

MINUTES

OF

SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN

THE MINISTERS

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connexion or Church

OF

EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,

**AT THEIR EIGHTH CONFERENCE, BEGUN IN HALIFAX, N. S., ON
JUNE 25TH, 1862.**



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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE,

TAKEN AT HALIFAX, N. S., FROM THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF JUNE
TO THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1862.

REVEREND HUMPHREY PICKARD, D. D., President.
" CHARLES DeWOLFE, D. D., Co-Delegate.
" JOHN McMURRAY, Secretary.

QUESTION I.

Who are now admitted as Ministers into Full Connexion
with the Conference?

ANSWER.

Stephen F. Huestis,	John J. Teesdale,
David B. Scott,	William Ryan,
Alexander S. Tuttle,	John Waterhouse,
Isaac Thurlow,	William Perkin.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers now remain on Trial?

ANSWER.

1. Fletcher H. W. Pickles, who has travelled four years,
but is continued on Trial on account of the state of his health.
2. Robert Wilson, who has travelled Three years.

Joseph S. Coffin,	Thomas D. Hart,
John J. Colter,	Benjamin J. Johnson,
Edwin Evans,	Job Shenton,
Joseph Gaetz,	Robert M. Smith,
John Goodison,	Alfred W. Turner,
James R. Hart,	Richard Pratt.

These have travelled Two years.

John Geo. Bigney,
H. P. Cowperthwaite,
Leonard Gaetz,
George Harrison,
Frederick Harrison,

John Johnson,
Charles Ladner,
Samuel B. Martin,
John Mosher,
Joseph Pascoe,

Elias Slackford.

These have travelled One year.

[Fletcher A. Weldon retires for the present for want of health.]

QUESTION III.

What Preachers are now received on Trial?

ANSWER.

John S. Allen,
Joseph Gill Angwin,
Wesley Colpitts,
Charles W. T. Dutcher,
Andrew Gray,
William H. Heartz,

Joseph Bell Hemmeon,
Cranswick Jost,
William W. Percival,
Charles B. Pitblado,
Jabez Rogers,
Leigh Richmond Smith,

Robert Taylor.

On the President's list of Reserve, and permitted to attend the Institution:

Howard Sprague,

Robert O'Brien Johnson.

QUESTION IV.

What Ministers have died since the last Conference?

ANSWER.

1. WILLIAM SAMUEL SHENSTONE, who was born at Three Rivers, Canada East, in the year 1838. He feared the Lord from his youth. Amiability of disposition, dutifulness to his parents, fraternal affection, intense love of study, and aptness to accumulate mental stores, were marked elements in his character. At the age of sixteen he was convinced of the need of Divine forgiveness and a change of heart, and sought by humble confession of sin, and trust in the atonement of Christ the great salvation; and in him was fulfilled the promise, then shall they find when they search for me with their whole heart. He obtained peace through believing. At the Conference of 1858 he was accepted as a candidate for

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our Ministry, and was appointed to the Bonavista Circuit, where he labored with great acceptance and success. He was subsequently appointed to the Carbonear Circuit, where his Divine Master blessed him, and made him a blessing. He received such a baptism of the Holy Spirit, as to lead to a closer walk with God. At the Conference of 1861 he was appointed to the Hant's Harbour Circuit, where he entered upon his labors with much prayer, a deep sense of responsibility, and a holy resolution to consecrate his energies to the great work of seeking the salvation of souls, and the edification of the Church. But he had only labored about a week, when he was stricken down by affliction, which baffled medical skill, and after about three weeks of severe suffering, during which his trust in Christ was firm and unshaken, God took him to an early rest in heaven. His last words were—"The best of all is God is with us." He died in peace, August 31st, 1861, in the 25th year of his age, and the fourth of his ministry.

2. SAMUEL AVERY, who was born at Lower Horton, N. S. He was converted to God in early life, and being satisfied of his call to the work of the Christian Ministry, he conferred not with flesh and blood, but offered himself to the Church of his choice. That he might be fully prepared for this important work he spent some years at the Sackville Academy, which proved to him of great spiritual and educational advantage. His piety was deep and fervent, and his devotedness to his Divine Master steady and sincere. He loved the doctrines and discipline of the Wesleyan Church, and was especially attached to his brethren. His mental powers, which were cultivated by various and careful reading and study, were acute and vigorous, and his attainments were respectable and varied. He preached the Word with faithfulness and acceptability, and God owned his labors in the conversion of sinners, and in building up believers in the faith of the Gospel. On account of ill health he had for the last fifteen months of his life to retire from the actual work of the Ministry. Soon after the last Conference he was attacked by an alarming hemorrhage of the lungs, accompanied with intense and agonizing suffering, which he bore with resignation to the Divine will. During his illness he had a strong and

unshaken confidence in God as his reconciled Father. A short time before death the Lord manifested Himself to him in a glorious and triumphant manner. He exclaimed, "Is this death? I have had a first view of the promised land. I am going home—going home, to die no more,—Hallelujah. Praise the Lord!" He died in great peace, at Liverpool, October 13th, 1861, in the 29th year of his age, and eighth of his ministry.

3. HENRY HOLLAND, who was born of Wesleyan Parents, in the year 1830. At the age of fifteen years he was unmistakably converted to God. Henceforth his piety was elevated, intelligent, and decided. He was affectionate and consistent in his friendship, while a noble disinterestedness very much adorned his Christian character. In the year 1851 he was placed in the Local Preachers' Plan of the Fifth Manchester Circuit, and, being subsequently convinced of his call to the regular work of the Ministry, he left England in 1856, and joined the E. B. A. Conference. On several of our Circuits he labored with great zeal and ability, and often with blessed success. At the close of the last Conference he obtained leave to visit his native land, with the hope that his health, which had been impaired during the previous winter, might be thereby restored. In this he was disappointed, as he gradually sank into weakness and death. Some of his last words were, "Christ is precious," "All is well," "Precious Jesus—Jesus!" He expired on the 24th December, 1861, in the 31st year of his age, and in the sixth year of his ministry.

4. WILLIAM C. MCKINNON, who was born at Sydney, Cape Breton. He was brought to a saving knowledge of the truth soon after he arrived at the years of manhood. His conviction for sin and ultimate conversion were produced by the Spirit of God through the instrumentality of a watch-night service. He repaired to a Wesleyan place of worship, during the solemn services of that night. He entered the chapel as the congregation was engaged in silent prayer. There it was that the Divine Spirit awakened his mind, and finally by His influences he experienced redemption through the blood of Christ, even the forgiveness of sins. Shortly

after this he commenced to preach; and in the year 1853, entered the regular work of the ministry. His piety was deep and fervent, and his devotedness to his Master's service constant and entire. His mind, which was vigorous and active, was cultivated by careful reading and study. His preaching was clear, pointed, evangelical, and useful. His last sickness was painful and protracted, but he was graciously sustained and comforted with the religion of Jesus. His end was eminently peaceful. He died at Shelburne, N. S., March 26th, 1862, in the ninth year of his ministry.

QUESTION V.

What Ministers become Supernumeraries at the present Conference?

ANSWER.

John B. Brownell.

QUESTION VI.

Are there any objections to any of our Ministers, or Preachers on Trial?

ANSWER.

They were examined one by one.

QUESTION VII.

How are our Ministers and Preachers on Trial stationed this year?

ANSWER.

As follows:—

Humphrey Pickard, D. D., *President*.
 Charles DeWolfe, D. D., *Co-Delegate*.
 John McMurray, *Secretary*.

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1. *Halifax*, John S. Addy, John Latheru; John McMurray (who is our Book Steward and Editor); Henry Pope, 1st, and Arthur McNutt, Supernumeraries.

2. *Dartmouth*, To be supplied from Halifax.
3. *Musquodoboit Harbour*, Samuel B. Martin.
4. *Middle Musquodoboit*, John J. Teesdale, to exchange with the junior preacher on the Maitland Circuit.
5. *Sambro and St. Margaret's Bay*, L. Richmond Smith, under the Superintendance of brother Addy.
6. *Lunenburg*, Charles Stewart, Andrew Gray; one wanted; J. Marshall, Supernumerary.
7. *Windsor and Falmouth*, Henry Pope, 2nd, Richard Johnson; Frederick Smallwood, who is allowed to rest another year.
8. *Newport*, William Smithson.
9. *Kempt*, William Alcorn.
10. *Maitland*, Joshua Jordan, who being allowed, by the Missionary Committee, to visit these Provinces for a change of climate, from the West Indies, takes charge of a Circuit in this Conference for the time being; Leonard Gaetz.

WILLIAM SMITHSON, *Chairman*.

HENRY POPE, 2nd, *Fin. Sec'y*.

II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

11. *St. John, South*, Matthew Richey, D. D., James R. Narraway, A. M., Alexr. W. Nicolson; William Temple and John B. Brownell, Supernumeraries.
12. *St. John, North*, John Prince.
13. *St. John, West*, Hezekiah McKeown, Robt. Taylor.
14. *St. Andrew's*, William Smith.
15. *St. David's*, George B. Payson.
16. *St. Stephen's*, Robert A. Temple.
17. *Mill Town*, Thomas Angwin.
18. *Sussex Vale*, } Duncan D. Currie,
19. *Grand Lake & Canaan*, } John Mosher,
under brother Currie's Superintendance.
20. *Greenwich*, Stephen T. Teed.
21. *Kingston*, Robert Wilson, to exchange occasionally with brother Teed.
22. *Upham*, James R. Hart, to exchange once a quarter with brother Prince.

THOMAS ANGWIN, *Chairman*.

ROBERT A. TEMPLE, *Fin. Sec'y*.

III.—TRURO DISTRICT.

23. *Truro*, Thomas Smith.
 24. *River Phillip*, John L. Sponagle.
 25. *Wallace & Pugwash*, Robert E. Crane, H. P. Cowperthwaite.
 26. *River John*, William Tweedy.
 27. *Albion Mines and Pictou*, John Cassidy.
 28. *Guysboro' and Canso*, George W. Tuttle, R. Mor-ton, Joseph B. Hemmeon.
 29. *Country Harbour*, Cranswick Jost.
 30. *Sydney, C. B.*, George O. Huestis, John G. Bigney.
 31. *Ship Harbour*, John W. Howie.
 32. *Margarie*, John Johnson.

GEORGE O. HUESTIS, *Chairman.*

JOHN CASSIDY, *Fin. Sec'y.*

IV.—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

33. *Charlottetown*, John Brewster.
 34. *Cornwall and Little York*, Jeremiah V. Jost.
 35. *Poinal*, Robt. Duncan.

The brethren on the two preceding Circuits to exchange with Charlottetown every six weeks.

36. *Bedeque*, S. W. Sprague; J. B. Strong, *Supernum'y.*
 37. *Margate*, Joseph S. Coffin.
 38. *Souris and Mount Stewart*, William C. Brown.
 39. *Murray Harbour*, Robert Wasson.
 40. *West Cape*, Richard Pratt.

S. W. SPRAGUE, *Chairman.*

ROBERT DUNCAN, *Fin. Sec'y.*

V.—FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

41. *Fredericton*, James England.
 42. *Sheffield*, Richard Weddall.
 43. *Kingsclear*, Edwin Evans.
 44. *Woodstock*, William Wilson, Joseph G. Angwin.
 45. *Jacksonville*, Stephen F. Huestis.
 46. *Florenceville*, Alexander S. Tuttle.
 47. *Andover*, David B. Scott.
 48. *Nashwaak and Boiestown*, Thomas Watson Smith.
 49. *Gagetown*, John Read.

50. *Burton*, Geo. Harrison.
 51. *Miramichi*, Wm. W. Perkins, Wm. H. Hartz.
 52. *Bathurst*, } Wm. Perkin.
 53. *Dalhousie*, } John J. Colter.
 JAMES ENGLAND, *Chairman*.
 THOS. W. SMITH, *Fin. Sec'y*.

VI.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

54. *Sackville*, John Snowball; William T. Cardy, and S. Humphrey, A. B., allowed to rest for one year.

MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE AND ACADEMY.

President, H. Pickard, D. D., (President of the Conference).

Principal of Female Branch, John Allison, A. M.

Professor in Institution, George S. Milligan, A. M.

Theological Institution, Charles DeWolfe, D. D., who, under special circumstances, is appointed to a Circuit for this year.

Students in Theology, Howard Sprague, R. O'B. Johnson, under the direction of the President.

55. *Point de Bute*, Michael Pickles.
 56. *Baie de Verte*, James Tweedy.
 57. *Moncton*, George M. Barratt, William Allen, who is allowed to rest this year.

58. *Shediac and Dorchester*, George Butcher.

59. *Hopewell*, } Robert Tweedy.

60. *Coverdale*, } Elias Slackford.

61. *Richibucto*, Douglas Chapman.

62. *Amherst*, Alexander M. DesBrisay.

63. *Parrsboro'*, William Ryan, Job Shenton.

JOHN SNOWBALL, *Chairman*.

A. M. DESBRISAY, *Fin. Sec'y*.

VII.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

64. *Annapolis*, Christopher Jost, F. H. W. Pickles.
 65. *Bridgetown*, Thomas H. Davies; George Miller, Supernumerary.
 66. *Wilmot*, A. B. Black; Joseph F. Bent, Supernum'y.
 67. *Aylesford*, Wm. McCarty.

68. *Horton*, Henry Daniel, Wesley Colpitts.
 69. *Cornwallis East (Canning)*, James G. Hennigar.
 70. *Cornwallis West (Berwick)*, Richard Smith.
 71. *Digby*, James Taylor.
 72. *Digby Neck*, Benjamin J. Johnson, to interchange occasionally with Brother Taylor.

THOS. H. DAVIES, *Chairman*.
 JAMES TAYLOR, *Fin. Sec'y*.

VIII.—LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

73. *Liverpool*, Joseph Hart.
 74. *Yarmouth*, Ingham Sutcliffe, Charles B. Pitblado.
 75. *Barrington*, James Buckley, R. M. Smith.
 76. *Shelburne*, } Chas. DeWolfe, D. D., (Co-
 } Delegate.)
 77. *North-east Harbour*, } C. W. T. Dutcher.
 78. *Port Mouton*, Isaac Thurlow.
 79. *Mill Village*, James Burns.
 80. *Petite Riviere*, George Johnson.

GEORGE JOHNSON, *Chairman*.
 JOSEPH HART, *Fin. Sec'y*.

IX.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

81. *St. John's*, Edmund Botterell, Joseph Pascoe; A. Nightingale, Supernumerary.
 82. *Harbour Grace*, Elias Brettle.
 83. *Carbonear*, P. Prestwood, J. Goodison.
 84. *Brigus*, Thomas Harris.
 85. *Port de Grave*, William E. Shenstone.
 86. *Black Head*, John S. Peach.
 87. *Island Cove*, James Dove.
 88. *Old Perlican*, John Waterhouse.
 89. *Hant's Harbour*, Joseph Sutcliffe.
 90. *Trinity*, Joseph Gaetz.
 91. *Bonavista*, James A. Duke, Jabez Rogers.
 92. *Twillingate*, Charles Comben.
 93. *Burin*, John S. Phinney.
 94. *Grand Bank*, J. Winterbotham.

MISSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

95. *Labrador*, Supplied during the Summer months by J. Goodison.

96. *Petites*, Charles Ladner.

97. *Channel*, Thomas D. Hart.

98. *Exploits, Burnt Island*, Alfred W. Turner.

99. *Fogo and Change Island*, Thomas Fox.

100. *Little Bay Islands*, One wanted.

101. *Green's Pond*, John S. Allen.

102. *Spencer's Cove*, One wanted.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, *Chairman.*

JOHN S. PEACH, *Fin. Sec'y.*

103. *Bermuda*, (In connection with the Halifax District,) Fredk. W. Moore, Fredk. Harrison, and W. W. Percival.

QUESTION VIII.

What is the NUMBER of members in our Societies?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz :

HALIFAX DISTRICT.			Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.
Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.			
Halifax,.....	437	20	St. Stephen's,.....	109	
Dartmouth,.....	25		St. David's,.....	92	5
Musquodoboit Har.,	48	9	Mill Town,.....	93	
Mid. Musquodoboit, ..	77	29	Sussex Vale & Grand		
Sambro and St. Margaret's Bay,....	73		Lake,.....	282	116
Lunenburg,.....	280	17	Greenwich & Kingstn.	164	25
Windsor & Falm'th.,	202	2	Upham,.....	91	21
Newport,.....	260	60		1885	239
Kempton,.....	184				
Marland,.....	169	102			
Bermuda,.....	531	17			
	2286	256			
ST. JOHN DISTRICT.			TRURO DISTRICT.		
St. John, South,....	613	50	Truro,.....	130	
St. John, North,....	104	4	River Phillip,.....	203	17
St. John, West,....	260	18	Pugwash,.....	59	
St. Andrew's,.....	77		Wallace,.....	350	7
			River John,.....	142	3
			Albion Mines and		
			Pictou,.....	18	
			Guysboro' & Canso.	310	56
			Sydney, C. B.,....	219	1
			Ship Harbour,.....	51	30

Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.
Margarie,.....	40	25
	1522	139

P. EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

Charlottetown,....	397	
Cornwall and Little York,.....	193	
Pownal,.....	115	17
Bedeque,.....	292	30
Margate,.....	70	54
Morrell and Mount Stewart,.....	40	
King's Co. Georget'n.	18	65
West Cape,.....	61	
	1186	166

FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton,.....	170	8
Sheffield,.....	79	1
Kingsclear,.....	30	4
Woodstock,.....	444	13
Andover,.....	54	
Nashwaak,.....	58	27
Boistown,.....	79	
Gagetown,.....	50	15
Burton,.....	61	6
Miramichi,.....	76	1
Bathurst,.....	100	43
Dalhousie,.....	40	10
	1241	128

SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Sackville,.....	150	
Point de Bute,.....	181	
Baie de Verte,.....	184	
Moncton,.....	90	
Shediac & Dorchester	60	
Hopewell,.....	197	10
Coverdale,.....	80	16
Richibucto,.....	100	9
Amherst,.....	180	
Parrsboro,.....	296	37
	1418	72

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.
Annapolis,.....	239	4
Bridgetown,.....	158	2
Wilmot,.....	200	55
Aylesford,.....	170	13
Horton,.....	168	
Cornwallis, East,....	130	
Cornwallis, West,...	233	4
Digby,.....	200	30
	1498	108

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Liverpool,.....	77	
Yarmouth,.....	141	26
Barrington,.....	331	
Shelburne,.....	231	
Port Mouton,.....	118	
Mill Village,.....	96	11
Petite Riviere,.....	150	
	1155	37

NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

St. John's,.....	280	
Harbour Grace,.....	132	20
Carbonear,.....	612	24
Brigus,.....	126	18
Port de Grave,.....	61	
Black Head,.....	476	54
Island Cove,.....	120	14
Old Perlican,.....	264	10
Hant's Harbour,....	138	
Trinity,.....	56	
Bonavista,.....	276	10
Twillingate,.....	221	28
Burin,.....	150	19
Grand Bank,.....	146	29
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Missions of Conference.

Petites,.....	30	18
Channel,.....	20	5
Exploits, Burnt Isl'd.	90	30
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GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Districts.	This year.	On trial.	Last year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net Dec
Halifax,	2286	256	2185	101		
St. John,	1885	239	1885			
Truro,	1522	139	1550		34	
P. E. Island,	1186	166	1151	35		
Fredericton,	1241	128	1380		139	
Sackville,	1418	72	1431		13	
Annapolis,	1498	108	1419	79		
Liverpool,	1155	37	1212		57	
Newfoundland,	3198	303	3278		80	
	<u>15,389</u>	<u>1448</u>	<u>15,497</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>108</u>

QUESTION IX.

What has been collected, upon the several Circuits, and for the Contingent and Home Mission Funds, the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and the Educational Fund for Ministers' Children?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz. :

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Occurs.	Miss. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
Halifax,	\$1560.67	\$212.77	\$114.84	\$43.25
Dartmouth,	41.18			
Musquodoboit Harbour,		2.45	1.65	1.75
Middle Musquodoboit,	71.37	2.00	1.50	1.12
Sambro, &c.,		2.39	3.12	1.00
Lunenburg,	117.06	12.71	15.03	5.47
Windsor,	965.07	22.34	22.75	5.00
Newport,	171.57	24.80	6.50	2.00
Kempt,	100.65	12.35	7.70	3.05
Maitland,	104.23	10.00	10.00	2.05
Bermuda, .	942.87	22.50	21.98	11.75
	<u>\$3,474.72</u>	<u>314.31</u>	<u>205.07</u>	<u>76.44</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			<u>169.20</u>	<u>24.00</u>
			<u>\$374.27</u>	<u>\$100.44</u>

II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

St. John, South,	672.00	80.00	70.32	16.00
St. John, North,	107.18	10.00	12.96	1.54
St. John, West,	87.35	10.00	10.00	1.00
St. Andrew's,	65.75	7.70	5.00	1.50
St. David's,	30.95	6.12	2.98	1.33
St. Stephen's,	64.29	11.12	7.00	2.50
Mill Town,	23.50	11.00	4.50	0.50
Sussex Vale,	116.65	12.00	16.57	3.40

Cinctrs.	Miss. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
Greenwich,	99.15	8.06	4.25	1.00
Upham,	52.87	4.00	3.42	1.25
	<u>\$1,310.60</u>	<u>\$160.00</u>	<u>\$137.00</u>	<u>\$30.07</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			100.00	22.00
			<u>\$237.00</u>	<u>\$52.07</u>

III.—TRURO DISTRICT.

Truro,	123.00	9.62½	7.00	2.25
River Phillip,	52.56	5.87½	1.25½	1.12½
Pugwash,	20.00	2.50	1.25	0.60
Wallace,	58.00	9.43	3.30	0.75
River John,	37.67	5.25	2.75	1.00
Albion Mines,	22.56	6.34	2.85	2.50
Guysborough,	113.35	13.71	10.23	3.27½
Sydney,	75.00	8.35	6.12	2.10
Ship Harbour,	8.30	2.50	0.50	0.50
Margarie,		2.42	0.50	0.50
	<u>\$511.84</u>	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$35.86½</u>	<u>\$14.60</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			130.00	22.00
			<u>\$165.86½</u>	<u>\$36.60</u>

IV.—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown,	780.58	64.38	51.97	6.66
Cornwall,	75.51	5.80	2.40	1.80
Pownal,	85.42	3.79	3.29	1.83
Bedeque,	168.67	10.00	10.55	2.30
Margate,	25.79	1.94	4.70	2.45
King's County,	13.54	0.90	0.60	1.00
West Cape,	7.96	1.00	2.00	1.00
	<u>\$1,155.47</u>	<u>\$87.31</u>	<u>\$75.51</u>	<u>\$17.04</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			80.00	12.00
			<u>\$155.51</u>	<u>\$29.04</u>

V.—FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton,	172.37	17.53	20.80	10.60
Sheffield,	49.74	8.50	5.05	1.40
Kingsclear,	14.40	6.00	1.00	1.30
Woodstock,	102.91	17.40	13.71	1.64
Andover,	13.75	10.00	1.40	0.80
Nashwaak,	5.82	6.00	1.50	1.00
Boiestown,	6.26	6.00	0.58	0.40
Gagetown,	52.80	3.42	1.40	1.10
Burton,	12.46	6.00	1.00	0.75
Miramichi,	153.23	9.10	6.30	1.60
Bathurst,	24.50	6.00	2.30	1.25
Dalhousie,		4.00	1.48	2.95
	<u>\$613.26</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$56.50</u>	<u>\$24.19</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			120.00	20.00
			<u>\$176.50</u>	<u>\$44.19</u>

VI.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Sackville,	175.69	15.00	17.37	3.01
Point de Bute,	63.46	10.00	4.14	1.00

Circurs.	Miss. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
Baie de Verte,	79.92'	8.00	9.00	2.00
Moncton,	82.00	8.00	3.00	1.50
Shediac and Dorchester,	16.00	7.00	3.05	1.54
Coverdale,	9.00	2.60	4.60	0.90
Hopewell,	103.50	12.00	3.51	1.53
Richibucto,	82.04	6.25	5.00	2.00
Amherst,	82.00	12.00	6.00	1.50
Parrsboro',	106.47	8.00	3.57	1.36
	<u>\$730 08</u>	<u>\$88.85</u>	<u>\$59.28</u>	<u>\$16.34</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			140.60	16.00
			<u>\$199.88</u>	<u>\$32.34</u>

VII.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Annapolis,	118.29	10.05	8.81	1.60
Bridgetown,	116.83	10.85	9.00	4.00
Wilmot,	154.26	12.81	13.76	4.01
Aylesford,	114.09	4.73	5.46	1.10
Horton,	142.38	6.65	13.15	2.15
Cornwallis East,	95.00	10.20	13.00	2.20
Cornwallis West,	104.42	13.00	10.30	4.25
Digby,	67.24	6.00	5.70	2.32
	<u>\$912.51</u>	<u>\$74.29</u>	<u>\$72.18</u>	<u>\$21.63</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			100.00	16.00
			<u>\$172.18</u>	<u>\$37.63</u>

VIII.—LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Liverpool,	44.80	14.00	4.70	2.35
Yarmouth,	243.84	14.08	18.00	4.00
Barrington,	141.48	24.00	6.83	2.08
Shelburne,	92.07	12.00	5.00	2.00
Port Mouton,	17.05	1.80	2.55	1.89
Mill Village,	57.50	3.28	5.00	1.00
Petite Riviere,	102.25	9.00	3.74	2.07
	<u>\$998.99</u>	<u>\$83.16</u>	<u>\$45.42</u>	<u>\$13.39</u>
Ministers' Subscrips.,			60.00	12.00
			<u>\$105.42</u>	<u>\$27.39</u>

IX.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

St. John's,	348.85	52.39	76.20	28.00
Harbour Grace,	210.68	17.95	23.28	8.48
Corbonear,	230.33	21.55	35.28	11.63
Brigus,	172.85	7.80	12.40	5.08
Port de Grave,	35.63	2.50	4.00	1.10
Black Head,	152.90	4.05	9.20	4.10
Island Cove,	89.10	3.13	4.80	1.53
Old Perlican,	114.80	2.40	3.00	2.00
Hant's Harbour,	84.73			
Bonavista,	135.35	9.70	12.90	4.20
Twillingate	104.86	3.63	6.05	4.13
Burin,	87.17	9.85	11.70	2.20
Sound Island,	12.40			
Grand Bank,	246.65	18.56	7.90	5.03
Petites, &c.,	18.13	2.80	3.60	2.40
Exploits, &c.,	10.60	2.01	3.25	1.66

nd.	Circuits.	Miss. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
2.00	Channel,	27.60	4.86	2.40	2.00
1.50	Trinity,	4.00	2.23	2.11	1.90
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1.58		\$2,081.63	\$165.41	\$218.07	\$85.44
2.00	Donations,		74.59		
1.50	Ministers' Subscrips.,			200.00	28.00
1.36					
6.84	Difference of Currency,]		\$240.00	\$418.07	\$113.44
6.00				11.25	
				\$1129.32	

RECAPITULATION.

	1. Halifax District,	3,474.72	314.31	205.07	76.44
	2. St. John do.,	1,310.60	160.00	137.00	30.07
1.60	3. Truro, do.,	511.84	66.00	35.86½	14.60
4.00	4. P. E. Island do.,	1,386.58	87.81	75.51	17.04
4.01	5. Fredericton do.,	613.26	100.00	56.50	24.19
1.10	6. Sackville do.,	730.08	88.85	59.28	16.34
2.15	7. Annapolis do.,	912.51	74.29	72.18	21.63
2.20	8. Liverpool do.,	698.99	83.16	45.42	15.39
4.25	9. Newfoundland do.,	2,031.63	240.00	218.07	85.44
2.32					
		\$11,611.39	\$1,139.83	\$904.89½	\$301.14
21.63	Ministers' Subscrips.,			1,111.05	172.00
16.00	Less Miss'y. Exp.,	334.24			
37.63		\$11,277.15	\$1,139.83	\$2,004.69½	\$473.14

QUESTION X.

What is the amount of the Contingent and Home Mission Fund, and how has it been appropriated?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz :

1. Grant from Parent Conference, £2,750 stg.....	\$13,505.56
2. Amount received from the Circuits.....	1,214.42
3. From Bermuda, surplus.....	82.30
4. Interest of the late G. T. Ray's Legacy.....	497.69
	<u>\$15,299.97</u>

APPROPRIATIONS.

District.	Collections.	Appropriations.
To Halifax.....	\$314.31	\$1126.60
St. John.....	160.00	1374.80
Truro.....	66.00	1501.40
P. E. Island.....	87.81	540.00
Fredericton.....	100.00	995.00
Sackville.....	88.85	1515.00
Annapolis.....	74.29	1301.20
Liverpool.....	83.16	914.80

Newfoundland,.....	240.00	4174.45
Bermuda,.....		982.21
		14,430.46
Returned to Districts in accordance with existing Bye Law,.....	14.29	
Conference Printing and Stationery,.....	123.62	
Expenses of Committee Meetings, in- cluding Co-Delegate's Travelling Expenses,.....	60.00	
Expenses incurred in supplying Yarmouth,	39.00	
“ “ “ Wallace,..	10.00	
On account of special claims for affliction, viz.:		
Late Samuel Avery, for affliction and Funeral Expenses,.....	76.00	
Late W. C. McKinnon, for ditto.....	60.00	
Late W. S. Shenstone, for ditto.....	80.00	
Bro G. W. Tuttle, severe and protracted family affliction & fun. expenses,..	80.00	
Bro. Stewart, for affliction,.....	45.00	
Bro. R. A. Temple,.....	15.00	
Bro. Chapman,.....	6.00	
Bro. Shenstone,.....	22.50	
Bro. Wilson,.....	15.00	
Bro. Payson,.....	4.50	
Bro. Buckley,.....	37.50	
Bro. Narraway,.....	25.00	
Bro. R. Wilson,.....	6.25	
Bro. Cowperthwaite,.....	5.00	
Bro. Teesdale,.....	7.50	
Bro. Jost,.....	10.00	
Bro. Wm. Smith,.....	7.00	
Bro. Barratt,.....	8.00	
Bro. McKeown,.....	25.00	
Bro. R. Smith,.....	5.00	
Bro. Milligan,.....	7.50	
Bro. Read,.....	17.50	
Bro. R. M. Smith,.....	26.25	
Bro. Perkins,.....	16.00	
Bro. B. J. Johnson,.....	7.55	
Bro. Coffin,.....	7.55	
		\$869.51
		\$15,299.97

QUESTION XI.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the affairs of the Book Room?

ANSWER.

1. That the Conference records its high appreciation of the faithful and indefatigable labours of the Book Steward and Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan, the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., during the past year, and tenders to him the expression of its cordial thanks; and in view of his contemplated transfer to the Parent Connexion, begs to assure him of the fraternal affection and best wishes of his brethren of Eastern British America for his future prosperity and usefulness.

2. That the Rev. John McMurray be, and is hereby appointed our Book Steward and Editor.

P. S. Through some inadvertence, all the action of the Conference respecting Book Affairs was omitted in the Minutes of last year.

MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

QUESTION XII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference in reference to the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy?

ANSWER.

1. That the comprehensive Report of the Trustees of Mount Allison Academy is completely satisfactory, and that the Conference gratefully acknowledges the Divine goodness, as manifested in the literary, the religious, and the financial condition of both branches of the Institution.

2. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., to whose earnest and untiring devotion to the interests of the branch of the Institution for males its continued prosperity is to be largely attributed, for his faithful and efficient discharge of the various duties belonging to his responsible position during the past year.

3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be also presented to the Rev. J. Allison, A. M., the Principal, and to Mrs. J. Allison, A. M., the Preceptress, for their zealous and highly acceptable labours in the Ladies' Branch of the Institution; and that the efficiency and prosperity of this Department of our Educational interests afford to the Conference much satisfaction.

4. That the Conference with great pleasure, and in the utmost confidence, would commend these institutions to our people, and to the public generally, for securing thereby to the youth under their charge the advantages of thorough literary training, on sound Christian principles—advantages there is reason to believe, not to be exceeded in any other institution in these Lower Provinces.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

QUESTION XIII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological Institution ?

ANSWER.

1. That the Conference has heard, with much pleasure, the Report of the Theological Department at Sackville under the direction of the Rev. C. DeWolfe, D. D., and desires to record its high appreciation of his very efficient and successful labours during the year.

2. It is a subject of deep regret to the Conference that Dr. DeWolfe feels it to be necessary to remove from Sackville to some more genial climate, at a time when the inception of such an important branch of our Educational schemes seemed especially to demand his residence there.

3. In consequence of the removal of the Rev. C. DeWolfe, D. D., from Sackville, the Conference resolves that, for the present year, an arrangement be made by the President of the Conference, whereby the young men who are now recommended as Theological Students to attend the Institution, shall be enabled to pursue such courses of study as shall directly bear upon their preparation for the Christian Ministry.

4. That a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars shall be appropriated to meet the expenses of such an arrangement, and that the balance of interest accruing from the fund, shall be added to the stock.

5. It is earnestly requested that the Treasurer and Executive Committee will adopt such measures as may be necessary for the augmentation of the fund of the Professorship, to the amount originally designed.

6. That the following course of study be appointed for the Probationers for our Ministry, and that they be examined particularly upon it at the Annual District Meeting. The Chairman of each District is also required at the time of the Financial District, to make suitable arrangements for the examination of the young men at the ensuing District Committee Meeting.

COURSE OF READING FOR PROBATIONERS.

In order to direct more fully the studies of the young Ministers, as well also to provide for more thorough annual Examination during the four years of their probation, the Conference adopted the following course of reading and study:—

Works upon which Examination will be based. | *Books suggested for Reading and Study.*

FIRST YEAR.

Wesley's Notes, Matt.—Mark.	Benson's Commentary (new test.)
Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 40.	Todd's Student's Manual.
Fletcher's Appeal.	Dr. Hannah's Let'r to junior P's.
Edmondson's Elements Theol'gy.	Smith's Patriarchal Age.
Watson's Life of Wesley, &c.	Kurtz's Sacred History.
Wayland's Moral Philosophy, 1st part.	Jackson's Lives of early M. Preachers.
Ripley's Sacred Rhetoric.	Watson's, Benson's and Clark's Sermons.

SECOND YEAR.

Wesley's Notes—Luke, John, Acts.	Kurtz's Church History.
Wesley's Sermons.	Benson's Com. (on Old Test.)
Fletcher's Checks.	Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
Grindrod's Compendium, 1st part.	Dixon on Methodism.
Watson's Institutes, 1st part.	Pearson on Infidelity.
Wayland, 2nd part.	Russel's Pulpit Elocution.
..... ..	Burnett on 39 Articles.
..... ..	Smith's Hebrew People.
..... ..	Rollin's Ancient History.
..... ..	Newton on the Prophecies.
..... ..	Harris' Great Commission.

THIRD YEAR.

Wesley's Notes—Romans to Galatians.	Watson's Exposition.
Wesley's Appeals.	Paley's Natural Theology, Evidences and Horæ Paulinæ.
Bunting Sermon on Justification.	Barrett's Pastoral Office.
Watson's Inst. 2nd part.	Angus's Bible Hand Book.
Grindrod's Comp. to the end.	Powell's Apostolical Succession.

Smith's History of Methodism, vol. 1.	Steven's Hist. of Methodism.
.... ..	Smith's Gentile Nations.
.... ..	Dr. M. Stuart on Baptism.
.... ..	Angus' Hand Book of English Language.

FOURTH YEAR.

Wesley's Notes—Eph. to Rev.	Smith's Harmony of dispensation.
Wesley—Original Sin and Chris- tian Perfection.	Trench on the Miracles.
Watson's Institutes, parts 3 & 4.	“ on the Parables.
Pearson on the Creed.	Howe's Works.
Butler's Analogy.	Gold and the Gospel.
Smith's History of Methodism— to the end.	Treffry's Eternal Sonship.
.... ..	Josephus' Works.
.... ..	Thos. Jackson's Works.
.... ..	Biographical—Clarke, Coke, En- twisle, Stoner, Smith & Hunt.

MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Collegiate Education?

ANSWER.

Whereas the Conference last year did, after a long and thoroughly exhaustive discussion of the College Question in all its bearings, unanimously resolve as follows:—

“1. That in the opinion of this Conference the arrangements for the organization and systematic instruction of the regular classes for a full course of Collegiate study, in our Institution at Sackville, should be completed at the earliest practicable period.

“2. That this Conference, fully concurring in the opinion that the establishment of a proper Provincial University, distinct from all teaching institutions, to be the sole source of university honors and degrees, upon the plan, essentially, of the London University in England, and the Queen's University in Ireland, would be of great and permanent advantage to the cause of liberal education, gladly complies with the request of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy, and appoints the Rev. the President of the Conference and the Rev. the Secretary of the same, with the Superintendent of the Fredericton Circuit, to act with the Executive Committee of the Academy, as a joint Committee,

to bring the matter under the notice and consideration of the Government and Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, in such a way as shall seem best calculated to secure the establishment of such an institution.

“3. That the Conference is convinced that, in the event of a failure in the effort to secure the establishment of such an institution as is contemplated in the second resolution, it will be then expedient to fall back upon the Act of Legislature which authorizes the organization of a College proper at Mount Allison, upon certain conditions, which, it is believed, can be fulfilled without involving the necessity of any general appeal throughout the Circuits for additional Funds.

“4. That in the opinion of the Conference, the establishment of a College will give additional stability and influence to the C. F. Allison Theological Professorship, and that it should operate as a stimulus rather than a hindrance to the completion of the Endowment Fund for this Professorship.”

And Whereas we have no reason to suppose that the views then taken were erroneous, or that the conclusions then reached and embodied in these resolutions were unwise and should now be reversed; and *Whereas* the application to the Government and Legislature, as ordered in the recent resolution, was unsuccessful; and *Whereas* the Board of Trustees of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy did, at its late Annual Meeting, make certain arrangements, which are now reported to this Conference, to give effect to the third resolution of the Conference last year, in regard to the organization of a College proper at Mount Allison; and *Whereas* these arrangements do not involve the necessity of any general appeal throughout the Circuits for additional funds:

Therefore Resolved—That the Conference hereby gives its sanction to these arrangements, and furthermore pledges its cordial sympathy to this forward movement in the Educational enterprise, to which, as we have before solemnly declared, it is our deliberate conviction that “God in His Providence seems to be calling our Church.”

HOME MISSION AND CONTINGENT FUND.

QUESTION. XV.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Home Mission and Contingent Fund?

ANSWER.

1. That the Rules respecting this Fund printed in the Minutes of 1856-57, continue in force.

2. That the objects contemplated in the formation of this Fund are so closely connected with the religious progress of our Church, and the welfare of souls; as to demonstrate the reasonableness of it upon the attention and liberality of our church and congregations.

3. That the Conference cannot but regret the diminution of the amount of increase from the Districts during the year. It would earnestly call the attention of the Chairmen to this important subject (or painful fact); and enjoin on all its ministers the uniform carrying out of the plans already adopted for its support, by Public Collections and class contributions. The Conference cherishes the hope that in the ensuing year vigorous efforts will be made on every Circuit to secure to this Fund the universal sympathy and augmented pecuniary aid of our people.

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executors of the Estate of the late greatly lamented Martin Gay Black, Esq., for their kind and prompt payment to the Treasurer the sum of one thousand dollars—the amount of his Legacy to this Fund.

5. *Resolved*,—That the respectful thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executors of the will of the late Mr. James N. Harris, of P. E. Island, for their immediate payment of his legacy to this Fund.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

QUESTION XVI.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Children's Fund?

ANSWER.

1. That John Starr, Esq., and Rev. James Taylor are requested to act as General Treasurers of this Fund for the ensuing year; and the Rev. Jas. England as General Secretary; and the Rev. Duncan D. Currie as Assistant Secretary.

2. In conformity to the standing rule, which makes provision towards the support of the children of our Ministers, from a certain rate of contributions in proportion to the num-

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ber in Society, it is agreed that for the ensuing year SEVENTY-two members shall provide the allowance for one child. The following statement has accordingly been drawn up, determining the number of children's allowances to be allotted at the Financial District Meetings to the Circuits, according to rule :—

Districts.	Members.	Children.
Halifax,	2,286	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
St. John,	1,885	26 $\frac{1}{4}$
Truro,	1,522	21
P. E. Island,	1,186	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fredericton,	1,241	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sackville,	1,418	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Annapolis,	1,498	20 $\frac{1}{4}$
Liverpool,	1,155	16
Newfoundland,	3,198	44
	<hr/> 15,389	<hr/> 213

EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

QUESTION XVII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Educational Fund for Ministers' Children ?

ANSWER.

1. That every Minister in full connexion shall pay an annual subscription—to be, for the present, ten shillings—into this fund, and that private subscriptions and donations are to be solicited from our more opulent friends, to whom the Ministers are authorized to make application.

2. That a public collection shall be made annually, in all our Chapels and Sabbath preaching places, in the month of April for this fund.

3. That the Rev. C. Stewart, of Lunenburg, and John Fraser, Esq., of St. John, N. B., are requested to act as Treasurers of this Fund. The Rev. Geo Johnson is appointed Secretary.

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

QUESTION XVIII.

What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund ?

ANSWER.

1. The Conference has ascertained, with approbation, that the Rules relating to this important fund have been observed in the Circuits generally; and it expects that from this time there will exist no exception to the fully carrying out the well-considered provisions for the due maintenance of the annual income of this Institution.

2. The District returns, however, show a less amount of Circuit contributions, this year, than last; which is doubtless owing to the recent extensive depression of business. On the return of prosperity, the Conference hopes that the claims of this fund, on the justice and liberality of our people, will be suitably remembered.

3. The cordial thanks of this Conference are presented to the executors of our late venerable friend Martin Gay Black, Esq., of Halifax, for the prompt payment of his legacy to this fund of one thousand dollars.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

QUESTION XIX.

What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting our Sabbath Schools?

ANSWER.

1. That it affords the Conference much pleasure to observe that the general state of our Schools continues to be encouraging, and that the Divine blessing accompanies our labors in this important department of evangelic toil.

Districts.	Schools.	Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Halifax,.....	24	194	597	474	1071
St. John,.....	29	284	952	1134	2986
Truro,.....	24	48	334	322	656
P. E. Island,.....	17	88	380	468	848
Fredericton,.....	12	110	321	395	716
Sackville,.....	32	158	581	572	1153
Annapolis,.....	20	144	468	588	1056
Liverpool,.....
Newfoundland,.....	39	308	1306	1473	2779
	197	1334	4939	5426	10367

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2. The Conference would earnestly recommend that increased attention be given by our ministers and people to the formation and efficient working of Bible Classes for the elder children, and adults, believing that a rich reward would accompany such efforts, in the increase of Biblical knowledge, and the extension of our branch of Christ's Church.

WESLEYAN PARSONAGE AID FUND.

QUESTION XX.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to the creation and management of a Fund, to be known as the Wesleyan Parsonage Aid Fund.

ANSWER.

1. That, in the judgment of this Conference, it is highly desirable that every Circuit throughout the Connexion should be provided with a comfortable dwelling house for the minister and his family, and that such dwelling house should be entirely free from debt, in order that the Connexional Funds may not be burdened with charges for rent, from year to year.

2. That every preacher with a family, appointed to a Circuit destitute of such a house, shall, as soon as possible, call the attention of the friends of our Church on such Circuit to the importance of earnest efforts to remedy such deficiency, at the earliest practicable period.

3. That, in order to encourage such efforts, a Wesleyan Parsonage Aid Fund shall be constituted, consisting for the present of the special grant of £250 sterling, made by the Parent Connexion to this Conference for the year now ending, and that to this the similar grant which we are authorized to expect for the year now commencing shall be added, and that the business of this Fund shall be managed under the direction of Conference, by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

4. That applications for assistance in support of local efforts from Circuits in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and P. E. Island, proposing to erect suitable dwelling houses, or to liquidate debts thereupon, may be sent to this committee; such applications, however, to be approved by the District Meetings, either Financial or Regular.

5. That the Grant to aid in the erection of any house, or in the removal of debt from it, shall in no case exceed \$200; and that no grant shall be paid from this Fund until the Committee shall receive satisfactory evidence that a sum, amounting to at least three times that of the grant, has been, by local efforts, secured towards the accomplishment of the object proposed.

6. The first meeting of the Committee to consider applications for grants shall be held, at the call of the President, at Sackville, as soon after the ensuing Financial District Meetings may have been held as may be convenient.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

QUESTION XXI.

What are the Standing and other Committees for the year, and of whom are they composed?

ANSWER.

I.—MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The President, Co-Delegate, and the Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of the respective Districts, and

Rev. C. Steward, *Sec'y.* Rev. Wm. McCarty,
H Pope, R. E. Crane,

Hon. J. H. Anderson, *Halifax,*

George H. Starr, Esq., “

Richard Smith, Esq., *Maitland,*

Aaron Eaton, Esq., *St. John,*

Geo. P. Sancton, Esq., “

S. Rettie, Esq., *Truro,*

R. Brecken, Esq., *Charlottetown,*

Hon. C. Young, LL. D., “

Hon. Judge Wilmot, *Fredericton,*

M. Wood, Esq., *Sackville,*

W. R. Dudman, Esq., *Yarmouth,*

A. Henderson, Esq., *Annapolis,*

J. J. Rogerson, Esq., *St. John's,*

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II.—BOOK COMMITTEE.

The President, the Co-Delegate, and the Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. H. Pope, 2nd, <i>Sec'y.</i> ,	Rev. J. S. Addy,
T. H. Davies,	Joseph Hart,
James England,	Thomas Smith,
J. F. Hennigar,	Wm. Smithson,
F. Smallwood,	S. W. Sprague,
Ingham Sutcliffe,	G. W. Tuttle,
	Rev. Wm. Wilson.

EXECUTIVE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Superintendents of the Halifax, Windsor, and Newport Circuits.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Rev. James Taylor,	Rev. C. Stewart,
	Rev. J. Lathern.

III.—SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND COMMITTEE.

The President, the Co-Delegate, and the Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. E. Botterell, <i>Sec'y.</i> ,	Rev. R. A. Temple,
H. Pickard, D.D. } <i>Treas.</i> ,	R. Duncan,
A. Eaton, Esq., }	Hezek. McKeown,
	Rev. Duncan D. Currie.
George H. Starr, Esq., <i>Halifax</i> ,	
Hon. J. H. Anderson, "	
E. E. Lockhart, Esq., <i>St. John</i> ,	
Joseph Pritchard, Esq., "	
R. Brecken, Esq., <i>Charlottetown</i> .	

IV.—CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

The President, the Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen and the Financial Secretaries of the respective Districts, the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Children's Fund, with two gentlemen, members of our Church, from each District, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting in May,

Hon. J. H. Anderson,	} <i>Treasurers.</i>
Rev. H. Pickard, D.D.,	
Rev. J. Taylor, <i>Secretary.</i>	

V.—CHURCH PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

The President, the Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. John Snowball,	Rev. Thos. Angwin,
A. B. Black,	John Brewster,
James Buckley,	G. Butcher,
J. S. Peach,	John Prince,
Rev. G. M. Barratt.	

VI.—SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Brettle,	Rev. Robert Tweedy,
W. Tweedy,	Wm. Smith,
R. Weddall,	Richard Smith,
Rev. J. V. Jost.	

VII.—BOARD OF TRUSTEES MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

The President, the Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. J. Allison, A. M.,	Rev. J. Snowball,
J. R. Narraway, A.M.,	M. Pickles,
E. Botterell,	S. Fulton, Esq.,
Mariner Wood, Esq.,	W. H. Harrison, Esq.,
Joseph F. Allison, Esq.,	John Starr, Esq.,
A. R. McLellan, Esq., M. P. P.,	Hon. C. Young, LL.D.

VIII.—THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. John Snowball,	} <i>Treas.</i>	Rev. John Allison, A. M.,
G.R. Anderson, Esq.,		G. S. Milligan, A. M.,
Rev. M. Richey, D. D.,		A. McL. DesBrisay,
C. DeWolfe, D. D.,		S. Humphrey, A. B.
Henry Daniel,		Charles Stewart.

IX.—EXAMINING COMMITTEE OF THE MT. ALLISON INSTITUTIONS.

Rev. M. Richey, D. D.,	Rev. J. L. Sponagle,
W. T. Cardy,	A. M. DesBrisay,
Rev. S. Humphrey, A. B.	

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X.—EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

Rev. H. Pope, <i>Sec'y.</i>	Rev. Robert A. Temple,
C. Stewart, } <i>Treas.</i>	John Lathern,
J. Fraser, Esq., }	A. B. Black,
Rev. James Taylor,	R. Duncan,
	Rev. J. L. Sponagle.

XI.—WESLEYAN PARSONAGE AID FUND.

The President, Co-Delegate, and Secretary of the Conference,

Rev. G. Butcher, <i>Sec'y.</i> ,	Charles Dixon, Esq.,
John Snowball,	James George, Esq.,
John Allison, A. M.,	Martin Trueman, Esq.,
M. Pickles,	John Humphrey, Esq.,
A. P. Bradley, Esq.,	

XII.—SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—ON CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCUITS.

The President, Co-Delegate, and Secretary of Conference,

Rev. James England,	Rev. T. H. Davies,
James Taylor,	E. Botterell.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

I.—REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Resolved,—That our esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. Pickard, accept the kind invitation of the Missionary Committee to visit the Parent Body, and that he be respectfully requested to be our Representative at the British Conference. And further, *Resolved*,—That our respected brethren, the Rev. Chas. Churchill, A. M., and Rev. James England, be associated with Dr. Pickard, in representing this Conference at the British Conference.

II.—THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT, &C.

That the very respectful thanks of this Conference are due to our ex-President, the Rev. W. B. Boyce, for the deep interest manifested by him in the affairs of this Conference,

during the period of his Presidency, cherishing the sanguine expectation that his acquaintance with our work, in these provinces, will materially serve the interests of our young Connexion.

That the very cordial thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., for his faithful and efficient discharge of his onerous duties as Co-Delegate, having presided, in the absence of the President, in the various preparatory Committees, and also for his able and untiring attention to the duties of the chair, as our President, during the session.

That the kindest thanks of this Conference be presented to our esteemed brother, the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, D. D., for his attention to the duties of his position as Co-Delegate, during this Conference.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. John McMurray, Secretary of the Conference, to the Rev. James Taylor, Journal Secretary, to the Revds. H. Pope, 2nd, R. A. Temple, George S. Milligan, A. M., and D. D. Currie, Assistant Secretaries, and to the Conference Letter Writers.

That the Conference gratefully appreciates the kindness and hospitality of the numerous friends in Halifax, shown by them to the Ministers during this session, and that the same be appropriately expressed from the pulpits of our Churches in this city on Sabbath next.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the resident Ministers of this Circuit, the Rev. Messrs. Addy and Brewster, for their considerate regard for the comfort and accommodation of the ministers attending this Conference.

III.—DONATION VISITS.

It was *Resolved*,—That the Conference having considered the subject of Donation visits, are of opinion that the better way for raising the necessary receipts of Circuits, is by the time-honored system adopted from the beginning. It would not depreciate the kindness, nor check the flow of the benevolence of such of our friends as desire to help the cause of God in this more novel way. It would yet seek to turn the stream of their contributions into the more ordinary channel,

and advises that, for the future, the real cash value of such donations shall be returned in the account of the Circuits where they occur, as a part of their receipts, but under the designation of "Special Efforts."

IV.—CLASS AND TICKET MONEY.

The Conference, still admiring the wisdom which originated the system of raising a portion of the income required for the work of God in our Church by "Class and Ticket Money," would express its regret that the method has not been more generally observed, and would make an affectionate appeal to the members of our Church on its behalf, under the conviction that the reasonableness of the Rule will secure their intelligent approval, and that practical sympathy by which the supposed difficulties of its general observance will be greatly moderated, if not altogether overcome, and its principle extensively carried out.

V.—CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCUITS.

Resolved,—That a special Committee, to consist of not less than five, be appointed, more fully to consider the subject of the Classification of Circuits, according to some general principle, and to report through this Committee at the Conference, at its next session.

VI.—MISSIONARY LISTS.

Resolved,—That the Chairmen of each District shall be required to bring to the Conference a perfect list of all the Subscriptions and Donations to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, made in the respective Circuits of his District. Such list to be prepared on foolscap paper, and to be made up in decimal currency, as used in Nova Scotia.

VII.—PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

That in consequence of the annually increasing arrearages of the subscription for the *Provincial Wesleyan*, enquiry be instituted in the District Committees respectively, as to the fidelity of each brother responsible for the collection of such monies—the accounts previously being sent to the Chairmen, and distributed at the Financial District Meetings.

VIII.—QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

That the third Quarterly Meeting of the Connexional year shall be regarded as answering to what is termed in the English work, the March Quarterly Meeting.

IX.—REV. DR. FORRESTER.

The Rev. Dr. Forrester having requested the privilege of addressing the Conference on the subject of Education for an hour, and such privilege having been conceded to him, the Conference, after having listened with much interest to his very able address, *Unanimously Resolved*,—That the important subject to which the Rev. Dr. Forrester is devoting himself, with so much zeal, is one which should command the best attention of all our ministers and members; and we take this mode of assuring the Rev. Superintendent, that he may rely upon our earnest sympathy with all wisely directed efforts to advance the cause of education upon Christian principles.

X.

Whereas,—The beloved wife of the Rev. W. Temple, having deceased during the past year, this Conference would respectfully present to their venerable brother the assurance of their deep Christian sympathy with him, on account of his irreparable loss. His grief has, no doubt, been mellowed and moderated by the consideration of the long series of years through which Mrs. Temple and he have travelled the journey of life harmoniously together. We rejoice to believe that our sorrowing friend has been well sustained by the grace of God hitherto; and this Conference would assure him of our fervent prayers that to the end of his pilgrimage he may continue to find that as his day, so his strength may be.

XI.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to remove from earth the wife of the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M.,

Resolved,—This Conference beg to assure our beloved Brother of our deep and fraternal interest in the trial which he and his children have been recently called to endure, in the almost sudden decease of Mrs. Churchill. This affliction

must surely have been aggravated by the prospect of their approaching return to her native home in England. Our earnest prayer is that our bereaved brother may be enabled ever to consider and feel that the Great Father of our spirits is also the God of our life, who may end it at *His own* pleasure. We trust that Brother Churchill and his family may continue to experience the guidance of Divine Providence, and the abundant supports of Divine grace.

STANDING ORDERS.

I.—DISTRICT MINUTES.

The Chairmen of Districts are peremptorily required to procure *three* complete copies of the Minutes of the several annual and other meetings of the District Committees, financial and ordinary, duly signed by the Chairmen and Secretaries; one of these copies shall be inserted in the District Records, the second shall be reserved for the use of the Conference, and the third shall be delivered to the Secretary for preservation in the archives of the Connexion. Furthermore, it is required that the last-mentioned copies shall be handed in on the forenoon of the day preceding that on which our first preparatory Committee meeting may be appointed to be held, that the Secretaries may prepare classified lists of all matters which are to come before the Conference, and thereby expedite business.

II.—QUARTERLY SCHEDULES.

Resolved,—That the practice of our Connexion in England respecting Quarterly Schedules of the state of every Class and Society upon the several Circuits, be adopted by this Conference, and that the Schedules, duly filled up, shall be annually produced in the District Meetings, to be examined and considered.

QUESTION XXII.

When and where shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

On the fourth Wednesday in June, A. D., 1863, at Charlotetown, P. E. I.

COMMITTEE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

The Secretary of the Conference, and the brethren Brewster and McKeown are appointed a Committee to make arrangements with Rail Road, Steamboat, and Stage Coach Managers, with a due regard to economy, for the conveyance of the ministers to and from the Conference.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

H. PICKARD, D. D., *President*,
JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary*.

TIME FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

Contingent Fund—Public Collection August,
Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows'
Fund, (1) Collection in the Classes September,
(2) Public Collections December,
Contingent Fund—Yearly Collection in Classes March,
Educational Fund for Ministers' Children—Public
Collection April,
The Conference Collection May.

ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1863.

The Committees preparatory to the next Conference are appointed to meet in Charlottetown as follows (subject, however, to any changes of the particular order, days, or hours here specified, which the President, giving due notice to the parties concerned, may make), viz. :

1. *Stationing Committee*,—Thursday, June 18th, at 9 o'clock, a. m.
2. *Committee on Classification of Circuits*,—Thursday, June 18th, at 3, p. m.
3. *Book Committee*,—Friday, June 19th, at 9, a. m.

4. *Theological Institution Committee*,—Saturday, June 20th, 9, a. m.
5. *Auxiliary Missionary Society Committee*,—Saturday, June 3, p. m.
6. *Contingent Fund Committee*,—Monday, June, at 9, a. m.
7. *Supernumerary Fund Committee*,—Tuesday, June at 9, a. m.
8. *Church Property Committee*,—Tuesday, June at 3, p. m.
9. *Parsonage Aid Committee*,—Tuesday, June at 7, p. m.

N. B.—1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Charlottetown on Thursday, June 18, for the purpose of preparing for their several Committees the accounts of their several departments.

2. The Assistant Secretaries are requested to attend at the same time for the purpose of compiling from the District Minutes, various lists, &c., which will facilitate the business of the Committees and of the subsequent Conference.

3. *Special Notice to Chairmen of Districts*.—They are particularly required to bring, in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds on Thursday, June 18, the necessary copies of the District Minutes, the Circuit accounts of each Circuit in their respective Districts, and the Minutes of the Financial District Meetings.

QUARTERLY FAST DAYS.

The days upon which the Quarterly Fast, appointed by rule, is to be observed for the following year, are, Fridays, October 3rd; January 2nd; March 27th; and June 26th.

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN
EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

Assembled once more in Conferential deliberation, we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of addressing you, in our collective capacity, assuring you of our continued interest in your welfare, and beseeching, in your behalf, that grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

With mingled feeling we are called to contemplate the results of another year's toil in the vineyard of the Lord. Though in some circuits the work of God has been graciously revived, souls have been saved, and congregations have been gathered, and our interests generally, sustained and strengthened; yet we are under the painful necessity of reporting a slight decrease in the actual number returned as full and accredited members of our church. Owing to the peculiarities of our financial system, the pressure of the times and the interruption of commerce, resulting from the unhappy strife in the neighbouring Republic, have in some places seriously affected the membership of the church, and the numerical returns which have been made. Humbled, in view of the past, yet hopeful for the future, as we have received mercy we faint not, but have resolved to give ourselves more fully to prayer and to the ministry of the word, and to God, who is our strength and sufficiency, and who alone giveth the increase to him that planteth and to him that watereth.

Brethren pray for us. Pray that we may so labour and serve, in the Gospel of Jesus, that the word may have free course,

that the redeeming purposes of the Lord Jesus Christ may be more rapidly advanced, that we may witness in our sanctuaries still more triumphal scenes of saving mercy, and that our Gospel may come unto you, not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance.

We have presented no new Truths. We have preached no other Gospel. We have unshaken confidence in the instrumentality, divinely appointed, for the moral regeneration of our world. We believe in the power of God, in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the promise of the Holy Ghost, in the efficacy of the cross, in the mission of the Church, in the tongue of fire, in the omnipotence of faith, in the prevalency of prayer, and in the adaptation and sufficiency of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

We need no new agencies or appliances; but there is one thing we do need—power from on high—soul-converting power.

We may have oratory in the pulpit, melody in the choir, decorum in the pew, and multitudes thronging to the ministry of the word; the means for calling out all the varied gifts and graces of the membership; our ecclesiastical organization well adapted to all the purposes for which it was framed; but our trust is not in these: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Join with us then, we entreat you, beloved Brethren, in wrestling faith and in agonizing prayer for this soul-converting power, and for the promised out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. O! for the baptism of fire—God's holy fire, kindled in many hearts and burning from many lips; for the richer unction and plenitude of His blessing accompanying our ministrations; and for a renewal of all the substantial blessings which crowned the Pentecostal Church.

Deeply solicitous for your welfare, we address you on matters of practical importance, not as a mere ecclesiastical usage; but with the hope that the counsels and administrations thus conveyed may have greater weight and impressiveness, emanating as they do from the collective Pastorate of the Church.

Cultivate Personal Piety.—For this there can be no substitute. Sabbath-keeping; psalm-singing, sanctuary attendance, sacramental communion, deeds of charity, paying tythes and giving

alms can never be accepted in the place of pure, vital, personal, godliness; "Neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature in Christ Jesus."

Aim high in your Standard of Consecration. Look above all creeds and confessions, above all theories and forms of professional or practical religion which may surround you. Look to the Life of Jesus, to the Sermon on the Mount, to the Epistles of the New Testament, to the great evangelical commands on which hang all the Law and the Prophets, to the standard of consecration in the Primitive Church; and to the patterns of piety which have been bequeathed to us in the memories of many sainted ones, whose lives have adorned, and whose biographies will enrich our own Church.

Be Conscientiously Consistent. There is an attempt in our times to bring down the Church nearer to a level with the world; and to compromise the consistency of christian character, and the principles of our holy religion, by the introduction, into religious circles, of dissipating pleasures and fashionable amusements. Without referring at present, more specifically to this subject, we would only remind you of the incompatibility of one with the other; and of the imperative obligation under which you are placed as the friends and followers of the Redeemer, to relinquish whatever may assume any attitude of hostility to His will. Ever bear in mind that the character you have assumed, the exalted motives under the influence of which you act, the great central aims and aspirations of your life, the sources of your joy, and the grandeur and dignity of those immortal destinies which await you, are as diverse and as distinct from those of men unsaved and unregenerate, as light is from darkness, and as life is from death. By every consideration of consistency and of covenant-engagement, you are called upon to maintain and preserve in all their sacredness and in all their integrity, those great moral distinctions which constitute the separation of the Church, and which, in the sight of God are of supreme importance, assured that from the solemn and authoritative announcement of Inspiration, there can be no appeal: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

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Prize the Means of Grace. The ministry of the word and the meeting for social worship are privileges of which we can only show our appreciation by habitual attendance. Remember that God is to be worshipped in the assemblies of His saints. The sermon may be a prominent, but is not the only important part of Divine Service. Waft up, in spiritual response, to the Throne of the heavenly grace, the confessions which may be made, the thanksgivings which may be presented, and the supplications which may be poured forth in the great congregation.

We have observed with much regret, the habit rapidly growing in our Sabbath services, of leaving *all the praise* to be offered by the Choir. The interest of congregational singing—once a marvellous power, and a great attraction in Methodism,—is well nigh lost in many congregations; and it is to be feared that we have hereby suffered serious declension in devotional feeling. Never are saints upon earth, spirits in glory, and seraphs before the throne, more in unison than when hymning the praises of Jehovah. And nothing can be more appropriate in the earthly sanctuary, than for the voices of all true worshippers to mingle and blend in the rapture and melody of holy song: "Let the people praise Thee O God, let all the people praise Thee."

Cultivate a line of Christian fellowship, not merely as a beautiful theory, or for repetition in our creed, but as a practical necessity, called for by the whole life experience. Do we believe in the Communion of Saints? Ample provision is made in our Class-meetings for that interchange of sympathy and fraternal feeling so necessary to our comfort and edification, enabling us to bear each other's burdens, so fulfilling the love of Christ. Of the value of this means of grace, either viewed in its theoretical or practical aspects, for its adaptation as an organized system of Christian testimony, or for its soul-training capabilities, it is scarcely possible to think or speak too highly. We do not claim for the Class-meeting an essentially Divine origin; but we do claim that it is Scriptural in its character, sanctioned by Divine blessing, and fully in accordance with the usage of the primitive Apostolical Church—one *constituent* of which was *fellowship*. Defective must be that organization which makes

no provision for fellowship corresponding to that of the first Christian Church. In Methodism that want is supplied in the weekly Class-meeting. Forsake not, then, the assembling of yourselves together, *as the manner of some is*, and so much the more as ye see that day approaching when the Lord's book of remembrance shall bear its testimony, and each one shall be rewarded as his work shall be.

Give your support as far as possible to the Sabbath School. Pre-eminent among those auxiliary agencies by which the Church of Christ is rendered effective for the conversion of the world, is this Institution; yet many a Superintendent is discouraged, many a Sabbath School languishes, and many children are neglected, for lack of that sympathy and support which you are well able to give. In obedience to the Chief Shepherd, who gathereth the lambs in his arms, and carrieth them in his bosom—the nearest place to whose heart, and whose tenderest sympathies are for the little ones—who saith to every loving disciple: "Feed my lambs," go into the nursery of the Church, there to labor in love and to toil without weariness.

In these days of cheap literature, and of teeming periodicals, so often the vehicle of influences relaxing and polluting to the moral energies, and of scepticism and secularism, with their affected pomp and parade of science and scholarship, it is necessary to exercise much discrimination in the selection of books for family reading. We recommend the *Provincial Wesleyan*, with its well-filled columns of literary and religious intelligence, to your continued patronage, as well adapted to gratify and instruct the members of your home circle. The Book-Room in Halifax will afford you an opportunity of obtaining our Connexional literature, which ought to have a place in the libraries of all Wesleyan families.

Regarding thorough intellectual training, combined with healthy moral culture, as of the highest importance, and the best heritage you can bequeath to your sons and your daughters, we have much pleasure, and the utmost confidence, in recommending to your cordial support, our own Educational Establishment at Mount Allison. We have been favored with the most satisfactory evidences of their efficiency, and believe that

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in no similar Institutions can you secure advantages superior to those which are now offered at Sackville.

In addition to the Academic Schools which have been for many years in successful operation, and the Theological Institution, for the training of ministerial candidates, which we desire to make as efficient as possible, we have made arrangements for the establishment, by Provincial Charter, of a College proper, in which young men can be conducted through an entire Collegiate course, and graduate in the usual way.

To all thoughtful Methodists of these Eastern Provinces, and to all those who desire to secure Collegiate Education accompanied by those religious safeguards, which by Christian parents are deemed indispensable to the safety of young men, at a time when their minds are most susceptible to, and their character stamped for life by, the moral influences by which they are surrounded; we commend this new enterprise of our Church.

Starting, as it does, under favorable auspices, and with an efficient staff of Professors, we trust that it will yet win for itself a high place, and an honorable name among the Colleges of North America; and that it will become the loved and revered Alma-mater of hundreds of young men, who shall creditably fill, and honorably distinguish themselves in the various Professions and vocations of life.

Our ministerial ranks have been thinned during the year. Some of our beloved Fathers and Brethren are compelled, through advancing years and wasted strength, to retire from the active duties of the Itinerancy. Some of our most talented young men have ceased from their labors and have entered into their rest during the year. The names of Samuel Avery, pure and transparent in mind and purpose, of William McKinnon, honorably distinguished by his fervent piety and scholarly attainments, of Henry Holland, eminent for fidelity in labor and for success in winning souls, and of Wm. S. Shenstone, whose career, full of promise for a brilliant future, so soon closed, are monitory to us all. Being dead they yet speak. They bid us gird ourselves anew for earnest toil; seeing the night cometh when no man can work.

Eight young men, who have honorably passed their probation, having given evidence of their gifts, graces and general fitness for our work, and having witnessed a good confession before many witnesses, have been received and solemnly set apart, by prayer and the imposition of hands, to the full work of the ministry. Fourteen young men have been accepted as candidates for the same sacred office, thus enabling us to meet more fully than we had anticipated the increasing necessities of our widening field.

We cannot but express our gratitude to Almighty God who has preserved us from the affliction and distressing agitation of civil war now felt so severely in the United States. Though we have suffered commercially, and have had complaining in our streets, yet we have peace in our borders, and as brethren dwell together in unity.

The bereavement of our beloved Sovereign has not appealed in vain to our sympathies. Earnestly would we implore in her behalf the consolations of true religion, that she may be enriched with grace and heavenly wisdom, that her throne may be established in righteousness and in mercy.

"And now, beloved Brethren, we commend you to God and the Word of His grace; to the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit; and unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy: To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty and dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen."

Signed by Order and on behalf of the Conference,

HUMPHREY PICKARD, D. D., *President*,
JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary*.

Halifax, N. S., July 4, 1862.

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THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA. (1861.)

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN :

Accept the renewed assurance of our fraternal affection—of our deep sympathy with you in all your trials and labours, and of our devout thankfulness to God for the gratifying success with which it has pleased him to crown the ordinances and agencies of your Church during the past year.

It is by no means the least important and interesting part of the proceedings of our annual Assembly, to welcome the Representatives, and to listen to the Addresses of the Affiliated Conferences. We are thus supplied with manifold and encouraging evidences that our common Methodism, in the purity of its doctrines, in the simplicity of its worship in the efficiency of its organization, and in the undiminished energy of its spiritual life, possesses a power of adaptation and development which seems to guarantee alike its stability and its further extension.

You will rejoice with us, to learn that the Great Head of the Church continues to vouchsafe to us many tokens of His special favour. The accession of nearly ten thousand members to our Society, the large number of candidates for our Ministry, the erection and enlargement of Chapels, the extension and prosperity of our Home-Missions, the steady increase and thorough efficiency of our Connexional Day-Schools, and the opening of a very important Mission, under auspicious circumstances, in Italy,—are among the most noticeable and prominent indications that the God of our fathers is still with us, and condescends to employ us for the advancement of His own cause.

We regret to learn that the political tumults and complications which are distracting the Western world, and especially the commercial depression which has overtaken some of our own Colonies, have combined to retard the progress of the Gospel, and to hinder the prosperity of Zion. But remembering that times of chastening and tribulation have often been signalized by special displays of the Divine power and glory, we would join with you in the devout prayer of the Prophet:—"O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

In these times of rebuke and blasphemy, when a false and flippant philosophy is attempting to degrade the Bible from its own pre-eminence, and to eliminate from Christianity some of its fundamental doctrines, we are thankful to receive from you so explicit an avowal of your attachment to the inspired Word of God, and of your determination to glory in the cross of Christ. It is also very gratifying to us to mark your high appreciation of those facilities for Christian fellowship which are furnished by the institutions of Methodism. They have eminently contributed to conserve and promote Scriptural Godliness, both at home and abroad; and we are increasingly persuaded that they can never be neglected without impairing the life, and endangering even the existence, of our beloved Methodism.

We heartily congratulate you on the establishment of a Theological Institution, and on the appointment of the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, M. A., as Professor of Theology. When educational facilities are so rapidly multiplied, and when the resources of literature are so widely diffused, the Church cannot be too anxious to secure a godly, well-trained, and thoroughly efficient ministry.

Your appropriate and ardent tribute of respect to the character of the late Thomas Farmer, Esq., elicited a deep response in this Conference, where his personal excellencies and distinguished services were best known, and where his memory will be long and gratefully cherished.

We learn with great satisfaction, though without surprise, that the visit of the Rev. Wm. B. Boyce has proved highly acceptable and advantageous to your Connexion; and we anticipate still further and more substantial results from the

extensive information he has acquired in regard to the details of the work carried on by you.

It affords us very sincere pleasure to appoint, in accordance with your request, the Rev. Dr. Pickard as your next President, and the Rev. Charles DeWolfe as Co-Delegate.

In conclusion, dear brethren, we "commend you to God, and to the word of His grace." May He vouchsafe to you more and more of the "comfort of love," and of the "fellowship of the Spirit," and enlarge your borders, and multiply your numbers year by year!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN RATTENBURY, *President,*

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary.*

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, August 9th, 1861.

ADDRESS

OF THE

CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,

TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHERN,—

We hail with delight the return of the period of mutual salutation.

We still entertain towards the Parent Body those sentiments of veneration which the reflection of the image of Christ, and the beautiful imitation of his inimitable example, on the part of the founders of Methodism and their sons, have ever induced us to cherish.

The Christian affection, deep sympathy, and undiminished confidence which your last Address breathes towards us, have rendered it doubly welcome.

In your benevolent schemes and operations in regard to the world's conversion you have our most hearty sympathy. Your correspondingly large successes in the various departments of benevolent enterprise, both at home and abroad, thrill our hearts with inexpressible joy. They are the more cheering, inasmuch as in them we have a pledge of the ushering in of that period when "Christ shall reign from the river to the ends of the earth." We join with you in expressions of unfeigned thanksgiving and ascriptions of praise to our Heavenly Father, whose purposes of mercy in Christ are thus being accomplished.

Deeply impressed with the conviction that the doctrines of Methodism are purely Scriptural, and that its means of grace are not only compatible with high spiritual developments, but pre-eminently conducive thereto, we have clung to it in affection, and sought to exemplify it in conduct.

The exhibition of the great central doctrine of our holy religion—" *Christ crucified* "—has enlisted all our energy. And as we have been pointing sinners to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world," exclaiming "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," this Divinely instituted means of saving the race has been shown to be the power of God and the wisdom of God.

To the glory of Infinite Grace be it said that scores and hundreds of new-born souls have been enabled to testify to the efficacy of the atonement during the year. Nevertheless it becomes our painful duty to report a small decrease in the membership of our Church; owing, perhaps, to the extreme financial depression prevailing throughout the country, and increased strictness on the part of the brethren in making up their annual returns.

The reports of the agencies which the Church has employed—the Mount Allison Literary and Theological Institutions, the Sabbath Schools, the Book Room and *Provincial Wesleyan*—have been, upon the whole, gratifying. The comparative circulation of our valuable literature, through the medium of the Book Room and *Provincial Wesleyan* has been materially diminished, through the prostration of provincial trade; yet, confident of the Divine blessing, we propose prosecuting our labors in this important sphere with increased energy.

The Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., retires from this department of our Connexional enterprise, and is to be succeeded by the Rev. John McMurray, whom we have appointed as our Book Steward and Editor.

Our Educational Institutions, despite the unparalleled financial pressure of those troublous times, have been largely patronized during the past year; and their prospects for future usefulness are in the highest degree encouraging. They fully realize the expectations, so fondly cherished by the now sainted Allison, of their being a means of widely extended usefulness, in promoting education upon Christian principles. We have resolved, with the assurance of the Divine approbation, to elaborate our hitherto incipient operations in the Collegiate department to the proportions of systematic Collegiate training, and propose introducing to the public an organization

under the loved family name of Mount Allison Wesleyan College.

The labors of our beloved brother, the Rev. C. DeWolfe, as Theological Professor during the past year, have been in the highest degree acceptable. We regret that considerations of a prudential character seem to render it expedient for him to leave this position for a time at least; although he nominally retains the office. The supervision of the studies of the young men who can be allowed to pursue a course of preparatory training for our ministry, is for the time being entrusted to the President of the Conference. Such is the pressing call for Preachers on our Circuits, that only two of the candidates for our work this year can be placed as students in our Institution at Sackville.

With chastened feelings, it becomes our duty to record the death of four of our most promising young men: the Brethren AVERY, MCKINNON, HOLLAND, and SHENSTONE. Their loss, in the present exigencies of our work, is deeply lamented. In their lives, the graces of the Christian character shone with undimmed lustre. They have left to the Church, in their consistent piety, and deaths of great triumph, an invaluable legacy. By the aid of an intelligent faith, and with an unquestioning submission, we say, "It is the Lord, let Him do as it seemeth Him good." Our deep sorrow has been assuaged by satisfactory evidence that the Lord of the harvest is sending forth laborers to gather in the expanding harvest. Thirteen candidates have been received upon probation; and eight probationers, by solemn consecration, have been devoted to the office and work of the Christian ministry.

We request, with much pleasure and great unanimity, the appointment of the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, D. D., to fill the office of President, and the Rev. T. H. Davies that of Co-Delegate, for the next year.

We have appointed our valued President, the Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., to represent us at your approaching Conference, and we have also appointed with him, in discharging this duty, our esteemed brother the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., who returns to the work in Great Britain, and our esteemed brother the Rev. J. England, who pays a short visit to his native country. We commend them to your cordial sympathy.

We cannot permit our beloved brother, the Rev. Chas. Churchill, A. M., to leave our Conference—for so many years the scene of his earnest and successful labor—without mentioning our high appreciation of his abilities; and while we can but regret his departure from our youthful Conference, we are confident that the Parent Body will afford him a field of usefulness corresponding with his ministerial standing and experience.

You will rejoice to learn that throughout the present Conference all our discussions and deliberations have been marked by the manifestation of at least the usual brotherly confidence and affection, and by great unanimity in the conclusions to which they have generally led.

We turn from the survey of the important features of Methodistic operations and progress, more deeply convinced that Methodism is the child of Providence, and the most efficient instrumentality for spreading Scriptural holiness, and bringing glory to our Redeemer.

To an enterprise of such surpassing grandeur—that which proposes investing the world with the blessings which Infinite Love proffers—we, nerved by holy resolve, and sanctified by grace, cheerfully consecrate anew all our blood-bought energies.

In conclusion, Reverend Fathers and Brethren, we would again earnestly bespeak from you continued remembrance, that we may still share in your much-needed, highly-prized parental sympathy, counsel, prayers and assistance; and in return we will ever offer in your behalf the unfeigned prayer that the God of all grace, in the riches of his glory in Christ, may invest you with all needful blessings and ultimate glory.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary.*

Halifax, N. S., July 5th, 1862.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

*** The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister commenced his ministry, and those at the end of the lines denote his first, second, &c., annual appointment to his present Circuit.

	Yrs.		Yrs.
1836 Addy, J. S., <i>Halifax, N. S.</i>	2	1856 Cassidy, J., <i>Albion Mines, N. S.</i>	3
1856 Alcorn, Wm., <i>Kempt, N. S.</i>	3	1857 Chapmann, Douglas, <i>Richibucto,</i>	2
1862 Allen, J. S., <i>Green's Pond, N. F.</i>	1	<i>N. B.</i>	2
1840 Allen, Wm., (Sup'y.) <i>Moncton,</i>	1	1859 Coffin, Jos. S., <i>Margate, P. E. I.</i>	2
<i>N. B.</i>	1	1862 Colpitts, Wesley, <i>Horton, N. S.</i>	1
1843 Allison, John, A. M., PRINCIPAL	6	1855 Comben, Charles, <i>Twillingate,</i>	1
FEMALE BRANCH, <i>Mount Al-</i>	6	<i>N. F.</i>	1
<i>ison Institution.</i>	6	1860 Colter, John J., <i>Dalhousie, N. B.</i>	1
1831 Angwin, Thomas, <i>Mill Town,</i>	1	<i>N. S.</i>	1
<i>N. B.</i>	1	1846 Crane, Robt. E., <i>Wallace, N. S.</i>	1
1862 Angwin, Joseph G., <i>Woodstock,</i>	1	1853 Currie, D. D., <i>Sussex Vale, N. B.</i>	1
<i>N. B.</i>	1	1830 Daniel, Henry, <i>Horton, N. S.</i>	1
1837 Barratt, G. M., <i>Moncton, N. B.</i>	1	1824 Davies, T. H., <i>Bridgetown, N. S.</i>	1
1823 Bent, Jos. F., (Sup'y.) <i>Wilmot,</i>	4	1852 DesBrisay, A. M., <i>Amherst, N. S.</i>	1
<i>N. S.</i>	4	1837 DeWolfe, Charles, D. D., Thro-	3
1861 Bigney, Geo., <i>Sydney, C. B.,</i>	1	LOGICAL PROFESSOR, <i>Shel-</i>	3
1851 Black, A. B., <i>Wilmot, N. S.</i>	3	<i>burne, N. S.,</i>	1
1834 Botterell, Edmund, <i>St. John's,</i>	3	1855 Dove, Jas., <i>Island Cove, N. F.</i>	3
<i>N. F.</i>	3	1853 Duncan, Robt., <i>Pownal, P. E. I.</i>	2
1848 Brettle, Elias, <i>Harbour Grace,</i>	1	1857 Duke, J. A., <i>Bonavista, N. F.</i>	1
<i>N. F.</i>	1	1862 Dutcher, C. W. T., <i>N. E. Har-</i>	1
1845 Brewster, John, <i>Charlottetown,</i>	1	<i>bor, N. S.,</i>	1
<i>P. E. I.,</i>	1	1837 England, Jas., <i>Fredericton, N. B.</i>	2
1837 Brown, W. C., <i>Souris, P. E. I.</i>	1	1850 Evans, Edwin, <i>Kingsclear, N. B.</i>	2
1826 Brownell, John B., (Sup'y.) <i>St.</i>	1	1856 Fox, Thomas, <i>Fogo, &c., N. F.</i>	1
<i>John, N. B.,</i>	1	1860 Gaetz, Joseph, <i>Trinity, N. F.</i>	1
1836 Buckley, Jas., <i>Barrington, N. S.</i>	2	1861 Gaetz, Leonard, <i>Maitland, N. S.</i>	1
1853 Burns, Jas., <i>Mill Village, N. S.</i>	3	1862 Gray, Andrew, <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	1
1856 Butcher, Geo., <i>Dorchester, &c.,</i>	1	1860 Goodison, John, <i>Carbonear, N. F.</i>	1
<i>N. B.</i>	1	1854 Harris, Thomas, <i>Brigus, N. F.</i>	2
1834 Gurdy, W. T., (Sup'y) <i>Sackville,</i>	1	1861 Harrison, Geo., <i>Burton, N. B.</i>	1
<i>N. B.</i>	1		

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1861 Harrison, F., <i>Bermuda</i> .	1	1844 Pope, Hy., 2nd, <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	3
1853 Hart, Jos., <i>Liverpool, N. S.</i> ,	1	1859 Pratt, Rich'd., <i>West Cape, P. E. I.</i>	1
1860 Hart, James R., <i>Upham, N. B.</i>	1	1852 Prestwood, P., <i>Carbonear, N. B.</i>	1
1860 Hart, Thos. D., <i>Channel, N. F.</i>	1	1856 Prince, J., <i>St. John, North, N. B.</i>	2
1862 Heartz, W. H., <i>Miramichi, N. B.</i>	1	1857 Read, J., <i>Gagetown, N. B.</i>	2
1862 Hemmeon, J. B., <i>Guy'sboro', N. S.</i>	1	1821 Richey, Matt., D. D., <i>St. John, South, N. B.</i>	2
1826 Hennigar, J. G., <i>Cornwallis E., N. S.</i>	1	1862 Rogers, Jabez, <i>Bonavista, N. F.</i>	1
1857 Howie, John, <i>Ship Harbor, N. S.</i>	1	1858 Ryan, Wm., <i>Parrsboro', N. S.</i>	1
1846 Huestis, G. O., <i>Sydney, C. B.</i>	3	1858 Scott, D. B., <i>Andover, N. B.</i>	2
1858 Huestis, S. F., <i>Jacksonville, N. B.</i>	1	1860 Shenton, Job, <i>Parrsboro, N. S.</i>	2
1856 Humphrey, S., A. B., (Sup'y.) <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	2	1828 Shenstone, W. E., <i>Port de Grave, N. F.</i>	3
1830 Johnson, George, <i>Petite Riviere, N. S.</i>	1	1837 Smallwood, F. (has permission to rest another year, on account of ill-health) <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	1
1859 Johnson, Rd., <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	3	1861 Slackford, E., <i>Coverdale, N. B.</i>	2
1861 Johnson, J., <i>Margarie, C. B.</i>	1	1862 Smith, L. R., <i>Sambro, N. S.</i>	1
1860 Johnston, B. J., <i>Digby Neck, N. S.</i>	2	1837 Smith, Wm., <i>St. Andrew's, N. B.</i>	1
1862 Jost, Cranswick, <i>Country Harbor, N. S.</i>	1	1834 Smith, Thos., <i>Truro, N. S.</i>	2
1837 Jost, J. V., <i>Cornwall, P. E. I.</i>	1	1842 Smith, Rd., <i>Cornwallis W., N. S.</i>	1
1861 Ladner, A., <i>Petites, etc., N. F.</i>	2	1837 Smith, T. W., <i>Nashwaak, N. B.</i>	2
1855 Lathern, J., <i>Halifax, N. S.</i>	1	1860 Smith, R. M., <i>Barrington, N. S.</i>	1
1843 Lockhart, C., <i>Annapolis, N. S.</i>	1	1825 Smithson, Wm., <i>Newport, N. S.</i>	1
1845 McCarty, Wm., <i>Aylesford, N. S.</i>	1	1819 Snowball, J., <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	2
1853 McKeown, H., <i>St. John, West, N. B.</i>	1	1852 Sponagle, J. L., <i>River Philip, N. S.</i>	1
1834 McMurray, Jno., <i>BOOK STEWARD AND EDITOR, Halifax, N. S.</i>	1	1838 Sprague, S. W., <i>Bedeque, P. E. I.</i>	2
1828 McNutt, A., (Sup'y.) <i>Halifax, N. S.</i>	1	1852 Stewart, Chas., <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	2
1818 Marshall, John, (Sup'y.) <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	1	1813 Strong, J. B., (Sup'y.) <i>Bedeque, P. E. I.</i>	1
1861 Martin, S. B., <i>Musquodoboit Harbour, N. S.</i>	2	1831 Sutcliffe, Ing., <i>Farmouth, N. S.</i>	3
1854 Milligan, G. S., A. M., <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	1	1857 Sutcliffe, Jos., <i>Margaret's Bay, N. S.</i>	2
1817 Millar, George, (Sup'y.) <i>Bridgetown, N. S.</i>	1	1846 Taylor, James, <i>Digby, N. S.</i>	1
1851 Moore, F. W., <i>Bermuda</i> ,	3	1862 Taylor, Robert, <i>St. John, West, N. B.</i>	1
1841 Morton, R., <i>Guy'sboro', N. S.</i>	2	1856 Teed, S. T., <i>Greenwich, N. B.</i>	3
1861 Mosher, J., <i>Grand Lake, N. B.</i>	1	1820 Temple, Wm. (Sup'y.) <i>St. John, N. B.</i>	1
1841 Narraway, J. R., A. M., <i>St. John, South, N. B.</i>	1	1849 Temple, R. A., <i>St. Stephen's, N. B.</i>	1
1856 Nicolson, A. W., <i>St. John South, N. B.</i>	1	1858 Teesdale, J. J., <i>Middle Musquodoboit, N. S.</i>	1
1822 Nightingale, A., (Sup'ry.) <i>St. John's, N. F.</i>	1	1860 Turner, A. W., <i>Exploits, etc., N. F.</i>	1
1853 Payson, G. B., <i>St. David's, N. B.</i>	1	1850 Tuttle, G. W., <i>Guy'sboro, N. S.</i>	1
1840 Peach, J. S., <i>Black Head, N. F.</i>	3	1858 Tuttle, A. S., <i>Florenceville, N. S.</i>	1
1862 Percival, W. W., <i>Bermuda</i> .	1	1858 Thurlow, I., <i>Port Mouton, N. S.</i>	1
1856 Perkins, W. W., <i>Miramichi, N. B.</i>	1	1851 Tweedy, Wm., <i>River John, N. S.</i>	2
1857 Perkin, W., <i>Bathurst, N. B.</i>	1	1853 Tweedy, B., <i>Hopewell, N. B.</i>	1
1851 Phinney, J. S., <i>Burin, N. F.</i>	4	1855 Tweedy, J., <i>Baie de Verte, N. B.</i>	3
1837 Pickard, H., D. D., <i>PRESIDENT, Mt. Allison Institution,</i>	20	1858 Waterhouse, J., <i>Old Pelican, N. F.</i>	1
1827 Pickles, M., <i>Point de Bute, N. B.</i>	2	1857 Wasson, R., <i>Murray Harbour, P. E. I.</i>	1
1862 Pitblado, C. B., <i>Farmouth, N. S.</i>	1	1836 Weddall, R., <i>Sheffield, N. B.</i>	3
1814 Pope, Hy. (Sup'y.), <i>Halifax, N. S.</i>	1	1820 Wilson, Wm., <i>Woodstock, N. B.</i>	1
		1859 Wilson, R., <i>Kingston, N. B.</i>	1
		1856 Winterbotham, J., <i>Grand Bank, N. F.</i>	3

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