's Institutes, Discipline.

*Natural Philosophy*—Comstock.

*Logic*—Hedge, or Jameson.

*Mental Philosophy*—Upham or Watts.

#### 4th Year.

*Divinity*—Bible, Watson's Apology, Fletcher's Checks.

*Rhetoric*—Newman or Jameson.

*Moral Philosophy*—Dick or Paley.

FORM of Circuit Stewards Certificates to be given to each Preacher having charge of a Circuit, Station, or Mission, and to be, by him, presented at the Annual Conference, in his annual returns of the state of his charge.

CERTIFICATE.

Of Quarterage, apportionments, &c., &c., with the amount paid to the persons therein named by the \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit for the Conference year ending \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ District.

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RECORDING STEWARD.

NOTE.—The Dr. Column is the amount apportioned, by the discipline to the Circuit Preachers; and, by committee or otherwise, to the Bishop and Elder. The Cr. Column is the amount paid by the circuit toward the claims of each. All donations or presents are to be accounted for and entered according to their kind with the amount credited to the circuit.

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