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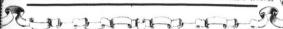
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William Jolliffe, Supe	rintendent of Co	bourg District.	
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Samuel Naylor,	sent by the	Cobourg Distric	t Meeting.
James Rundle,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
James Pickard,	do.	Exeter	do.
Thomas Johnston,	do.	Victoria & Pete	rboro' do.
Samuel Bagshaw,	do.	London	do.
* Josiah Venning,	do.	Cleveland	do.
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Paul Robins,	sent by the	Exeter Distric	t Meeting.
John H. Eynon,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
Thomas Greene,	do.	London	do.
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William R. Roach,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
Henry Kenner,	do.	do.	do.
Thomas R. Hull,	do:	Cobourg	do.
George Bodle,	do.	Exeter	do.
Andrew Gordon,	do.	Cobourg	do:
John Kenner,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
Isaac Ashley,	do.	Exeter	do.
Archibald Clarke,	do.	Victoria & Pete	erboro' do.
Henry A. Newcomb,	do.	Cobourg	do.
John Guard,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
John Kinsey,	do.	Victoria & Pet	erboro' do.
George Dunkley,	do.	do.	do.
Walter Ayers,	do,	London	do.
John Harris,	do.	do.	do.
James J. Rice,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
Lewis W. Wickett,	do.	Cobourg	do.
Richard T. Courtice,	do.	Cleveland	do.
William Kinley,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
William C. Beer,	do.	Exeter	do.
Anslem Schuster,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
Robert Baker,	do.	London	do.
Stephen H. Rice,	do.	Victoria & Pete	erboro' do.
Alexander Richard,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
* Roger Allin,	do.	Cobourg,	do.
* Joseph Archer,	do.	Bowmanville	do.
George Smith,	do.	Cobourg	do.

WILLIAM HOOPER was elected President; WILLIAM S. PASCOE was re-elected Secretary; RICHARD T. COURTICE, Journal Secretary; ROBERT BAKER, Duplicate Secretary.

RESOLUTION 1.—That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the retiring President and Secretary, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of their office for the past year.

^{*} These brethren were not present.

Q. 2.—Who are on the list of Approved Preachers?

Francis Metherall, (superan.) Paul Robins. do. do. John Langdon, John Hicks Eynon, do. Abraham Morris, do. John Brown Tapp, do. Thomas Greene, do. John Edwards, do. Robert Hurley, John Chapple, John Williams, (Superan.) Cephas Barker, William Hooper, Henry Ebbott, (superan.) George Haycraft, do. John Watson Butcher, Jacob Gale, (superan.) Jesse Whitlock, William Woodman, William Roberts Roach, William Samuel Pascoe, William Kenner, Henry Kenner, Thomas Raynor Hull, Stephen Henry Rice, Alexander Richard, Roger Allin, James H. Collins,

George Bodle, Andrew Gordon, John Kenner, Isaac Ashley, George Webber, Edward Roberts, William Jolliffe, Archibald Clarke, Henry A. Newcombe, John Guard, John Kinsey, George Dunkley, Samuel Jolliffe, William Wade, Walter Avers, John Harris, William Medland, James Joseph Rice, Lewis W. Wickett, Richard T. Courtice, William Kinley, William C. Beer, Anslem Schuster, James Collins, Robert Baker, Joseph Archer, John G. Yelland, George Smith,

William H. Quance.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into Full Connexion?

Richard B. Rowe,

*Thomas Broad,

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^{*}Received from the Independent Methodist Episcopal Church.
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These have travelled Three Years.

Mark Hardy, Moses Metherall, Robert Davidson, John Veale, Richard Mallett, B.A., John Greenway, George H. Copeland, James Kestle, Wm. Trethewey, John Ball, Matthew Nichols.

These have travelled Two Years.

John Pooley, || James Pollard Rice,
Thomas H. Dry, || George Alfred Fulcher,
George Johns, || Fergus O'Conner Jones,

||William Davis.

These have travelled One Year.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on Trial?

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Themas Mason, Edwin Alfred Tonkin, William Rollins, Herman Moore,

John Gilson.

Q. 6.—What Preacher has died during the year?

A.—Joseph Hoidge, who was born at Milton-Abbott, Devon; on the 9th of March, 1818. His father died, when Bro. Hoidge was only two years old. At the early age of nine, he left home to serve others. His youthful years were spent in sinful folly, and in rebellion against God. When about 20 years of age, he had an opportunity of listening to the message of redeeming love from the lips of the now sainted W. Chittenden. Having "tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come," he felt that it was his duty and privilege to warn others to "flee from the wrath to come," and soon his voice was heard proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus. Having labored for some time as an acceptable and successful local preacher, he was called by the church into the full work of the ministry. His name first appeared in the Minutes of

[‡]Received from the Primitive Methodist Church, and having labored with us under special regulations, during the past year, he is set down as having travelled Two Years.

^{||}These Brethren having been taken out immediately after the last Conference, are set down as having travelled One Year.

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1842 as having travelled one year, he having entered upon the work soon after the Conference of 1841. His first ten years in the itinerancy were spent in the home work on the Stoke St. Greggory, Somerton, Pontypool, Newport, Bedminster, Weare, Tiverton, and Ringsash Circuits. In 1851, Bro. Hoidge accepted an appointment under the Canadian Conference, and for eighteen years he continued his labors uninterruptedly in America-nine years in the States of Wisconsin and Ohio, and nine years in Canada. Whilst on the Hampton Circuit his health failed, and for one year he was placed on the superannuated list. At the Conference of 1872, being somewhat recovered, he applied for a circuit, and was appointed to the Pickering Station. At the end of the year it was evident that his labors had told greatly upon his weak frame, but he accepted an appointment to the Peterborough Cir-His entry upon his new field of labor was somewhat auspicious, and friends were sanguine as to the results. But He who seeth not as man seeth, laid the worker aside, and for ten months he was a constant sufferer. Early in January, 1873, he removed from Peterborough to Hampton, where, after a life of many opportunities and much usefulness, surrounded by his sorrowing wife and children, he peacefully fell asleep in Christ, on Thursday, June 17, in the 56th year of his age and the 32nd year of his ministry.

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed this year?
A.—As follows.

I. Cobourg District.

- 1. Cobourg-W. Jolliffe; J. P. Rice.
- 2. Welcome-T. R. Hull.
- 3. Port Hope-W. H. Quance.
- 4. Perrytown-J. Collins.
- 5. Hungerford-H. A. Newcombe.
- 6. Huntingdon-R. Mallett, B. A.
- 7. Campbellford-G. Smith; J. Gilson.
- 8. Belleville-A. Gordon.

W. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of the District.
A. GORDON, Chapel Secretary.

II. Bowmanville District.

- Bowmanville—W. S. Pascoe; W. R. Roach; P. Robins,
 J. H. Eynon, J. Gale, Superannuated. Conference Offices—C. Barker, Editor and Book Steward.
- 10. Hampton-H. Kenner, W. Rollins.
- 11. Columbus-J. Guard.
- 12. Oshawa-J. Kenner.
- Pickering—A. Schuster; L. W. Wickett, Supernumerary;
 J. Williams, Superannuated.

If Bro. Wickett's health becomes equal to it, he shall take charge of the station, and Bro. Schuster be released for evangelistic efforts, according to his own views, during the balance of the year.

- 14. Prince Albert—W. Kinley, G. Fulcher; J. Langdon, Superannuated.
- 15. Toronto-J. J. Rice, G. H. Copeland.
- 16. Uxbridge—J. Archer; A. Morris, Superannuated.

H. KENNER, Superintendent of the District. W. KINLEY, Chapel Secretary.

III. Victoria and Peterboro' District.

- 17. Mariposa-A. Clarke, J. Kinsey, M. Nichols.
- 18. Peterboro' & Ashburnham-W. Hooper, W. Davis.
- 19. Lakefield-A. Richard.
- 20. Fenelon-R. Hurley, W. H. Butt.
- 21. Lindsay-E. Roberts.
- 22. Sutton-G. Dunkley.

W. HOOPER, Superintendent of the District.

E. ROBERTS, Chapel Secretary. 1V. Exeter District.

- 23. Exeter—J. Whitlock, W. Trethewey, One to be sent; J. Edwards, Superannuated.
- 24. Mitchell-J. W. Butcher, E. A. Tonkin.
- 25. Usborne-W. C. Beer, H. Moore.
- 26. Clinton-R. Allin.
- 27. Colborne-I. Ashley.
- 28. Grey-G. Bodle.
- 29. Palmerston-T. Mason.
- Wiarton—One to be sent; W. Woodman, Supernumerary.
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 W. C. BEER, Chapel Secretary.

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V. London District.

31. London-W. Kenner.

32. Lambeth-T. Broad; T. Greene, Superannuated.

33. St. Thomas-J. Harris.

34. Ingersoll-R. Baker.

35. Dereham-J. Veale.

36. Colchester-M. Metheral.

37. Hamilton-S. H. Rice.

38. Windsor-W. Ayers.

W. KENNER, Superintendent of the District. J. HARRIS, Chapel Secretary.

VI. Prince Edward Island District.

39. Charlottetown-G. Webber.

40. Union-R. B. Rowe, J. Pooley.

41. Vernon River-J. Kestle.

42. Murray Harbor-W. Medland.

43. Sturgeon and Montague-F. O'C Jones.

44. West Cape-J. G. Yelland; F. Metherall, Superannuated.

45. Summerside-J. H. Collins.

G. WEBBER, Superintendent of the District. W. MEDLAND, Chapel Secretary.

VII. Wisconsin District.

46 Palmyra-R. Davidson.

47. Lisbon-J. Dumbleton; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.

48. Yorkville-S. Jolliffe.

49. Little Prairie-J. Greenway.

50. Burlington-T. H. Dry; H, Ebbott, Supernumerary.

S. JOLLIFFE, Superintendents of the District.
J. GREENWAY, Chapel Secretary.

VIII. Cleveland District.

51. Cleveland-R. T. Courtice.

52. Orange-G. Johns.

53. Chagrin Falls-J. Chapple.

54. Cleveland Mission-J. Ball.

Bro. Ball to work under the direction of the Cleveland Pastor.

W. S. PASCOE, Superintendent of the District. J. BALL, Chapel Secretary.

Q. 8.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

SELF SUSTAIN- ING CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	Received from other Circuits.	On Trial.	Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg. Welcome. Welcome. Bowmanville. Hampton Columbus Mariposa. Peterboro'. Lakefield. Exeter. Mitchell Ustorna London Charlottetown Wheatley. River. Murray Harbor. Vernon River Cleveland Orange. Chargin Falls. Palmyra Lisbon Yorkville. Totals in Circuits.	1 1 5 2 1 3 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7 9 9 12 5 12 3 5 14 10 4 6 6 12 3 1 7 1 3 6 6 135	3 4 8 6 3 10 4 4 8 5 8 1 2 6 3 4 4 2 2 1 3 2 3 92	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2	3 1 6 4 1 5 1 1 1 9 9 4 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	6 10 13 20 6 19 11 10 7 22 7 22 1 5 3 7 2 1 1 5 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 2 16 5 19 2 1 1 1 6 1 1 9 66	8 29 36 23 8 2 36 14 48 127 4 20 14 25 5 4 35 2 2 35 5 4 35 5 5 4 35 5 2 35 5 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	123 173 392 205 108 385 107 129 431 266 201 102 215 53 88 91 103 3549	131 202 428 228 116 387 143 143 205 122 139 116 81 137 75 53 137 97 126 4067	23 277 83 700 711 200 333 1200 300 611 199 200 15 177 211 147 23 411 784	239 160 646 439 127 680 190 175 250 192 100 139 182 73 75 2188 137 178 5771
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Burlington	1	1	2				2		41	41		
Little Prairie	1	1	1	2		2		40	35	75	18	118
Totals in Missions.	41	73	75	52	22	174	66	204	1923	2127	430	3107
Grand Totals	76	208	167	71	77	389	132	722	5472	6194	1214	3878
Totals in 1873	71	219	167	66	69	517	120	289	5335	5624	1149	3256
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Q. 9.—What is the spiritual state of the Denomination?

A.

In examining the spiritual condition of the different fields of labor under the direction of this Conference, one of the most marked and encouraging features therewith, is the spiritual prosperity that has been realized. This prosperity manifesting itself as it always does, in increased appreciation of both the public and social means of grace; personal growth in the divine life; the prosperity of our Sabbath School work; increased liberality in respect to God's cause, and large additions to the number of those who love and labor for the blessed Master. Nevertheless, we are convinced that our spiritual condition is far below the standard that it is our duty and privilege to attain. There is not all the renunciation of self and the world there should be, nor is there that entire consecration of our all to God, the importance of our work demands. There is great need of more personal effort among us, for the increase of Christ's kingdom; believing that it is only in this way we can secure personal growth in grace, and increasing usefulness among our fellow men. Therefore, be it resolved, that we pledge ourselves to renewed consecration and effort in promoting the cause of God in the world; and we urge on all the members of our beloved Zion the importance of using their talents for the same grand and glorious end.

Q. 10.—What is the state of our Christian experience?

A.—In our Experience Meeting, it was our happiness to realize the presence and power of God,—it was a time long to be remembered. We were enabled to speak with confidence of our acceptance with God, with an under for preservation from past dangers, and consolation in past sorrows. Not the dead past alone brings us our joy. This is our testimony:—We joy in God for his mercies to-us-ward, we are His, He is ours—ours for time and eternity. We love Him, we desire full consecration to Him, and expect to be with Him forever. Some of us have nearly reached the end of a long pilgrimage, and weary and worn, are near the rest, and the reward. We are constantly and consciously dependent upon the grace that has so long kept us. While it is highly probable that we shall not all meet at a Conference again, we shall meet at home at the last, for "the Lord hath spoken it."

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REPORT ON FINANCE.

Resolved that the following report of the Committee on Finance be adopted:

The Beneficent Fund shows an increase to the amount in hand at last Conference of \$109.44, making the present surplus \$1559.80. There is a debt on the Children's Fund of \$223.23, being an increase to the indebtedness of last year of \$25.03. The indebtedness of the Contingent Fund has been reduced by the amount of \$118.18, leaving a debt of \$472.54. The debt on the Missionary Fund has increased from \$5254.42 to \$6290.90, being an increase of \$1036.48. This statement shows a nett deficiency on these several funds of \$6426.87. Notwithstanding the increased indebtedness of several of the funds of the society, your Committee feel great pleasure in reporting an unprecedented liberality on the part of our numerous supporters; and the increase of debt may be accounted for, 1st, by grants to Chapels on Mission Stations, and 2nd, by the opening of two new missions, during the In view of the somewhat heavy responsibility arising from the above indebtedness, and especially from the responsibility the Connexional Treasurers have incurred in connexion with the erection of several churches on Mission Stations, we think it necessary that great caution should be used, so as to avoid, if possible, an increase of debt, and would earnestly urge preachers and people to use economy, and also largely increase their liberality.

COMMITTEES:

Q. 11.—Who are the Executive Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary of the Conference, the ex-President, Superintendents of Districts, the Editor, Missionary Secretary, Financial Secretary, Chapel Secretary, Sabbath School ence of our acceptfrom past dangers, I past alone brings God for his mercies ime and eternity. im, and expect to reached the end dear the rest, and dependent upon highly probable we shall meet at

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SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of the Conference, Missionary, Chapel, and Financial Secretaries, Editor, C. R. Tamblyn, and W_{τ} Windatt.

Q. 12.—Who are the Stationing Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary, the Ex-President, Superintendents and Representatives of Districts, the Editor, the Missionary Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

Q. 13.—Who are the Examining Committee?

A .- A. Clarke, W. R. Roach, W. Jolliffe.

CONFERENCE OFFICIALS.

C. Barker, Editor and Book Steward, Corresponding Secretary with England, and Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund; W. S. Pascoe, General Corresponding Secretary, and Secretary of Executive Committee; J. Kenner, Missionary Secretary; E. Roberts, General Financial Secretary; J. J. Rice, Chapel Secretary; W. R. Roach and C. R. Tamblyn, Auditors; C. Barker and W. Windatt, General Treasurers; W. R. Roach, General Sabbath School Secretary; P. Robins, Secretary of Chapel Loan Fund.

Q. 14.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—Cobourg District, at Campbellford; Bowmanville District, at Columbus; Victoria & Peterboro' District, at Lindsay; London District, at London; all on the third Wednesday in May; Cleveland District, at Chargin Falls, on the first Wednesday in May; P. E. Island District, at Ebenezer, in the West Cape Station, on the 20th of April; Wisconsin District, at Brookfield, on the first Wednesday in May, 1875.

Q. 15.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Bowmanville, on the 1st Thursday in June, 1875, at 9 a. m.; the Executive Committee to meet on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 a.m. N. B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their reports to lay before the Committee; the Stationing Committee to meet the same day at 4 p.m.;

the Examining Committee on the following day (Wednesday), at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 1874-5.

The first Executive Committee Meeting shall be held in Bow-manville, on the 4th Wednesday in August; the 2nd meeting, at any place the Committee may appoint, on the 4th Wednesday in November; and the 3rd meeting, at any place the Committee may appoint on the 4th Wednesday in February, 1875.

Address to the Churches.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Once more we avail ourselves of the opportunity while assembled in our Annual Conference of addressing to you a few words of counsel and encouragement. Called in the providence of God to be your pastors and teachers, our solicitude for your welfare, our interest in your prosperity, our desire for your perfection and ultimate salvation, equal the longings of our hearts for personal holiness and Heaven. So truly one are our purposes, and so mutually interwoven are our interests, that with the Apostle Paul, we can declare that," We live if ve stand fast in the Lord." Nor have we any greater joy than that our children walk in truth.

The sacrifices any of us have made,—the privations we are called to endure—the difficulties with which we have to grapple—as well as the trials incidental to our position and work, are all joyfully submitted to, if we do but see the churches to whom we minister, living in peace, united in love, active in labor,

self-denying in spirit, liberal in offerings, and embodying the mind and the spirit of the Lord 16

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Tesus. We desire to remind you that it is your duty as well as your privilege, to have just, clear, and comprehensive conceptions of the position you occupy, the relationship you sustain, the advantages you possess as well as the obligation you are under, and the important service you are required to perform. God has called you into the fellowship of the gospel of His dear Son, and through the abundance of His mercy, you have all things that pertain unto life and godliness," for all things are yours," and it behoves you, as the chosen of the Lord, as the sanctified of the Spirit, as heirs of the kingdom of Heaven, to aspire to the realization of all that God has provided for you-to walk in the full light of the sun of righteousness- to constantly appropriate all the merits of the great atonement-to rise to perfect conformity to the example of the Redeemer-and shine in all

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the graces and virtues that should beautify and adorn a regenerated and sanctified life. We further desire to remind you that, as a Church, we have been called into existance to bear testimony to the truth, and in reviewing our history, our principles, position, and prospects, we have much to excite our gratitude, and stimulate to yet nobler effort. Our Constitution, framed by men who hated despotism, gives no unequal advantage to either ministers or people. Our fathers, opposed, reviled and persecuted by State churchism, in the true spirit of . nonconformity, placed us, not under the dictation or control of the State, but manfully asserting their freedom from its authority, or depending on it for support, have caused us to inherit a form of government as free from priestly rule on one hand, or servility on the other, as is to be found in this Dominion. Nor should you be indifferent or ungrateful as to the fact, or unprepared earnestly to labor for its preservation.

But no matter how liberal may be our principles, how elastic our Constitution, or how harmonious they may be with the spirit of the age; only as a church shall we fulfil our mission when our consecration to God shall be complete—when divine grace shall have enabled us to put off the old man with his deeds, and to put on the new man, which, after God, is created, in righteousness and true holiness; and when all shall live to reveal unto, and im-

press upon the world, the superlative advantages of vital god-

We therefore urge upon you the absolute necessity of becoming "Living epistles, known and read of all men," so that your lives, as well as the oracles of God, with which they should ever accord, shall make known what true religion is, and by a constant manifestation of its power and principles, commend it to mankind.

We especially entreat you to be faithful to your vows. In your business transactions, be truthful, punctual, and honest, that the Gospel be not blamed. In your social relations, exhibit the temper, disposition and feelings which increase friendship, foster affection, and hallow the intercourse of man with man. In your homes, maintain family worship regularly and fervently, that servants and children may be brought in constant contact with religious truth and devotion, so necessary to their spiritual enlightenment, development, And as memand salvation. bers of the church of God, we most affectionately entreat you to regularly attend the prayer meeting, class meeting, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Make the necessary sacrifices of time or ease, so that the social means of grace shall not decline; for the spiritual life in the church may be judged, and is materially affected, by the attendance thereon. Do not forget that to pray most fervently and believingly, is also an important part of your duty. Sustain your ministers in the arms of faithful prayer; and in your closets, around the family altar, and in the social and public means of grace, never tire in your supplications that God may bless His servants; that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified; and the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God together.

It is with gratitude we record that your prayers in the past, have not remained unanswered. God has visited us during the year with showers of blessing, and we are gratified to be enabled to report an increase of 570 meeting in Church fellowship, with an addition to the general receipts, that strengthens our hands and cheers our hearts.

Yet so many are our present

fields of labor, and so pressing are the demands to enter new ones, that the requirement for even increased liberality is most urgent, that we may follow the leadings of Divine Providence and fulfil the purposes of our God.

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Our Conference, on the whole, has been a good one, and we return to our Stations, whether old or new, animated by the desire to labor among you with increased acceptance and usefulness, earnestly requesting your most active co-operation, that we may win souls for Christ, build up Zion's walls, and extend the principles of truth and right-eousness through the world.

W. HOOPER, President. W. S. PASCOE, Secretary.

Address to the English Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN.

From this distant land we once more fraternally greet you as fellow heirs with us of the Kingdom of God, and as co-laborers in the Master's service, having the same charge with ourselves to preach the everlasting Gospel, and "feed the flock of God which he hath purchased with His own blood."

While reviewing the past, we cannot fail to see, that the good hand of the Lord our God has been upon us for good, guiding us in the way, protecting us from danger, comforting us under

those afflictions and chastenings to which all who are His, are, subjected, for their profit; and giving us delightful evidences that He is blessing us in our work. We are well assured that such happy recollections of the Divine presence and blessing will also be gratefully cherished by you in your annual gathering.

From the reports laid before us, from the several districts, it is clear that our societies are generally living in peace; our members, with certain exceptions, are pressing on in the way of Life, and we have no and so pressing ds to enter new requirement for liberality is most may follow the vine Providence purposes of our

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reason to ask, "Is the Lord among us or not?" Many of the Stations have received showers of blessings, and revivals of a very delightful character have been realized, so that after making allowance for many removals beyond our bounds, for the withdrawals and exclusions from our churches, and for those who have passed away to the Church triumphant, we are enabled to report an increase of 570 persons meeting in church fellowship with us.

During the past year, we entered the open doors which divine providence set before us, and it is a high gratification that as we wanted the men, God furnished them for us. At present we are unable to supply all our stations, in consequence of several brethren passing off the list of active laborers, either as they were incapacitated by age and infirmity, as in the case of the brethren P. Robins and T. Greene.; or by other causes equally potent, as in the case of the brethren W. Woodman and W. Wade.

Most of our missions are working well, and although our opening of them has weighted us with a heavy financial responsibility, which must cause us to act cautiously for a few years, we do not "bate one jot of heart or hope," concerning the future of our beloved Church in these lands. Had we men and means, we would at once enter into other growing centres of population, believing that with the divine blessing we should both find a work for

God, and do it to his glory.

Our Ministerial ranks have been broken by death but in one instance; Bro. J. Hoidge has, at the Master's command, laid down his work and life. As his death occurred before your last Conference, you rightly took cognizance of it in your last printed Minutes, and we properly notice it now.

Besides the fact that the brethren to whom we have already alluded as having permanently and temporarily retired from the work, our Ministerial staff is weakened by the afflictions of the brethren, Ebbott, Wickett, Holmes, and Hardy, all of whom hope, sooner or later, to resume their much loved work. May the great Master sanctify their affliction to their benefit, and the advancement of His cause.

Since our last Conference, and during our present session, we have received seven brethren into the work, some of whom have come to us from other churches in an honorable way, and they have wrought well. But for them, we could neither have filled our old stations, or created new ones, during the past ecclesiastical year; still we are so straitened, as to make the prayer necessary, "Thrust out laborers into thy harvest."

The past year has been one of activity in church building; and we have not paused in such enterprises yet. In addition to our commodious and beautiful Toronto Church, which was dedicated last December, other churches equal to the require-

ments of the times, and the necessities of their several neighborhoods, are in course of erection at Hampton, Peterboro' and Palmerston, and others in the Exeter and Usborne circuits: while other erections have been improved, or are in course of improvement. Some of these enterprises have largely increased our Connexional liabilities; but we hope that certain plans for the working of our Church property will be adopted before the close of the Conference, as will yearly lessen our responsibility in regard to this.

Our Printing Establishment and Book Room, work so well as to be of considerable financial help to us in sustaining and carrying on our connexional enterprises; and we have reason to suppose that from this source we shall annually receive such aid.

Our Connexional Organ is becoming increasingly a power for good in the land; and we

doubt not, that a continuation of the careful management that has instrumentally made it what it is, will, with the divine blessing, make it a still more effective instrumentality for good to mankind.

Upon the whole, we have reason to thank God and take courage; for He is with us, and He is our guide. May we more and more honor Him by an implicit confidence in Him; and a full consecration to His glory.

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During our sittings, despite diversity of sentiment, and in certain respects, despite a confliction of interests, we have proved 'How good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

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RESOLUTIONS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

BETHEL CHURCH, HUNGERFORD.

I. That the proceeds of Bethel church, Hungerford Station, authorized to be sold, be placed at the disposal of the Station, after meeting all legitimate demands upon the property.

CLAIMS FOR PREACHERS' CHILDREN.

II. That, as there is some misunderstanding in reference to legitimate claims for Preachers' children, in case of their fathers' death, we resolve, that in the case of preachers who were married, and had children when they entered the ministry, such Preachers' children shall have no claim under any circumstances for support from the Connexion; but in case of the death of any child born after the father entered the Itinerant ministry, whether in pay or not, \$10.00 shall be allowed for funeral expenses, if the child is under 12 years of age, and \$20.00 if above 12, and under 16. And in case of a Preachers superannuation or death, all his children, born after he entered the ministry, and under 16 years of age, shall be entitled to the usual allowance for Preacher's children.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS, NOT TO BE NEGLECTED.

III. Whereas, it appears that, upon several stations, of late years, allowed to rank as self-supporting circuits, the usual Missionary Meetings have been abolished, and the Missionary Deputation required to attend public meetings in behalf of local expenses, an ordinary collection being handed over to the Missionary Society. Therefore, resolved, that at every regular appointment, on all such circuits, the regular Missionary Meetings must annually be held, and the proceeds, whatever the amount, passed over to the general Mission Fund.

QUARTERLY TICKETS.

IV. That we are pleased to find that after submitting the question to the Quarterly Meetings, "Is it desirable to discontinue the use of Quarterly Tickets?" the response has been all but unanimous in favor of their continuance. We therefore, hereby direct, and enforce their circulation.

REPORT OF BOOK STEWARD AND EDITOR.

V. That having listened with much satisfation to the report of the Editor and Book Steward, we adopt it with an expression of our appreciation of his laborious and valuable services in these

departments, for which we tender him our hearty thanks, and appoint him to continue in these offices. We are thankful that from the profits of these departments, we are able to devote \$1850 to the extension of the work of christian missions among us.

CONDUCT OF THE OBSERVER.

VII. Whereas, several Secular journals, have from time to time, charged our Denomination with political partizanship, owing to the nature of some Editoral articles, which have appeared in the Connexional paper, the Observer, therefore, resolved, That we disclaim in toto any responsibility as to said editorials, or as to the reproduction of any political articles from the secular press, the management of the Observer being entirly left to the direction of the Editor, Bro. C. Barker, who alone is responsible in this matter.

THANKS TO THE HEIRS OF THE LATE JOHN VANSTONE, ESQ.

VII. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the heirs of the late J. Vanstone, Esq., and to his executor, S. Vanstone, Esq., for their kindness in handing over to the ex-President \$231.20; also several shares in the Port Hope Road, which our late brother had set apart for Missionary purposes, but to which we had no legal claim, as Mr. Vanstone died intestate.

CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL SERVICE.

VIII. That in view of the growing importance of our Sabbath School work, and of the desirability of more closely identifying that part of our work with the Annual Conference, Resolved, That at future Conferences, the afternoon service of the Conference Sunday shall be a "Children's service," to be addressed by one or more of the brethren, and a collection taken in behalf of the Missionary Society.

RETURN OF MEMBERS.

IX. That in order to prevent the return of unworthy persons as members of our church, it shall be the duty of the Pastors on all the stations to hold an Elders' Meeting, previous to the fourth Quarterly Meeting, in each of the societies, on their respective charges, and said meeting shall there and then determine who shall or shall not be returned as members among us; and in case an Elders' Meeting cannot be formed at any appointment or on any station according to the rules laid down in the Digest, the Pastor shall then, with the Class leader, if any, carefully revise the list—dropping the names of all that do not evince a desire to live as becometh the gospel of Christ. And further, if any Elders' Meeting shall refuse, from any cause whatsoever, to drop the name of any person that is guilty of immoral conduct, or that habitually and wilfully neglects the means of grace, the Pastor in charge

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shall make an appeal to the Quarterly Meeting, against the action of such Elders' Meeting, and the decision of the Quarterly Meeting shall be final.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

X. That the following report of the Committee on Statistics, be adopted:

"Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that general prosperity has attended the efforts of our Agents, on the various fields of labor during the past year. There is an increase of 5 ministers and 3 churches; 1202 persons have been admitted into the Society, and after allowing for 389 removals, 77 deaths, and 297 who have been left off, there remains an increase of 570 in Church fellowship. But as there is a large number now remaining on trial, we recommend that special care be devoted to them, that they may be confirmed in the faith.

TIME FOR PREACHERS TO ARRIVE ON THEIR STATIONS.

XI. That, whereas uncertainty has existed as to the time when preachers should remove from one station to another, therefore, Resolved, That hereafter married men be expected to remain two Sabbaths, and young men one Sabbath after Conference, and no more; that is to say, every single preacher shall be in his new station by the second Sabbath after Conference, and every married preacher by the third Sabbath after Conference, unless some mutual arrangement be made in any particular case between the Pastors whose stations may be affected by that case_{OI}.

OFFICIAL ELECTIONS.

XII. That in all future official elections in this Conference, a clear majority of all the votes present, be necessary to constitute a choice, and that in every ballot, where no such majority is obtained, only one name, viz.—that having the lowest number of votes, be dropped at a time.

POWER OF A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IN RESPECT TO DENYING QUESTIONS BEING PUT.

XIII. As this Conference has been asked to say, whether a District Preacher has power to refuse the reading, in the Annual District Meeting, of a resolution-passed, and duly recorded in the minutes of a Quarterly Meeting, this Conference wishes it to be distinctly understood, that we know no such usage or law, and that no such power is possessed by any official in the Denomination.

SINGLE PREACHERS' SALARY.

XIV. Whereas, the question of an advance of the salary of single preachers, submitted to the several Quarterly Meet-

ings, was favorably entertained, and generally recommended by said Quarterly Meetings, therefore Resolved, That the salary of single preachers, on probation, shall be \$170 per annum (with the usual allowances,) as the minimum, and that the Stations, on which such single preachers are laboring, shall be at liberty to supplement said salary to any reasonable amount they may determine, or are capable of doing. The salary of single preachers in full connexion to remain as at present.

- GRANTS.

XV. That the following grants be made to Mission Circuits for the year ending May 10, 1875.

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EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF DECEASED PARENTS.

XVI Whereas it is to be feared that the children of our deceased preachers are liable to have their education neglected, especially in cases of second marriages;—We resolve, that the parent or guardians of said children, shall furnish the District preacher through whom they receive the childrens' salary, with a yearly certificate, stating the time their children have attended school, said certificate to be signed by the teacher, at whose school such children have attended, and thereby prove to the Conference year by year, that the intellectual welfare of the children of our departed brethren is properly attended to.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

XVII. That the following Report of the Committee on a Course of Study for Local Preachers, be adopted, and printed in the Minutes:

Brethren,—We, the undersigned Committee by appointment of last Conference, and pursuant to Res. 52 of said Conference, respectfully submit to your consideration the following, as a course of study for the Local Preachers on all our Circuits and Mission Stations:—To wit:—

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2. English Grammar. Text Book, "Kirkham."

3. Rhetoric. Text book, "Quackenbos," recommended.

4. Scripture study in reterence to the following, viz: General contents of the various books of the Bible; authors and dates of the various books of the Bible; plan of studying the Scriptures. We recommend as aids, "Biblical Reason Why," "Horne's introduction" abridged," "Union Bible Dictionary," "Key to the pronunciation of Scripture words," and a Concordance.

5. The doctrines of the Bible.—Human depravity; universal atonement; repentance; faith; justification; regeneration; sanctification; baptism; attributes of the Deity; future rewards and punishments. Books recommended: "Cook's Deity," "Cook's Theology," and Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation.

6. Preparation for the Pulpit, in reference to text—meaning of text—collection of matter—selection of lesson and hymns—meditation and prayer—chastity of language, manner and person—expository teaching. Books recommended: "Elements of English Composition," by Quackenbos, "Barnes' Notes.

And to carry out the above course of study effectively, we recommend that there be a day appointed, once every three months, for an examination, and mutual improvement, on every Circuit and Mission throughout our Denomination, in this Dominion; said day to be the preceding, or following day of each respective Quarterly Meeting; the Pastor of each Circuit or Mission, or his deputy to preside. And the President of said meeting will give notice, from time to time, of the part of the above course of study, on which the examination will be conducted at the next gathering.

Signed,

A. CLARKE.
WILLIAM JOLLIFFE.
W. R. ROACH.

THANKS TO LONDON FRIENDS.

XVIII. That the hearty and unanimous thanks of this Conference, be given to our friends in London, for the hospitable and generous manner in which they have entertained us; and we decide that a copy of the Minutes shall be presented to each family, as a small token of respect. We further present our warm and cordial thanks to Bro. W. Kenner, for his good arrangements and untiring devotion to our comfort, while in London.

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Alphabetical and Chronological List of the ITINERANT PREACHERS.

PREACHERS' NAMES,	WHEN TAKEN INTO THE MINISTRY.	PREACHERS' ADDRESSES.	No. OF YEARS ON PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger	1868	Clinton	TO 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10
Archer Togenh	1869	Uxbridge	3
Ashley, Isaac	1856	Carlow	3
Ashley, Isaac	1863 1867	Windsor	1
Baker, Robert	1872	Ingersoll	2
Ball, John Barker, Cephas	1838	Editor, Bowmanville	
Beer William C.		Elimville	3
Beer, William C Bodle, George	1856	Brussels	
Broad, Thomas,	1874	Lambeth	1
Butcher, J. W	1843	Mitchell	3
Butt, William H	1871	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S	1
Chapple, John	1834	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S	3
Clarke, Archibald	1867	Little Britain	12
Collins, James H	1868	Summerside, P. E. Island	1
Copeland, George C	1872	Box 749, Toronto.	2
Courtice, Richard T	1865	20, Henry St., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.	2
Davidson, Robert	1872	Palmyra, Jefferson Co., Wis, U.S.	2
Davis, William	1873	Peterboro'	1
Dry, Thomas H	1873	Burlington, Racine Co. Wis. U.S.	1
Dumbleton, John	1874	Sussex, Waukesha Co. Wis U.S.	1
Dunkley, George Ebbott, Henry	1841	Burlington, Racine Co. Wis. U.S. Sussex, Waukesha Co. Wis. U.S. Georgina P. O. Burlington, Racine Co. Wis. U.S.	3
Edwards, John	1831	Devon	1
Eynon, John H	1826	Tyrone	14
Fulcher, George	1873	Prince Albert	1
Gale, Jacob	1843	Bowmanville	6
Gilson, John	1874	Campbellford	1
Gordon, Andrew	1856 1829	Belleville	3
Greene, Thomas	1872	Lambeth Little Prairie, Walworth Co. Wis.	*** 3
Guard, John	1853	Columbus	9
Hardy, Mark	1871	Columbus	2
Harris, John	1863	St Thomas	2
Haycraft, George	1841	Merton, Waukesha Co. Wis. U.S.	16
Holmes, John	1871 1840	0.1.1	100
Hooper, William	1855	Peterboro'	2
Hurley, Robert	1834	Welcome Fenelon Falls	
Johns, George	1873	Barry, Ohio U S	2
Jolliffe, Samuel	1862	Barry, Ohio, U. S Yorkville, Racine Co. Wis. U.S	3
Jolliffe, William	1858	Cobourg	2
Jolliffe, William	1873	Sturgeon & Montague, P. E. I	1
Kenner, Henry	1855	Hampton	2
Kenner, John	1856 1854	Oshawa	4
Kenner, William Kestle, James	1872	London Vernon River Pridge, P. E. I	2
Kinley William	1865	Prince Albert	2
Kinsey, John	1862	Manilla	2
Langdon, John	1825	Prince Albert.	28
Mallett, Richard	1872	Ivanhoe	1
Mason, Thomas	1874	Palmerston	1

Medland, William	1863	Murray Harbor, P. E.I
Metherall, Francis	1822	McWilliams' Office, Lot 7, P. E.I16
Metheral, Moses	1872	Gesto P.O. Essex
Moore, Herman	1874	Exeter
Morris, Abraham	1827	Uxbridge
Newcombe, Henry A	1860	Tweed3
Nichols, Matthew	1873	Little Britain1
Pascoe, William S	1853	dowmanville5
Pooley, John	1872	Charlottetown, P. E. I1
Quance, William H	1869	Port Hope1
Rice, James J	1863	Box 749, Toronto4
Rice, James P	1873	Coldsprings1
Rice, Stephen H	.1867	Parsonage, Emerald St., Hamilton1
Richard, Alexander	1867	North Douro1
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