

EXTRACTS  
FROM THE  
**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
*Eleventh Annual Conference*  
OF THE  
MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE PEOPLE DENOMINATED  
**BIBLE CHRISTIANS,**  
HELD IN  
**THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, BOWMANVILLE.**

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# EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Question 1.—Who compose this Conference?

Answer.—Cephas Barker, President of the Conference, 1864.

Paul Robins, Secretary

John Chapple, Superintendent of the Cobourg District:

William Hooper, " " Exeter

John Williams, " " Wisconsin

## REPRESENTATIVES SENT BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

John Vanstone, sent by the Cobourg District Meeting.

Wm. Yelland,	do	do	do
John Wood,	do	do	do
Samuel Curtis,	do	do	do
Robert Gordon,*	do	do	do
John Gloyne,	do	do	do
Richard Giddy,	do	do	do
Robert Davidson,	do	do	do
Richard Smale,	do	Bowmanville	do
Geo. Hazeldine,	do	do	do
James Coone,*	do	do	do
Chas. H. Honey,	do	do	do
Thomas Clarke,	do	do	do
Wm. Windatt,	do	do	do
Thos. Courtice,	do	do	do
T. C. Moynes,*	do	do	do
Charles Trick,*	do	do	do
Joseph Ellicott,	do	do	do
Thomas Heard,	do	Exeter	do
Robert Keddy,	do	do	do
Walter Madge,	do	do	do
Henry L. Wills,	do	do	do
John Enticknap,	do	do	do
Jos. Shackson,	do	do	do
William Ebbot,	do	Wisconsin	do

## PREACHERS SENT BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

John Brown Tapp, sent by the Cobourg District Meeting.

Thomas Greene,	do	Exeter	do
John Edwards,	do	do	do
Robert Hurley,	do	Bowmanville	do
Henry Ebbott,	do	do	do
Joseph Hoidge,	do	Exeter	do
Jacob Gale,	do	Cobourg	do
Jesse Whitlock,	do	do	do
John Pinch,	do	Bowmanville	do
William Woodman,	do	Cobourg	do
Wm. Roberts Roach,	do	Bowmanville	do
Henry Kenner	do	do	do
David Cantlon,	do	do	do
Thomas R. Hull,	do	do	do
George Bodle,	do	Cobourg	do
Gerrance T. Collwell,	do	Exeter	do
Andrew Gordon,	do	Cobourg	do
Edward Roberts,	do	Exeter	do
Henry James Nott,	do	Cobourg,	do
Archibald Clarke,	do	Bowmanville,	do

N. B.—Through an oversight of the members of the Bowmanville District Meeting, Bro. J. H. Eynon was not authorized to attend the Conference as a member thereof. The Conference, by a unanimous vote, invited him to take part in its deliberations.

\*\* Charles Trick, Thomas C. Moynes, Robert Gordon and James Coone were authorized to attend the Conference as members, but were not present.

CEPHAS BARKER was elected President, WILLIAM ROBERTS ROACH was elected Secretary, and EDWARD ROBERTS Journal Secretary.

1. *Resolved.*—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be tendered the Brethren, C. Barker and P. Robins, for their valuable services as President and Secretary of the Conference for the past year.

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

Francis Metherall, (superannuated)	Henry Ebbott,
Paul Robins,	Joseph Hoidge,
John Langdon, (superannuated)	George Hayercraft, (superannuated)
John Hicks Eynon, do	John Watson Butcher,
Abraham Morris, do	Jacob Gale,
John Brown Tapp,	Jesse Whitlock,
Thomas Greene,	John Pinch,
John Edwards,	William Woodman,
Robert Hurley,	Henry Stevens, (supernumerary)
John Chapple,	William Roberts Roach,
John Williams,	Henry Kenner,
Cephas Barker,	John Hooper, (supernumerary)
William Hooper,	David Cantlon,

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Andrew Gordon,  
Isaac Ashley,

Edward Roberts,  
William Jolliffe,  
Henry James Colwell,  
Henry James Nott,  
Archibald Clarke.

Q. 3.—Who is admitted into full connection?

A.—John Thomas Sencabaugh.

Q. 4.—Who remain on trial?

Henry Ham,\*  
John Kinsey,  
John Shortridge,  
George Dunkley,

Samuel Jolliffe,  
William Wade,  
Michael Pett,  
William Partridge Hunt.

\* Bro. Ham remains on trial another year, on account of ill health.

These have travelled three years.

Walter Ayres,  
John Harris,  
Martin Mennear,

Richard Hicks,†  
James Joseph Rice.†

These have travelled two years.

† These Brethren having labored under special regulations, their names are now set down as having travelled two years.

Mark Browning,  
Charles James Pearce,

William Lewis Wickett.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 5.—Who is admitted on trial?

A.—Richard Thomas Courtice.

Q. 6.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

A.—See page No. 6.

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## SELF-SUSTAINING CIRCUITS.

	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Chapels.	Preaching Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	On Trial.	Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Cobourg.....	2	22	8	1	4	14		273	273	101	505
Bowmanville.....	4	13	9		5	18	46	327	373	74	363
Hampton.....	2	26	11	1	9	42	6	417	423	105	578
Exeter.....	2	14	8	4	3	21	14	379	393	102	553
Mariposa.....	2	11	10	1	1	10	2	274	276	90	495
Rockland.....	1	4	1	4	1	22	8	94	102	13	98
Total in Circuits.....	13	93	47	11	23	127	76	1764	1840	485	2592

## MISSIONS.

Peterboro.....	1	3	5	1	2	18		143	143	30	197
Dummer.....	1	3	1	4		12	16	80	96	8	50
Huntingdon.....	1	8	2	8	4		2	127	130	20	95
Hungerford.....	2	2	2	13	3	18		133	133		
Seymour.....	1	1	3	4	2	7	3	79	82	10	50
Perrytown.....	1	2	4	1	1	7		48	48	8	50
Prince Albert.....	2	9	5	3	1	14	2	118	120	24	110
Pickering.....	2	2	4	2	1	6		76	76	6	20
Scott.....	2	2	4	1		1	2	42	44		
Oshawa.....	1	2	1	1	3	26	61	107	21	70	
Fenelon.....	1	4	1	8	2	11	4	47	51	12	41
Mitchell.....	3	12	6	3	4	10	1	300	301	40	350
Clinton.....	2	6	5	5	4	27	182	209	12	60	
London.....	1	7	2	1	1	6		92	92	17	120
Dereham.....	1	5	2	3			13	69	82	10	50
Gray.....	2	3	4	6	1	4	6	75	81	5	25
Usborne.....	2	6	7	5	2	18	13	216	229	32	175
Orange, U. S.....	2	6	4	2	3	9		154	154	44	230
Palmyra.....	1	10	2	6	4	6		87	87	36	160
Lisbon.....	1			2			2	37	39	13	100
Little Prairie.....	1			5	4	19		47	47	7	60
Yorkville.....	1	15	4	6	3	10	2	178	180	57	263
Illinois.....	1			4		7		43	43	14	96
Charlotte Town, P. E. I.....	2	14	7	2	4	1	17	187	204	15	180
Vernon River and Montague.....	1		3	2	2			97	97	10	115
Murray Harbor and Three Rivers.....	1	1	3	5			1	120	121	8	130
Ebenezer.....	3	9	3	15	1		33	130	163	10	80
Grand River.....	1		1	3				22	22	3	40
Totals in Missions.....	41	132	85	121	45	191	171	3010	3181	472	2917
Grand Total.....	54	225	132	132	68	318	247	4774	5021	957	5509

## Q. 7.—What is the state of our christian experience ?

A.—A heavenly influence was delightfully realized while relating our Christian experience ; some spoke of conflicts and trials, others of afflictions and temptations, but all of peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—confidence in God—of resignation to his Divine will—and determination to live, suffer, and labour on until called from the conflicts and trials of the Lord's vineyard to the rest in Heaven.

Q. 8.—What is the state of our christian experience ?  
A.—Having presented a number of converts to Christ. Our increasing prospect is bright.

Q. 9.—How is the state of our christian experience ?  
A.—As follows:

- 1.—Cobourg
- 2.—Peterboro
- 3.—Dummer
- 4.—Huntingdon
- 5.—Hungerford
- 6.—Seymour
- 7.—Perrytown

8.—Bowmanville

9.—Hampton

10.—Oshawa

11.—Mariposa

12.—Pickering

13.—Prince Albert

14.—Fenelon

15.—Exeter

16.—Mitchell

17.—Clinton

18.—London

19.—Dereham

20.—Gray

21.—Orange

22.—Usborne

Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
273	273	101	505
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80	96	8	50
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133	133		
79	82	10	50
48	48	8	50
118	120	24	110
76	76	6	20
42	44		
61	107	21	70
47	51	12	41
300	301	40	350
182	209	12	60
92	92	17	120
69	82	10	50
75	81	5	25
216	229	32	175
154	154	44	230
87	87	36	160
37	39	13	100
47	47	7	60
178	180	57	263
43	43	14	96
187	204	15	180
97	97	10	115
120	121	8	130
130	163	10	80
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### Q. 8.—What is the Spiritual state of the Connexion?

A.—Having heard the reports of the Spiritual state of the several Districts, we rejoice that on some Stations many conversions have been witnessed during the year. To God be all the praise. Many of our Sabbath Schools never presented a more encouraging aspect than at present, several of the children have been converted, and promise fair to become useful members of the Church of Christ. Our Societies are dwelling "together in unity," and we trust are increasing in Spirituality of mind, and there are not wanting indications of increasing prosperity.

### Q. 9.—How are the Preachers Stationed?

A.—As follows:

#### I. COBOURG DISTRICT.

- 1.—*Cobourg*—Cephas Barker, John Thos. Sencabaugh, J. B. Tapp, Supernum'y.
- 2.—*Peterboro'*—David Cantlon.
- 3.—*Rummer*—J. Gale—Bro. Gale to spend every alternate Sabbath in Peterboro.
- 4.—*Huntingdon*—William Woodman.
- 5.—*H ngerford*—George Bodle, Mark Browning.
- 6.—*Seymour*—John Harris.
- 7.—*Perrytown*—Andrew Gordon.

Cephas Barker, Superintendent of the District.  
David Cantlon, Secretary ditto.

#### II. BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.

- 8.—*Bowmanville*—Henry Kenner, A. Clarke, P. Robins, Book Steward, J. H. Eynon, Superannuated.
- 9.—*Hampton*—Joseph Hoidge, Jesse Whitlock.
- 10.—*Oshawa*—Henry Ebbott.
- 11.—*Mariposa*—Thomas R. Hull, Henry James Colwell.
- 12.—*Pickering*—Henry James Nott, Henry Stevens, Supernumerary.
- 13.—*Prince Albert & Scott*—John Williams, T. R. Courtice, J. Hooper, Supernumerary, J. Langdon, Superannuated.
- 14.—*Fenelon*—George Dunkley.

Joseph Hoidge, Superintendent of the District.  
Henry Kenner, Secretary ditto.

#### III. EXETER DISTRICT.

- 15.—*Exeter*—Edward Roberts, Martin Mennear.
- 16.—*Mitchell*—William Roberts Roach, Richard Hicks.
- 17.—*Clinton*—Gerrance Tink Colwell, Michael Pett. Bro. Pett to reside in Colborne.
- 18.—*London*—William Hooper.
- 19.—*Dereham*—John Kinsey.
- 20.—*Gray*—Thomas Greene.
- 21.—*Orange*—John Pinch, William Lewis Wickett.
- 22.—*Usborne*—John Edwards, Charles James Pearse.

William Hooper, Superintendent of the District.  
Edward Roberts, Secretary ditto.

## IV. WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

- 23.—*Palmyra*—Robert Hurley.  
 24.—*Lisbon*—Walter Ayers.  
 25.—*Yorkville*—William Jolliffe, John Shortridge.  
 26.—*Little Prairie*—William Wade.  
 27.—*Illinois*—One wanted.  
 28.—*Rockland*—Samuel Jolliffe.

Robert Hurley, Superintendent of the District.  
 William Jolliffe, Secretary ditto.

## V. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

- 29.—*Charlotte Town*—John Chapple, one from England.  
 30.—*Ebenzer*—Isaac Ashley, Another, F. Metherall, Superannuated.  
 31.—*Vernon River & Montague*—James Joseph Rice.  
 32.—*Murray Harbour & Three Rivers*—John Watson Butcher.  
 33.—*Grand River*—William Partridge Hunt.

John Chapple, Superintendent of the District.  
 Isaac Ashley, Secretary ditto.

Q. 10.—Can anything be done to render our Sabbath Schools more efficient?

A.—Yes! We are deeply impressed with the growing importance of Sabbath School instruction, and believe that when efficiently conducted they are important auxiliaries to the Church in whose fostering care they ought more largely to participate. We cheerfully hail the Sabbath School Teachers as fellow-laborers in the Vineyard of our God, and suggest:—

1. That a Sabbath School Conference be held on every Station, at least once a year, when not only by the reciprocation of friendly greetings, but by the interchange of thoughts and feelings, and free conversation as to the various methods adopted in the several Schools, the general efficiency of the whole might be promoted.

2. That when practicable the Superintendent, or some one of the Teachers, should meet as many of the senior Scholars as may be willing to do so, once a week, for the purpose of religious instruction, encouraging a free conversation on Biblical and general religious subjects.

3. That the practice of giving short, pointed and earnest addresses at the close of the Sabbath School exercises be adopted; together with monthly prayer meetings, when special prayer should be offered for both teachers and children.

4. And we further and affectionately urge on our friends and fellow-laborers to seek in every practicable way to promote the salvation of the children committed to their care. "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Q. 11.—Can any improvement be made in examining Candidates for the Ministry who have fulfilled their term of probation?

A.—Yes! And we hereby appoint the President of the Conference, Brothers W. Hooper and J. Hoidge, a Committee to examine the young men to be received into full connexion next year, said examination to take place on the day preceding the assembling of the general Conference.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Res. 2.—That the following grants be made to the Mission Circuits:

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Huntingdon—	do	do	and 50 00
Stymour—	do	do	and 40 00
Perrytown—	do	do	and 80 00
Pickering—	do	do	and 40 00
Fenelon—	do	do	and 120 00

of the District.  
ditto.

Prince Albert  
and Scott— do do and 75 00

Oshawa— do do and 80 00

Mitchell—\$150 from their Missionary receipts.

Clinton—all they can raise and \$210 00

London—all they can raise.

Dereham— do do and \$40 00

Gray— do do and 200 00

Usborne— do do and 75 00

Orange— do do and 50 00

Palmyra— do do

Little Prairie— do

Lisbon— do and 50 00

Yorkville— do do

Grand River— do and 97 00

Murray Harbour do and 34 00

#### SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Whereas considerable inconvenience has arisen in connection with the supplementary grants asked for to meet the deficiency on Mission Circuits at the end of the year;—therefore we

**Resolve,**—That the grants to Mission Circuits are made with the understanding that they are equal to the covering of the deficiencies on all regular charges, and no additional grant shall be expected, except some unforeseen circumstance shall occur, in which case the accounts shall be forwarded to the Missionary Committee, and by them reported on to the Conference.

#### REPORT OF THE DEPUTATION TO THE MISSIONS IN THE U. S.

**Res. 14.**—That Bro. C. Barker's Report of his visit to the Missions in the United States be received; and we tender him our hearty thanks for the manner in which he has discharged the duties assigned him, and also for the suggestions he has offered in reference to the future working of those Stations.

#### JUBILEE EFFORT.

**Res. 23.**—That the Connexional Committee be authorized to make all the necessary arrangements for celebrating our Denominational Jubilee.

#### DIGEST.

**Res. 24.**—That as the Connexional Committee have not found time to complete the preparation of the Digest, we appoint a special Committee to finish it, and bring it through the Press; and hereby instruct them to have a number of

Circuits:

copies printed with a title page adapting them to the Missions in the United States.

### COURSE OF STUDY.

Res. 26.—That the course of study for Candidates for the Ministry be revised by the Connexional Committee, and published in the Digest.

### BOOK STEWARD'S REPORT.

Res. 28.—That the Book Steward's Report be received; and that thanks of this Conference are most cordially tendered to him for his untiring and successful efforts in giving so prosperous a start to our Book concern.

### CONTINGENT FUND.

Res. 41.—That we adopt the Report of the Secretary of the Contingent Fund, and are highly gratified to learn there is a balance in hand of \$1,343 43.

### PREACHERS' CHILDREN'S FUND.

Res. 45.—That having heard the Report of the Preachers' Children's Fund, we are pleased to find it in such a satisfactory state, there being a balance on hand of about \$700 00.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Res. 46.—In receiving the Annual Report of the Missionary Society, we have cause for thanksgiving to the God of Missions in the fact, that the word of truth has had, in a good degree, "free course" and been "glorified" in the conviction and conversion of sinners, and building up believers in their most holy faith. But we have to lament a large increase to our already heavy debt. The hard times through which we have been passing does in a measure account for this; still we are of the opinion that the real cause must be looked for somewhere else. We trust our friends will resolve, in the strength of Divine grace, to rise up in their united might, and during the present ecclesiastical year, place this fund free of debt.

### MISSIONARY DEBT.

Res. 49.—That in order to lessen the debt on the Missionary Society the following appropriations shall be made, viz: \$800 00 from the Contingent Fund, \$500 00 from the Preachers' Children's Fund, and \$332 33 from the Loan Fund. Total, \$1,632 23.

### ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

Res. 55.—That the address to the Societies be received, and adopted, and printed in our Minutes; and that the same be read by the Pastors to all the Societies under their charge.

### PREACHERS' FUND.

Res. 56.—In consideration of the many claims on the Preacher's Fund, and the deep interest and anxiety manifested by many of our friends as they see the growing infirmities of some of our Preachers, and the injurious effects that would ensue to the Connexion were they not fully provided for. Therefore we *Resolve*, that a collection be made in all our places of worship throughout the connexion once a year in behalf of said Fund.

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## BUILDING CHAPELS, &amp;c.

*Res. 57.*—Whereas several persons have involved themselves in difficulties in connexion with their building projects, we *Resolve*—That for the future our friends shall be expected to lay their plans and prospects before the Connexional Committee for advice; and provided any Chapel, School House, or Minister's residence be built without the consent of the Committee, the friends so proceeding to build without the consent of said Committee, shall not have any claims upon the Funds of the Conference.

## BOWMANVILLE CHAPEL.

*Res. 63.*—That Bro. Hurley's report be received, and the very cordial thanks of this Conference be tendered him, for the faithful, energetic, and successful manner in which he has discharged the very heavy and important duties devolving on him in Connection with Bowmanville Chapel.

## ANNUAL RETURNS.

*Res. 64.*—Whereas the business of this Conference has been considerably obstructed, owing to the fact that the returns required by the several Secretaries were not in many instances received until after the assembling of the Conference, *Resolved*, that no person's claims against any of the Connexional Funds, shall be received unless the account of said claims be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 25th May in each year. N. B. ~~res.~~ All returns required by the Missionary Secretary must be made on or before the 10th day of May in each year.

*Q.* Who are the Connexional, Missionary and Book Committees?

*A.* The President and Secretary of the Conference, P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, J. Hoidge, H. Kenner, D. Cantlon, J. Vanstone, S. Vanstone, and T. Clarke. J. H. Eynon, General Treasurer and Chapel Secretary; David Cantlon, Secretary of Missionary Committee; H. Kenner, Secretary of Connexional Committee; W. Woodman, Secretary of Contingent, Children's, Preachers', and Loan Funds; Henry Ebbott, Secretary of Jubilee Fund; Paul Robins, Book Steward.

The Superintendents and Representatives of Districts are members of the Annual Meeting of the Connexional, Missionary, and Book Committees.

*Q.* Who are the Stationing Committee?

*A.* The President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendents and Representatives of Districts, P. Robins, and the Secretary of the Missionary Society.

*Q.* Who are the Auditors of the several Funds?

*A.* J. H. Eynon and Henry Elliott, Junr.

*Q.* The Connexional Committee to meet in Bowmanville on Wednesday, August 30th, Wednesday, November 29th, 1865, and Wednesday, February 21st, 1866, at 8 o'clock, a. m.

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

*A.* At Oshawa, the first Thursday in June, 1866, at 8 o'clock, a. m.

*Q.* The District Meetings to be held at Dummer, Tyrone, and London, the third Wednesday, and at Yorkville, the second Wednesday in May, 1866.

*Q.* Committees preparatory to the next Conference to meet as follows:—

1. The Connexional, Missionary, and Book Committees on Tuesday, June 5th, at 8 o'clock, a. m.
2. The Examining Committee on Wednesday, June 6, at 8 o'clock, a. m.
3. The Stationing Committee the same day, at 2, p. m.
4. The Auditors to meet the same day, at 10 a. m.

*Res. 65.*—That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the friends in Bowmanville for the kind manner in which they have received, and ministered to the wants of the members thereof during our sittings.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

CEPHAS BARKER, *President.*

WILLIAM R. ROACH, *Secretary.*

### ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

**DEARLY BELOVED:**—The year of Jubilee is come. Who, we ask, among the founders of our much loved denomination in the year 1815, thought that in this year of Grace, 1865, the members of a Conference convened in Canada, by virtue of a Constitution given it by the Parent Society, would address the members within its proper jurisdiction,—a jurisdiction extending from Lake Superior to Prince Edward Island. Yet such is the fact in which we this day rejoice. We are spread into bands.

From our present vantage ground we are permitted to take a hasty retrospect. What a rush of reminiscences crowd upon us glistening with facts connected with hallowed scenes, oppressively grand, causing us to cover our faces, bow our heads, and falling before the Divine Majesty, exclaim, "The Lord alone hath done it."

The Denomination was cradled amidst scenes of rustic ignorance,—in childhood and youth exposed to relentless hate and pitiless persecution; contemned by the rich and the wise, judged by the rulers not fit to live, its speedy death was the oft-repeated prediction of men, who knew not what they said, nor whereof they affirmed. The common people heard all these things and pondered them in their hearts. But God was with our fathers, blessing them, and making them a blessing.—Instance the record of their toils and success in Cornwall and Devon; Somerset, Gloucester and Wales, Middlesex, Kent, and Sussex, Surrey, and Hunt, the Isle of Wight, the Norman and the Scilly Islands, where our fathers went preaching and teaching Jesus Christ to portions of the population, respecting whom it is true to say, no man cared their souls to save. Many of you can recollect the feebleness of the Society's beginnings. You have watched its growth, wept in its sorrows, and rejoiced in its successes; and now in the celebration of its 50th year adoringly say, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake." When we think of the untrained intellect of the majority of the early preachers, the sparse and comparatively speaking poverty-stricken circumstances of the population to

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The denomination had only attained to its 16th year when our Fathers, in response to the Macedonian cry heard from this side of the Atlantic, sent forth two Agents—one to this province, the other to P. E. Island. The fathers of our Missions in British North America, the brethren Metherall and Eynon, are alive to-day. Adore the Lord.

The year of Jubilee is come, and we are permitted to review the work on this side the water. Looking back over the labor of the last 34 years, thinking of all the difficulties of travelling, difficulties of living, difficulties in everything, difficulties only known to those who act as pioneers, we devoutly thank God that the men into whose labors we have entered, fainted not in the day of trial. We magnify the grace of God in them.

Seven years ago the missions in the United States were placed under the direction of this Conference, and during the past year, in harmony with resolutions passed last Conference, Prince Edward Island has been added to our responsibilities. This union will, we hope, be mutually beneficial. Our present returns show that we have 54 Missionaries; 225 Local Preachers; 4774 Members, and 247 on trial for Membership; 5509 Sabbath Scholars; 957 Teachers; 132 Chapels, and 132 other preaching places. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. But, beloved, we must take care, that in our jubilant review of the past we not lose sight of our present responsibilities—tremendous responsi-

ties. We begin the next half century with all the advantages of our present status and prestige. The position we occupy to-day differs materially from that occupied by our fathers 50 years ago: advantages of which, if we are true to ourselves, to the denomination, to God, we shall not be slow to avail ourselves. Let us put on the whole armour of God, quit ourselves like men and be strong; and may our Heavenly Father help us denominationally to demean ourselves worthy of our noble ancestry. Permit us further to address you as

1st, **CHRISTIANS.**—As Christians you have your own vineyard to keep, and be it remembered that no attention you may give to that of another will atone for the neglect of your own. In order to your steadfastness and growth in grace, we remind you that the private reading of the Scriptures, meditation and prayer, are necessities. No attendance upon public duties will do in place thereof. Search the Scriptures, continue in prayer, and watch thereunto with thanksgiving; keep yourselves in the love of God. And we entreat you not to allow yourselves to be drawn into any combinations or associations, the spirit and practice of which may lead you as a sequence even in appearance into complicity with evil, placing yourselves in a position where not only your good may be evil spoken of, but your very presence pleaded in justification of conduct opposed to the law of love and good morals. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. If you are the head of a family, next to your personal culture the claims of your family are imperative. Their weal or woe greatly depends on the right discharge of your parental duties. It is for you to gather your children and domestics around the family altar, and it is for you to instruct them in the things of God. Aim to make their home more interesting than the home of strangers; keep a good supply of standard literature, (which can always be had at your own Book Room,) not simply to be looked at, but to be read. Let good periodicals, such as Magazines, and respectably conducted Newspapers, be always accessible; afford every facility in your power for the attainment of knowledge fit for them to know; and by cheerful piety, example and precept combined, lead them to the cross, and keep them there. And we suggest that you endeavor so to arrange your domestic affairs that the fewest possible number may be kept from the means of grace. Let the government of your household be mild but firm, remembering that if you will succeed love must do it. To the Church of which you are a member how much do you owe? How much will you help it to advantage by its present advanced position? A little attention will convince you that we have advanced too far to retreat. We must advance still farther, as lay down our arms, retreat is impossible. If we were to ask you which of the two we are to do, we know your answer. Yes, as with the noise of many waters it would roll in from every station within the bounds of the Conference, FORWARD! Push the battle to the gate. Now that this may be done, Men of Israel help! We are anxious to impress you with the fact, that if the Church is to exert her proper influence on the world, then in the individuality of her membership must she arise and put on strength. Let each member, male and female, propose the enquiry, What am I doing to promote the extension of the Redeemer's empire? And observe it is not enough to be able to refer to liberal contributions, to systematic attendance upon the means of grace, and a regular discharge of what are known as family duties; but what am I doing to bring sinners to Christ? Have I succeeded during the past year in leading one lost soul to

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Jesus? Have I made the attempt and failed? Why that failure? Your plea of inability is inadmissible; nor can it be supposed that there is no work for you to do. What! a Christian and no work! For very consistency's sake drop the name, or find something to do. A Christian and no work! For this cause many are weak and sickly among you. We beseech you, dearly beloved, by the dying of the Lord Jesus, not to allow this appeal to pass unheeded, but do listen to your Lord's command, "Go work in my Vineyard," and "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." We call the attention of our fellow laborers—the Sabbath School Teachers—to the resolution passed in reference to their work.

The year of Jubilee is come, and we are anxious to celebrate the event in a fitting manner, and in some tangible way display the love and gratitude we feel. There are fields of labor inviting our efforts, and schemes of usefulness commending themselves to the piety and judgement of many friends; but in the present state of our Funds we are compelled to sigh over the fact of our inability to do more than we are doing now. Beloved, this must not continue: we are resolved to make a general appeal for such an increase to the Jubilee Fund as will place us in a position to enter those fields, and launch such schemes as best command our approval, without the incubus of a debt on the Connexional Funds; and we are confident that you, our dear people, who have done so well in so many things, will abound in this grace also. We desire that we may not be made ashamed of this our confident boasting, but rather that it may be said of you, They *did* it with all their heart and prospered. This matter will be fully explained to you by our brethren who will kindly consent to visit you for that purpose.

2nd, As CITIZENS:—You have duties from which your profession of discipleship to Christ does not discharge you. We exhort you in every legitimate way to qualify yourselves for the discharge of the varied duties you owe the commonwealth. As christian citizens you are happily saved the discussion of many vexed questions which continue to disquiet the mother country, as well as of others which have long agitated as in a seething pot our kinsmen of the "United States." Nevertheless there are questions of domestic policy every now and again coming before the public mind claiming a decision, in which you have a voice; endeavor to get a broad, patriotic, christian view of all such questions, then take your course in the fear of God, cultivating christian charity toward all from whom you may differ in opinion. Rendering "unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Without committing ourselves to any particular opinion as to the proximate cause of the sanguinary struggle which for four years desolated the hearts and homes of our kinsmen of the United States, we only echo the sentiments and give expression to the spontaneous feelings of every right cultivated mind, when we rejoice at, and bless our God for its termination; and fervently pray that the terribly retributive ordeal through which that nation has passed may teach them wisdom, and that returning to habits of useful industry they may fear God and work righteousness. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without recording our deep and ever deepening conviction that the cultivation of the Military spirit is opposed to good morals, and antagonistic to the best interests of the people both for time and eternity. That an appeal to the arbitrament of the

word may be in harmony with a regime of barbarism, but in the very nature of things is subversive of the teachings of the New Testament Scriptures, and therefore to be discountenanced by all the followers of Him who is emphatically "The Prince of peace." And where is the heart, not a stranger to true philanthropy, but rejoices in the dawn of that day when that sum of all iniquities—that accumulation of all villainies, Slavery, shall be a thing of the past; when every man shall feel it to be among his highest honors to stand before his fellow and assert his manhood, and to bow in humble adoration before God.

In accordance with the regulations of our admirable constitution, an equal number of Preachers and representatives were appointed to attend this Conference. Our business sessions have been characterized by a unanimity which has been reassuring and refreshing, forcibly reminding us of the language of the sweet singer of Israel, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We unfeignedly sympathise with those of you who, through the failure of last year's crops, have been called to suffer privations not a few; and hope that you have found in the midst thereof that grace has been given to help in your time of need. In the present prospect of an abundant harvest we joy in your rejoicing. Our public services have been times of refreshing, coming from the presence of the Lord, making our hearts glad. By reference to the Minutes of our proceedings you will learn that notwithstanding the ingatherings on some stations, owing to an unusually large number of removals, and in some instances a stricter exercise of discipline, there would have been a small decrease in our numbers but for the returns from Prince Edward Island. The funds of the Missionary department are not in a satisfactory condition, and we trust you will see the necessity of doing what you can to relieve the committee from their present difficulties. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Brethren, our hearts desire and prayer to God for you and yours is that you all may be saved; and that this our earnest desire may be realized, we entreat you pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and we pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. Amen.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

CEPHAS BARKER, *President*.

WILLIAM R. ROACH, *Secretary*.

#### ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In this, the Jubilee year of our Zion, it affords us more than ordinary pleasure to address you from this for us unprecedentedly large Conference. Cold indeed must be the heart, not made glad by a review of all the way the Lord hath brought us these last fifty years. During our present sitting, we have had a Jubilee sermon from the President, and also a

public meeting, celebration of our J. Ker's visit to Enniskerry, God he afforded us much a course been provided stations connect the cause of Christianity provoked to emotion have been serious Ham are quite of the past year gatherings have and other cause Edward Island position is far from long drought of than half the deepest distress sent there is a are brightening sequence of the country has been and hail with blood may be result thereof, spoken of with ratified the act Island, and as common cause Missions in together with the by the Conference and cannot, we know we d prayers; and baptism of the of the denomination from our Lord

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public meeting, addressed by several of the Brethren, on topics fitting the celebration of our Jubilee: and as you have kindly consented to forego Bro. Barker's visit to England this summer, we have resolved to exert ourselves in this matter, God helping us, in a manner befitting the occasion. It would have afforded us much pleasure to have been represented in your Conference, had such a course been practicable, viewed in connection with the claims of the several stations connected with this Conference. In reading of your successful efforts in the cause of Christ, we are not only greatly cheered and filled with gratitude, but provoked to emulate your example. During the past year, several of the brethren have been seriously afflicted; chiefly Bronchial affections. Bros. Stephens and Ham are quite laid aside; the former, it is feared, to toil no more.\* The prosperity of the past year has not been equal to our expectations. Considerable ingatherings have been witnessed on some of the stations, yet owing to removals, and other causes, the returns in the aggregate, but for the addition of Prince Edward Island, would show a small decrease in our numbers. Our financial position is far from satisfactory, but when it is remembered that, owing to the long drought of last summer, the labor of the husbandman was rewarded with less than half the expected fruit, and that this was the third year in succession of similar failures;—knowing as we do, that vast numbers have experienced the deepest distress, the marvel is, that our financial position is no worse. At present there is a pleasing prospect of an abundant harvest; consequently our hopes are brightening. Our friends in the United States have suffered greatly in consequence of the failure of crops, and the sanguinary strife through which that country has been called to pass. We rejoice in the termination of the fiery ordeal, and hail with delight the return of peace, and devoutly pray that this baptism of blood may be sanctified to their present and eternal good. And if, as one great result thereof, American slavery shall become a thing of the past, only to be spoken of with a blush, where is the heart that will not rejoice? We have ratified the action of our connexional committee in reference to Prince Edward Island, and are hopeful that the union will be promotive of the good of our common cause. The Report of the Deputation from the last Conference to our Missions in the United States, was of a very encouraging character; which, together with the suggestion thrown out by the deputation, was thankfully received by the Conference. Our present Conference has been one of unbroken harmony, and cannot, we think, fail to be a great blessing to the Connexion. Both Preachers and Representatives return to their homes buoyant with hope. Sharing, as we know we do, in your warm affections, we seek a continued interest in your prayers; and earnestly desire for you, at your approaching Conference, such a baptism of the Holy Spirit as shall render it the most memorable in the history of the denomination. Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference.

CEPHAS BARKER, *President.*

WILLIAM R. ROACH, *Secretary.*

\*Brother Stephens has since died,—he fell asleep on the 21st of June.

## ALPHABETICAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ITINERANT PREACHERS.

PREACHER'S NAME:	When taken out.	Where Stationed.	No. of years on present station.
Ashley, Isaac.....	1856	Ebenezer, P. E. I.	2
Ayres, Walter.....	1863	Lisbon, U. S.	1
Barker, Cephas.....	1838	Cobourg	1
Bodle, George.....	1856	Hungerford	1
Browning, Mark.....	1864	Hungerford	1
Bu'cher, John Watson.....	1843	Murray Harbor, P. E. I.	2
Canton, David.....	1855	Peterboro	1
Chapple, John.....	1834	Charlotte Town, P. E. I.	1
Clarke, Archibald.....	1860	Bowmanville.	3
Colwell, Garrence Tink.....	1852	Cinton	2
Colwell, Henry James.....	1859	Mariposa.	2
Courtice, Richard Thomas.....	1865	Prince Albert & Scott	1
Dunkley, George.....	1862	Fehelon	1
Ebbott, Henry.....	1841	Oshawa	2
Edwards, John.....	1831	Usborne	2
Eynon, John Hicks.....	1826	Superannuated	6
Gale, Jacob.....	1843	Dummer	2
Gordon, Andrew.....	1856	Perry Town	1
Green, Thomas.....	1829	Gray	3
Ham, Henry.....	1861	Supernumerary	1
Harris, John.....	1863	Seymour	1
Hayeraft, George.....	1841	Superannuated	3
Hicks, Richard.....	1863	Mitchell	2
Hoidge, Joseph.....	1841	Hampton	1
Hooper, John.....	1855	Supernumerary	1
Hooper, William.....	1840	London	3
Hull, Thomas Raynard.....	1855	Mariposa	1
Hunt, William Partridge.....	1862	Grand River, P. E. I.	1
Hurley, Robert.....	1834	Palmyra U. S.	1
Jolliffe, William.....	1858	Yorkville, U. S.	4
Jolliffe, Samuel.....	1862	Rockland, U. S.	2
Kenner, Henry.....	1855	Bowmanville	3
Kinsey, John.....	1862	Dereham	2
Langdon, John.....	1825	Superannuated	19
Mennear, Martin.....	1864	Exeter	1
Morris, Abraham.....	1827	Superannuated	5
Nott, Henry James.....	1859	Pickering	1
Pearse, Charles James.....	1864	Usborne	1
Pett, Michael.....	1862	Clinton	1
Pineb, John.....	1851	Orange, U. S.	1
Rice, James Joseph.....	1863	Vernon River, P. E. I.	3
Roach, William Robert.....	1852	Mitchell	1
Roberts, Edward.....	1858	Exeter	3
Robins, Paul.....	1823	Book Steward	2

## ALPHABETICAL

Sancabaugh, Jo  
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Dummer.—M  
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Hungerford.—  
Seymour.—M  
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Bowmanville.

P. O.; Mr.  
Hampton.—M  
Oshawa.—M  
Mariposa.—M  
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Stevens, Henry.....	1851 Supernumerary.....	2
Tapp, John Brown.....	1829 Supernumerary.....	1
Wade, William.....	1863 Little Prairie, U. S.....	1
Whitlock, Jesse.....	1848 Hampton.....	1
Wickett, William Lewis.....	1864 Orange, U. S.....	1
Williams, John.....	1836 Prince Albert & Scott.....	1
Woodman, William.....	1851 Huntingdon.....	2

*Cobourg*.—Mr. C. Barker, *Cobourg P. O.*; Mr. J. T. Sencabaugh, *Port Hope P. O.*; Mr. J. B. Tapp, *Port Hope P. O.*  
*Peterboro*.—Mr. D. Cantlon, *Peterboro P. O.*  
*Dummer*.—Mr. J. Gale, *Warsaw P. O.*  
*Huntingdon*.—Mr. W. Woodman, *Ivanhoe P. O.*  
*Hungerford*.—Mr. G. Bodle, *Tweed P. O.*; Mr. Mark Browning, *Tweed P. O.*  
*Seymour*.—Mr. J. Harris, *Campbellford P. O.*  
*Perrytown*.—Mr. A. Gordon, *Perrytown P. O.*  
*Bowmanville*.—Mr. Henry Kenner, *Bowmanville P. O.*; Mr. A. Clarke, *Orono P. O.*; Mr. P. Robins, *Bowmanville P. O.*; Mr. J. H. Eynon, *Tyrone P. O.*  
*Hampton*.—Mr. J. Hoidge, *Hampton P. O.*; Mr. J. Whitlock, *Columbus P. O.*  
*Oshawa*.—Mr. H. Ebbott, *Oshawa P. O.*  
*Mariposa*.—Mr. T. R. Hull, *Little Britain P. O.*; Mr. H. J. Colwell, *Manilla P. O.*  
*Pickering*.—Mr. H. J. Nott, *Duffin's Creek P. O.*  
*Prince Albert & Scott*.—Mr. J. Williams, *Reach P. O.*  
*Fenelon*.—Mr. G. Dunkley, *Fenelon Falls, P. O.*  
*Exeter*.—Mr. E. Roberts, and Mr. M. Mennear, *Exeter P. O.*  
*Mitchell*.—Mr. W. R. Roach, *Mitchell P. O.*  
*Clinton*.—Mr. G. T. Colwell, *Clinton P. O.*  
*London*.—Mr. W. Hooper, *London P. O.*  
*Dereham*.—Mr. J. Kinsey, *Dereham P. O.*  
*Usborne*.—Mr. J. Edwards, Mr. C. J. Pearce, *Winchelsea P. O.*  
 UNITED STATES: *Orange*.—Mr. J. Pinch, *Cleveland, U. S.*; Mr. W. L. Wick-  
 ett, *Chagrin Falls, U. S.*  
*Palmyra*.—Mr. R. Hurley, *Palmyra, Jefferson Co., Wis., U. S.*  
*Watson*.—Mr. W. Ayers, *Sussex, Waukesha Co., Wis., U. S.*  
*Yorkville*.—Mr. W. Jolliffe, *Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis., U. S.*  
*Little Prairie*.—Mr. W. Wade, *Little Prairie, Walworth Co., Wis., U. S.*  
*Rockland*.—Mr. S. Jolliffe, *Rockland, Ontonagon Co., Mich., U. S.*  
 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: *Charlotte Town*.—Mr. J. Chapple, *Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island.*  
*Wenezer*.—Mr. J. Ashley, *Kinley's P. O., Lot 7.*  
*Vernon River*.—Mr. J. J. Rice, *Vernon River P. O.*  
*Murray Harbor*.—Mr. J. W. Butcher, *Murray Harbor, South.*  
*Grand River*.—Mr. W. P. Hunt, *Wise's P. O., Dundas.*

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1851 Colburn, John Thomas  
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