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OF THE

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ROUNTERENCE ORGANIZATION.

THE Niagara Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada commenced its Thirteenth Session in Beyerly, County of Wentworth, May 21st, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Bishop Smith presiding.

The Conference was opened with reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer.

WILLIAM F. Lowe was elected Secretary and JAMES CURTS was appointed Assistant-Secretary.

The following Committees were appointed:-

On Divine Worship .- E. Bristol, J. McLean.

Advisory Committee.—Henry Dockham, Thomas Webster, George Abbs, A. Jones, S. L. Kerr, W. F. Lowe, E. Lounsbury, O. G. Collamore, A. Bradshaw, W. Pirritte.

Conference Stewards. James Curts, Thomas Atkinson, L. P.

Committee on Missions.—T. Webster, I. B. Richardson, A. Jones, George Abbs, E. Lounsbury.

Committee on Sabbath School.—W. Pirritte, E. Draper.

Examining Committee.—S. Dunnett, I. B. Richardson.

Committee on Ways and Means.—John Bailey, B. Brown, John

Committee on Pastoral Address.—J. W. Jacobs, Henry Dockham,

J. McLean.

Committee on Temperance.—A. Bradshaw, M. D. Archer, O. G.

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Committee on Church Property.—H. Taylor, J. Gibson, J. Wood. Standing Committee on Education.—John Bailey, S. Morrison, H. Taylor, John Hayward, Thomas Webster.

The Chair announced the following

Committee on Course of Study.—I. B. Richardson, T. Webster, S. Dunnett.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question.—1. Who have been admitted on trial?

Answer.—G. Miller, F. M. Finn, I. Schneider, J. H. Watts, C. Garrett, B. Bristol, H. Crawford, B. M. Clark, C. Burdett, G. Wilson, R. Service—11.

Q.-2. Who remain on trial?

A.—Wm. Campbell, M. Benson, R. L. Tindall, James Draper, A. Huntsberger, H. J. Kilty, W. Yokom, R. Yokom, W. S. Wright, George Hunt—10.

Q.—3. Who are admitted into full connexion?

A.—David Griffin,* Daniel Berney, J. M. Collins, C. Taylor, James

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Q.-4. Who are the Deacons?

A.—Elijah Harris, J. M. Collins, C. Taylor, James Gilrayt—4.

Q.—5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders

A.—James Curts, Wm. Pirritte, E. Bartram, H. Taylor, A. E. Griffith, E. Draper—6.

Q.-6. Who have located this year?

A.-Nathaniel Roy-1.

Q.-7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A.—Schuyler Stewart, C.W. Fraser, Caleb Sweazy, N. A. Fraser—4. Q.—8. Who are the Superannuated or worn-out

Preachers?

A.—D. Culp, J. Richardson, C. Pettis, J. Owen, B. Markle, G. Turner, John Bailey, E. Harris, J. W. Byam, B. Brown—10.

Q.—9. Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?

A .- None.

Q.-10. Who have withdrawn from the Connexion

A.-W. D. Brown, J. Ormerod, Thomas Atkinson, Wm. Cope, J. W. Jacobs-5.

Q.—11. Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

A.—This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Q.—12. Who have died this year?

* Readmitted. † Ordained this year.

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Q.—16. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

TORONTO DISTRICT .- E. LOUNSBURY, P. E.

Orono.-A. Leroy Thurstan.

Brooklin .- James Gilray; C. W. Fraser, supernumerary.

Whitby.-J. Draper; one to be sent; J. W. Byam, superannuated.

Oakwood .- R. B. Cook.

Newmarket .- J. Foster.

Markham.—G. Lawrence; one to be sent.

Yonge Street.-W. F. Lowe; J. Richardson, superannuated:

Brampton.-I. B. Richardson; G. Millar.

Georgetown.-C. Taylor; F. M. Finn.

Toronto. - John Hayward.

Orangeville.-H. Jones.*

NIAGARA DISTRICT.—G. ABBS, R.E.

Hamilton.—W. Pirritte; G. Shepard, who is our Editor; Samuel Morrison, who is our Book Agent.

Nelson.—I. Schneider; F. Deighton.*

Eramosa.-J. M. Collins.

Garafraxa.-J. Hilts.*

Barton.-O. G. Collamore.

Saltfleet .- M. D. Archer.

Gainsboro'.- E. Bartram; one to be sent.

Canboro'.-H. J. Kilty; W. S. Wright.

St. Davids .- J. Gibson.

Welland .- J. Wood.

Pelham.-G. Hunt; C. Sweazy, supernumerary.

BRANTFORD DISTRICT.—E. BRISTOL, P.E.

Dumfries.—J. McLean, B. Bristol;—B. Markle and B. Brown, superannuated; Schuyler Stewart, supernumerary.

Flamboro'.-R. Service.

Caledonia.-H. Taylor.

Tuscarora.—Daniel Drake.*

Oakland.-G. Bennett; J. Owen, superannuated.

Rainham .- E. Draper.

OXFORD DISTRICT .- S. DUNNETT, P. E.

Oxford,-J. C. Tufford; M. Bensen; G. Turner, superannuated.

Embro.-A. Huntsberger.

St. Marys.—D. Berney.

Dorchester .- Henry Crawford.

Malahide.-W. D. Hughson; C. Pettys, superannuated.

Vienna.-J. Curts; E. Harris, superannuated. Walsingham .- D. Griffin; C. Garrett.

Norwich .- A. E. Griffith; T. Webster.

Blenheim .- L. P. Smith; F. Smith; * N. A. Fraser, supernumerary. Stanley .- G. Willson.

Maitland.—A. Bradshaw; J. Campbell.*

LONDON DISTRICT .- A. Jones, P. E.

London.-G. P. Harris; T. Dawes, left without an appointment at his own request; D. Culp and J. Bailey, superannuated.

Southwold .- C. Burdette,

Howard.-R. Yokom.

Sandwich .- B. M. Clark.

Florence.-G. Hitchen.*

Newbury.-B. Lawrence.

Dover .- W. Yokom; J. McKay.*

St. Clair .- J. W. Patterson.*

Brooke.-J. Dupee.*

Bosanquet .- D. Carscadden.*

Carlisle .- W. Woodward.

HURON DISTRICT.-H. DOCKHAM, P. E.

Collingwood .- W. Graham.

Melancthon. - S. Lyman; * J. Schemerhorn. *

St. Vincent.-T. P. Bradshaw.*

Owen Sound .- S. L. Kerr.

Durham.-G. Smith.

Teeswater .- William Maidens.*

Kincardine.-J. H. Watts; J. Williams.*

Arthur .- B. L. Tindall.

Elma. - W. Campbell.

Mount Forest .- McKady.*

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Unto the Church of God, which is embraced in this Niagara Conference, and as embraced in our hearts and minds; to you who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, "Grace be

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Through the well-directed train of the providence of God, after the toils of another Conference year, in christian kindness and full hearts,

"Again in Jesus' praise we've joined,"

and for the transaction of the business of our beloved Zion on this Conference floor,

"We have in his sight appeared."

The Conference Session, upon the whole, has been a session marked by christian courtesy and forbearance on all questions, whether of a greater or a less magnitude, brought before our Conference, each striving to follow out the injunction of the Great Head of the Church—"Let each esteem others better than himself."

It is, and has been, to us a subject of great thankfulness to God, dear brethren, that some of our aged fathers have been preserved, and are to this day with us in the camp, as the ancient landmarks of Methodism; and though, in our Conferences, we are led, in the appreciation of their services, to think of a day when God shall call them up into the Mount to die; when they, to us, who are younger, shall have delivered their valedictory—their farewell address; when we contemplate this—though led to ask, Who shall fill their place, how shall the church advance then?—we still pray that when they ascend, their mantle may fall upon their successors, and a double portion of their spirit fill their hearts.

The past has been a year of great prosperity and ingathering of souls to God, which has much strengthened our hearts, and given us great encouragement to unitedly and unceasingly persevere in the promotion of that cause which is destined, under God, still to advance, till—

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run."

The interests of our Seminary at Belleville, we trust, dear brethren, still engages your deepest solicitude. We are not forgetful of the readiness with which you responded to the call for aid in the erection of the building; but, brethren, the end is not yet attained—there is much still to be done before the Seminary can go into operation. We pray there may be no insurmountable hindrance to the realization of this truly laudable de-We would reiterate our sentiments expressed to you in our Pastoral Address of last year :- "This is a noble undertaking, creditable to the church, and an honor to our land;" and also in the sentiment breathed in the Pastoral Address of the Bay of Quinte Conference of same year :- "It is a standing monument of what the few can do to promote the educational improvement of our country." "Who projected it?" it is asked. We. Who built it? You, and our and your friends. And who is to complete it? You and they, by the

Our Mission Fields afford a fund of intelligence of the most gratifying character. Increasing permanency and large accessions are there being realized. The labors of our missionaries during the past rear have been crowned with spiritual success, which is very encouraging to us, and cannot fail to be satisfactory to you, that your contributions, in behalf of this enterprise, have been the means, under the Divine blessing, of accomplishing a vast amount of good. Confiding in your liberality, we have ventured to respond to some of the many calls for our ministers to extend their labors still farther into that part of our country which is young, vigorous, mighty, but now comparatively destitute. Accordingly, several new fields have been added, and laborers employed, which greatly augments our responsibility, and will require continued and increased exertion on your part to furnish the necessary means to sustain and perpetuate this promising department of our

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The Book Room and Printing Establishment exhibit an increase of business quite in advance of any former year, and promises fair to become ere long a source of permanent profit, interest, and influence to our church. In order that this desideratum may be realized, it will be important that all arrearages be immediately met, and renewed and continued effort on the part of our brethren for the circulation of our valuable paper.

Sabbath Schools, as nurseries of the Church, demand your special attention. How fearfully great are your responsibilities as christians, and especially as christian parents! To the church is committed the care of immortal minds, and in no way can a greater influence be brought to bear on the tender minds of our children, in training them for usefulness, than in the Sabbath School. We observe, with regret, that too many of our schools are closed during the winter season, and we would recommend, wherever it is possible, to continue the Sabbath School the whole year. May God inspire us with greater zeal in this heavenly work!

The cause of Temperance also calls for your co-operation; and we humbly trust you will render us all the assistance in your power, by endeavoring to stay the enward march of this monster evil, and bring about some measure by which the demon alcohol shall be driven from our land. We are satisfied that our Legislature has a perfect right to deal with this, as with any other question of public interest. Let us not slacken our exertions until a Prohibitory Liquor Law shall be obtained.

We have received our annual appointments as from the Lord, and we trust are coming to you in the name of Christ and in christian love. To you, dear brethren and friends, and to you alone we look for needful aid in the prosecution of our great work. In you we place implicit confidence, and would therefore exhort you in the words of the apostle—"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught,

whether by word or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus institutions at ho 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."

WM. F. LOWE, PHILANDER SMITH, President.

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The standing Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows: brought to hear on near dericinal

Your Committee regard the subject of Education as of very great importance, and fraught with some of the deepest interests to the people, being secondary only to religion. And we, with our brethren in the ministry, and the members of our church generally, have long desired the establishment, by our church, of an institution, in which the youth of both sexes in our own body, and all others who were disposed to avail themselves of its advantages, could receive a sound education in the higher departments of literature. With deep regret we have seen those of our young people who sought higher educational advantages than the public schools afforded, obliged to either go to the United States for that purpose, or to enter institutions which were under the influence of other denominations, where they have been subjected to proselyting efforts, to which some of them have yielded, and those who could not be proselyted have been made to feel that they were considered inferior to their fellow students. Thus have we been pained to see some of our most promising young men, whom we had expected to see filling our pulpits, or occupying other prominent and useful positions in their own country, while obtaining an education in the neighboring republic, forming relations which have kept them there, or, while prosecuting the same object in denominational

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Though fully realizing the extent of the advantages under which we labored for lack of an institution of our own, we never for one moment, entertained the idea of obtaining funds for its erection from any other source than the voluntary contributions of the people. It is not necessary here to recall the sad events which impoverished the M. E. Church, and deprived her of her Academy in 1833, enough that she was so impoverished and despoiled, and that she has ever since been unable to supply that loss. But amid all the darkness and trials which attended and succeeded that stern conflict, her ministers and members clung tenaciously to the voluntary principle, as the only scriptural method of supporting the church and all her institutions; and, while so doing, their labors were signally owned and blessed of that God who speaks to us through the scriptures.

At length the day for which those who loved our Zion had so ardently longed began to dawn. We had increased in membership, wealth, and influence, and our members and friends were believed to be possessed of the necessary means, and also of the disposition, to contribute them for the erection of an institution of learning for the Church. It now only required that judicious plans should be arranged and energetically executed, with unity of action and purpose in the different sections of the church, and the blessing of God upon the whole, to conduct the enterprise to a successful issue. The Bay of Quinte Conference commenced operations for the erection of a Seminary completely independent of this Conference, and appointed an agent to canvass for subscriptions; and not only so, but before consulting the Niagara Annual Conference, they located the Seminary at Belleville, purchased the grounds, made out plans and specifications for the building, and advertised for tenders, so that the work might be proceeded with immediately. Such was the state of affairs when the General Conference assembled at Belleville in June, 1854.

At this Conference the strongest disposition was manifested by the Committee and Members of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference that the members of the Niagara Annual Conference should unite with their brethren of the eastern section of the Province, and assist in the erection of the Seminary at Belleville, and thus make it a General Conference concern. To this proposition they consented, and it was agreed that the Seminary should be erected by the joint efforts of our people in both sections of the Province, and should be the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and governed by the General Conference. sion was then made for the appointment of a Board of Managers, in which the control of the Seminary was vested, and by which it was to be managed during the intervals of the General Conference. The Annual Conferences were also empowered to appoint certain committees who were to co-operate with the Board of Managers. A General Agent was appointed to canvass the country and raise subscriptions for the Institution. He entered upon his work, and met with a cordial reception from our ministers, and from our people and friends generally, and succeeded in raising, in money and subscriptions, an amount the parallel of which has not been raised on the "Voluntary Principle" for any similar Institution in Canada; and it was upon this principle, and it alone, your Committee firmly believe, that the General Conference designed that the Belleville Seminary should be erected and sustained.

At our last Annual Conference, held in Kilworth, the necessary steps were taken to carry out the arrangements and comply with the provisions of the General Conference. To further this object a portion of your Committee consented to borrow money and become personally responsible for a large sum, in order to assist

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te of affairs when the the Finance Committee to complete the buildings. At the time the Bay of Quinte Conference met, which was soon after our own closed its session, our Treasurer sent to Bishop Reynolds all the money he could procure for the Seminary up to that time.

Your Committee was also informed that Brother Bailey had exerted himself to borrow money for the Seminary, and had been promised a considerable sum after harvest, and he believed that he could have secured a large amount for which he would have made himself personally responsible; had events which subsequently came to his knowledge not changed his purpose.

Your Committee have, with deep regret, learned through the public prints that in the year 1855, and before our last Conference, a grant of money from the public treasury was applied for, and the sum of £500 was granted to the Episcopal Methodist College, Belleville, but evidently designed by the Legislature for the Belleville Seminary tada amazard antimmod mol

Your Committee have also learned, through the same medium, and with surprise and concern, that certain parties in and about Belleville had applied for a charter for the Seminary, by which the control of the Institution would have been taken out of the hands of the General Conference; and which was also, in the opinion of your Committee, in other respects, of a highly objectionable character. We cannot but think the course pursued by the Finance Committee in reference to these matters exceedingly strange, and are not at all surprised to learn that when brother Bailey became aware of these transactions, he declined to make any further attempt to borrow money for the Seminary.

Your Committee cannot regard the £500 granted by the Government to our Institution as in any degree less objectionable than grants of the same nature to the Educational Institutions of the Church of Rome, or any other denominational College or Seminaries.

When an inclination was manifested by certain parties at Belleville, and by the Finance Committee to depart from our recognized principles in relation to Government grants, and a partial and otherwise objectionable Charter sought, and an effort made to push it through the House of Assembly without the knowledge or consent of this Conference, or of the Board of Managers; then our people became generally alarmed and indignant. It was only on the condition of the Seminary being placed under the control of the General Conference and becoming its property, that the co-operation and support of the Niagara Conference was promised.

Then after these were pledged, they attempted to wrest the control of the Institution out of the hands of the General Conference, by means of the unjust Charter; and to compromise the well understood principles of the church by soliciting state endowments for a denominational Institution.

Your Committee learning that great concern and dissatisfaction existed among the members of our church within this Conference, respecting the charter and the grant, assembled at Hamilton in July last, and took such steps as they deemed advisable, to allay the existing excitement. The resolutions passed were at the time published in the C. C. Advocate, and are as follows:

Whereas some members of our Provincial Parliament having secured a Legislative Grant of five hundred pounds in aid of the Belleville Seminary—

Resolved 1st,—That, in view of the great excitement which it has caused among us, and in answer to the numerous inquiries of our friends and adherents, as well as several public journals of this Province, we feel called upon to express our disapprobation of any semblance to grants of a Governmental or Legislative character in aid of said Institution.

Resolved 2nd,—That we feel unwilling to assume any further liabilities in securing loans or otherwise, until the Board of Managers in the Belleville Seminary—who are the proper authority to decide in the interval of the General Conference—shall declare themselves unfriendly to the grant, and officially forbid its reception in behalf of said Institution. And we would suggest the propriety and expediency of a meeting of the Board being called forthwith, after which

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Resolved 3rd,—That, while we acknowledge the right of any of our ministers or members to entertain or express their views on this or any similar subject, we disapprove of the sentiments of the Editor of the C. C. Advocate respecting the said grant—sentiments, however, for which we trust the Editor alone will be considered responsible.

Resolved 4th,—That we are gratified to learn by a telegraphic despatch from the Finance Committee, that the grant has neither been received nor applied for, nor will it be applied for by them.

Resolved 5th,—That we avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our entire confidence in the Belleville Seminary, as established by the General Conference; that its support, thus far, on the voluntary principle, has been of the most gratifying character; and we pledge ourselves to render the Agent all the assistance in our power in prosecuting his canvass within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved 6th,—That the above Resolutions be published in the columns of the C. C. Advocate.

JOHN BAILEY, Chairman. WILLIAM D. BROWN, HENRY TAYLOR, Secretary. THOMAS WEBSTER.

Hamilton, July 20th, 1855.

Your Committee beg leave further to state that the Board of Managers for the Seminary met in Belleville in August last; the Representatives of this Conference as well as those of the Bay of Quinte Conference being present, and decided that the grant should not be received. This decision gave general satisfaction, and in a good degree restored the confidence of our friends and brethren; consequently the General Agent had very good success in canvassing this section of the Province for subscription. But this satisfaction was of short duration. When the Public Accounts for 1855 appeared, it was seen that, in open defiance of the decision of the Board of Managers, and in violation of the pledge given by the Finance Committee to your Committee (see Resolutions above), the Five Hundred Pounds had been received by E. Vandewaters, one of the Finance Committee. Nor is this all. Your Committee has lately learned from a reliable source that an application has been made to the Government by certain members of the Finance Committee for a further Government Grant of £1000 for the Seminary for the

ensuing year. Thus is our Church, which has hitherto maintained inviolate the voluntary principle for the support of all her institutions, placed before the public in a most inconsistent, humiliating, and disgraceful position.

Your Committee is astonished that men who desire state support for denominational purposes should have sought a home in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Did they come among us to disturb our peace? Our sentiments on this subject were no secret. They must have been aware of them when they united with us. At the time of the secession in 1833 from our body, our fathers and our elder brethren resisted this evil, at a vast sacrifice of interest and feeling, even to the severing of early and fondly-cherished ties, and separations between brethren beloved of each other, as were David and Jonathan. And must we now, after the lapse of more than twenty years, when our waste places have been rebuilt and new ties formed, for the same cause be doomed to pass through similar scenes of bitter trials, and mourn again our desolated Zion?

Your Committee, in view of the above facts, would recommend the Annual Conference to request the Bishops to call a General Conference as early as con-

venient.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY TAYLOR,

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COMMITTEE ROOM, May 23, 1856.

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The Committee on Temperance would respectfully beg leave to submit the following Resolutions:-

Resalved 1st,—That Intemperance, considered in any of its various torms, is an evil to which a parallel can scarcely be furnished—being at the root of most of the prevailing evils in our land. Whether regarded physically, mentally, or morally, it presents itself as the great antagonist to our holy religion and all moral virtue; and in contemplation of its prevalence, we feel ourselves called upon, as philanthropists and christians, and especially as christian Ministers, deeply to deplore the wide-spread misery, devastation, and death which it is causing in our beloved country; and to put forth every effort within our reach to stay its rapid tide: to reclaim those who have fallen under its baneful influence, and to throw around the rising generation such influences as shall prevent them from a like fate.

Resolved 2nd,-That we contemplate with gratitude the progress the glorious cause of Temperance has made in our land: its happy effects in raising the fallen, in restoring peace and happiness to many families and consolation and joy to many a bruised and bleeding heart, and the public sentiment which it has aroused in our land in

favor of moral virtue and truth.

Resolved 3rd,-That moral sussion, however much it may have done, is capable of doing, and will do, to raise the fallen, counteract the influence of rum, and restore peace and happiness in our land, is nevertheless insufficient of itself to exterminate the evil and rid our country of this great moral curse.

Resolved 4th,—That we regard the present legalized system of the liquor traffic,—which has opened the flood-gates of death upon us, and permitted this monster evil to stalk through our land, and, in its onward course, sweeping from the throne of virtue the unsuspecting youth, and orushing in its complicated folds the virtuous of every age and rank,—as fraught with evil, and in no wise calculated to benefit our country or advance peace and moral virtue in the land.

Resolved 5th.—That we regard legal prohibition as the only safe and effectual remedy for an evil so universally sanctioned by the laws and usages of the land; and that we deeply deplore the indifference of the Members of our Legislature in the treatment of the late Prohibitory Liquor Bill, which they took occasion to thrust out on a mere quibble.

Resolved 6th,-That we are of opinion that the arguments used by the enemies of humanity and sobriety are unsound and untenable, and that Government has a right to legislate on questions of public interest, and to suppress crime and provide for the happiness of life and the security of property; and if so, they have a right in this, as on all other questions involving the interests of society, to take measures to guard the rights of those of its subjects who cannot find redress for their many grievances under the present license laws.

Resolved 7th,-That we earnestly recommend the friends of Temperance throughout our Province to prosecute vigorously, and with

61 renewed zeal, their efforts in the cause, and to demand of the Legislature what we believe to be the wish of the great majority of the inhabitants of Canada, and to sweep at once and forever from their statute-books the foul code which legalizes a traffic alike offensive and ruinous to moral virtue and happiness.

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STANDING ORDER OF CONFERENCE.

That the Contingent Fund Collection be taken up in all our congregations in the month of October.

That each Preacher be required to bring to Conference a correct estimate of all the Church Property on their respective charges, with the signature of the Recording Steward.

All Financial Returns to be made in decimal currency.

RESOLUTION-BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.

Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this Conference, the Resolution of the Board of Managers, passed at Belleville last August, relative to the Government Grant in aid of the "Methodist Episcopal College at Belleville," is wise and proper, and it has had a salutary effect on the minds of our friends, inducing them to subscribe the

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BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.

REV. JAMES RICHARDSON	Toronto.
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REV. SAMUEL DUNNETT	Oakland.
JOHN CAMPRELL, ESQ	Brooklin.
JOHN CHMMER, ESQ	Waterdown.
PETER FISHER, Esq	Port Nelson.

S. MORRISON, Book Agent Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

The Examining Committee will meet in the Chapel in Georgetown, on the Tuesday immediately preceding the sitting of Conference, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

Of Ministers and Probationers in connexion with the Niagara Annual Conference of the M. E. Church in Canada.

[The figures in the first column show the year in which each Minister commenced his ministry, and those at the end of the line the number of years of their efficiency and the number of years they have been in the ministry.]

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Archer, M. D Tapleytow	n. Bristol, B	Rockton.
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Byam, J. W Newtow	rn. Berney, D	St. Marys.
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Collins, J. MRockwood.	Markle, BTroy.
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Crawford, HBelmont.	Millar, GGeorgetown.
Clark, B. MLeamington.	Owen Jesse Gunmarsh, Alligan
Dunnett, SamuelOakland.	Owen, Jesse Gunmarsh, Alligan Co., Michigan.
Dawes, TLondon.	Pettys, CClunis.
Draper, ERainham Centre.	Pirritte, WilliamHamilton.
Draper, J Newtown.	Richardson, JToronto.
Dockham, HMeaford.	Richardson, I. B Georgetown.
Fraser, C. WOshawa.	Swaazy, C Font Hill.
Fraser, N. A Mount Vernon.	Smith, P. (Bishop)Brooklin.
Finn, F. MGeorgetown.	Shepard, G Hamilton.
Gibson, JSt. Davids.	Smith, L. PPrinceton.
Griffith, A. ENewark.	Stewart, SLynden.
Gilray, JBrooklin.	Smith, G
Garret, C Houghton Centre.	Service, RRockton.
Graham, WCollingwood.	Schneider, IPalermo.
Griffin, DVienna.	Turner, GIngersol.
Harris, EVienna.	Tufford, J. CIngersol.
Hughson, W. D:Aylmer.	Thurstan, A. LOrono.
Harris, G. PLondon.	Taylor, HCaledonia.
Hayward, JCredit.	Taylor, CGeorgetown.
Hunsberger, A Embro.	Tindall, R. LArthur.
Hunt, GPelham.	Webster, TNorwichville.
Jones, AKilworth.	Woodward, WAmiens.
Kerr, S. LOwen's Sound.	Wood, JCrowland.
Kilty, H. JCanboro'.	Wright, W. S Canboro'
Lawrence, GRichmond Hill.	Watts, J. HBarrie.
Lawrence, BNewberry.	Wilson, GBayfield.
Lounsbury, EChurchville.	Yokom,RMorpeth.
Lowe, W. FWillowdale.	Yokom, WChatham.

APPENDIX.

Names and Standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.

Niagara.—Daniel Collard, Deacon; J. Patterson, L. Haney, Elders; J. N. Elliott.

Welland.—W. Dell, S. E. Ryerson.

Rainham.—J. Decew, G. Lane, Deacons; W. Turkington. Canboro'.—W. Stringer, A. Rogers, M. Rogers, W. Ableson.

Gainsboro'.-J. Upper, Deacon.

Saltfleet .- J. Vandusen, Deacon. Darlington.-J. Bradshaw, Elder; Wm. Hill, Deacon; J. Cars-

Whitby.—G. Wells, F. Lattimore, G. Fisher, Deacons; J. Campbell, J. Orser, J. Moore, R. Harnden, J. Gordon.

Markham.—T. Jobbit, J. Forsyth.

Nelson.—L. Hagar, Deacon; A. Purnell, S. Griffin, M. L. Dimick.

Georgetown.—Fran Toronto.—R. Bloom Oakwood.—D. Sipe Elma.—D. M. Shan London .- R. Mord Lancaster, S. C. McN R. McGuffin, G. Lov Thames.—A. Scarle Southwold.—I. Ben Sendwich.—Henry Bosanquet.-S. M. over, J. Jefferson, G. St. Clair.-J. D. I Dover.—John McN

Florence.—J. More Stanley.—J. Hask Dumfries.—Wm. H tol, M. Hendershot, I Blenheim.-Eli W Walsingham and I J. Connell, Elder.

St. Mary's .- T. B Dorchester .- W.

Davy, Deacon Elect Norwich .- H. Tut Dorling.

Oxford .- A. Burs

Malahide.-O. H. Straffordville.-E Deacon.

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P.O. Address. B.....Troy. n, S..... Hamilton: G.....Georgetown. Jesse { Gunmarsh, Alligan Co., Michigan. C...Clunis. William Hamilton. son, J.....Toronto. son, I. B.... Georgetown. C....Font Hill. P. (Bishop)...Brooklin. , G..... Hamilton. L. P.....Princeton. , S.....Lynden. G..... Backton R.....Rockton. er, I......Palermo. G.....Ingersol. J. C....Ingersol. n, A. L.....Orono. H.....Caledonia. C.....Georgetown. R. L....Arthur. r, T.....Norwichville. ard, W.....Amiens. J. HBarrie. G.....Bayfield. R.....Morpeth. W.....Chatham.

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S. Griffin, M. L. Dimick.

Georgetown.-Francis Warren, J. Knott.

Toronto.-R. Bloomfield, Elder; John Cronkwrite.

Oakwood.—D. Sipes.

Elma.-D. M. Shaw. London.—R. Morden, R. Smith, James Bailey, Deacons; S. J. Lancaster, S. C. McNames, Deacons Elect; W. Cope, J. P. Morden,

R. McGuffin, G. Loveless.

Thames.—A. Scarlett, Deacon; E. Sutton.

Southwold.—I. Bently, Deacon; J. Fraser, J. Welch.

Sendwich.—Henry Scratch, Deacon.

Bosanquet.—S. M. Eastman, Deacon; N. Roy, Elder; N. Westover, J. Jefferson, G. Thompson.

St. Clair.-J. D. Dolson, Elder; E. Ryckman.

Dover .- John McNeal.

Florence.-J. Morely.

Stanley.—J. Haskins.

Dumfries.—Wm. Eakins, R. Servos, Wm. Bawtinhimer, B. Bris-

tol, M. Hendershot, Deacon.

Blenheim .- Eli White, G. F. Hill, C. Read, Deacons.

Walsingham and Houghton .- A. Seaver, J. Pattison, J. Campbell,

J. Connell, Elder.

St. Mary's.—T. Brown, R. Vines, Deacons; J. Vines. Dorchester.—W. T. Cartwright, Elder; R. Dexter, Deacon; J.

Davy, Deacon Elect; A. Tulloch, J. Johnson.

Norwich .- H. Tuttle, Elijah Mudge, Deacons; D. O. Avery, J.

Dorling.

Oxford .- A. Bursee, Elder; A. H. Abbott, Asa Cogswell, H.

Watts. Malahide .- O. H. Terrell, Deacon; D. M. Howell, S. Thayer.

Straffordville .- E. Pettit, D. Gillet, Francis Dyghton, F. Headly, Deacon.

MINUTES

OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE BAY OF QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE, COUNTY OF LEEDS, COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 474, 1856, AND ENDING ON THE 12TH.

Question.—1. What Preachers are admitted on trial?

Answer.—John R. Philips, William H. Snider, David Aylsworth,

Jared Brown, L. B. Caldwell, Henry Seymour.

Q.—2. What Preachers remain on trial?

A.—John C. Pomeroy, J. Calvin Burnell, John H. Rombough, John Quincy Adams, Daniel Smith, William Henry Graham, Edward J. Fulford, Isaac B. Aylsworth, James Smith, Ambrose Hunt, Calvin W. Lent.

Q.—3. What Preachers are admitted into full connexion?

A.—Alexander McLaren.

Q.-4. Who are the Deacons?

A.—Josiah P. Sparrow, Wm. A. Sills, John D. Bell, Robert Sanderson, Eli Woodcock, Daniel N. Robinson, Alexander McLaren*

Q.—5. Who are the Elders?

A.—Joseph Gatchell, Benson Smith, H. H. Johnson, W. E. Norman, Wm. Bird, D. Perry, Thaddeus Lewis, H. Lane, M. Davy, A. Wright, J. Gardiner, J. Hill, J. McNally, I. N. D. West, R. Earl, S. Young, D. Wilson, J. F. Wilson, John H. Andrews, E. Orser, W. Brown, S. W. LaDu, B. W. Blanchard, H. Williams, J. H. Johnson, S. Plato, D. Brown, N. H. Howard, C. Manson, J. G. Bull, J. Tuke, J. W. Sills, G. Jones, J. A. Rogers, G. I. Betts, Daniel Pomeroy.

Q.—6. Who are the General Superintendents?

A.—John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

Q.—7. Who are the Supernumeraries?

A .-- J. McNally.

Q.—8. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

A.—Joseph Gatchell, H. H. Johnson, S. W. LaDu, Michael Davy,
D. Perry.

Q.—9. Who have located this year?
A.—Peter P. Pomeroy.

* Ordained this year.

Q.-10. Who A .- George Bissel Q.—11. Who A.-None. Wm. at his own request. Q.—12. Were A .- This was strice Q.—13. Who A .-- Robert Perry Q,-14. Wha Cobourg Rawdon Sidney..... Hallowell Tyendinaga Hinchinbrook Bay Quinte..... Wolf Island..... Camden Augusta Crosby Matilda and Storme Ottawa and Lachu Westmeath Madawaska Eganville

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Q.—10. Who have been expelled this year?
A.—George Bissel.

Q.—11. Who have withdrawn this year ?

A.—None. Wm. Graffem transferred to the Niagara Conference at his own request.

Q.—12. Were the Preachers' characters examined?

A.—This was strictly attended to.

Q.—13. Who have died this year?

A .- Robert Perry.

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Q,-14. What are the numbers in Society?

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Hope	150	Brighton	356
Cobourg	66	Percy and Seymour	220
Rawdon	144	Huntingdon and Elgin	204
Sidney	327	Belleville	36
Hallowell	410	Consecon	76
Tyendinaga	330	Napanee	187
Hinchinbrook	140	Waterloo	476
Bay Quinte	280	Kingston	114
Wolf Island	44	Gananoque and Escott	a 88
Camden	322	Brockville	65
Augusta		Farmersville	160
Crosby	450	Rideau	75
Matilda and Stormont	202	Winchester	174
Ottawa and Lachute		Ottawa City	140
Westmeath		Bonnacheur	58
Madawaska	-	Elizabethtown	134
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Rawdon and MarmoraW. Bir							
Huntingdon and Elzevir.—N. H.	Howard.						
Sidney.—R. Earl; J. C. Pomero	y; H. H. Johnson, superannuated.						
Belleville.—A. Hunt; S. Young).	A. C. Agent for the Belleville Sem-						
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Tyendinaga.—G. Jones; D. Bro	wn.						
Napanee.—C. Manson; J. Q. Ad	ams.						
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Waterloe.—Benson Smith; W. H.	I. Graham.						
Hinckinbrook.—F. Knowlton. *							
Kingston and PittsburgD. Por	meroy; E. J. Fulford; J. H. John-						
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Bay of Quinte.—J. G. Bull; W.	H. Snider.						
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Augusta.—J. D. Bell.							
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OTTAWA DISTRICT.—A. WRIGHT, P. E.

Ottawa and LaChute.—D. N. Robinson; David W. Aylsworth; L. B. Caldwell; James McNally, supernumerary.

Ottawa City.—R. Sanderson.
Templeton.—C. W. Lent.
Renfrew.—H. Seymour.
Eganville.—J. P. Sparrow.
Westmeath.—J. H. Rombough.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Societies in the Bay of Quinte Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, -We deem it no small matter to address you, at the close of our Annual Conference, with respect to things that intimately concern our beloved Church. To us it appears to be something of more than ordinary importance that you have from us a plain and explicit statement of facts which have been the theme of our deliberations. Our interest and your interest, in these respects, are morally identified. What concerns us concerns you, and the concern is mutual. There may be a difference in position, in office, in administration, in locality, in accidental circumstances; but there is no specific difference to disarrange or disaffect our unity of interest in the Church. We serve you and you serve us, and we both unitedly serve our Lord Christ-as members collectively as well as severally of his mystical body. We are united in name, in principle, in choice, in fear and in hope, in much assurance and in the grace of God. We minister to you in spiritual things, and you minister to us in temporal; in every sense, in every acceptance of unity, our interest is undivided, and we are unequivocally workers together with God in the establishment of his kingdom on earth.

It is hardly necessary to remark our origin. You know, or your fathers can tell you, who spake the lifer giving word at first on the shores of Canada. You know whence emanated the moral light in which you

now live, move, and breathe your spiritual existence. You know who laid the foundation of our edifice, into which we have access and our Father entered as the habitation of the Holy One. We speak against none, we charge none who differ from us with innovation; but you know who set the ancient land-marks, and you know who sustain them. We may be charged with aberrations from our primitive standard; but this is not the language of truth: it is the language of prejudice -the prejudice of education, the prejudice of fancy, the prejudice of authority: it is not the existing inscription of monumental truth. Name is nothing, it may be said. It may be so with them who are given to change; but with the stable in principle, who respect the law of public opinion, it rates in class with respectability of character. We revere the adage of the Wise, inspired by the unerring Spirit: "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor"-which is its inevitable result-"rather than silver or gold." This our Fathers handed down to us; this we hand down to you. Preserve it inviolable for the Father's sake, but more especially for the perpetuation of our sacred rights and heaven-born privileges. It may be said, silver and gold have we none, the purchase price of our name and connections; but we have a clear conscience that we have made no barter of our ancestral freedom for the sake of filthy lucre. We cannot be bought-we shall not be sold: freemen are priceless, and have no need of paltry subterfuges to enrich themselves.

Let no man say, or even think, there is any declension in our zeal to promote our common cause. Where is the year? note the time, if such exist, when prosperity has been so benignantly bestowed on us by by our Benevolent Head. We have sowed, and who will presume to say we have not reaped? and if we have planted, so have we abounded. We plunder no fold—the sheep are our own: we disdain to compass sea and land by proselytism to increase our numbers and ex-

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tend our prosperity at the expense of others. We trust, we hope, we act like honest men-gathering where others have not strewed, and building where others have not laid their foundation. Strange as it may appear, yet it is true, many prefer our courts to more costly and splendid edifices. If increase shows prosperity, if intellectual improvement portend popularity, we have it. Young men of fair reputation and vigorous minds offer themselves to our ministry. Not famous, we admit, though not deficient, for erudition in art or science—yet popular as efficient builders in the Church of Christ—as powerful agriculturists in the field of the world: full of life, full of power, full of zeal, aspiring after the heights of knowledge and holiness. You will receive them, you will cherish them, you will not despise them for their youth; they are, we hope, God's servants, God's annointed, chosen, called, and precious—men with us who hazard fortune for your sake. Their improvement is apparent to us; we hope it will be to you and to all. We urge them to improvement; do you sustain them by your kindness, sympathy, and liberality. God has given them to us as fellow-laborers; we present them to you as fellowservants with us—necessary to your spiritual edification, essential to the prosperity of the Church, conducive to the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

You will perceive by our published Reports, Minutes, and other official returns, that everything portends prosperity: increase of members, advancement of influence, and enlargement of financial support. You will see that our Church is in action, in enterprize, making unparalleled efforts to establish itself in all its departments and institutions. Sabbath Schools have had their committee of inspection and arrangement. We think that the education of our youth in morality and religion should be a primary consideration: we hold to the principle advocated in the Bible—"to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We desire and urge that the Creed of Apostles and

Martyrs should be deeply impressed on the youthful mind. We require our ministers, aided by you, to give their influence in that quarter, to imprint on the plastic tablet of the tender mind the soul-saving and heart-inspiring principles of our glorious Reformation. Let our Public Schools treat our Bible with comparative neglect; but let our Bible be our Primer, the Text Book and Classic Reader in manners and religion for our youth. Let us educate them for God, and it will educate them to be useful, engaging, and ornamental members of the Church and enterprizing citizens of the world.

You will hear from us respecting our Literary Institution, the Belleville Seminary. We need hardly inform you, that, by our united exertions and your distinguished liberality, in connexion with those of our brethren and friends in the Niagara Conference, it now, as a structure, stands almost complete. Whatever debt may have been contracted for its erection will be met by you, through our agency, with promptness and alacrity. You do not belong to that community who begin but do not complete. The cost was counted, and though it has exceeded the computation, your liberality, notwithstanding, will meet the increased demand. We are not aware from any source of information to which we have had access, that you begrudge to your youth or your country your money and your influence. How glorious it is to see the march of intellectual improvement! how pleasing it is to know and feel we are the abettors and promoters of it! and, yet more, that it stands prominently high and conspicuous amongst the Seminaries of Learning as your own!

It might not be amiss to notice our Printing and Book Establishment. As a Conference, we respectfully solicit that you prefer your own books and your own paper to any other. It is a rule of ancient Methodism that we help our own in preference to others. The number and variety of the books is gradually increasing, and the circulation of our paper is beyond parallel

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The Temperance Reform has our unqualified regard. There is no man in the premises of our ministry who can sustain his standing and profession amongst us, as a Conference, in any order or degree, who allows himself in the use or advocacy of alcoholic or intoxicating drinks. We have declared to the world, and now solemnly protest before friends and enemies, we have no connection with the accursed thing; and that no man who bears our name, and is clothed with the authority of our priesthood, can, as a beverage, touch, taste, or handle it with impunity. We do now most earnestly entreat that you will abet this great work of moral reform, the abolition of Intemperance. Use it not yourselves, suffer not your families to use it, keep it away from your premises, and if admitted at all, let it be guarded with the unequivocal advertisement of a deadly evil. Canada will yet have a prominent place and action in the reformation of our age, and, brethren, let us not be the least and last in the emancipation of our country from the slavery of Intemperance.

Missions now claim our attention and support. There was a time when your fathers were accounted as occupying missionary ground. What is now a cultivated scene of ministerial labor, was once a barren wild. The ground of missionary effort which we occupy now is at the present what that was then, but will be hereafter, ere long, what this is now. To effect this your continuous effort is required, and though you withhold your means, yet will it be done; for "the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of eur Lord and his

Christ." But we presume from the past you will not let your glory to another; you will be that but more abundant than you have ever been. We want to engage your heart with our zeal, your means with our knowledge, your prayers with our preaching; to emancipate helpless moral ignorance from the trammels of sin, and bring them to the Son of God for eternal redemption. Say, while we take hold of the cultivating medium to direct its force and applicancy, "God speed the gospel plough," and act while you speak, scattering with your wonted liberality the means essential to

ensure success.

Brethren, we think from what we know of rule, order, and influence in our Church, that Prayer and Class Meetings should have our utmost attention. What is the glory of our Methodism, but "communion of saints?" What is it that gives us power in the art of prayer, and skill in the blessed science to adapt our language to our wants, and our wants present with assurance of supply, but our peculiar meetings of communion and supplication? It is a fact authenticated by experience and observation, the more we pray, the better we pray, and the more rapidly the kingdom of God-"righteousness, peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost' is developed in the soul. Brethren, observe our rules, and trials for disaffection will cease; games of chance or fortune will become extinct, as an abomination in our land; every species of profanity will appear despicable; sabbath-breaking will be unknown; drunkenness become obsolete; the vain fashions of the age a matter of sight, not of choice; virtue will be exalted, vice depressed; every closet will have its occupant with God, every house become a temple, every heart the habitation of the Holy, and every spirit the similitude of the mind of Christ.

And now, brethren, having done what we intend, and what you expect, we commend you to God and the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and

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J. H. Johnson, Secretary. PHILANDER SMITH,
Superintendent.

Conference Room, Farmersville, 12th June, 1856.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report:-That we cherish an undiminished attachment to the educational interests of this Province, and wish to favor any measure by which they are to be permanently promoted. The apparent concentration of the M. E. Church in projecting a suitable institution for imparting a "commercial and classical education," paying due regard to moral culture, without pandering to any creed, or serving the particular ends of any sect, we deem honorable and expedient. The purchase of a most eligible site, and the erection of the necessary buildings for the Belleville Seminary, mark the success of this experiment. This spacious and permanent structure is one step in the right direction, intended to meet the growing demands of the country and of the age.

It has been presumed that increasing facilities and powers would be given to the institution, by providing for a college and a preparatory school, to meet all the designs originally contemplated by a seminary, with male and female departments. To this consideration we invite attention. Such a provision would tend to preserve its character, non-sectarian, unless mutual agreement should be made to introduce a Theological Chair—a subject upon which your Committee offer no opinion. The constituted power to prepare a programme of studies to be pursued will undoubtedly take

cognizance of this subject, having already provided for a primary department—Natural Sciences, Languages,

Mathematics, Drawing and Music.

Your Committee believe that the oft-repeated sentiments of the M. E. Church in favor of national and general education have not been changed; and while steadily refusing Government support and control in all ecclesiastical matters, she has ever been friendly to endowments for literary and scientific purposes, as the best employment of a nation's funds. No check is to be put upon the freedom of her ministers and members; their rights as subjects are not invaded by her terms of communion or of office. Aggressive and progressive in her principles and practices, yet firmly adhering to the ancient landmarks; disdaining all forms of political interference by churches or ministers, of which none are more despicable than dictating on points of state legislation. That "we are in favor of Legislative aid to higher seminaries of learning not intended to impart a sectarian education," is well known. consider the Legislature the only competent authority to decide the means and manner of furnishing such aid.

Your Committee, therefore, regard the Belleville Seminary as an institution of learning incapable of being considered sectarian, or even denominational in an offensive sense, as the control thereof by the M. E. Church, or the General Conference, secures no favor or benefit to her members or ministers that may not be equally secured to others; and we suppose the grants made by the Provincial Parliament to the institution have not been made to the M. E. Church, or to any of her Conferences or Committees because of their relation to that church, but to the people of Canada, and would have been made to any person, company, or body of people making a similar provision for educating the youth of the country. The design of the projectors and patrons is fairly expressed by the declaration made in the Subscription Book, and published; therefore, we regard the attempts that have been made to stamp

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The ungenerous allusions to "nine persons in and around Belleville," whose conduct produced "surprise and concern," meet with no sympathy from us, being well assured that the only object sought by the incorporation of the institution was legality in the management of the business essential to its existence and prosperity. The parties whose names were then used had, with one exception, been appointed by a Quarterly Conference, previous to the sitting of the General Conference. And, instead of censure, we think the Government and House of Assembly, who seem to vie with each other in their laudable attempts to promote education in this Province, merit our respect for such efforts. And if this calls for the co-operation of the churches, is either to blame for uniting in this work? We shall raise no objection to any honorable arrangements necessary to plant at Belleville, de facto, a seminary or college, and a preparatory school, for the education of Canadians as Freemen, under the auspices of the Government, the House of Assembly, and the church, and in favor with the whole people of the land. we hope the spirit of party will not be suffered to disgrace the institution. The patronage given to Common Schools, Mechanic's Institutes, Seminaries, Acadamies, Grammar Schools, Colleges, and Universities, of which the whole people have been partaking, is based upon the same principle and statute authority as grants to this institution, and no principle of true voluntaryism is violated in the one which is not equally objectionable in the other.

Your Committee further express their desire that the declaration set forth in the Subscription Book, be the basis on which the institution shall be opened, and its character established. We repudiate any intention to teach in it Methodistic Theology, or sectarian tenets, but a sound system of literary and scientific training.

Confiding in the honor and integrity of the projectors of the Belleville Seminary, we intend to support its promoters in prosecuting the work to a final, and, we trust, to a successful termination.

Your Committee have examined the communication from the Finance Committee, and regret that their expectations have not been met in furnishing funds to meet their necessities by the agents. And we would renew our pledge to enter with greater vigor into the work of relieving and sustaining them, by collecting moneys and securing loans for that purpose. We would assure them of our entire confidence in their integrity and honorable intentions, and congratulate them upon the maintenance of their credit with the public. cheerfully acquiesce in their request to "allow them to dictate for themselves the course they will henceforth pursue in this matter, without opposition." And we respectfully request and instruct every preacher connected with this Conference to unite at once in this matter.

On the subject of a Special General Conference, your Committee are opposed to one being called, believing that legislation on this question is doubtful, if not dangerous to the Church. But to conciliate and meet the expressed wishes of the Niagara Annual Conference, and afford every facility for completing this magnificent undertaking on the part of the Finance Committee, we do advise the Bishops to call a Special General Conference.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. WILSON,
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Farmersville, June 12, 1856.

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RESOLUTION

Passed by the Bay of Quinte Conference, at Farmersville, 12th June, 1856.

Resolved,—That the application for Government support, and the subsequent action of the Finance Committee in receiving a grant of money from the Provincial Parliament, intended for the Belleville Seminary, were not by the direction of this Conference or its members; and we consider, under present circumstances, we have no right to interfere in this question. But we would record our deliberate opinion, that some general system, making the necessary provisions for institutions of learning, without endangering their independence or exposing them to party political influence and control, and securing them from the interference of any Executive Government, would confer a great favor on the people of this Province.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved,—That we make a more vigorous effort in future to increase the Superannuated Preachers' Fund.

Resolved,—That we recommend that the entire claims of the Circuit be embraced in one item, and the whole amount apportioned to the classes by the Stewards on the Circuits, according to the number of the members and their ability to pay, and that each member be furnished with a bill, showing the amount of his proportion for the current year; that all expenses, over and above the salary of the preachers, be in all practicable cases paid in money; and that a distinction be preserved between the preacher's salary and money raised for incidental expenses.

Resolved,—That, in view of the uncertain state of the roads in the months of February and March, the time of taking up the Fifth Collection be changed to the months of September and October.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1st Year.—Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Sermons to the 3rd volume, 1st part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, English Grammar (Kirkham's), Geography, (Morse's), Baker on Discipline

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3RD YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Notes, Horne's Introduction, Third Part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, Natural Philosophy (Comstock's), Astronomy (Smith's), Logic (Hedge's) Mental Philosophy (Upham's), English Grammar (Kirkham's), Rhetoric, Baker on Discipline.

4TH YEAR - Divinity, Bible, Watson's Philosophy, Fletcher's Checks, English Grammar (Kirkham's), Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy (Comstock's) Astronomy (Burrett's), Moral Philosophy (Paley's), Baker on Discipline.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

B. W. BLANCHARD,

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* * Candidates will be expected to meet the above Committee on the Tuesday preceding the sitting of Conference, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the seat of Conference.

Q.—18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

A.—At Cobourg, to commence on the first Wednesday in June, 1857.

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Of Members and Probationers of the Conference, with Post-Office Addresses.

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Westmeath	J. Smith									
Bonnacheur 5	J. P. Sparrow	85	0	0	80	0	0	5	0	0
and Eganville	E. J. Fulford	25	0	0	25	0	0	1		
Camden	J. Hill	108	10	0	108	10	0	1		
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Escott	I. N. D. West	77	10	7	69	10	7	8	0	٥
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Waterloo}	W. H. Graham	80	ŏ	ŏ		6	î	13		
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Hinchinbrook }	J. G. Bull	123	0	0	112	12	6	10	7	в
Bay of Quinte	J. Q. Adams	39	0	0	33	16	3	5	3	9
Napanee	R. Earl	85	0	0		0	0	1		
Tyendinaga	H. Williams		0	0		0	0	1	٠,	
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APPENDIX.

Names and Standing of the Local Preachers in connexion with the M. E. Church, within the bounds of Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

Cobourg—P. Holmes. Hope—J. Lent, Deacon.

Rawdon-J. Ranous.

Brighton-J. Webster, Elder; C. P. Worden, Elias Worden. A. Fennel, H. McPhail.

Sidney-G. Goldsmith, W. Conner.

Kingston—B. Atkinson.

Percy-J. Sweet, Dea.; J. Stone, Dea.; S. Wait, J. Graham, D.

Huntingdon-P. Wright, Dea. elect; J. Border, J. Hulen.

Napanee -- A. Shorts, Elder; D. Shorts, Dea.; D. Unger, Dea.; J. B. Huffman.

Tyendinaga-Wm. Sills, Dea.; Wm. Bennet, J. Brenton.

Bay-M. German, Dea.; Geo. Sills, Elder; J. Wagg.

Waterloo-E. Ash, Elder; Z. David, J. McMillin, A. Babcock, W. Caverly, D. David, F. Knowlton.

Camden-C. Thompson, Elder; P. G. Selden, Dea.; B. Lewis, J. Simmons.

Elizabethtown-J. Mallory.

Hinchinbrook-J. Babcock.

Hallowell-Wm. Ranous, Des.; W. Williams, J. Witchen, B. Hanna.

Consecon-A. Wood, Dea.; G. F. Byam.

Crosby-Wm. Brown, 2nd Elder; A. Wiltze, P. Bullis.

Ottawa Mission-J. Pickering, J. Harrington.

Lachute-W. Anderson.

Augusta—A. B. Pardee, J. C. Bass. Rideau—E. Landon, Dea.

Winchester-B. Meeker, Dea.; Isaac Errett, Dea.; James S. John-

Renfrew-J. Fergusson.

Westmeath-G. Campbell, J. B. Putnam.

Brockville-Peter P. Pomeroy.