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GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF  
The Methodist Church,

HELD SEPTEMBER 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1886,

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the REV. THOMAS GRIFFITH, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary; and the REV.  
JOHN BREDIN, Journal Secretary, be a Committee to prepare and  
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# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

## OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE.

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## FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 1, 1886.*

THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE of the METHODIST CHURCH met, pursuant to the resolution of the General Conference of 1883 and the call of the General Superintendents, in the Metropolitan Church, in the City of Toronto, on the first day of September, 1886, at nine o'clock a.m.

The Rev. A. Carman, D.D., presided during the morning session.

The Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., read the 103rd Psalm. Dr. Carman announced the 109th Hymn, after the singing of which the Rev. William Williams and the Rev. James Curts led in prayer. The Rev. Dr. Williams then read a second Scripture lesson, another hymn was sung, and the Rev. George Boyd and His Honor Judge Jones led in prayer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dewart, the Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, B.D., Secretary of the late General Conference, was appointed Secretary *pro tempore.*

On motion of the Rev. E. Roberts, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, it was

*Resolved*,—"That the list of members of Conference, as prepared by the Secretary of the late General Conference from the certified

lists forwarded by the Presidents and Secretaries of the Annual Conferences, be now read by him, and that the reading thereof be taken as a certificate of membership, unless objection be taken thereto."

Thereupon the roll was called, and two hundred and twenty delegates answered to their names.

Exception was taken by the Rev. Geo. Webber to the membership of the Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D., as delegate from the Bay of Quinte Conference.

The case was deferred for consideration until after the organization of the Conference.

The case of the right of a reserve delegate from the Manitoba Conference was also deferred.

On ballot for Secretary, the Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., was elected.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved that the Secretary be permitted to nominate his own assistants.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. John Learoyd, that the Conference proceed to the election of another Secretary by ballot.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion was carried.

The Secretary requested time for consideration.

It was moved by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Potts, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Conference meet in the morning at 9.30, adjourn at 12.30; meet in the afternoon at 2.30, adjourn at 5.30; and meet in the evening at 7.30, and adjourn at 10, except when otherwise ordered."

It was moved by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Address of the General Superintendents to the Conference be delivered this afternoon immediately after the reading of the Minutes of the General Conference Special Committee."

It was moved by the Rev. Hugh Johnston, seconded, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Rules of Order for this General Conference be those of the last General Conference, as printed in the Discipline, until altered or amended."

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson,

"That a Nominating Committee be appointed, consisting of two ministers and two laymen from each Annual Conference delegation."

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It was moved in amendment by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland,  
"That the Nominating Committee consist of one minister and  
one layman from each Annual Conference delegation."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. J. J.  
Maclaren, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Dewart,  
"That the Nominating Committee be constituted as follows:  
one minister and one layman chosen by the delegation of each of  
the following Conferences—Manitoba, New Brunswick and Prince  
Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, and two ministers  
and two laymen from each of the following—Toronto, London,  
Niagara, Guelph, Bay of Quinte, and Montreal."

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Sanderson, seconded by Mr.  
David Plewes, and  
*Resolved*,—"That each Annual Conference delegation meet at  
the call of its President at the close of the morning service to elect  
its proportion of members on the Nominating Committee."

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Stone, seconded, and  
*Resolved*,—"That the bar of the Conference be fixed at the  
fourth single pillar from the pulpit."

At twelve o'clock, on motion, the Conference adjourned that  
the members of the Nominating Committee might be elected  
immediately.

The doxology was sung and the Rev. Dr. Williams pronounced  
the benediction.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 1.*

The Conference re-assembled at 2.30 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Carman  
presiding. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. William Herridge led  
in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read, amended, and  
confirmed.

On nomination of the Secretary, J. R. Inch, LL.D., was appointed  
Assistant Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. John F. German, President of the  
Toronto Conference, the roll of the General Conference was  
amended by the insertion of the name of J. N. Lake, Esq., as a  
reserve lay delegate, in place of the name of T. Parkinson, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson read the Minutes of the General Con-  
ference Special Committee.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and seconded,  
"That this Conference approves of the action of the Special

Committee at its meeting held on the 18th of December, 1884, in reference to the relief of embarrassed trusts."

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. I. B. Aylesworth, seconded by the Rev. LeRoy Hooker,

"That a copy of the Minutes of the General Conference Special Committee be filed among the papers of this Conference."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. Dr. Pickard, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,

"That the Special Committee's Report be referred to a special committee of seven, to be nominated by the General Superintendents, to consider how the Report should be dealt with by this Conference."

The Rev. Dr. Parker offered the following substitute, seconded by His Honor Judge Dean:

"That the Minutes of the several sessions of the General Conference Special Committee be considered consecutively, and acted upon."

The Rev. S. Bond moved in amendment to the substitute,

"That this Report of the Special Committee of the General Conference of 1883, as now read, be referred to a special committee to be nominated by the Nominating Committee."

The question was first taken on Mr. Bond's amendment, which was lost.

The substitute of the Rev. Dr. Parker was then adopted.

The consideration of the Minutes was deferred by laying on the table. In pursuance of the order of the day the Rev. Dr. Carman then delivered the following Address of the General Superintendents:—

*To the Ministerial and Lay Delegates of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Conference Assembled:*

RESPECTED AND BELOVED BRETHREN,—With gratitude and with thanksgiving to God for the infinite goodness and love manifested to us as a Church and as individuals; with a sense of our dependence and need; with a humble trust in our Heavenly Father, and fervent united prayer to Him for His guidance and aid; with joy in this fellowship of the brethren in the Church of Christ and in the work of the Lord; and in abounding joy in the fellowship with the Father and the Son by the ever blessed Holy Spirit, are we gathered with one accord in this place that we may learn the will of our Heavenly Father, especially concerning His Church as committed to our care, in the discharge of the solemn duties of this Conference; and may faithfully do that will in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. How important is this meeting! How dreadful is this place! Here let

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there be from day to day the sincere communion of devout souls with our God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; here let there be from hour to hour, to all of us, the very house of God, the very gate of Heaven! Oh, that the Spirit of God come down upon us now in the fulness of the grace in Jesus Christ; that He unite our hearts in the love of God and love one for another; in the faith and truth of God, and in fidelity to the Church of God and the Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Oh, that He descend and crown us now with fire! We are not here of our own mission or direction; we are not here to promote mere worldly or local interests, or to secure personal ends or private aims; we are not here to gratify the spirit of controversy, the pride of opinion, or love of debate; we are not here to obtain the prevalence of, it may be, cherished schemes, wishes and views. But we are here, appointed of the Church and authorized of Heaven, obligated by our relations as Christian men, and vows as Christian ministers, who shall all appear at the judgment seat of Christ, submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of God, in honor preferring one another, to watch over and guard the interests of the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood; to seek its edification in pure doctrine and holy discipleship, and its extension in the spirit and power of holiness among all peoples and in all lands, that the salvation of our God be mighty, and clearly demonstrated in ourselves and our people, and go speedily and triumphantly to the ends of the earth. We are here to establish, maintain, improve and foster all institutions by which our Church shall be less hindered and more successful in her work. We are here to direct as to the laws, offices and authorities of the Church, for all pure and purifying discipline, and all righteous, vigorous and effective administration. We are here to maintain or modify customs and usages, not as may pander to the world or its spirit, but as may honor God and help in the salvation of men. We are here to uphold and defend scriptural, cherished, and time-tested, time-honored principles of polity and government, and yet, in harmony with those principles, to adapt all economies and polities to the well ordering of the affairs of the Church, the evident and proper demands of the time, and the right and efficient use of money, means and agencies in the work of God. We are here to appoint men to places of honor, trust and power among their brethren. We are here to exercise, without fear, favor or affection, the highest privilege of intelligent, conscientious men, and to cast the vote which, in the eyes of Jesus Christ, our enthroned Prince and Mediator, is unquestionably the most precious ballot deposited amid the suffrages of free, religious and responsible men, citizens of the Kingdom of God. Even if this brief enumeration include all, how great, how arduous, how momentous are the duties of this Conference! Surely we have not come to gratify curiosity, to have a ride to Toronto, to stay for an hour or run away in a day.

The men that have accepted appointment by their brethren to this General Conference have accepted an honor and a dignity, to be sure; but they have accepted as well a weighty responsibility and a solemn trust, and they should not feel themselves at liberty to trifle for one minute with the interests committed by God and His Church to their hands, or turn easily aside from the business that here occupies them to worldly cares and studies, or consume holy, precious time in needless harangues and heartlessly protracted discussions, or go away from the Conference and from their weighty, sacred obligations in the Committee Room and on the floor, except upon the plainest justification and heartiest approbation and consent of the brethren sharing with them these responsibilities. If we are not going to find a sense and proof of Christian honor and obligation in a body like this, where are we to look for it? But, brethren, we are persuaded better things of you, and of you all, though we thus speak. You have not left it to this hour to prepare for this work. We are persuaded that you all have come up to this Conference with much thought and study and prayer, and that we all are fully aware of our own insufficiency without divine aid; all are deeply impressed with a sense of duty, and amid the diverse and conflicting opinions that must arise, extremely anxious to reach the best solutions, decisions, and results; and we are wholly purposed in our hearts to ask aright of God the gift of His Holy Spirit, that all our work in this Conference may be begun, continued, and ended in Him, to the good of His people and the praise of His glory. In utter self-renunciation, in leaving ourselves entirely in the hands of God, in entire consecration and faith, we shall seek to walk in the light and feel the cleansing blood applied. We shall be able to plead the exceeding great and precious promises to the Church of God. Our personal and individual experience and attainment have very much to do with our collective and corporate wisdom, vigor, courage, and success. If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God, and whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. Our last General Conference, which was the first General Conference of this Methodist Church, was in session in the City of Belleville this month three years ago, viz., in September, 1883; but the General Conference passed an interpreting clause to the effect that the words "four years"—the statutory "four years" of the Basis and Discipline—"shall be understood as meaning the term from one regular General Conference to another." Then the General Conference distinctly ordered "that the next General Conference of the Methodist Church be convened in the Metropolitan Church, City of Toronto, on the first Wednesday in September, 1886." In pursuance of which order we are now assembled. Since the General Conference of 1883 one of the General Superintendents then elected, the Rev. Samuel

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Dwight Rice, D.D., has died. In ripeness of years, in full vigor of his powers, beloved of the brethren and revered and honored of the Church, he closed his noble and useful life at his residence in the city of Toronto, on the 15th day of December, 1884. Having earnestly labored for the union of the Methodist Churches of this country, filled with joy and fired with zeal at the prospect to his vision before the united Church, he longed for more years of labor and sacrifice in the Church of his love. He beheld grand opportunities that his ardent, courageous soul was eager to seize; wherefore, while passing away in the peace and holy triumph of Christian faith, he was slow to accept the conviction that it was indeed the will of God his work on earth was done. In his death the Church militant has undoubtedly lost a heroic leader of her enterprises, a firm advocate of her principles, a faithful defender and expounder of her doctrines, and a fearless and conscientious administrator of her Discipline. This Conference will likely direct and conduct a religious service the better to perpetuate among us his precious memory, and the more deeply to impress upon our minds and hearts the lessons of his faithful service, useful life, and peaceful death.

On the decease of the Rev. Dr. Rice, who had been elected to the General Superintendency for the full term of eight years, the Special Committee of the General Conference was called to consider the new and unexpected circumstances into which, in the providence of God, the Church had been brought, and to make what provision it might deem necessary to guard the interests of the Church in the premises, and promote the measures and enactments of the General Conference. As the report of the General Conference Special Committee will show, that committee on the 15th day of December, 1884, appointed the Rev. John A. Williams, Doctor of Divinity, to be General Superintendent of the Methodist Church—*ad interim*—in the room and place of the Rev. Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D., deceased. The General Conference Special Committee, having decided that it was expedient and important to fill the vacancy in the General Superintendency caused by the death of Dr. Rice, ascertained that it had power either to call a Special General Conference with relation to the matter, or possibly, from the general terms in which its own powers are given in the Discipline, to proceed itself with the election. In view of the expense and trouble incident to a call of the General Conference, the recent session of that body in 1883, and the proximity of the next session in 1886, it decided upon the latter alternative, and proceeded itself to elect and appoint. Besides the Report of the General Conference Special Committee, and the usual Reports of the Connexional Boards and Standing Committees and Printing and Publishing Interests, Missions, Schools and Colleges, Sabbath-school Work, and Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds, and of the Annual Conference.

Presidents on the Statistics of the Conferences, there will be laid before the Conference Reports from Special Boards and Committees, as the Commission on the Children's Fund appointed by the last General Conference, the Commission on University Consolidation, the Committee on the celebration of the Centennial of American Methodism, and possibly of other committees, officers, deputations, or delegates appointed to specific work, and from which it would contribute to the interests of the Church for the General Conference to have reports of work done. To expedite business we think it well to have all reports brought in at once, and referred to their respective committees provided by this body, that these committees may report their proposed legislation to this Conference at the earliest practicable date. There will be a Report from the Court of Appeal. During the Quadrennium there have been but two cases calling for the action of said Court; but as the Court could be convened only at great trouble and expense, the General Superintendents made efforts to have the matters at issue arranged till this General Conference. A meeting of the Court is called for an early day in this session of the General Conference, and its report will come duly to this body. It appears to us that all the requirements supposed to be met by the Court of Appeal would be fully met without much trouble or expense, if some competent authority, as the Board of General Superintendents, were invested with power to decide law questions that arise during the Quadrennium, with obligation to record such decisions, and subject to review at the succeeding General Conference. We are convinced also that it would contribute very much to the uniformity of the administration of our Discipline in the Annual Conferences and throughout the work, if the several Annual Conference Journals were brought under review at the General Conference, and questions of law and administration therein harmonized. We are further of the opinion that it would much facilitate the management of our various Church funds, and promote their efficiency, if it were an early instruction from this Conference to the heads of our various financial departments, with such aid as the Conference might give them, to confer at once, broadly and freely, on these very important interests, and report at an early day to this Conference such scheme or schemes to improve the condition, control, and management of our funds as the gathered experience of the past and the demands of the present and future may suggest. We deem it desirable not to have too many connexional claims or too few, lest, on the one hand, our energies be distracted or dissipated; or, on the other, inefficiently or disproportionately developed. The field of effort should be so distributed that the various enterprises and funds of the Church be rather helpful than harmful one to the other. One interest, however important, should not be urged to the prejudice or sacrifice of any other or all others. We do not think it desirable for

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Annual Conferences or District Meetings to assume or undertake the work that belongs to the General Conference and the connexional boards instituted by it; nor, on the other hand, do we think it desirable to load the central boards and offices with labors and duties that would be much more efficiently performed and discharged in the Annual Conferences and District Meetings. The nice adjustment of the connexional and local powers, functions, and responsibilities is a business of considerable difficulty and of immense moment. It cannot be done in an hour, or by men unpracticed in these affairs: wherefore our suggestion that experienced men have time to look into these matters, and give a deliverance on them to the General Conference. Whether by one board or several—one officer or several—let the General Conference, having due regard for efficiency and economy, provide, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to be led to the wisest, safest, and most effective decisions by the pious counsels of faithful men who have the best opportunities, in practice and experience, of forming a judgment in these matters. Of course, different committees of the General Conference will review the different funds and financial interests of the Church, and plan for their strength and efficiency; but what seems to us to be required is a judicious arrangement of departments and funds, and a harmony of action among them to the furtherance of the success of all. It would seem advisable that the General Conference should clearly and fully cover the ground of connexional funds, leaving to the Annual Conferences the largest liberty practicable in the administration of those funds; but by no means the liberty of instituting new or local funds, or handling the connexional funds out of harmony with their plain intent and the interests of the entire Church, as determined by this General Conference. Cases of difficulty unquestionably arise in the administration of connexional funds; under heavy pressure of distress or embarrassment strong and most natural and justifiable local sympathies would operate to increase the local relief, and perhaps sometimes at the expense of the common interest; but we have always to consider whether the highest, greatest and surest good is not obtained by working through the appointed agencies of the General Conference, and thus bringing the strong to the help of the weak, and making the Church in the remotest parts feel the living chord of sympathy, and the common bond of brotherly and affectionate unity. This surely, at all events, is a trust for the General Conference to guard. What funds we have let them be *funds in fact*, and administered with all energy, loyalty and connexional good faith. It begets a bad habit to neglect the regularly instituted funds, or to undertake to supplant or divert them by others. It is quite apparent that some re-arrangement is required, when Annual Conferences, because they have the power, virtually abolish the Children's Fund, and, with or without power, order collections to supplement the salaries of the

pastors and aid embarrassed trusts. Heavy drafts are made on the Mission Funds for purposes of rent and building, and the ordinary Conference Contingent Fund droops and dies. We think a Church and Parsonage Building Fund should be inaugurated, especially as on the one hand a donation of some twenty thousand dollars has been pledged to such a fund when opened, and on the other hand, heavy obligations have been assumed in connection with relief already afforded to embarrassed trusts. The bequests and invested funds should, of course, be kept sacred to the work of extension, as designed; but it seems to us that the relief needed by the trusts embarrassed by the late union of our Methodisms could be more readily secured in connection with such a living fund than in a dead drag for payment of debt. There would necessarily be a perfect understanding in this business, and a careful restriction of relief to cases dating not later than the transactions and occasion of the union, and more or less in connection with it. It would be better that the Mission Board make an annual grant to such a fund, than itself to continue the administration of rents and building subsidies; but likely the gifts of the people would control the distribution as required. As an alternative to sustentation schemes proposed, we submit the Annual Conference Contingent Collection might be made more effective, and afford the aid now asked for in a Sustentation Fund. It appears to us that if the Missionary Board confine its grants to direct grants to foreign and completely dependent missions, and to direct votes to the Annual Conferences, the bodies that receive the men and lay out the work, before the sessions of those Conferences, so affecting their arrangements for the year, these votes being made on the basis of the last year's income, that then the Central Board will have done all it can be expected to do in our mission work as a great bond of our connexionalism and equalizer of the amounts granted the Conferences; and that the Annual Conferences, by proper distribution of work and vigor in the Contingent Collections, should provide what would be the best sustentation fund for men on dependent fields. In this or some similar way, we venture to hope, there would be the best co-operation, development and adjustment of the connexional and sectional forces, the greatest freedom of action in the parts, and the greatest power at the centre.

In the legal and administrative aspects of our work, at least as much as in the financial, should there be a proper adjustment of the relations of the General and Annual Conferences, and of the lower councils and courts of the Church. There is a tendency to a confusion of idea, which leads to a confusion in action, because of many of the Annual Conferences in former years and regimes having been legislative, administrative and executive bodies; at the same time Parliaments to make laws, courts to try causes and render verdicts, and royal authority to execute the laws or grant pardons. But now this relation is somewhat changed. The Gen-

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eral Conference is the law-making body, and generally affixes the penalty for violation; the lower courts try, and acquit or condemn. But we do not think it is within the power of the lower courts to modify or set aside the law enacted by the General Conference, or to increase or diminish the specific penalty attached by the General Conference to conviction. We have seen Annual Conferences disposed to override or push aside General Conference rule. We have seen lower courts disposed to change the verdict affixed by the General Conference to plain conviction of crime; that is to say, declare the accused guilty, and yet say the General Conference penalty is not to be executed. We shall never reach vigor or uniformity of administration in this way. When discretionary power is allowed, discretionary it is. But this sentiment must prevail in all our Conferences and in all our courts, that the law of the General Conference must be respected and carried out. We are persuaded there is no desire or purpose to resist the authority of the General Conference, but that rather a healthful spirit of compliance with law and connexional unity and loyalty exists. But in the pressure of a seeming want often a greater wrong is done that the present necessity may be met. It is for this body so to arrange our law and administrative authority that there may be the greatest vigor in our discipline, the greatest freedom of action in all our courts consistent with the heartiest obedience to wise law.

Whatever we think of Home Rule, or of the various measures to secure it, we agree positively and heartily and continually on the unity of the Empire and the supremacy of the Crown and Imperial Parliament. And whatever we think of local power or individual rights and claims, we agree positively and heartily and continually in the unity of the Methodist Church and the supremacy of its General Conference. And we are here assembled in solemn meeting before God to give the best effect we can to our faith, conviction and agreement in these matters.

A case has arisen in connection with the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference which has caused some anxiety and uneasiness, and which may require some action on the part of the General Conference. The circumstances are briefly these: A member of the Conference was under arrest, charges having been preferred against him impeaching his moral and religious character. The Conference, through the Disciplinary Court, was conducting an examination into the truth of the charges, when an interim order, issued at the suit of the defendant by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, stopped the proceedings of the court of trial and of the Conference; and the Conference is cited to show cause, at the Michaelmas Term of the Court, why a rule should not issue prohibiting the Conference, or the Committee, or any committee of the Conference, from proceeding further with the examination of the case. The question assumes a grave character, as it

touches the right of a voluntary Church to exercise jurisdiction over its members, according to its established canons, discipline, and usage, and its right to construe and enforce its own discipline. And the question is raised, whether a Church has a right to examine into the conduct and character of its own members without interference from the civil power. Estopped by the action of the Court from the further examination of the case, the Conference has adjourned its session till the decision of the Court is made known. The matter is therefore placed before the General Conference for their action, if action is needed.

In this connection also we would call attention to the legislation in New Brunswick as affecting the relation and tenure of property of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference. The New Brunswick statutes in this behalf differ somewhat from those passed by the Legislatures of the other Provinces at the time of the recent Union, and should pass under review in the General Conference.

As the year 1791 was the period when organic Methodism was introduced into the Province of Upper Canada—now Ontario—and shortly after into the Province of Quebec, the attention of the General Conference is called to the fact that the close of the next quadrennium will be the centenary year of the existence of Methodism in this Province, and to the consideration of such services as shall give character and prominence to so important a period of our history as a Church. The centennial year of British Methodism was marked by services and liberality worthy of the object. The same is true of the centennial year of Methodism in the United States. And no doubt that, with such direction as a competent committee would give to the piety and liberality of the Methodist Churches in the seven Western Conferences—the Eastern Conferences having celebrated their centenary in 1884—would render a centennial celebration of Methodism, which has done so much for our country, a joy and a success.

A case has arisen during the quadrennium involving the question of the relation of one Conference to another—namely, who has jurisdiction over a minister that has taken a transfer from one Conference to another, where offence has been committed, or when penalty has been adjudged, the conditions of which have not been met before such transfer was effected. We have advised that every minister is amenable to the Conference of which he is a member at the time the charges are preferred. No provision is made for such cases in the statute law of the Church, and as it is a question that may arise at any time we deem it wise in the interests of the Church, for the promotion of peace and harmony between the Conferences and the different sections of the Church, that the General Conference should legislate on this subject; also on the question of the Court of Appeal. The present arrangement of a

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Court of Appeal on questions of law is difficult to work. Questions arise from time to time, often trivial in themselves, and appeals are instituted; to convene the Court of Appeal would entail a great loss of time and a great expense. We are hopeful that the General Conference in its wisdom may be able to provide a way of meeting cases of appeal that arise in any of the Church courts more easy of application, and at the same time command the respect and confidence of the Church. It appears to us that, for the uniform administration of the Discipline, the authority of the General Conference should be given to all explanations of law, if it is to carry force, and to be applied to cases as they arise in the administration of the law of the Church. The rule of Discipline respecting the duties of the General Superintendents needs to be amended, so as more fully to define the functions of the office.

During the year 1885 the extreme parts of the work were visited by the General Superintendents and the Missionary Secretary. Dr. Carman spent some months in the Maritime Provinces and in Newfoundland. Dr. Williams visited the Manitoba Conference, and spent two months in various sections of the work between Emerson and Morley, at the foot-hills of the Rockies. Dr. Sutherland visited British Columbia and the various missions on the Fraser. We need hardly say these visits were much appreciated, both by ministers and people, and we trust the cause of Christ and of Methodism was greatly promoted. Certainly a more intelligent and practical knowledge of the needs of the different sections of the vast field of our occupancy was obtained.

We would call the attention of the General Conference to the fact, that owing to the large amount of legislation accomplished by the General Conference, 1883, and the limited time at its disposal, the book of Discipline will require an examination and revision to harmonize it with itself, and to render the administration more serviceable and satisfactory, especially in those parts of it relating to trustees, as the Discipline was formulated prior to the preparation of the model deed, and as, for some legal reason, the deed could not be made to conform to the enactment of the General Conference. We recommend the General Conference to take such action as will harmonize the section of the Discipline on trustees with the model deed. An appendix of emendations and changes in the phraseology of some parts of the Discipline accompanies this address, which is commended to the consideration of such committee as the Conference in its wisdom may appoint.

There come to this General Conference a sacred trust, a precious heritage and a glorious work. The union of the Methodisms of this Dominion and Newfoundland, consummated in 1883, has, in the good providence of God, been attended with at least a fair degree of success. The cautious among us had our fears, and the sanguine our hopes; but our God has been to us better than our fears, and

higher than our hopes. That there should have been no actual disruptions where there were so many opposing views and sentiments and so strong conflicting interests; that there should have been so many quiet coalescings, and so many hearty, brotherly and spiritual fellowships; that there should be a universal increase in the common interest, and a growing loyalty to the Church and attachment one to the other; that there should be reported in all the Annual Conferences of both years, since the legal consummation of the union, large additions to the membership of the Church, enlarged prosperity in all the institutions of the Church, growth in all the funds of the Church to which attention has really been given, and advancement in the knowledge and spiritual power of our ministry and people, and in the property of the Church and in its facilities and organizations for work, are to us occasions of abundant gratitude and devout thanksgiving to Almighty God. This one thought should possess us, in the language of the ancient prophet stirring the spirit of the founder of our Methodism, "What hath God wrought!" And surely we have no other purpose than to do what we can to cement the union, and render by the grace of God the work of three years ago fruitful and glorious. Whatever we may have thought of union then, it were cruel and sinful not to cultivate the unity of this Church now. Our Lord hath enriched us with so sweet and holy a baptism, that our hearts have been drawn together as we have labored and suffered together in the fellowship, privations and toil of the Gospel. We are feeling more and more as one family of God in Christ. And now certainly it behoves this General Conference to do *no* act that would damage, darken or disturb the growing, strengthening, brightening spirit of love and unity. It behoves this General Conference to study this spirit, to foster it in its legislation, to cultivate the growing confidence of our people in the willingness and determination that all have to abide by the fundamental principles of the solemn compact under which we were brought together. This union was secured by large and liberal mutual concessions, and only in the same spirit can the union be made vigorous and fruitful to our good and the glory of God. It were not amiss for this body to consider how in some cases friction has arisen and difficulties have occurred, and so far as the occasion of friction or difficulty has been in faulty legislation, to proceed at once to remove it. We must *always* study *unity*; we must *yet* study the *union*, and study, pray and labor to make it a blessing.

We render glory to God, we have not come together to review, modify or amend the doctrines of our Methodism. We have no new departures to make, no new theologies to seek, no rigid creeds to soften down, or slack beliefs to stiffen up. We are here to bring our legislation, institutions and operations up to the spirit that by the word and truth of God dwells in our doctrines. We believe in

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the terrible fall and guilt of man, the deep damnation and ruin of sin. We are here to invigorate Church activities, and with all the sympathy, energy, wisdom and courage of awakened souls, place our appliances and our people on the sure line of plucking men as brands from the burning. Our legislation, and our mind and work after our legislation, must keep this one thing in view. We must look at the cross of Christ when we exercise our high functions of making rules for the Church, and not make a rule that will deny or dishonor that sacrifice. We believe in genuine repentance, justification by faith alone, adoption into the family of God and the witness of the Spirit thereto, and in sanctification by faith, proven and maintained by its works through the Spirit; and our law-making must have an eye to our faith, not toning down our rules to please the world, but toning them up to please God. We believe the Gospel is for all nations, and it devolves on the Church to preach it to all nations; wherefore our rules, institutions and provisions must stimulate to a missionary consecration, and foster and fructify a missionary zeal. We believe a holy literature should be supplied the people, young and old, and that sanctified learning, the culture of the mind joined with the religion of the heart and the devotion of the soul, are great powers in the Church of Jesus Christ, and becoming greater and greater as the centuries roll on; so must we form our laws, guard and inspire our press, establish, multiply and maintain our colleges, that these subtle mighty forces of literature and learning shall bring their tribute of wealth and power into the kingdom of Him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, Him who is Lord of all. Our laws, institutes and rules shall be made to give effect to spiritual life and power. Spiritual life and power must not be cramped or diverted by laws and rules framed on considerations of prejudice, pride of opinion, or personal interest. Even the Sabbath was made for man; not man for the Sabbath.

We settle down upon the convictions (1) that authority, law, government, rule we must have; imperfect government is far better than none. (2) That government we must respect, and law we must obey. (3) That God hath put the higher and spiritual law in His word for the consciences of believers, and helps and governments in His Church for the seemliness and growth of the body of Christ. (4) That on this General Conference is the solemn duty and weighty responsibility of looking well to the wise and good government of the Methodist Church. We are confident our brethren, joyful in this opportunity, will address themselves to these important duties in the fear and love of God. Come together from Newfoundland, and from over the breadth of this continent, and even from Japan, that empire of the remotest East; and charged with duties and invested with powers touching the interests and welfare of diverse and numerous peoples now and for all time,

surely we will look up to God for help, and do our duty the best we can.

The statistics of this body reveal a grandeur of work and disclose an immensity of responsibility. As they come before the Conference from Annual Conference after Annual Conference, and department after department, it will become more and more apparent it is no trifling affair to sit a member of the General Conference of the leading Protestant Church of the Dominion. We certainly are not here to do other than rejoice in the prosperity of all Christian people; but certainly God requireth much at our hands to whom so much hath been given. Planted early in this land, and always associated with the struggles of this people for liberty, right, and knowledge, God hath given us an honorable place among them. It behoveth us to guard well the doctrines and continue faithfully the discipline and usages whereby religion, the religion of the Bible, hath been so promoted and strengthened in our hands. Faithful to our colleges and schools, they have helped. Faithful to our publishing interests, they have strengthened us. Faithful to our Sabbath-schools, they have multiplied and enlarged. Faithful to our itinerant ministry of the Word, and to our prayer, class and fellowship meetings, they have ennobled our sacrifices, deepened and broadened our piety, and extended our borders into distant lands. That is, in the proportion we have been faithful to them they have done these things. Is this a day to slacken our zeal, abate our diligence, let down our standards, abandon our positions, forsake our work and the ground of our success? Nay! we may only pray to be imbued more with the spirit of the fathers, and more earnestly, intelligently, and faithfully do the work God giveth us to do.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Lathern, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Address of the General Superintendents be referred to the Committee on General Superintendency to be appointed by the Conference, and that the said Committee indicate to what other committees particular parts of the Address shall subsequently be remitted for consideration and report."

The Rev. Dr. Gardiner asked leave of absence for a day to attend a funeral. Leave was granted.

The Rev. A. Langford brought up the case from Manitoba Conference, laid over from the morning session, respecting the right of a certain reserve delegate to a seat in this Conference.

On motion, the case was referred to the Committee on Credentials to be appointed by the Conference.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, seconded by the Rev. E. A. Stafford,

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"That the protest against the return of the Rev. Dr. Stone as a representative of the Bay of Quinte Conference be referred to the Committee on Credentials."

After explanation and discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and the question dropped.

The Presidents of the Annual Conferences reported the following as the representatives of their respective Conferences on the Nominating Committee:—

*Toronto Conference.*—Rev. John F. German, Rev. Dr. Potts, John T. Moore, E. J. Davis.

*London Conference.*—Rev. Dr. Sanderson, Rev. Dr. Parker, Alex. Johnston, J. B. Lane.

*Niagara Conference.*—Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, Rev. A. E. Russ, W. E. Sanford, A. J. Donly.

*Guelph Conference.*—Rev. Dr. Griffin, Rev. W. C. Henderson, R. W. McKenzie, Thomas Hilliard.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*—Rev. J. S. Clarke, Rev. John Learoyd, Judge Dean, W. F. Hall.

*Montreal Conference.*—Rev. R. Whiting, Rev. T. G. Williams, Dr. Lavell, W. H. Lambly.

*Nova Scotia Conference.*—Rev. S. F. Huestis, S. A. Chesley.

*New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.*—Rev. Dr. Stewart, W. E. Dawson.

*Newfoundland Conference.*—Rev. Geo. Boyd, T. L. McNeil.

*Manitoba Conference.*—Rev. Jas. Woodsworth, Hon. J. W. Sifton.

On motion, it was ordered that the Nominating Committee withdraw for organization.

On motion of Rev. E. A. Stafford, the Nominating Committee was instructed to nominate committees on the following subjects:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credentials.</li> <li>Missions.</li> <li>Superannuation Fund.</li> <li>Education.</li> <li>Publishing Interests.</li> <li>Temperance.</li> <li>Children's Fund.</li> <li>Memorials.</li> <li>Course of Study.</li> <li>Sabbath Observance.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church Property.</li> <li>Statistics.</li> <li>Finance.</li> <li>Sabbath-schools.</li> <li>General Superintendency.</li> <li>Annual Conferences.</li> <li>Itinerancy.</li> <li>Judicial, or Administration of Discipline.</li> </ul> |
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On motion of several other members of Conference, committees were ordered on the following additional subjects:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfers.</li> <li>Revision of Ritual.</li> <li>Sustentation.</li> <li>Embarrassed Trusts.</li> <li>State of the Work.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebration of the Centennial of Methodism in Canada.</li> <li>Public Services.</li> <li>Reception of Fraternal Delegates.</li> </ul> |
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The Nominating Committee reported organization, having appointed the Rev. Dr. Sanderson Chairman, and A. J. Donly Secretary.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m., with singing and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Ryckman.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 2.

Conference opened at 9.30 a.m., Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Parker.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials were presented as follows :—

*From the Toronto Conference.*

From New Westminster District, respecting the establishment of an Annual Conference for British Columbia.

On motion, the memorial was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

*London Conference.*

From Wyoming Circuit, on the Extension of the Ministerial Term.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. W McDonagh,

“That the memorial be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.”

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lambly,

“That this and each other petition or memorial shall have distinctly written on it the Conference from which it came, the name of the person sending it, and the committee to which it is desired to be referred, and that all such petitions and memorials may be referred without reading.”

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Prof. Shaw, seconded by Rev. W. Galbraith,

“That this and all other memorials be referred to their respective committees after being read, if so desired by any member of the Conference.”

The amendment was carried.

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The memorial from Blenheim Circuit, London Conference, on Embarrassed Trusts, was referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

A recommendation on Management of Financial Affairs, from Mr. R. J. C. Dawson. It was ordered that the recommendation be laid on the table.

From Mr. Peter Graham, M.P.P., on the Constitution of the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Moved by Rev. J. G. Angwin, seconded by Mr. W. E. Dawson, and

*Resolved*,—"That all memorials when called for to be read shall be read by the Secretary of the Conference."

A memorial from Rev. W. Rigsby, on Revision of the Baptismal Ritual, was read by the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Ritual.

A memorial from Rev. J. Reynolds, respecting the transfer of Kingslake Mission from the Niagara to the London Conference, was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

*Niagara Conference.*

On Sabbath-School Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

On Superannuation,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On Boundaries,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Superannuation, by the Rev. Dr. Burns,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On Missionary Reports,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Franchise Act,—Read and ordered to be laid on the table.

On Examination of Probationers,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On Superannuation Claims, from Rev. J. P. Bell,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Referring to occupation of pulpits by evangelical ministers of other Churches,—Referred to the Judicial Committee.

On Connexional Funds, by Mr. W. E. Sanford,—Read and

referred to a Committee on the Consolidation of Connexional Treasurerships.

On Connexional Officers, by Mr. W. E. Sanford,—Referred to the following committees: (a) General Superintendency; (b) Publishing Interests; (c) Financial; and (d) Sunday-Schools.

On Extension of the Ministerial Term, from Wesley Church, Hamilton,—Read and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On Extension of the Pastoral Term, from the Centenary Church, Hamilton,—Read and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

*Guelph Conference.*

A memorial asking the General Conference to provide for the earlier publication of the Missionary Reports, and in reference to a fuller account of items of expense of management,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On the Stationing Committee, from the Clifford Circuit,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On the Election of Lay Delegates and the Boundaries of the Guelph Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Confederation of the Colleges and Universities,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

On the re-examination of Ministerial Character at the Annual Conferences,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On the Election of Lay Delegates, by Messrs. William Cushing and Peter Hepinstall,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Embarrassed Trusts, from the Kincardine Church,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

On sundry matters: (a) On the management of Connexional Funds,—Laid on table. (b) Convention of ministers of all denominations for sundry purposes,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

On the Ministerial Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On the Election of Laymen,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On the Probationary Term, from Students of Victoria University, presented by the Rev. Dr. Burwash,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

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*Montreal Conference.*

On Missionary Reports,—Referred to the Committee on Missions

On Extension of the Ministerial Term,—Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Itinerancy.

On Extension of the Pastorate, from Dominion Square Church,  
Montreal,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On the Registration of Baptisms,—Referred to the Judicial  
Committee.

On Missionary Papers in French,—Referred to the Committee  
on Missions.

On the French-Canadian Institute,—Referred to the Committee  
on Missions.

On the Franchise Act,—Laid on the table.

On change in the Constitution of the Missionary Society,—  
Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On the Baptismal Service,—Referred to the Committee on  
Ritual.

On changes in Ritual and Discipline, from the Ottawa Dis-  
trict,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

On the Sustentation Fund (two memorials),—Referred to the  
Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On the appointment of only one General Superintendent,—  
Referred to the Committee on Superintendency.

On Widows' Claims on Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the  
Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On change of name "District Superintendent,"—Referred to  
the Committee on Discipline.

On Circuit Schedules (Schedule F.),—Referred to the \*Com-  
mittee on Schedules.

On Children's Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Children's  
Fund.

On Transfers,—Referred to the Committee on Transfers.

On Extension of Ministerial Term,—Referred to the Committee  
on Itinerancy.

On the Consolidation of Protestantism,—Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Memorials.

On Montreal Theological College,—Referred to the Committee  
on Education.

Relating to Kingston District,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Relating to Kingston District, from Kingston Financial District Meeting,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Toronto Conference, relating to Bowmanville District,—Referred to the Committee on Conference Boundaries.

From London Conference, on Rev. T. McNair's case,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On motion of various members, the Nominating Committee was instructed to provide for committees on

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It was moved by Judge Dean to reconsider the action of Conference in fixing the hours of session. The motion was lost.

Mr. A. J. Donly presented the first Report of the Nominating Committee. Committees were nominated as follows:

- Credentials,—Accepted.
- Itinerancy, "
- Memorials, "
- Education,—Referred to the Committee for adjustment, with instruction to add the name of Dr. Badgley.
- Superannuation Fund,—Accepted.
- Reception of fraternal delegates,—Accepted.
- Public Services, "
- Annual Conferences and Boundaries, "
- Publishing Interests, "
- Temperance, "
- Missions, "
- Children's Fund, "

In each case the first name in the list shall be Convener.

(For full list of Committees, see Appendix No. 1.)

At 12.40 a verse was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Carman, and the Conference adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 2.*

Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The Conference opened in the usual manner by singing, and prayer by Mr. D. Plewes.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A communication from Rev. W. T. McMullen, Woodstock, Ont., on the "Observance of the Sabbath," was received, and read by the Secretary.

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On motion of Rev. Dr. Potts, this communication was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The following memorials from Manitoba Conference were presented:—

On Superintendency of Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On change of name of Manitoba Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Course of Study for Missionaries,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On organization of Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On amending Schedules,—Referred to the Committee on Schedules.

On Pacific Coast Work,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Industrial Schools,—Referred, after reading, to the Committee on Missions.

From Perth District, on change of boundaries of Montreal Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From the Bay of Quinte Conference, on the appointment of Laymen on Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerary.

From the same Conference, on Course of Study,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

From the same Conference, on Examination of Ministerial Character,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From the same Conference, on Children's Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Children's Fund.

From the same Conference, on the use of Quarterly Tickets,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the same Conference, from the Trust Board of the Belleville West Circuit, asking for relief,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From the same Conference, for enlargement of boundaries,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

*Nova Scotia Conference.*

On Church and Parsonage Aid Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

*New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.*

On Conference Schedules,—Referred to the Committee on Schedules.

On a Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On Local Preachers' Meetings, from Courtney Bay Circuit,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From Prince Street Methodist Church, Charlottetown, relating to unequal representation of Laymen in District Meeting,—Read, and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

*Miscellaneous.*

From the Dominion Church Sabbath-School, Ottawa, relating to the election of Sabbath-School Superintendent,—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

From Bright Circuit, London Conference, on abolition of Children's Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Children's Fund.

From the same, on Superannuation Fund Assessment,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

From Strathroy District, on Missionary Deficiencies,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

From the District Meeting of British Columbia, respecting the formation of an Annual Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Barrie District Meeting, praying for the appointment of only one General Superintendent,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

From the Aurora Circuit, on abolition of the Children's Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Children's Fund.

From the Hamilton District Meeting, *re* the Simcoe Street Church, Hamilton,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From Yonge Street Church, Toronto, regarding prayer at the close of the service,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

From Strathroy Financial District Meeting, on General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

From Toronto Conference, on the Examination of Ministerial Character,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

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From the same Conference, respecting the transfer of Districts to Bay of Quinte Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Orangeville District Meeting, *re* Probationers for the Ministry,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

From the same, asking for the establishment of a Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

From Rev. Dr. Sutherland, being proposals as to the Consolidation of Treasurerships,—Referred to the Committee on Consolidation of Treasurerships.

From Barrie District Meeting, asking for the abolition of the Children's Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Children's Fund.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson moved that when the Conference adjourns at 5.30 this afternoon, it stand adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9.30, that committees may meet during the evening.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

From Rev. Dr. Sutherland, respecting Church and Parsonage Aid.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson, respecting Stationing Committee; also respecting abolition of the Court of Appeal in the Annual Conferences.

Rev. William Kettlewell, respecting changes in the constitution of the Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, respecting a number of proposed emendations of the Discipline, which were read to the Conference.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, respecting the Quarterly Tickets. A request to refer to a committee at once was not granted by the Conference.

Rev. Hugh Johnston, respecting the duties of society representatives in the Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. S. Bond, respecting journalizing recommendations of committees though not adopted. A request to refer to a committee was not granted.

Rev. G. H. Cornish, respecting Exhorters.

Rev. Prof. Shaw, respecting the equality of ministers and laymen in the District Meeting.

Rev. J. B. Clarkson, respecting attendance of probationers at the Theological Colleges; also another respecting Quarterly Tickets.

Mr. D. Graham, respecting substituting "Bishop" for "Superintendent"; also another respecting the number of lay delegates in the Annual Conferences.

Rev. C. H. Paisley, respecting the definition of the word "sin" in the Catechism; also another respecting the formation of new missions.

Rev. T. M. Campbell, in reference to determining the salaries of Conference officers by the Conference itself; also another respecting change of the name "Superintendent."

Rev. D. G. Sutherland, respecting stationing ministers by Special Committee.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented the Report of the General Board of Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented also a scheme for a Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

Rev. J. S. Ross presented another scheme for the same purpose,—Referred to the same Committee.

Rev. William Burns, relating to a change of name of Bay of Quinte Conference.

Rev. G. H. Cornish, respecting trial of ministers.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley, respecting Annual Conference Treasurers,—Referred to the Committee on Consolidation of Treasurerships.

Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, respecting change of name of Niagara Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The following Conference Committees reported organization as follows:—

*Superannuation Fund*—Rev. Dr. Sanderson, Chairman; Rev. T. M. Campbell, Secretary.

*Publishing Interests*—Rev. Dr. Griffin, Chairman; Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, Secretary.

*Children's Fund*—Rev. James McAlister, Chairmap; Rev. S. Card, Secretary.

*Memorials*—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Chairman; Mr. G. D. Platt, Secretary.

*Temperance*—Rev. D. L. Brethour, Chairman; Mr. W. H. Lambly, Secretary.

*Annual Conferences*—Rev. J. F. German, Chairman; Rev. I. Tovell, Secretary.

*Itinerancy*—Rev. E. A. Stafford, Chairman; Rev. J. S. Williamson, Secretary.

*Public Services*—Rev. Dr. Potts, Chairman; Rev. George J. Bishop, Secretary.

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Rev. G. J. Bishop, Secretary of the Committee on Public Services, reported in reference to the services of Sunday, Sept. 5th.

The Secretary of the Nominating Committee reported that the name of Rev. Dr. Badgley had been added to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stewart, the Nominating Committee were recommended to consider the advisability of adding the name of Rev. E. Evans to the Committee on Missions.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. E. G. Smith, "That the Nominating Committee be requested to nominate a Committee on the Hymn Tune-Book."—*Carried.*

Rev. J. S. Ross presented the Report of the Commission appointed by the last General Conference on the Children's Fund.

On motion, the Report was received and referred to the Committee on Children's Fund.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by Rev. Prof. Shaw, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a Committee to prepare a dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen, on the approaching completion of the jubilee of her reign."

On the nomination of the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Griffith was appointed an additional Assistant Secretary, and Rev. Dr. Bredin Journal Secretary.

It was moved by Hon. J. W. Sifton, seconded by Rev. John McDougall, "That the Nominating Committee be instructed to report a Committee on matters pertaining to Manitoba and the North-West."—With consent of the mover, the resolution was held in abeyance.

The Conference adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 3.*

The Conference opened at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Angwin.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Memorials were presented as follows:—

*From the Toronto Conference.*

On Probation of Candidates for the Ministry,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

From Collingwood District, *re* management of the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On College Federation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

On Church and Parsonage Aid Fund,—In reference to this memorial, the following resolution was moved by Rev. J. G. Angwin, seconded by Mr. J. T. Moore, and adopted:—

“That the memorial of the Toronto Conference touching Church extension, and that section of the Report of the Central Board of Missions touching Church relief, be referred to a special committee to be appointed to examine into the advisability of establishing a general Church Extension and Parsonage Aid Fund.”

From Sherbourne Street Church, on the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

A memorial relating to Rev. A. Thibadeau and St. Vincent Circuit was read and laid on the table.

*London Conference.*

In regard to the North Chatham Church,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

On the same subject, from Mr. John Milne and others,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

On the extension of boundaries of London Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Forest Quarterly Meeting, on Lay Representatives on the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Frank Street Church, Strathroy, on Embarrassed Trusts,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From the Ridgetown Financial District Meeting, regarding the North Ward Church,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

On University Confederation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

*Niagara Conference.*

In relation to Princeton Parsonage,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

From George Street Church, Peterboro',—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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From Bermuda District Meeting, referring to Extension of Ministerial Term in Bermuda,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Conferences of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and P.E.I. in united session, relating to additional representation on Missionary Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

From Newfoundland Conference, relating to return of Students from University of Mt. Allison,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From Newfoundland Conference, on Children's Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Children's Fund.

From the Rev. B. Clement, relating to Rev. B. Lawrence's status as a Superannuated Minister,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

Rev. E. A. Stafford moved, seconded by Rev. A. Langford, the suspension of order of business, that the Committee on Credentials might have opportunity to report.—*Carried.*

The Report was as follows, and was adopted:—

Your Committee beg to recommend that the second reserve lay delegate, James Chisholm, of the Manitoba Conference, be permitted to take his seat in this Conference.

J. DOVE, *Chairman.*

J. RIPPON, *Secretary.*

Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter moved the reconsideration of a certain reference to a committee, viz., that of Princeton Parsonage. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A communication was read from Doty's Line of Steamers, inviting the members of Conference to an excursion to Hanlan's Point on Saturday afternoon and evening.

It was moved by Dr. Allison, seconded by Rev. J. Shenton, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Conference acknowledge with thanks the invitation of the Doty Steamboat Company, but beg to reply that circumstances do not permit the acceptance of the same."

Rev. Dr. Withrow presented and read the Report of the Sabbath School Board. On motion, the Report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. S. F. Huestis presented the Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee. It was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Mr. John Macdonald moved that a committee be appointed on Rules of Order.—*Carried.*

The statistics of the Annual Conferences, ordered by the Gene-

ral Conference, were called for. It was ordered that the Annual Conference statistics be referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on Education reported organization as follows: Chairman, Judge Dean; Secretary, Rev. Prof. Shaw.

It was ordered that the Financial Statement of the Bursar of Victoria College be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Moore, a committee was ordered on Church and Parsonage Aid.

The Committee on Missions reported organization, with Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Eby, Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. G. F. Marter, seconded by Rev. S. F. Huestis, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate a committee to whom all invitations to this Conference shall be referred."

Mr. A. J. Donly presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Nominations.

The name of Rev. Dr. Griffith was added to the Committee on Superannuation Fund, Rev. E. Evans' to the Committee on Missions, and Rev. G. G. Huxtable's to the Committee on Children's Fund.

On motion in each case, the Nominating Committee were recommended to make the following additions:—

- Rev. R. Whiting, to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.
- " Dr. Gardiner, " " on General Superintendency.
- " Dr. Nelles, " " on Course of Study.
- " Dr. Burwash, " " " "
- " Dr. Burns, " " " "
- " Dr. Douglas, " " " "
- " C. H. Paisley, " " " "
- " J. H. Sparling, " " " "
- " John Kenner, " " on Superannuation Fund.

Mr. J. E. Irvine, to the Committee on Children's Fund, instead of Mr. G. L. Holyoke.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

From Rev. H. S. Matthews, respecting emendation of Discipline.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren gave several notices *re* Discipline, which were indicated by him,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland gave notice of resolution respecting the appointment to the General Superintendency.

Rev. E. A. Stafford, gave notice respecting an emendation of the Sabbath School Constitution.

Rev. J. F. German, gave notice respecting changes of stations during the year, and other points indicated.

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Rev. H. S. Matthews gave notice respecting the interest the Methodist people should take in politics.

Rev. P. Addison gave notice respecting legacies to the Missionary Society, and other matters respecting missionary finances.

The time for adjournment having arrived, a hymn was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the General Superintendent.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 3.*

The Conference re-assembled at 2.30, Rev. Dr. Carman presiding. A hymn was sung, and Rev. John Kenner led in prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

From the Toronto Conference:—

From Mr. A. D. Weeks, respecting the appointment of Sabbath School Superintendent.

Mr. John Macdonald moved a resolution on the order of business,—Referred to the Committee on Rules of Order.

The following Committees reported organization:—

*Schedules*—Rev. B. Clement, Chairman; Rev. A. D. Morton, Secretary.

*Hymn Tune-Book*—Rev. Dr. Stewart, Chairman; Rev. William Jackson, Secretary.

*Embarrassed Trusts*—Mr. John N. Lake, Chairman; Rev. Wm. Pirritte, Secretary.

*State of the Work*—Rev. H. F. Bland, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Holmes, Secretary.

*Statistics*—Rev. G. H. Cornish, Chairman; Rev. H. S. Matthews, Secretary.

*Ritual*—Rev. Dr. Parker, Chairman; Mr. C. A. Barnes, Secretary.

*Sabbath Observance*—Rev. Wm. Burns, Chairman; Rev. Robert Wilson, Secretary.

*Finance*—Hon. J. W. Sifton, Chairman; Mr. W. M. Gray, Secretary.

*Sustentation Fund*—Rev. A. E. Russ, Chairman; Dr. Ford, Secretary.

*Judicial*—Rev. Dr. Harper, Chairman; Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Secretary.

*General Superintendency*—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Chairman; Rev. J. S. Clarke, Secretary.

In response to a resolution of the Conference, Rev. Dr. Williams read the appendix to the Address of the General Superintendents, suggesting emendations of the Discipline.

Rev. William Kettlewell moved, seconded by Rev. E. A. Stafford,

“That such portions of the appendix to the Address of the General Superintendents as refer to trial of members, probationers and ministers be referred to the Judicial Committee.”—*Carried*.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Burwash, seconded by Rev. Prof. Shaw, and

*Resolved*,—“That the parts referring to the duties of General Superintendency be referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.”

It was moved by Rev. D. G. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. John Macdonald, and

*Resolved*,—“That the parts of the appendix to the General Superintendents’ Address referring to Ritual be referred to Committee on Ritual.”

Notices of motion were presented as follows:

*London Conference.*

By Rev. Dr. Sanderson, respecting *ex officio* members of the General Conference,

Rev. Dr. Parker, respecting election of a successor to the late Rev. Dr. Rice; also another relating to re-arrangement of the Discipline.

Mr. John Mitchell, relating to the name of the *Christian Guardian*.

Mr. A. B. Powell, relating to the election of Sabbath School Superintendents; also another relating to laymen on Stationing Committee; also another relating to changes in Basis of Union.

*Niagara Conference.*

Rev. J. S. Ross, relating to the time of closing Circuit accounts; also another relating to prayer after public service; also another relating to extra copy of Schedules.

Rev. LeRoy Hooker, relating to publishing Order of Service.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, relating to number of Stewards.

Rev. A. E. Russ, relating to reserve delegates to General Conference.

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*Guelph Conference.*

From Guelph Conference, relating to receiving young men as Probationers.

Rev. G. H. Cornish, relating to the alteration of Boundaries.

Mr. W. M. Gray, relating to the time of election of laymen to the Annual Conferences; also another relating to the manner of such election.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Griffin, relating to boundaries of Guelph Conference.

Rev. W. C. Henderson, relating to Local Missionary Boards.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, concerning a number of changes of Discipline.

Rev. James McAlister, relating to the expunging of certain questions from the Ordination Service.

Rev. T. M. Campbell, relating to churches to be built.

*Bay of Quinte Conference.*

Rev. Jas. Curts, relating to maladministration of Discipline.

Mr. Wm. Johnston, relating to Rule 329 and others of the Discipline.

Mr. G. D. Platt, relating to laymen on the Stationing Committee.

Mr. G. W. Webb, relating to church building.

*Montreal Conference.*

Rev. S. Bond, relating to powers of Presidents of Annual Conferences; also sundry other changes of Discipline; also Stationing Committee.

Rev. H. F. Bland, relating to training of Christian workers.

Rev. W. H. Graham, relating to change of Ritual.

Dr. Alexander, relating to expunging certain portions of Discipline.

Rev. F. Chisholm, relating to changes of Discipline.

Rev. A. Langford, relating to addition of certain words to paragraph 73, p. 46.

Mr. W. Bow, relating to Catechism.

*Nova Scotia Conference.*

Rev. Dr. Lathern, relating to sundry emendations of Discipline; also another relating to Transfer Committee.

Rev. C. Jost, relating to sundry changes in regulations relating to Students.

Rev. A. D. Morton, relating to Order of Service.

Dr. Allison, relating to change of Discipline.

Rev. W. H. Hartz, relating to suspension of Ministers.

Rev. John Read, relating to representation of Missionary Districts in General Conference.

*Manitoba Conference.*

Hon. J. W. Sifton, relating to transfer of certain Circuits to the Manitoba Conference.

*New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.*

Rev. Dr. Pickard, relating to sundry changes of Discipline.

Rev. E. Evans, relating to changes of certain words of Discipline.

Rev. C. H. Paisley, relating to sundry changes of Discipline.

Rev. Robert Wilson, relating to sundry changes of Discipline.

*Miscellaneous.*

Rev. T. G. Williams, relating to sundry changes in Discipline.

Rev. W. C. Henderson, relating to death or disability of General Superintendent.

Rev. J. F. Betts, relating to diversions.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, relating to Covenant Service.

Rev. B. F. Austin, relating to course of reading for Methodist young people.

The Committee on Course of Study reported organization, with Rev. Dr. Stewart, Chairman; Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Secretary.

The Committee on Transfers reported organization, with Rev. D. C. McDowell, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Lathern, Secretary.

Rev. Prof. Shaw read the Report of the Board of the Montreal Theological College. It was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. J. S. Ross presented the resolution of which he gave notice relating to Sustentation Fund. It was referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

Rev. G. J. Bishop presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Public Services as follows:—

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"Your Committee beg leave to recommend that Tuesday evening next be reserved for a public meeting to receive the Rev. Jno. McDougall and the loyal Indian chiefs who have accompanied him from the North-West.—*Adopted.*

Rev. B. F. Austin presented the Report of the Board of Management of Alma College, St. Thomas. It was referred to the Committee on Education.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Rev. Prof. Shaw,

"That, except as otherwise ordered, the afternoons hereafter shall be devoted to the meeting of committees, and the morning and evening sessions to the general business of the Conference."

Rev. Dr. Shaw moved in amendment,

"That the mornings be given to committees, and the afternoons and evenings to Conference business."

The amendment was lost. The original motion was carried.

A memorial on the Sustentation Fund was submitted by Rev. Dr. Parker. It was referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland called up a subject on which he had given notice of motion, namely, the section of the Report of the General Conference Special Committee referring to the appointment of a successor to Rev. Dr. Rice.

The following was moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Judge Deacon,

"That this General Conference, recognizing the necessity for prompt and immediate action on the part of the Conference Special Committee in the emergency which arose upon the death of the late lamented General Superintendent, Dr. Rice, desire to place on record their approval of the wisdom and judgment the Special Committee employed and exercised on the occasion."

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved in amendment,

"That this Conference approves of the action of the Special Committee at its meeting held on the 19th day of December, 1884, in appointing a successor *ad interim* to fill the vacancy in the General Superintendency caused by the lamented death of Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D."

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by Rev. A. B. Chambers, seconded by Rev. Prof. Shaw,

"Whereas a vacancy occurred in the General Superintendency of the Church since the last General Conference; and whereas the Discipline makes no direct provision for the filling of such vacancy; and whereas the General Conference Special Committee, exercising the discretionary power with which it deemed itself invested, filled

the aforesaid vacancy by the election of Rev. Dr. Williams *ad interim*,

*Resolved*,—"That this General Conference accepts and endorses the action of the Special Committee."

Rev. B. Clement moved, seconded by Rev. J. B. Clarkson, "That the Report of the Conference Special Committee be now taken from the table."

Rev. J. Learoyd moved the previous question, which was carried. The vote was first taken on Rev. B. Clement's motion. It did not prevail.

The question was then taken on the amendment to the amendment, which was carried by 122 to 71.

At the request of Lieut.-Gov. Aikins, the question was taken on the original motion as amended.

It was declared carried.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter moved that when this Conference adjourns at the close of the morning session on Saturday, it do stand adjourned till 9.30 a.m. Monday morning.

On motion, the session was extended to receive the Report of the Committee on Nominations, when Mr. A. J. Donly presented Report No. 4. (See Appendix No. 1.)

Rev. Dr. Gardiner was added to the Committee on General Superintendency.

The following were added to the Committee on Course of Study:—Drs. Nelles, Burwash, Burns, Douglas, and Revs. J. W. Sparling and C. H. Paisley. Rev. J. Kenner was added to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund. The name of Mr. J. E. Irvine was substituted for that of Mr. G. L. Holyoke on the Committee on Children's Fund. Rev. R. Whiting was added to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

Additional committees were reported on Rules of Order and Invitations.

The time of adjournment having arrived, a motion was made to adjourn until to-morrow morning, devoting this evening to committees.

An amendment to meet for an evening session at 7.30 prevailed.

A verse was sung, Rev. Dr. Parker pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned at 6 o'clock.

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FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept. 3.*

The session was opened at 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. Rev. John Read led in prayer.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the afternoon session, which were amended and adopted.

Reports being called for—

Rev. Dr. Burwash presented the Report of the Educational Society, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman presented the Sabbath School Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Consolidation of Church Treasurerships reported organization, with Mr. W. E. Sanford, Chairman, and Rev. J. B. Clarkson, Secretary.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported organization, with Rev. Dr. Potts, Chairman, and Rev. Dr. Withrow, Secretary.

The resolution of Rev. D. G. Sutherland on Transfers was on motion referred to the Committee on Transfers.

Rev. S. Bond read his resolution relating to the publishing of parts of reports not adopted.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson's resolution on amending the Constitution of Stationing Committee was moved to be referred to the Committee on Discipline. It was not referred.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Griffin, seconded by Rev. J. G. Scott, and

*Resolved*,—"That those emendations of Discipline of which notice has been given by Dr. Griffin be referred to the Committee on Discipline."

On motion, the resolution of Mr. J. J. Maclaren in reference to change of Discipline concerning the trial of offenders was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. Dr. Parker's resolution concerning the codification of portions of the Discipline was on motion referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson's motion for the abolition of the Court of Appeal of the Annual Conferences was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. J. S. Williamson's motion to refer the clause of Discipline, p. 95, sec. 177, to the Committee on Discipline, was put to the Conference and lost.

The President having been called upon to rule on the question, whether refusal by the Conference to refer Rev. J. S. Williamson's

motion to the Committee on Discipline is to be regarded as a rejection of the motion, ruled that such refusal was a rejection of the motion.

Appeal having been made against the President's ruling, the Conference sustained the ruling.

Rev. W. Kettlewell's motion *re* changes in the Constitution of the Superannuation Fund was referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

The motion of Rev. Hugh Johnston, defining the qualification and duties of the Society representatives on our Quarterly Official Boards, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

It was ordered that Prof. Shaw's resolution in reference to lay representation be sent to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. B. Clarkson's resolution on amendment of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

Rev. J. B. Clarkson's resolution relating to class tickets was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. C. H. Paisley's resolution relating to changes in Catechism was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. C. H. Paisley's resolution relating to the formation of new Missions was referred to the Committee on Missions.

On motion, Conference adjourned at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 4.

The Conference opened at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The Scriptures were read by Rev. Dr. Ryckman and prayer offered by Dr. Alexander.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

A memorial from Cannington Circuit relating to alteration of Boundaries was read and referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Another memorial from Walkerton District, Guelph Conference, relating to rights of laymen in the Annual Conference, was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

A memorial from the trustees of the Quebec Church relating to Extension of Pastoral Term was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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The Financial Report of Alma College was presented by Rev. B. F. Austin and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following resolution was offered by Prof. Shaw, seconded by Lieut.-Gov. Aikins,

*Resolved*,—“That the letter writers be instructed to communicate with the Provincial Synod of the Church of England, shortly to assemble in the city of Montreal, conveying to the Synod from the General Conference of the Methodist Church in this Dominion assurances of our very cordial and fraternal regard, and of sincere and prayerful desire that the Church which it represents may continue to prosper in all things pertaining to the furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Inch, presented and read the Report of the Board of Governors of the University of Mount Allison College. On motion of Dr. Inch, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial from the Gladstone Circuit Trustee Board, asking help, was on motion referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

The Report of Albert College was presented, and on motion referred to the Committee on Education.

The resolution of Rev. T. M. Campbell, asking General Conference to fix the salaries of Conference officers, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The resolution of Rev. T. M. Campbell referring to change of name “Superintendent of District” was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The resolution of Rev. W. Burns touching change of name of Bay of Quinte Conference was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The resolution of Dr. S. J. Hunter recommending the change of name of the “Niagara Conference” to “Hamilton Conference” was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The Rev. H. S. Matthews’ notice respecting emendation of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The resolution of Rev. H. S. Matthews respecting the interest of Methodist people in politics was laid on the table.

On motion, the Committee on Nominations was instructed to place the following names on the Committee on Sustentation Fund: Revs. J. S. Ross, W. H. Heartz, Dr. Pickard, and A. D. Morton.

The notice of Rev. E. A. Stafford respecting the emendation of the Sabbath School Constitution was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. J. F. German's resolution *re* changes of Stations of Ministers during the year was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. P. Addison's resolution respecting Legacies to the Missionary Society was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. P. Addison's resolution respecting Missionary Reports was referred to the Committee on Missions.

On motion of Rev. L. Hooker, Rev. P. Addison was permitted to amend his resolution by the omission of certain words.

Mr. John Ellis was granted leave of absence for a few days on account of the death of a friend.

Rev. G. H. Cornish's resolution in reference to emendation of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Dr. Aylesworth's resolution in reference to the change of name of General Superintendent was laid on the table.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. J. Curts, and

*Resolved*,—"That when a motion is called and the mover does not answer, it go to the foot of the list."

Mr. A. B. Powell's resolution respecting the appointment of laymen on Stationing Committee was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Mr. A. B. Powell's resolution respecting the election of Sabbath School Superintendents was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Mr. A. B. Powell's resolution respecting changes in Basis of Union was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Rev. J. S. Ross's resolution relating to the time of closing Circuit Accounts was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. S. Ross's resolution relating to Prayer after Sermon was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Ross, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Book Steward when sending out the Annual Schedules shall enclose an extra copy of the General 'Circuit Schedule' to each Circuit Superintendent."

Rev. LeRoy Hooker's notice *re* the publishing of Order of Service was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. J. S. Williamson's resolution relating to the number of Circuit Stewards was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

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Rev. A. E. Russ' resolution in reference to Reserve Delegates to the General Conference was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. G. H. Cornish's resolution in reference to alteration of the Boundaries of Guelph Conference was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Rev. G. H. Cornish's resolution in reference to emendation of Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Mr. W. M. Gray's resolution in reference to Election of Laymen to Annual Conferences was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Dr. Griffin's resolution in reference to the Boundaries of Guelph Conference was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The resolution of Rev. D. G. Sutherland in reference to alteration of Boundaries of the London, Niagara, and Guelph Conferences was on motion referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The Committee on an Address to the Queen reported organization, with Lieut.-Gov. Aikins Chairman, and Rev. Dr. Withrow, Secretary.

At 12.30 a hymn was sung, the benediction was pronounced by the President, Rev. Dr. Williams, and the Conference adjourned.

### FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 6.*

The Conference opened at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. A hymn was sung, the Scriptures read, and prayer offered by Rev. J. Goodison.

The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and confirmed.

#### MEMORIALS.

Memorials were called for and the following presented :

From the Quarterly Meeting of the Trafalgar Circuit, on Connexional Funds.—Referred, on motion, to the Committee on Memorials.

From the Quebec Women's Christian Temperance Association, —Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the memorial from Quebec.

From the Quarterly Board of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, Brantford, in reference to the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

From Agnes Street Methodist Church, Toronto, on the church debt,—Referred to Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church,—Read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

From Meaford Circuit, in reference to having a cheap edition of Discipline published,—Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

From the Quarterly Board of Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, in reference to title and tenure of General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

From the Church, in reference to term of ministerial service.

It was moved and seconded, that the memorial from the above Church in reference to the term of ministerial service be laid on the table. The motion was lost.

On motion, the memorial was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From the same Church, on reduction of representatives to the Annual and General Conferences,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From the same Church, with respect to College Federation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

From Carbonear District, Newfoundland Conference, asking for the appointment of only one General Superintendent,—Referred to the Committee of General Superintendency.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. G. D. Platt, Secretary of the Committee on Memorials, presented Report No. 1.

On motion by Rev. Dr. Burwash, seconded by Mr. C. A. Barnes, the Report was received.

Rev. Prof. Shaw presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Rules of Order, which on motion was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Dewart, the Rules of Order in reference to the reception of all reports before the consideration of any were suspended, in order to permit the immediate consideration of Report of Committee on Rules of Order.

The Report of the Committee on Rules of Order was considered *seriatim*.

Clauses 1 and 4 and the first part of 24 were not adopted.

Clause 9 was amended on motion of Rev. Dr. Parker, so as to exclude motions to take from the table from motions not debateable.

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An amendment to clause 2 was made by Rev. L. Hooker, and one by Dr. Sutherland to clause 16, which were both lost.

On motion, the Report as amended was adopted and ordered to be printed.

On motion, it was recommended that the Rules of Order so amended should, as far as possible, be used in the Annual Conferences, in order to secure uniformity of practice.

Rev. Chancellor Nelles presented and read the Report of the Board of Regents of Victoria University.

Rev. Dr. Nelles moved, and Judge Dean seconded,

"That the Report be printed, together with the Report of the Bursar, and referred to the Committee on Education."

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, the following:—

"Whereas a certain scheme of University Confederation, embracing all the colleges and universities of the Province of Ontario, has been before the country for nearly two years, and has been discussed in the various College Boards, as well as in the public papers;

"And whereas the Board of Regents of Victoria University, at a meeting held on the 9th January, 1885, expressed its concurrence with the scheme, provided certain conditions were conceded, but which conditions have never yet been agreed to by any of the other Colleges, or by the Government;

"And whereas at least three of the Colleges concerned have either formally or in fact withdrawn from the scheme, thus changing completely the whole situation;

"And whereas the carrying out of the scheme would involve on the part of Victoria the complete loss of our College property at Cobourg, and necessitate the raising of vast sums for the erection of new buildings;

"And whereas enquiries that have been made by a sub-committee of the Board of Regents in regard to the financial aid which might be expected from the citizens of Toronto in the event of Federation, have met with no encouragement, while, on the other hand, liberal offers are made by another city to aid an independent Methodist University;

"It is the opinion of this Conference that it would be unwise to spend further time in negotiations which, while leading to no practical result, will only further weaken and divide the Church in regard to our educational work; and that the duty of the hour is to take such steps as will maintain that work in thorough efficiency and in harmony with the traditional policy of the Connexion for the past fifty years. Wherefore—

"Resolved,—1. That the Report of the Board of Regents be received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

*Resolved*,—2. That this Conference re-affirms the decision of the General Conference of 1883, as contained in the Basis of Union between the various Methodist Churches, namely, that 'The best interests of the Church and of Education imperatively demand that our Colleges and Universities should be under the fostering care of the Church;' and also the further decision as contained in the Report of the Committee on Education, adopted by the General Conference of 1883, namely, 'That the ultimate object to be reached shall be the establishment of a Consolidated University for the Methodist Church.' (*Journals*, p. 205.)

"And in order that the foregoing decisions may be fully and fairly carried out, and the educational work of the Church placed upon a permanent and satisfactory footing, it is—

*Ordered*,—1. That the Committee on Education be instructed to consider and report upon the following points:—

"(1) The advisableness or otherwise of changing the location of Victoria University.

"(2) The various buildings necessary for the work of the University, with the approximate cost of each, including site.

"(3) The equipment necessary as regards—

a. Furniture.

b. Scientific Apparatus.

c. Library.

"(4) The Professorial Staff necessary for efficient work in the Arts, Theological and Science Departments, assuming the number of students to be substantially the same as at present.

"2. *And it is further ordered*, That the Committee shall meet with as little delay as possible after its appointment, so as to report at an early day upon this important matter."

The sub-item in the main motion referring to the printing was adopted by vote of the Conference.

Representative Rev. Charles B. Galloway, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced by Rev. Dr. Briggs to the President, and by the President to the Conference.

Several announcements were made, a hymn was sung, and the Conference adjourned at 12.30, Bishop Galloway pronouncing the benediction.

MONDAY EVENING, *Sept. 6.*

Conference opened at 7.30 by singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Rev. T. M. Campbell; Rev. Dr. Carman presiding.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland's amendment to the motion for the adoption of the report of the Board of Regents of Victoria

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University being the order of the day, the mover addressed the Conference.

Thereafter it was moved by Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. James Mills,

"Whereas the scheme of College Federation, which has been for some time before the people of this Province, provides, by means of the proposed University Professoriate, large and important educational advantages for the students of Victoria and other confederating colleges, under the supervision of the Senate of the University, in which the Church Colleges shall be duly represented, while it leaves Victoria as complete control of its own religious life and collegiate work as it possesses at present;

"And whereas, in response to the representations of our Board of Regents, the Government of Ontario has agreed to carry out the scheme, even though none but Victoria comes in; and has agreed to give a site for our College in the Queen's Park at a nominal rent; and has also given assurances in regard to the efficiency and stability of the University Professoriate, and the equitable recognition of our claims in future Government appointments to the University Senate,—

"Resolved, therefore, that this Conference hereby expresses its approval of Victoria University uniting with our Provincial University, on the line indicated in the plan of Federation prepared by the representatives of the different Colleges; and further, that this Conference authorizes and instructs the Board of Regents to complete, on behalf of Victoria, any necessary details of the Basis of Union, and to take proper steps to give effect to such Federation at as early a period as due regard to existing interests, and to the necessary financial and other arrangements, shall render it practicable."

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Williams.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 7.

The Conference re-opened at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The usual devotional exercises were held, Judge Deacon leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

MEMORIALS.

From Mr. Thos. Maynard, of Listowel, in reference to loss as Trustee,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From Dundas Church, Niagara Conference, in reference to Embarrassed Trusts,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From the Sabbath School Association of Montreal, respecting Methodist papers,—Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

From St. Vincent Circuit, respecting certain disputes in connection with the building of a church,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

An invitation from Montreal to hold the next General Conference in Trinity Church, St. Catharine Street, Montreal, was on motion laid on the table.

A communication from University College Young Men's Christian Association, inviting the members of the Conference to visit their new building, was on motion referred to the Committee on Invitations.

A communication from Manitoba, asking for the whole amount of the Conference Educational Collections,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

A memorial from Victoria Street Methodist Church, Goderich, asking for relief,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended to permit the Committee on Nominations to report.

NOMINATIONS.

Mr. A. J. Donly presented Report No. 5 from the Nominating Committee, as follows:—

"1. That the following names be added to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts:—

George A. Cox.	W. E. Sanford.	Senator Ferrier.
John Macdonald.	E. Chown.	Judge Deacon.
E. Gurney.	Lieut.-Gov. Aikins.	Wm. Johnston.

"2. That the names of Revs. J. S. Ross, A. D. Morton, and Job Shenton be added to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

"3. That the name of Mr. D. Graham be added to the Committee on General Superintendency.

"4. That the name of Mr. A. J. Donly be added to the Committee on Discipline.

"5. That the name of Mr. W. H. Young be added to the Committee on Temperance.

"6. That the name of Rev. W. W. Shepherd be added to the Committee on Missions."

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The Conference accepted the nominations.

The Committee on Public Services presented Report No. 3, which on motion was adopted as follows:—

"Your Committee beg leave to recommend that Friday evening next be set apart for the reception of Fraternal Representatives;

"Also, that the following appointments be made to the Conference Services in the Metropolitan Church for Sabbath next;

"11 a.m., Rev. T. B. Stephenson, LL.D., Representative of the British Conference; 3 p.m., Rev. Bishop Galloway, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; 7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Joyce, of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

#### INTRODUCTIONS.

The Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., the Representative of the English Conference to this Conference, was introduced by the President. The President also introduced Mr. John M. Phillips, of the New York Book Concern; and the Rev. J. T. Gracey, D.D., of Rochester.

The debate on the College question was resumed and continued by Rev. Dr. Dewart until 12.15, when a deputation from the Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic was introduced.

The deputation consisted of His Worship Mayor Howland, Rev. John Smith, Messrs. F. S. Spence, G. M. Rose, and Alderman McMillan.

The gentlemen of the deputation each briefly addressed the Conference, whereupon the following resolution was presented by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, seconded by Senator Ferrier, and adopted by the Conference.

"*Resolved*,—That this Conference has listened with unbounded satisfaction to the statements of Mayor Howland and the deputation associated with him, as representing the Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, and begs to assure him and his colleagues of the continued and united support and co-agency of the Methodist Church in the future as in the past in labors for the extinction of the liquor traffic, employing our influence as ministers and members of the Church, in our families, in our churches, and through our public and political institutions, until the great end we all seek shall have been satisfactorily accomplished."

The doxology was sung, and the session closed with the benediction by Dr. Carman.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 7.*

The Conference re-opened at 2.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The usual devotional exercises were conducted, Rev. Jas. Hannon leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The debate on the College question was resumed.

At 5.30 the Conference adjourned, Rev. Dr. Sanderson pronouncing the benediction.

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TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 7.*

At 8 o'clock a meeting was held under the order of the Conference to give a reception to the Rev. John McDougall, and to the loyal Indian Chiefs from the North-West, Pakan, Samson and Jonas.

Rev. Dr. Williams presided. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. W. H. Graham. The President in a few eloquent remarks introduced the Rev. John McDougall.

The two chiefs, Pakan and Samson, addressed the meeting in the Indian language, interpreted by the Rev. J. McDougall.

The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, also addressed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10 o'clock, with the benediction by Dr. Carman.

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SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 8.*

The Conference re-opened in the usual manner, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. S. Pascoe.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The President announced that he had received a communication from the Presbytery of Toronto, now in session in this city, asking that this Conference receive a deputation from that body.

On motion, it was resolved that the deputation from the Presbytery of Toronto be received at this evening's session, immediately after the reading of the Minutes.

The debate on the College Federation question was resumed.

At 12.30, on motion of Dr. Sanderson, it was resolved that when the Conference adjourns, it stand adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

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The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald was introduced to the Conference and made a few remarks.

A hymn was sung, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 8.*

The Conference re-assembled at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Mr. John Macdonald led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The debate on the College Confederation question was resumed.

At 5.30 it was moved by Mr. D. Graham, seconded by Judge Deacon,

"That the discussion on the Confederation question close at the session to-morrow evening, and that all speeches to-morrow be limited to 20 minutes."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. T. Moore, seconded by Mr. Joseph Tait,

"That the speeches to-morrow be limited to 30 minutes."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. J. B. Clarkson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin,

"That the speeches to-morrow be limited to 15 minutes."

The amendment to the amendment was carried.

The original motion as amended was then put and carried.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 8.*

The Conference re-assembled at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the Chair. Rev. J. S. Ross offered the opening prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Conference received a deputation from the Presbytery of Toronto, now in session in this city. The deputation consisted of Rev. P. Nichol (Moderator), Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. H. M. Parsons and Alderman Carlyle.

Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded by Senator Ferrier, and supported by Rev. Dr. Lathern, moved the following resolution:—

"That we have listened with very great satisfaction to the words of our brethren from the Toronto Presbytery of the great Presbyterian Church, and assure them that we heartily reciprocate their

kind and appreciative words, and that we rejoice most sincerely in the wonderful success which has attended their labors; and we earnestly pray that as in the past, and yet more abundantly, the blessing of the great Head of the Church may enable them and us to labor unitedly in all the great reforms of the age, and in maintaining in truth and doctrine, as well as in practice, the essential truths of our common Christianity."—*Carried.*

The discussion of the Confederation scheme was again resumed.

At 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. A. J. Donly, the time of the session was indefinitely extended.

At 11.50 Dr. Allison moved the reconsideration of the resolution limiting the time of the speakers to-morrow to 15 minutes. The resolution prevailed.

Dr. Allison then moved that the resolution be amended by the addition of the words "with the exception of Dr. Burwash." The motion prevailed.

At 11 o'clock the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Williams.

### EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept. 9.*

The Conference re-opened at 9.30, General Superintendent Dr. Williams in the chair.

The usual devotional exercises were held. Dr. Lavell led in prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The order of the day was suspended that the table might be cleared of motions of which notice had been given, and that these might be placed in the hands of Committees.

The resolution of Mr. J. J. Maclaren in reference to changes of Discipline was on motion referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. F. German's resolution in reference to change of name of "General Superintendent" was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. D. Graham's resolution in reference to lay delegates in the Annual Conferences was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Mr. D. Graham's resolution in reference to change of name "General Superintendent" to "Bishop" was referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

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Rev. D. G. Sutherland's resolution in reference to Transfers was referred to the Committee on Transfers.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson's resolution amending Discipline in regard to the composition of General Conference was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. B. F. Austin's resolution in regard to a course of reading, etc., was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland's resolution in reference to Church and Parsonage Aid was referred to the Committee on Parsonage Aid.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley's resolution in reference to Annual Conference Treasurers was referred to the Committee on Consolidation of Treasurerships.

Mr. A. D. Weeks' resolution in reference to Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. G. Angwin's resolution in reference to Annual Conference control of missions was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. Dr. Lathern's resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. F. German's resolution in reference to Discipline regarding Marriage was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. T. G. Williams' resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. C. Jost's resolution in reference to the Course of Study was referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

Rev. J. Read's resolution in reference to distribution of Missionary Districts in Annual Conferences was referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. W. H. Heartz's resolution in regard to the suspension of officials was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Dr. Allison's resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. William Bow's resolution respecting our Catechism was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. J. Woodsworth's resolution in reference to transfer of Port Arthur and Fort William to Manitoba Conference was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Rev. E. Evans' resolution in reference to change of Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. W. C. Henderson's resolution in reference to changes of Discipline was referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

Rev. C. H. Paisley's resolution in reference to changes of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. I. B. Aylesworth's motion in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. A. Langford's resolution in reference to change of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. F. Chisholm's resolution in reference to changes of Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. Dr. Pickard's resolution in reference to changes of Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. Dr. Pickard's resolution to change the word "two" to "ten" in paragraph 465, p. 183 of Discipline, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Dr. Alexander's resolution in reference to change of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Dr. Lathern's resolution in reference to Transfers was referred to the Committee on Transfers.

Rev. W. H. Graham's resolution in reference to change in Marriage Ritual was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. S. Bond's resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. W. C. Henderson's resolution in reference to changes of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. James McAlister's resolution in reference to expunging part of Ordination Ritual was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. J. F. Betts' resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. S. Bond's resolution on revision of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Jas. Curts' resolution on mal-administration of Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. Wm. Johnston's resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. T. M. Campbell's resolution in reference to location of Churches was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. G. W. Webb's resolution in reference to the erection of Churches was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. G. D. Platt's resolution in reference to laymen on Stationing Committee was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Rev. A. D. Morton's resolution in reference to changes in Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

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Rev. R. Wilson's resolution in reference to change in Baptismal Ritual was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. A. B. Chambers' resolution in reference to change of Ritual on renewal of Covenant was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Dr. I. B. Aylesworth's resolution in reference to changes of Discipline was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. S. Card's resolution in reference to the Stationing Committee was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The debate on the Confederation scheme was continued by Rev. Dr. Burwash.

The President introduced to the Conference the Hon. Edward Blake, Chancellor of Toronto University, and Mr. Wm. Muloch, Vice-Chancellor of the University. These gentlemen each addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Castle, President of the Baptist College, Toronto, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Crawford, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, was introduced, and gave a short address.

The discussion of the subject of Confederation was resumed by Mr. John Miller.

At 12.30 Mr. D. Plewes moved the adjournment of the debate.

A hymn was sung. Dr. Nelles pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 9.*

The Conference re-opened at 2.30, in usual form, Dr. Williams in the chair. Mr. James Mills offered prayer.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The debate on the College question was resumed.

At 5.30, the time of adjournment having arrived, Rev. Dr. Badgley moved the adjournment of the debate.

A hymn was sung, the Rev. Dr. Sanderson pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

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THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept. 9.*

The Conference resumed its session at 7.30, Dr. Williams in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. LeRoy Hooker.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Rev. G. J. Bishop read Report No. 4 of the Committee on Public Services, which, with emendations, was adopted.

The debate on the College question was resumed.

The previous question was moved at 10 o'clock, and lost.

On motion, the time of debate was extended indefinitely.

At 11.30 the previous question was moved and carried.

The Conference, on motion of Rev. F. Chisholm, resolved that the yeas and nays be taken.

The amendment to the amendment was put, and carried by a vote of 138 to 113, as follows:—

## Yeas.

German, J. F.	Laird, W. H.	Holgate, John A.
Potts, Dr.	Ross, J. S.	Hall, W. F.
Dewart, Dr.	Russ, A. E.	Aylesworth, J.
Griffith, Dr.	Kay, John.	Platt, G. D.
Harper, Dr.	Colling, Thos.	Ford, Dr.
Webber, G.	Kettlewell, Wm.	Cox, Geo. A.
Johnston, H.	Woodsworth, R. W.	Dean, Judge.
Galbraith, W.	Donly, A. J.	O'Flynn, E. D.
Withrow, Dr.	Plewes, David.	Wilson, G.
Roberts, E.	Smith, J. H.	Shaw, Prof.
Willoughby, N. R.	McGibbon, Walter.	Bland, H. F.
Young, E. R.	Harrison, Johnson.	Hansford, Wm.
Addison, P.	Cummer, L. A.	Graham, W. H.
Abbs, Geo.	Griffin, Dr.	Chambers, A. B.
Bowles, Sheriff.	Henderson, W. C.	Pitcher, J. T.
McDonald, J.	Campbell, T. M.	Douglas, Dr.
Weeks, A. B.	Holmes, J. W.	Campbell, A.
Washington, S.	Richardson, Geo.	Scanlon, J.
Milner, Thos.	Phillips, A. M.	Hall, W.
Sissons, J.	Howell, J. E.	Alexander, Dr.
Tait, Jos.	Scott, John.	Bishop, G.
Hoar, H. C.	McAlister, Jas.	Bissell, J.
Lake, J. N.	Hannon, Jas.	Bow, W.
Davis, E. J.	Kenner, John.	Torrance, J.
Willmott, Dr.	Herridge, Wm.	Coates, C. W.
Fleming, R. J.	Babb, R.	Ferrier, Senator.
Wilson, I.	Crabbe, J. J.	Graham, D.
Holtby, Thos.	Frost, A.	Hanson, Wm.
Parker, Dr.	Garbutt, Thos.	Jenkins, C. W.
Ryckman, Dr.	Hilliard, Thos.	Jost, C.
Pascoe, W. S.	Hord, Isaac.	Allison, Dr.
Scott, J. G.	McKenzie, R. W.	Chesley, S. A.
Clement, Benj.	Mills, James.	Jefferson, H. E.
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Shepherd, W. W.	Young, N. H.	Rice, S. H.
Miller, John.	Hepinstall, Peter.	Paisley, C. H.
Powell, A. B.	Bowman, I. E.	Irvine, J. E.
Johnston, Alex.	Cushing, Wm.	Dawson, W. E.
Barnes, C. A.	Lambert, R. G.	Weddall, J. J.
Wemp, B.	Clarke, John S.	Dove, James.
Sanders, C.	Tovell, Isaac.	Embree, J.
Whiting, W. B.	Clarkson, J. B.	Woodsworth, J.
Mitchell, John.	Burns, W.	Stewart, A.
Hunter, Dr. W. J.	Stratton, F. B.	Hutton, W. L.
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The original motion, as amended, was then put to the Conference and carried.

The Conference adjourned at 12.25, the General Superintendent pronouncing the benediction.

NINTH DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 10.*

The Conference re-opened at 9.30, Dr. Carman in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Bond.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

It was moved by Rev. Prof. Shaw, seconded by Dr. Alexander, and

*Resolved*—“That a committee of two ministers and two laymen be appointed, to which shall be referred all applications for

leave of absence. The said committee shall report to Conference on such applications, and in no case shall the expenses of delegates be paid before the close of the Session, unless where leave of absence has been obtained from the General Conference."

The Committee on Nominations were instructed to name such a committee.

A communication from Rev. A. L. Russell in reference to Calvinistic teachings in the *Sunday School Banner* was on motion referred to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

A memorial from Rev. M. Griffin in reference to Glencoe Church property was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The memorial from Perth District Meeting in reference to the boundaries of Montreal Conference was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The memorial from Rev. Dr. J. S. Evans, Hamilton Boys' Home, on the relation of children to the Church was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

A memorial from the Scott Act Convention, held in St. Thomas, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A memorial from the French Methodist Institute of Montreal was read and referred to a Special Committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

A memorial from the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A memorial from the Quarterly Official Board of Halifax Centre in reference to the election of lay members, etc., was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

The reply of His Excellency the Governor-General to the address of the last General Conference was read,—It was ordered, on motion, that the receipt be acknowledged by the Secretary, and the reply printed in the Journals of the Conference.

The Report of the Directors of the Ontario Ladies' College was on motion referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Board of the Superannuation Fund was on motion referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

The Treasurer's Report of the Superannuation Fund was on motion referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

Memorials from the French District of the Montreal Conference were referred,—1st, to the Committee on Missions; 2nd, to the Committee on Annual Conferences; 3rd, to the Committee on the Course of Study; 4th, to the Committee on Education.

The following notices of motion were given:—

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By Rev. Dr. Harper, in reference to ministers who have surrendered ministerial standing discharging ministerial functions.

Rev. E. R. Young, Lay-Delegates.

Mr. C. Sanders, Sabbath School Missionary Sunday; also, Sabbath School Constitution.

Rev. B. Clement, Hand-Book of Discipline.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Conference Special Committee.

Rev. W. C. Henderson, Probationers; also, Changes in Discipline.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, Changes in Discipline.

Mr. Thos. Hilliard, Time of Meeting of the Board of Missions.

Rev. A. E. Russ, Stationing of Ministers.

Rev. J. S. Williamson, Building Churches; also, Kneeling at Prayer.

Rev. T. Colling, Stewards; also, Lay-Representatives in Annual Conferences; and Close of the Financial Year.

Mr. David Plewes, Changing Schedules in reference to Ministers' Salaries.

Mr. W. E. Sanford, Insurance of Churches; also, General Superintendents.

Mr. A. J. Donly, Recording Stewards.

Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, Communion Service.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Executive Committee of the Book Concern; also, Acquiring Property.

Rev. F. B. Stratton, Change of "2nd" to "4th" in a certain passage of the Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Stone, the Marriage Service.

Rev. S. Bond, Changes of Discipline.

Dr. Alexander, Membership in the Church.

Mr. Thos. C. Watkins, Ministers Preaching on Parental Duties.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Children's Day.

Rev. T. M. Campbell, Changes in Discipline.

Rev. A. Cunningham, Probationers.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Dr. Pickard, General Superintendents.

Rev. T. Argue, Manitoba College.

Rev. L. Hooker, to change "may" to "shall" in a certain clause of the Discipline.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley, Changes of Discipline.

It was moved by Rev. D. G. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. W. McDonagh, and

*Resolved*, "That Judge Dean be requested to place in the hands of the Secretary, in order to be filed, the document read by him in connection with the debate on College Federation, and purporting to be a communication to this Conference from the Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University."

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded and

*Resolved*,—"That it be an instruction to the Nominating Committee to nominate a Committee on Evangelistic Agency."

A memorial from Queen's Avenue Church, London, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Annual Conferences was on motion called up and read.

On motion the Report was laid on the table.

The following motion, of which notice had been given, was called up:

Moved by Rev. D. G. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter,

"That it is desirable in the interests of the work that the Guelph Conference should be divided between the London, Niagara, and Toronto Conferences, and that the Committee on Annual Conferences be instructed to prepare a scheme to that effect."

The resolution was lost.

A notice of motion by Rev. E. A. Stafford in reference to the elimination of words on page 123 of the Discipline was presented.

The following resolutions, of which notice had been given, were referred to the Committees as follows:—

Rev. Dr. Harper's, in reference to the exercise of Ministerial Functions by Ministers who had resigned their Ministerial Standing, to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. E. R. Young's, on Lay Delegates, to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. C. Sanders', in reference to Sabbath School Constitution, to the Committee on Sabbath Schools; also, Sabbath School Missionary Sunday, to the Committee on Missions.

Mr. B. Clement's, in reference to Hand-book of Discipline, to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland's, on Conference Special Committee, to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. W. C. Henderson's, on changes in Discipline, and on Probationers, to the Committee on Discipline.

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Mr. T. Hilliard's, on Time of Meeting of the Board of Missions, to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. A. E. Russ', on Stationing of Ministers, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. S. Williamson's, on Building Churches, to the Committee on Discipline; also, on Kneeling in Prayer, to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. T. Colling's, on Stewards, to the Committee on Discipline; also, on Lay Representation in Annual Conferences, to Committee on Discipline; also, on close of Financial Year, to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. D. Plewes', on Schedules, to the Committee on Schedules.

Mr. W. E. Sanford's, on Insurance of Churches, to the Committee on Church Property; also, on General Superintendents, to the Committee on General Superintendency.

Mr. A. J. Donly's, on Recording Stewards, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. R. W. Woodsworth's, on Communion Service, to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley's, on amendment of Discipline, to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. E. A. Stafford's, on changes of Discipline, to Judicial Committee.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren's, on Executive Committee of Book Room, to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Rev. T. M. Campbell's, on changes in Discipline, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. L. Hooker's, on changes of words in Discipline, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. A. Cunningham's, on Probationers, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. T. Argue's, on Manitoba College, to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Pickard's, on General Superintendents, to the Committee on General Superintendency.

Rev. Dr. Stewart's, on Children's Day, to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Mr. Thomas C. Watkins', on Sermons on Parental Duties, to the Committee on Ritual.

Dr. Alexander's, on Membership in the Church, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. S. Bond's, on changes of Discipline, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Stone's, on Marriage Service, to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. J. B. Clarkson's, on changes of Discipline, to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren's, on Acquiring Property, to the Committee on Church Property.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher's, on Superannuation Fund, to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

The following notice of motion was given:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, and seconded by Senator Ferrier,

"That the name of the Church be changed from 'The Methodist Church' to 'The Methodist Church of Canada.'"

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Mr. John Torrance, and

*Resolved*,—"That new business be not introduced after Tuesday morning session."

The Committee on Public Services presented Report No. 5.

Rev. H. F. Bland's resolution in reference to training of "Christian Workers" was referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

The invitation from Montreal to hold the next General Conference in the new Trinity Church in that city was on motion accepted.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland gave notice of motion in reference to revision of Discipline.

Mr. J. H. Smith gave notice of motion concerning the literary attainments necessary for admission to the ministry.

The Conference adjourned at 12.30, the President pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 10.

The Conference re-assembled at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The usual devotional exercises were held, the Rev. W. J. Maxwell leading in prayer.

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Reports of Committees were called for.

Rev. S. Card read the Report of the Committee of the Sabbath School Parliament. On motion the Report was received.

The remainder of the session was devoted to the reception of fraternal delegates from other Methodist Churches to this Conference.

Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., was first introduced.

The Secretary read the address of the British Conference to this Conference and the credentials of Dr. Stephenson, after which Dr. Stephenson addressed the Conference.

At the conclusion of the address the following resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by Rev. E. A. Stafford, and adopted:

"That this Conference has heard with profound satisfaction the cheering statements of success and cordial fraternal greetings which the Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., the honored fraternal delegate from the parent Methodist Church in England, has so eloquently presented in the address to which we have just listened, and we assure Dr. Stephenson, and the grand old Church which he represents, of our deep and abiding interest in the progress of British Methodism at home and abroad. While we earnestly rejoice in the past success with which God has crowned the labors of our fathers and brethren in England, we pray that their future may be crowned with still more abundant blessings."

The Secretary then read the credentials of the Rev. Isaac W. Joyce, D.D., the fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. Dr. Joyce addressed the Conference. At the conclusion of the address the following resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Judge Deacon, and adopted:

"That we have received with profound satisfaction the communication from the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, and have listened with great delight to the eloquent address of the fraternal delegate from that Church, the Rev. Dr. Joyce. We assure our beloved and honored brother of the high regard we entertain for himself personally, and of the deep interest we feel in all that pertains to the great Church of which he is the chosen representative. We sympathize with our brethren in the difficult problems by which they are confronted, and pray that Divine wisdom may guide them in all their movements till every problem is solved, and the whole land is won to Christ."

Rev. Chas. B. Galloway, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and fraternal delegate, was then introduced, and, his credentials having been read, addressed the Conference. Where-

upon Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Senator Ferrier, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

"That this General Conference has heard with profound pleasure the eloquent address of the Rev. Bishop Galloway, the honored representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. We rejoice in the prosperity vouchsafed to the varied agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, both at home and abroad. We beg to assure Bishop Galloway and the great Church he so worthily represents, of our joy at their success, and of our sincere desire and prayer that Methodism in the sunny South may prosper more and more."

At 10.20 the meeting closed with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Williams.

TENTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 11.

The Conference re-assembled at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and Mr. Thos. Holtby led in prayer.

The Minutes of the Friday morning session were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Friday evening session were also read and confirmed.

MEMORIALS.

On the call for memorials the following were presented:

By Rev. R. Whiting, in reference to relief for the Second Methodist Church of the Town of Prescott,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts; also another in reference to relief for the Third Methodist Church, Kingston,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From Mr. James French, on Church Exemptions,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and received.

Mr. G. D. Platt, Secretary of the Committee on Memorials, presented the Report of the Committee, which was received.

Rev. John S. Clarke presented the second Report of the Committee on General Superintendency, which was received.

Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter presented the first Report of the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests. The Report was received.

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Report No. 1 of the Committee on Children's Fund was presented and received.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland's resolution on the revision of Discipline was considered and adopted as follows:

*Resolved*,—"That a commission of \_\_\_\_\_ members be appointed, to be known as the 'Commission on Revision of Discipline.' They shall meet as soon as possible after appointment and arrange for such division of work as may be found convenient, embracing the following points:

- "1. The correction of verbal and grammatical inaccuracies.
- "2. The harmonizing of clauses that now seem to be at variance.
- "3. The changes necessary to remove ambiguity, and make each clause clear and definite.
- "4. What sections, sub-sections, paragraphs or sentences may be safely omitted.
- "5. What additions are necessary to make certain parts of the Discipline workable.
- "6. The arrangement of the various chapters, sections and sub-sections, so that all paragraphs referring to the same subject may be brought together.

"The Commission shall hold a united meeting at least one year before the next meeting of the General Conference, when they shall review the whole work and combine it into one Report. They shall cause the said Report to be printed, showing all changes proposed, and indicating, when practicable, the reasons for such changes, and shall send a copy to each member-elect of the next General Conference not later than the 1st of August, 1890, reporting the whole for final action to said Conference."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, it was

*Resolved*,—"That the blank in the first line be filled with the number 12, to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations."

Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter moved, seconded by Rev. A. E. Russ,

"That the election of Book Stewards and Editors be made the order of the day for this morning, at 11 o'clock."

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Judge Deacon, in amendment,

"That the election of Departmental Officers shall take place on Tuesday next, and shall be in the following order:

- "1. General Superintendents.
- "2. Book Stewards and Editors.
- "3. Missionary Secretary and Treasurer.
- "4. Treasurers of other funds."

The amendment prevailed.

Mr. George Wilson's resolution in reference to the composition of the Annual Conferences was laid on the table.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland,  
"That when we adjourn to-day, we stand adjourned to meet on Monday evening, at 7.30 o'clock."

Rev. J. S. Williamson moved in amendment,  
"That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 9.30 o'clock on Monday morning."

The amendment prevailed.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. W. M. Gray gave notice of the following motion to be taken up on Wednesday morning next:

"Whereas there was adopted at the last General Conference a resolution as follows (see page 95 Journal Gen. Conf., 1883): 'That the officers of the General Conference appointed for the purpose, disburse only the amount on hand for General Conference expenses, leaving each delegate deficient in his expenses by an equal amount;' and whereas it is desirable that such resolution be rescinded as far as it relates to the delegation and other expenses of this General Conference, therefore,

*Resolved*, That such resolution be, and is hereby accordingly rescinded."

Rev. W. J. Jolliffe gave notice of motion in reference to a change in the Discipline concerning the Central Sabbath School Board.

Rev. W. J. Jolliffe also gave notice of motion in reference to the District Adjudicating Committee.

Rev. Wm. Pirritte gave notice of motion on Blank Forms, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Schedules.

Rev. Dr. Pickard gave notice of motion in reference to the publication of the Report of the Relief and Extension Fund.

Rev. Dr. Cummings, of Wellsville, N. Y., was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. A. Rogers gave notice of motion in reference to General Conference Secretaries.

Mr. Thos. C. Watkins gave notice of motion in reference to the use of non-alcoholic wine at our Sacramental Services.

Rev. W. Galbraith gave notice of motion in reference to changes in the Baptismal Ritual.

Rev. Dr. Eby gave notice of motion in reference to a change in the Discipline concerning Foreign Missions.

Mr. J. E. Irvine gave notice of motion in reference to a Children's Sacramental Service.

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Rev. L. Hooker's motion for the printing of certain Reports was laid on the table.

Rev. H. Johnston read a communication from the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Rev. S. Bond gave notice of motion to correct a certain passage of the Discipline.

Mr. J. T. Moore gave notice of motion in reference to College Federation.

Rev. J. Scanlon gave notice of motion in reference to Sabbath Observance.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren gave notice of motion in reference to the time of holding the General Conference.

Rev. E. A. Stafford gave notice of motion on the same subject.

The following resolutions, of which notice had been given, were referred as follows:—

Rev. W. Jolliffe's, on Sabbath School Board, to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. W. Jolliffe's, on District Adjudicating Committee, to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. Dr. Pickard's, on Relief and Extension Fund, to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. J. A. Rogers', on General Conference Secretaries, to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. Thos. C. Watkins', on Sacramental Wine, to the Committee on Temperance.

Rev. W. Galbraith's, on Baptismal Ritual, to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. Dr. Eby's, on Foreign Missions, to the Committee on Missions.

Mr. J. E. Irvine's, on Children's Sacramental Service, to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. J. T. Moore's, on College Federation, to the Committee on Education.

Rev. E. A. Stafford's, on Time of Meeting of General Conference, to the Committee on Discipline.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren's, on the same subject, to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. Scanlon's, on Sabbath Observance, to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

It was moved by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by Rev. J. Allen, and  
*Resolved*,—"That the Committee on Discipline be instructed to correct verbal inaccuracies, and also transpose items where they judge such change necessary, reporting the same as in all other recommendations."

The Report of the Committee on General Superintendency was taken up and considered.

The adoption of the first item of the Report was moved by Rev. J. Shenton, and seconded by Rev. C. Jost.

It was moved by Rev. J. Curts, and seconded by Judge Deacon, in amendment,

"That there be two General Superintendents."

Mr. J. J. Maclaren moved, and Rev. G. Abbs seconded, in amendment to the amendment,

"That the question of the number of General Superintendents be deferred until the duties of these officers are considered."

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

The Conference adjourned at 12.30.

ELEVENTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 13.*

The Conference opened at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Young.

The Minutes of Saturday morning session were read and approved.

Rev. D. Morrow, of Philadelphia, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Sprague and Rev. F. B. Stratton asked leave of absence on account of personal and family affliction. The Conference granted their request.

The order of the day was taken up, viz.: The Report of the Committee on General Superintendency.

The discussion on the first recommendation of the Committee was resumed.

At 11.25 Mr. Geo. Bishop moved,

"That the speeches on this question be hereafter limited to five minutes."

On being duly seconded and submitted to the Conference the motion was lost.

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At 12.10 o'clock the previous question was moved and carried.

The amendment to the amendment was then submitted to the Conference and carried.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Clarkson, the order of business was suspended in order to allow Rev. Dr. Sutherland to introduce the following resolutions on the duties and powers of General Superintendents:

"1. That they preside over all sessions of the General Conference.

"2. That they be members and chairmen, *ex officio*, of all Standing Committees and Boards appointed by the General Conference, with a casting vote only.

"3. That they conduct, in association with the President of the Annual Conference, the Ordination Service, and sign the Ordination parchments.

"4. That they make all transfers, in consultation with the Presidents of the Conferences affected by the change, due protection being given to those ministers whom it is proposed to transfer.

"5. That they have authority to send to any part of the Connexion, where their services may be required, any young men when first received as probationers for the Ministry.

"6. That it be their duty to call the attention of the proper authorities to any case in which the Discipline of the Church has been neglected or contravened; and should the said authorities not take action, it shall be their duty to carry the case to the Court of Appeals for final decision.

"7. That they shall give special attention to such interests as are connexional in their character, leaving local or confessional matters to the Annual Conference authorities as far as possible."

It was moved that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

It was moved in amendment that the resolutions be now taken up *seriatim*.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment that the resolutions be the order of the day for the beginning of the next session.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., the representative of the British Conference, took his formal leave of the Conference.

It was moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts, and,

*Resolved*,—"That in parting with our esteemed brother, Rev. Dr. Stephenson, the Conference desires to express the pleasure and

profit experienced not only in his fraternal greetings, but more especially in his public ministrations on the last Sabbath. His clear exposition of the truth, in chaste and beautiful language, has left a delightful impression upon the minds of the large congregations who heard him. We heartily thank him for his good work, and pray that a kind Providence may guard him from accident and danger in all his long journeys."

The resolution was unanimously sustained.

Rev. Dr. Rose, Treasurer of the General Conference Fund, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Report No. 6 of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted with emendations.

On motion of Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, it was ordered that Dr. Sutherland's resolutions in reference to the duties of the General Superintendents be printed for the use of members.

The Conference adjourned at 12.30.

MONDAY EVENING, *Sept. 13.*

The Conference re-assembled at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Carman presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Burwash.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Leave of absence from the Conference was granted to Mr. C. A. Barnes.

A memorial from Wellandport Quarterly Board in reference to the time of appointing Stewards, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Withrow presented the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, which on motion was received.

Rev. T. M. Campbell presented the Report of the Board of the Superannuation Fund, which was on motion received.

Rev. D. L. Brethour presented the Report of the Committee on Temperance, and on motion it was received.

The order of the day was taken up, viz.: Dr. Sutherland's resolutions on the duties and powers of the General Superintendents.

The first and second items were adopted.

The third item was amended and adopted with changes to make the resolution read as in the present Discipline.

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The fourth item was referred to the Committee on Transfers.

On the fifth item, motion was made to adopt.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. A. Campbell, seconded by Rev. Geo. Webber.

"That after the word 'authority' the following clause be added, namely: 'with the consent of the President of the Conference to which the young men belong.'"

A second amendment was moved by Rev. John F. German, seconded by Rev. W. W. Shepherd.

"That in the second line after the word 'men' read 'placed on the list of Reserve by an Annual Conference.'"

These amendments having been put to the Conference in order were both adopted.

The whole item as thus amended was then adopted.

The sixth item was laid on the table.

The seventh item was adopted.

The resolutions as a whole were then adopted as amended.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the resolutions now adopted shall not be understood as repealing or discontinuing anything contained in paragraphs 156-162 on pp. 90 and 91 of the Discipline.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was on motion resolved to prolong the session to hear the Report of the Transfer Committee.

Rev. Dr. Lathern presented the Report of the Transfer Committee, which on motion was received.

The Conference adjourned at 10.10.

TWELFTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 14.

The Conference was opened at 9.30 in the usual manner, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and Rev. B. Clement led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

Rev. Prof. Shaw presented Reports Nos. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Education, which on motion were received.

Rev. Dr. Eby presented the Report of the Committee on Missions, which on motion was received.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz: the Report of the Committee on General Superintendency.

The debate was interrupted to afford the Rev. Dr. Joyce, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Galloway, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, opportunity to take leave of the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Joyce having addressed the Conference, it was moved by Rev. H. Johnston, seconded by Mr. John Macdonald, and

*Resolved*,—"That this General Conference cannot allow the Rev. Dr. Joyce, the honored representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, to depart without expressing its hearty appreciation of his services, and its deep interest in the great Church which he has so nobly represented. As members of Conference we have greatly profited by his eloquent and fervent ministrations and have rejoiced in his appreciative interest in our proceedings. We wish him journeying mercies, and earnestly pray that the great Head of the Church will grant to him and his Church still more enlarged prosperity and blessing."

Bishop Galloway also addressed the Conference, after which it was moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lathern, and

*Resolved*,—"That this Conference feels deeply impressed with the sense of benefit derived from the visit to us of Bishop Galloway, the fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and would assure him in parting that he will live in the affectionate remembrance of our hearts. His powerful sermons, clearly enunciating the great principles which underlie all practical Christianity, like hidden streams, will continue to enrich our lives long after his departure. The faith of our youth has been greatly strengthened by his wise words; and we have all been led to feel the unity of Methodism in its high aims, and in its effective methods. We pray that providence may turn Bishop Galloway's steps towards our Dominion again, and many times, with other similar messages from the Church's risen Head; and that for very many years his life may be spared, and abound in faithful labors for God and humanity."

Rev. Dr. Wild, Pastor of Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of Dr. Allison, it was ordered that after the close of Mr. Langford's address, no speaker shall occupy more than ten minutes on the subject before the Conference.

At 11.45 the previous question was moved and carried.

On motion it was ordered that the yeas and nays be taken.

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The question was then taken on the amendment to the first item of the Committee's report on General Superintendency. It was carried by a vote of 168 to 60, as follows:—

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| Shaw, Dr.         | Howell, J. E.            | Ford, Dr.              |
| Griffith, Dr.     | Cornish, G. H.           | Cox, G. A.             |
| Harper, Dr.       | Scott, J.                | Dean, Judge.           |
| Johnston, H.      | Rupert, E. S.            | O'Flynn, E. D.         |
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| Bishop, G. J.     | Perdue, H. H.            | Huestis, S. F.         |
| Abbs, Geo.        | Williams, Dr. (M.D.)     | Rogers, J. A.          |
| Macdonald, J.     | Young, N. H.             | Lathern, Dr.           |
| Beatty, Wm.       | Hepinstall, P.           | Morton, A. D.          |
| Washington, S.    | Bowman, I. E.            | Teasdale, J. J.        |
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| Gurney, E.        | Lambert, R. G.           | Albion, Dr.            |
| Moore, J. T.      | Williams, T. G.          | Smith, E. G.           |
| Maclaren, J. J.   | McRitchie, Geo.          | Narraway, H. R.        |
| Loverin, H. L.    | Shaw, Prof.              | Jefferson, H. E.       |
| Wilson, J.        | Bond, S.                 | Huestis, M. B.         |
| Holtby, Thos.     | Chambers, A. B.          | Black, R. L.           |
| Lake, J. N.       | McGill, W.               | Sweet, R. J.           |
| Sutherland, D. G. | Chisholm, F.             | Burns, S.              |
| Sanderson, Dr.    | Douglas, Dr.             | Stewart, Dr.           |
| Austin, B. F.     | Scanton, J.              | Evans, E.              |
| McDonagh, W.      | Card, S.                 | Read, John.            |
| Scott, J. G.      | Hall, W.                 | Pickard, Dr.           |
| Brown, W. G.      | Alexander, Dr.           | Rice, S. H.            |
| Middleton, E.H.   | Bissell, J.              | Strong, Hon. W. G.     |
| Gundy, J. R.      | Bow, W.                  | Inch, Dr.              |
| Shepherd, W. W.   | Coates, C. W.            | Irvine, J. E.          |
| Powell, A. B.     | Chown, E.                | Dawson, W. E.          |
| Johnston, A.      | Deacon, Judge.           | Woodburn, J. R.        |
| Sanders, C.       | Ferrier, Senator.        | Weddall, J. J.         |
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| Ellis, Jonathan.  | Nelles, Dr.              | Harley, H.             |
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On motion, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 2.30 p.m.

It was moved by Rev. J. S. Williamson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Stone,

“That the order for the afternoon session be the election of Conference officers.”

The motion was laid on the table.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*,—“That the order of business, after the disposal of the Report of the Committee on General Superintendency, be the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.”

The Conference adjourned at 12.40.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 14.*

The Conference re-opened at 2.30 in the usual form, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mr. A. B. Powell.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

It was moved and seconded that the order of the day be suspended to hear the Reports of the Committees on Statistics and the Court of Appeals.

The motion was lost.

The order of the day was taken up.

The adoption of the second item of the Report of the Committee on General Superintendency was moved and seconded.

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It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,  
 "That this item be re-committed, with instructions to the Committee to provide for the introduction of an equal number of laymen and ministers upon the Board which shall choose a General Superintendent, *ad interim*, in case of the death or disability of a General Superintendent in the interval between two General Conferences."

The amendment was adopted.

The third item of the Report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence recommended that Rev. William Jackson, Mr. W. H. Lambly, Mr. I. L. McNeil, and Hon. W. G. Strong, be granted leave of absence.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests was taken up. The several items were considered *seriatim*. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th paragraphs were adopted.

The 5th and 6th paragraphs were struck out. The 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th paragraphs were adopted.

In amendment to the 13th, it was moved by Rev. J. Graham, seconded by Rev. Wm. McDonagh,

"That this Conference appoint only one Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, who may have necessary assistance at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars."

The amendment prevailed by a vote of 107 to 68.

The 14th and 15th paragraphs were adopted.

The Report as a whole was then adopted as amended.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was presented and read by Rev. Dr. Eby.

On motion, it was resolved to consider the Report *seriatim*.

The first item was adopted.

The second item was laid on the table.

The adoption of the third item having been moved, it was moved in amendment by Rev. Prof. Shaw, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,

"That the part of the Report relating to the French Work be referred to the Committee on French Work."

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland,

"That this Conference approves of that part of the Report of the General Board of Missions relating to the French Work, and requests the Montreal Conference to give effect to the recommendation therein contained."

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The amendment of Prof. Shaw was adopted.

The first and second parts of item 4 were adopted.

The time of adjournment having arrived, a hymn was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wm. McDonagh, at 5.30.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 14.*

The Conference re-assembled at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and Rev. Wm. McDonagh led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Missions was continued.

The third item of paragraph 4 and paragraph 5 were adopted.

Rev. C. H. Paisley moved, seconded by Rev. R. Wilson, to amend sub-section *c*, paragraph 6, as follows:

“That the Missionary Report contain the names of all subscribers of one dollar and upwards.”—*Lost.*

On motion, paragraph 6 was laid on the table until after the election of Conference officers.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the election of Connexional officers.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and seconded by Mr. H. R. Narraway,

“That in the election of General Superintendents one be elected for a term of eight years, and one for a term of four years.”

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Prof. Shaw, seconded by Mr. W. Hanson,

“That in the election of General Superintendents we proceed to elect, first, a Superintendent to fill up the remainder of the term of office of the late Rev. Dr. Rice, viz., four years, and then, by a separate ballot, a Superintendent for eight years.”

The amendment was put to the Conference and declared lost.

The original resolution was then put to the Conference and declared carried.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Lathern, seconded by Rev. J. Gaetz, “That because of the uncertainty that existed in regard to the vote on Prof. Shaw’s resolution, the vote be retaken.”

The resolution did not prevail.

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The Conference proceeded to the election of a General Superintendent for eight years, the first ballot resulting as follows :

Dr. Stewart, 1 ; Dr. Potts, 5 ; Dr. Sutherland, 28 ; Dr. Williams, 85 ; Dr. Carman, 108.

As 114 votes were necessary to a choice, there was no election.

The second ballot resulted as follows :

Dr. Dewart, 1 ; Dr. Sutherland, 7 ; Dr. Williams, 87 ; Dr. Carman, 133.

Dr. Carman was declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of a General Superintendent for four years.

The ballots having been cast, the following was the result :

Rev. E. A. Stafford, 1 ; Dr. Stewart, 3 ; Dr. Potts, 5 ; Dr. Sutherland, 26 ; Dr. Williams, 192.

Dr. Williams was declared elected.

It was moved by Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Judge Deacon, and

*Resolved*,—"That in the election of Connexional officers, except the General Superintendents, the method of open nomination and ballot without debate shall be pursued."

The Conference proceeded to the election of Book Stewards and Editors.

Rev. Dr. Briggs having been nominated as Book Steward for the Western Section, and no other nominations having been made, the Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for Dr. Briggs, who was declared elected.

Rev. J. Shenton nominated Rev. S. F. Huestis as Book Steward for the Eastern Section, and no other nominations having been made, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for Mr. Huestis, who was declared elected.

Rev. Dr. Dewart was nominated by Rev. Dr. Potts, as Editor of the *Christian Guardian*.

Rev. Dr. Stone was nominated for the same office by Rev. J. S. Williamson, and Rev. E. A. Stafford by Mr. Edward Gurney. The ballots were then cast with the following result :—

Dr. Stone, 7 ; E. A. Stafford, 60 ; Dr. Dewart, 161.

Dr. Dewart was declared elected.

Rev. A. E. Russ nominated Rev. Dr. Withrow as Editor of the *Methodist Magazine* and Sabbath School papers.

No other nominations having been made, the Secretary was

directed to cast a ballot for Dr. Withrow, who was thereupon declared elected.

On motion, at 10 o'clock, the session was prolonged to allow the elections to continue.

Rev. Dr. Stewart nominated Rev. Dr. Lathern as Editor of the *Wesleyan*.

No other nominations having been made, the Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for Dr. Lathern, who was declared elected.

Rev. Dr. Sanderson nominated Rev. Dr. Sutherland as General Secretary of the Missionary Society, who, as in the former cases, was declared elected on a ballot cast by the Secretary of the Conference.

On nomination by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, Mr. John Macdonald was elected, by a ballot cast by the Secretary, as Lay Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

### THIRTEENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 15.*

The Conference opened at 9.30 in the usual manner, Dr. Carman in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. George Webber.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

The reply of the Lower House of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England to the greeting of this Conference was read by the Secretary.

The Secretary also read the Address of the Bible Christian Conference in England to this Conference.

The resolution of which Mr. W. M. Gray had given notice was taken up for consideration, and adopted as follows:—

“Whereas there was a resolution passed by the last General Conference (See *Journal*, pp. 95, 96.)

“That the officers of the General Conference appointed for the purpose, disburse only the amount on hand for General Conference expenses, leaving each delegate deficient in his expenses by an equal amount.”

“And whereas it is desirable that such resolution should be rescinded in so far as it relates to the delegation and other expenses of this General Conference, therefore,

“*Resolved*,—That such resolution be, and is hereby, rescinded accordingly.”

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Rev. Dr. Burns, President of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, presented and read the Report of that Institution.

On motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren presented and read the Report of the Court of Appeal.

On motion, it was ordered that the Report be received and the recommendations contained therein referred to the Judicial Committee.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren also presented returns of the Court of Appeal as to the number of meetings held, the attendance, and expenses of such meetings.

Rev. H. S. Matthews presented and read the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which on motion was received and adopted.

Rev. J. T. Pitcher presented and read the Report of the Committee on the French Work, which on motion was received.

Mr. William Hanson presented and read the Report of the Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid. It was received, and ordered to be printed for the use of members of Conference.

Lieut.-Gov. Aikins moved the suspension of the order of business, that the Report might be read at once. After a short discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Rev. Prof. Shaw presented for consideration of the Conference the item of the Report of the Committee on Education relating to the appointment of a Secretary of Education.

Rev. Prof. Shaw moved to adopt, seconded by Rev. Dr. Nelles. The resolution was carried by a rising vote.

The second item was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Inch, seconded by Rev. Dr. Burwash, the third item was re-committed.

The fifth and sixth items were adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Leave of Absence, the following were permitted to withdraw for the remainder of Conference:

Dr. Christoe, Mr. D. Fisher, Mr. E. D. O'Flynn, Mr. J. J. Crabbe, Mr. R. L. Black, Mr. C. W. Coates, Mr. Jas. Bissel, Rev. John Read, Mr. J. R. Woodburn, Rev. W. S. Pascoe, Mr. G. W. Webb, and R. W. Williams, M.D.

Rev. Dr. Rose, Treasurer of the General Conference Fund, presented and read the Report of that Fund.

On motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

It was moved by Mr. John Macdonald, seconded by Dr. Lavell, and

*Resolved*,—"That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to Rev. Dr. Rose for his services as Treasurer, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be paid him for the same."

Rev. J. E. Williams, of the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, son of Rev. Dr. Williams, General Superintendent, was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Withrow read an Address of Congratulation to be presented to Her Majesty Queen Victoria on the completion of the jubilee year of her reign.

On motion, the Address was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by Rev. Dr. Nelles, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Address to the Queen be engrossed, and by the General Superintendents and Secretary of this Conference conveyed through the Governor-General and Secretary of State to the Queen, unless a more suitable mode occurs of transmission to Her Majesty."

It was moved by Rev. E. R. Young, seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour, and

*Resolved*,—"That a delegation of this Conference be appointed to visit the Dominion Alliance, now holding its session in this city, to convey to them our greetings, and to assure them of our hearty sympathy and co-operation in their good work."

The following were appointed a delegation under the above resolution: Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. D. L. Brethour, Rev. J. V. Smith, Dr. Allison, Mr. McKenzie, Hon. J. W. Sifton.

The Conference adjourned at 12.40.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 15.*

The Conference re-assembled at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. After singing and the reading of the Scriptures, the Rev. Dr. Pickard led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Rev. E. A. Stafford, it was decided that the order of business should be, 1st, the Report on Missions; 2nd, that on Itinerancy, and 3rd, on motion of Mr. W. M. Gray, that on Finance.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was again taken up.

The sixth item was taken from the table.

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It was moved and seconded that the sixth item be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Douglas,

"That in the judgment of this Conference, the supervision recommended for the Mission work of the North-West can best be provided, for the present, by enabling the District Superintendents to travel at intervals through their Districts. It is therefore recommended that the Mission Board provide, if possible, for assistance to the Superintendents of Brandon, Regina, and Saskatchewan Districts during the summer months, so that they may travel at large over their Districts."

The amendment was lost. The original motion having been put to the Conference was adopted.

The time of adjournment having come, it was moved and seconded that the session be prolonged until 11 o'clock.—*Carried.*

The Report of the Committee on Itinerancy was then taken up.

Rev. E. A. Stafford moved the adoption of the first item, viz:

"The extension of the ministerial term to four years."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. A. B. Powell, seconded by Judge Dean,

"That this General Conference give Stationing Committees power to station a minister a fourth or fifth year if a sufficient reason for such appointment be presented; provided also that three-fourths of the members of the Quarterly Board make such a request."

On motion, it was resolved that no speaker should occupy more than 5 minutes.

At 11 o'clock the previous question was ordered. The amendment was lost.

The item of the Report was adopted by a vote of 72 to 69.

The Conference adjourned at 11.15.

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#### FOURTEENTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept. 16.*

The Conference re-assembled at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. After singing, and the reading of the Scriptures, prayer was offered by Mr. Wm. Cushing.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, viz.: the Report of the Committee on Itinerancy.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended in order to allow Rev. T. G. Williams to introduce the following resolution:—

Moved by Rev. T. G. Williams, seconded by Hon. Senator Ferrier,

“That inasmuch as an effort has been made by brethren acting under the direction of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church, in conjunction with a committee appointed by a Synod of the Presbyterian Church, to effect a saving in the management of the missions of the Protestant Churches of this Dominion, which it is hoped will tend to the more rapid spread of the Christian religion, therefore

“Resolved,—That this General Conference instruct the Nominating Committee to nominate a committee or committees, whose duty it shall be to confer with any committee or committees now appointed, or which may be appointed, by other branches of the Christian Church, having for their object the management of missions now occupied by two or more branches of the Church, and dependent upon mission funds; and also to formulate a plan and define the powers to be committed to these committees.”

The resolution was laid on the table until the Report of the Committee on Memorials should be considered.

Rev. D. G. Sutherland asked liberty to send to the Committee on Discipline a matter that had been by mistake sent to the Committee on the Course of Study, viz.: a memorial from Orangeville Circuit asking that young men travelling under a Chairman be not allowed to count such time on their probation.

The request was granted.

Rev. Dr. Griffin asked leave to send to the Committee on Memorials a memorial on the relation of baptized children to the Church, which had been by mistake sent to the Committee on Discipline.

Leave was granted.

It was moved by Rev. F. B. Stratton, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,

“That the Report of the Committee on Itinerancy be amended by the addition of the following:—

“That the law enacting an extension of the ministerial term to four years do not take effect until the Spring Conferences of 1890.”

Moved as an amendment by Rev. D. C. McDowell, seconded by Rev. W. W. Shepherd,

“That the resolution adopted last evening extending the ministerial term to four years be re-considered.”

This motion was adopted.

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It was then moved by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, in amendment to the first item of the Report, seconded by Mr. W. E. Sanford,

“That the Stationing Committee shall be authorized to appoint a minister for a fourth year, provided such appointment be requested by a three-fourths vote of the Quarterly Official Meeting.”

Moved by Rev. H. F. Bland, in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. I. R. Howell,

“That a minister may be appointed a fourth year, subject to the following conditions:—

“1. That in the judgment of the Stationing Committee there is a sufficient reason for making the appointment.

“2. That the invitation of the Quarterly Meeting shall be practically unanimous.”

At 11.20, on motion, the speakers were restricted to five minutes each.

At 11.45 the previous question was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Pickard, the Conference resolved to record the yeas and nays.

The amendment to the amendment was lost by a vote of 54 yeas to 154 nays.

*Yeas.*

Stafford, E. A.	Williamson, J. S.	Pitcher, J. T.
Briggs, Dr.	Kettlewell, W.	Alexander, Dr.
Johnston, H.	Lanceley, J. E.	Hanson, Wm.
Galbraith, W.	Jones, Judge.	Lavell, Dr.
Withrow, Dr.	Howell, I. R.	Leary, John.
Roberts, E.	Henderson, W. C.	Bredin, Dr.
Eby, Dr.	Aylesworth, Dr. (LL.D.)	Clarkson, J. B.
Willoughby, N. R.	Campbell, T. M.	Johnston, W.
Addison, P.	Holmes, J. W.	Hall, W. F.
Wilson, I.	Richardson, G.	Aylesworth, Jas.
Parker, Dr.	Babb, R.	Gillbard, Thos.
Pascoe, W. S.	Millis, James.	Heartz, W. H.
Smith, J. V.	Williams, T. G.	Huestis, S. F.
Middleton, Eli.	McRitchie, Geo.	Chesley, S. A.
Gundy, J. R.	Bland, H. F.	Sweet, R. J.
Dawson, R. J. C.	Hansford, Wm.	Narraway, H. R.
Mitchell, John.	Bond, S.	Wilson, R.
Hunter, Dr. W. J.	McGill, Wm.	Rutledge, W. L.—54

*Nays.*

German, J. F.	Macdonald, Jno.	Holtby, Thos.
Pirritte, W.	Weeks, A. D.	Lake, J. N.
Sutherland, Dr.	Aylesworth, Dr. (M.D.)	Ryckman, Dr.
Dewart, Dr.	Beatty, Wm.	Sutherland, D. G.
Griffith, Dr.	Washington, S.	Sanderson, Dr.
Harper, Dr.	Lennox, T. W.	Graham, J.
Matthews, H. S.	Moore, J. T.	Austin, B. F.
Young, E. R.	Maclaren, J. J.	McDonagh, W.
Simpson, J.	Sissons, J.	Scott, J. G.
Bishop, G. J.	Tait, J.	Brown, W. G.
Abbs, Geo.	Hoar, H. C.	Shepherd, W. W.

## Nays—Continued.

Whiting, J.  
Powell, A. B.  
Johnston, A.  
Hopkins, B.  
Lane, J. B.  
Wemp, B.  
Sanders, C.  
Whiting, W. B.  
Schlenker, T.  
Purdy, H.  
Venning, A.  
Hunter, Dr. S. J.  
Brethour, D. L.  
Laird, W. H.  
Gardiner, Dr.  
Ross, J. S.  
Burns, Dr.  
Russ, A. E.  
Hooker, L.  
Kay, J.  
Colling, T.  
Donly, A. J.  
Sanford, W. E.  
McGibbon, W.  
Harrison, J.  
Watkins, Thos. C.  
Cummer, L. A.  
Griffin, Dr.  
McDowell, D. C.  
Phillips, A. M.  
Howell, J. E.  
Cornish, G. H.  
Scott, J.  
Rupert, E. S.  
Cunningham, A.  
Hannon, J.  
Kenner, J.  
Herridge, Wm.  
Garbutt, Thos.  
Gray, W. M.  
Hilliard, Thos.

Hord, I.  
McKenzie, R. W.  
Perdue, H. H.  
Williams, Dr.  
Young, N. H.  
Hepinstall, P.  
Bowman, I. E.  
Cushing, Wm.  
Whiting, R.  
Sparling, J. W.  
Graham, W. H.  
Chambers, A. B.  
Chisholm, F.  
Douglas, Dr.  
Allen, Jas.  
Campbell, A.  
Scanlon, J.  
Huxtable, G. G.  
Card, S.  
Hall, W.  
Torrance, J.  
Chown, E.  
Deacon, Judge.  
Ferrier, Senator.  
Graham, D.  
Jenkins, C. W.  
Sawyer, Wm.  
Clarke, J. S.  
Pearson, M. L.  
Tovell, I.  
Williams, W.  
Curts, Jas.  
Lambly, O. R.  
Stone, Dr.  
Burwash, Dr.  
Young, J.  
Nelles, Dr.  
Burns, W.  
Stratton, F. B.  
Holgate, J. A.

Platt, G. D.  
Cox, G. A.  
Dean, Judge.  
McMullen, H. C.  
Gould, Pr.  
Francis, J.  
Jost, C.  
Rogers, J. A.  
Lathern, Dr.  
Gaetz, Jos.  
Angwin, J. G.  
Allison, Dr.  
Jefferson, H. E.  
Huestis, M. B.  
Burns, S.  
Stewart, Dr.  
Evans, E.  
Shenton, J.  
Pickard, Dr.  
Paisley, C. H.  
Rice, S. H.  
Inch, Dr.  
Dawson, W. E.  
Woodburn, J. R.  
Weddall, J. J.  
Boyd, Geo.  
Dove, Jas.  
Goodison, J.  
Embree, J.  
McNeil, I. L.  
Woods, H. J. B.  
Langford, A.  
Woodsworth, J.  
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Argue, Thos.  
Betts, J. F.  
Aikins, Lieut.-Gov.  
Hutton, W. L.  
Harley, H.  
Sifton, Hon. J. W.

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The amendment was lost by a vote of 86 yeas to 122 nays.

## Yeas.

Stafford, E. A.  
Briggs, Dr.  
Dewart, Dr.  
Shaw, Dr.  
Griffith, Dr.  
Johnston, H.  
Galbraith, W.  
Withrow, Dr.  
Roberts, E.  
Eby, Dr.  
Matthews, H. S.  
Willoughby, N. R.  
Bishop, G. J.  
Addison, P.  
Wilson, I.  
Parker, Dr.

Ryckman, Dr.  
Pascoe, W. S.  
Scott, J. G.  
Smith, J. V.  
Middleton, E.  
Gundy, J. R.  
Powell, A. B.  
Dawson, R. J. C.  
Wemp, B.  
Mitchell, J.  
Hunter, Dr. W. J.  
Hunter, Dr. S. J.  
Williamson, J. S.  
Laird, W. H.  
Burns, Dr.  
Kay, John.

Jones, Judge.  
Sanford, W. E.  
McGibbon, W.  
Watkins, Thos. C.  
Griffin, Dr.  
Henderson, W. C.  
Holmes, J. W.  
Richardson, Geo.  
Phillips, A. M.  
Howell, I. E.  
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Hannon, J.  
Aylesworth, Dr. (LL.D.)  
Babb, R.  
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*Yeas.*—Continued.

Williams, T. G.  
McRitchie, G.  
Bland, H. F.  
Hansford, Wm.  
Bond, S.  
McGill, W.  
Pitcher, J. T.  
Chisholm, F.  
Douglas, Dr.  
Campbell, A.  
Hall, W.  
Alexander, Dr.  
Torrance, J.

Ferrier, Senator.  
Graham, D.  
Hanson, Wm.  
Learoyd, J.  
Pearson, M. L.  
Bredin, Dr.  
Tovell, I.  
Clarkson, J. B.  
Burwash, Dr.  
Burns, W.  
Johnston, W.  
Hall, W. F.  
Aylesworth, J.

Cox, Geo. A.  
Dean, Judge  
Gillbard, Thos.  
Hartz, W. H.  
Huestis, S. F.  
Narraway, H. R.  
Sweet, R. J.  
Wilson, R.  
McDougall, J.  
Betts, J. F.  
Rutledge, W. L.  
Argue, Thos.

*Nays.*

German, J. F.  
Pirritte, Wm.  
Sutherland, Dr.  
Harper, Dr.  
Young, E. R.  
Simpson, J. M.  
Abbs, Geo.  
Macdonald, Jno.  
Weekes, A. B.  
Aylesworth, Dr. (M. D.)  
Beatty, Wm.  
Washington, S.  
Lennox, T. W.  
Moore, J. T.  
Maclaren, J. J.  
Sissons, J.  
Tait, Jos.  
Hoar, H. C.  
Holtby, Thos.  
Lake, J. N.  
Sutherland, D. G.  
Sanderson, Dr.  
Graham, J.  
McDonagh, Wm.  
Brown, W. G.  
Clement, B.  
Shepherd, W. W.  
Whiting, J.  
Johnston, A.  
Hopkins, B.  
Lane, J. B.  
Sanders, C.  
Whiting, W. B.  
Schlenker, Thos.  
Purdy, H.  
Venning, A.  
Brethour, D. L.  
Maxwell, W. J.  
Gardiner, Dr.  
Ross, J. S.  
Russ, A. E.

Hooker, L.  
Colling, Thos.  
Kettlewell, Wm.  
Lanceley, J. E.  
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Williams, Dr.  
Young, N. H.  
Hepinstall, P.  
Bowman, I. E.  
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Whiting, R.  
Sparling, J. W.  
Graham, W. H.  
Chambers, A. B.  
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Deacon, Judge.  
Jenkins, C. W.  
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Stone, Dr.  
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Nelles, Dr.  
Stratton, F. B.  
Holgate, J. A.  
McMullen, H. C.  
Gould, Dr.  
Francis, J.  
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Rogers, J. A.  
Lathern, Dr.  
Gaetz, Jos.  
Angwin, J. G.  
Allison, Dr.  
Chesley, S. A.  
Jefferson, H. E.  
Huestis, M. B.  
Burns, S.  
Stewart, Dr.  
Evans, E.  
Shenton, J.  
Pickard, Dr.  
Rice, S. H.  
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Hutton, W. L.  
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Sifton, Hon. J. W.

The original motion, the first item of the Report, was lost by a vote of 77 to 131.

*Yeas.*

Stafford, E. A.  
 Briggs, Er.  
 Dewart, Dr.  
 Shaw, Dr.  
 Griffith, Dr.  
 Harper, Dr.  
 Johnston, H.  
 Withrow, Dr.  
 Eby, Dr.  
 Matthews, H. S.  
 Willoughby, N. R.  
 Bishop, G. J.  
 Addison, Peter.  
 Wilson, I.  
 Parker, Dr.  
 Ryckman, Dr.  
 Pascoe, W. S.  
 Scott, J. G.  
 Smith, J. V.  
 Middleton, Eli.  
 Gundy, J. R.  
 Dawson, R. J. C.  
 Wemp, B.  
 Mitchell, John.  
 Hunter, Dr. W. J.  
 Hunter, Dr. S. J.

Williamson, J. S.  
 Laird, W. H.  
 Kay, J.  
 Jones, Judge  
 Sanford, W. E.  
 Watkins, Thos. C.  
 Griffin, Dr.  
 Henderson, W. C.  
 Aylesworth, Dr. (LL.D.)  
 Holmes, J. W.  
 Campbell, T. M.  
 Richardson, Geo.  
 Phillips, A. M.  
 Howell, J. E.  
 Scott, J.  
 Cunningham, A.  
 Hannon, J.  
 Gray, W. M.  
 Mills, Jas.  
 Williams, T. G.  
 McRitchie, Geo.  
 Bond, S.  
 McGill, W.  
 Pitcher, J. T.  
 Chisholm, F.  
 Campbell, A.

Alexander, Dr.  
 Torrance, J.  
 Ferrier, Senator.  
 Graham, D.  
 Hanson, Wm.  
 Learoyd, J.  
 Pearson, M. L.  
 Bredin, Dr.  
 Tovell, I.  
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 Burns, W.  
 Johnston, W.  
 Hall, W. F.  
 Cox, Geo. A.  
 Dean, Judge.  
 Hertz, W. H.  
 Morton, A. D.  
 Narraway, H. R.  
 Wilson, R.  
 Evans, E.  
 McDougall, Jno.  
 Argue, Thos.  
 Berts, J. F.  
 Rutledge, W. L.

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*Nays.*

German, J. F.  
 Pirritte, W.  
 Sutherland, Dr.  
 Galbraith, W.  
 Roberts, E.  
 Young, E. R.  
 Simpson, J. M.  
 Abbs, G.  
 Macdonald, John.  
 Weeks, A. D.  
 Aylesworth, Dr. (M.D.)  
 Beatty, Wm.  
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 Lennox, T. W.  
 Moore, J. T.  
 Maclaren, J. J.  
 Sissons, J.  
 Tait, Jos.  
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 Holtby, Thos.  
 Lake, J. N.  
 Sutherland, D. G.  
 Sanderson, Dr.  
 Graham, J.  
 McDonagh, Wm.  
 Brown, W. G.  
 Clement, B.  
 Shepherd, W. W.  
 Whiting, J.  
 Johnston, A.

Hopkins, B.  
 Lane, J. B.  
 Sanders, C.  
 Whiting, W. B.  
 Schlenker, Thos.  
 Purdy, H.  
 Venning, A.  
 Maxwell, W. J.  
 Brethour, D. L.  
 Gardiner, Dr.  
 Ross, J. S.  
 Burns, Dr.  
 Russ, A. E.  
 Hooker, L.  
 Colling, T.  
 Kettlewell, Wm.  
 Lanceley, J. E.  
 Donly, A. J.  
 Howell, I. R.  
 McGibbon, W.  
 Harrison, J.  
 Cummer, L. A.  
 McDowell, D. C.  
 Cornish, G. H.  
 Rupert, E. S.  
 Kenner, J.  
 Herridge, Wm.  
 Babb, R.  
 Garbutt, Thos.  
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 Perdue, H. H.  
 Williams, Dr.  
 Young, N. H.  
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 Bowman, I. E.  
 Cushing, Wm.  
 Whiting, R.  
 Sparling, J. W.  
 Bland, H. F.  
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 Graham, W. H.  
 Chambers, A. B.  
 Douglas, Dr.  
 Allen, Jas.  
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 Deacon, Judge.  
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The second item was then, by vote of the Conference, laid on the table.

The President read a communication from Dr. Potts signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of Education.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Nelles, seconded by Rev. Dr. Douglas, and unanimously resolved,—

“That this General Conference, having learned with much sorrow of the bereavement that has fallen upon the family of Rev. Dr. Potts in the sudden decease of one of his children, desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with our beloved brother and his family, and offers its fervent prayers to Almighty God that He may grant in this hour of affliction the richest bestowments of His grace for support and consolation.”

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee to report in what order the Reports before the Conference shall be taken up: Revs. A. E. Russ, W. Pirritte, E. Roberts, Dr. R. W. Williams, Judge Jones.

The Conference adjourned at 1.15.

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THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept. 16.*

The Conference re-opened at 7.35, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. After singing, and the reading of the Scriptures, Rev. R. Whiting offered prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. W. E. Sanford, the order of the day was suspended to allow the Committee on Consolidation of Treasurerships to report.

Rev. J. B. Clarkson presented and read the Report of the Committee on Consolidation of Treasurerships, which on motion was received.

The order of the day was further suspended to receive the Report of the Committee on Order of taking up Reports.

The Committee reported the following order, which on motion was adopted :—

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| 1. Consolidation.      | 8. Memorials.                 |
| 2. Superannuation.     | 9. Children's Fund.           |
| 3. Education.          | 10. Sabbath Schools.          |
| 4. Discipline.         | 11. French Work.              |
| 5. Missions.           | 12. Temperance.               |
| 6. Annual Conferences. | 13. Statistics.               |
| 7. Transfers.          | 14. Hamilton Ladies' College. |

The order of the day was further suspended to receive all reports of Committees ready to be presented.

The following Reports were thereupon presented and received as read :—

The second and third Reports of the Committee on Children's Fund, by Rev. S. Card.

On Church Property, by Rev. J. S. Williamson.

The second and third Reports of the Committee on Missions, by Rev. Dr. Eby.

On Sabbath Observance, by Rev. Thos. Colling.

On Schedules, by Rev. A. D. Morton.

The fourth Report on Memorials, by Mr. G. D. Platt.

On State of the Work, by Rev. J. W. Holmes.

The second Report of the Committee on Annual Conferences, by Rev. I. Tovell.

Rev. Prof. Shaw presented the Report of the Committee on Education in reference to the Board of Regents of Victoria University.

It was moved that the Report be adopted.

I. B. Aylesworth, M.D., moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. I. B. Aylesworth,

"That the Report be re-committed, and that Dr. Aylesworth, the mover, be heard before the Committee."

The amendment was lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved,

"That the order of business be suspended to allow a motion of re-consideration of the vote to appoint only one Editor."

The motion was ruled out of order.

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Mr. George A. Cox moved,  
"That the order of the day be suspended to enable the Conference to elect an assistant to the Editor."

The resolution was lost.

On motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, it was ordered that a memorial referred to the Judicial Committee be transferred to the Committee on Schedules.

On motion of Rev. J. Shenton, the order of the day was resumed.

Mr. W. M. Gray then presented and read the Report of the Committee on Finance, which on motion was considered *seriatim*, with the following result :—

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth items were adopted.

The seventh, eighth, and ninth items, and all the remainder of the Report, were laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee on the Consolidation of Treasurerships was then taken up, and on motion considered *seriatim*.

It was moved and seconded that the first item of the Report be adopted.

The time of adjournment having arrived, it was on motion resolved that the session be extended for ten minutes.

Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. W. McDonagh,

"That in order to the more careful consideration of the subject of the Consolidation of Treasurerships, a commission be appointed whose duty it shall be during the present quadrennium to draft a scheme to be submitted to the General Conference of 1890, and that the suggestions and resolutions of said commission be published for the consideration of the delegates elect of the next General Conference, not later than 1st July preceding the Session, and that the following compose the commission:—Messrs. W. E. Sanford, John Macdonald, E. Gurney, G. A. Cox, J. N. Lake, J. T. Moore, and Revs. Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Briggs, Dr. Stone, Dr. W. J. Hunter, John B. Clarkson.

The amendment prevailed.

The order was then suspended to allow the introduction of the following resolution :—

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Dewart,

"Whereas the Conferences of some branches of Methodism have taken action looking towards an Ecumenical Methodist Conference in 1891 ;

“And whereas in the event of such a Conference being held it is desirable that the Methodism of Canada should be represented in the preliminary arrangements, therefore

“*Resolved*,—That a committee of nine members be appointed, on the nomination of the General Superintendents, to correspond with similar committees that may be appointed by other Methodist Churches in regard to said proposed Ecumenical Conference; the committee to report to the next General Conference.”—*Carried*.

On motion, Rev. J. Graham and Mr. W. E. Sanford were granted leave of absence.

Conference adjourned at 10.20, with singing and the benediction.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept. 17.*

The Conference opened at the usual hour, 9.30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. After singing, and reading the Scriptures prayer was offered by Rev. E. Roberts.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

The following Reports were presented and received:—

Report of the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts, by Rev. W. Pirritte.

Report of the Committee on Sustentation Fund, by Rev. J. S. Ross.

Rev. S. F. Huestis moved that the Report be printed for the use of delegates.

Rev. Dr. Griffin moved in amendment that the Report be laid on the table.

The amendment was lost.

The original motion was adopted.

Rev. J. G. Angwin presented the Report of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, for the Eastern Section, which was received.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported giving leave of absence to several members of the Conference.

It was moved by Rev. N. R. Willoughby, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin,

“That the Committee on Leave of Absence be instructed to re-consider its Report, and in each case state the reason why leave of absence is recommended.”—*Carried*.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education was received.

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## BOOK COMMITTEE.

The following were reported as members of the Book Committee for the next quadrennium:—

*WESTERN SECTION.***Toronto Conference.**

*Ministers*—J. F. German, Dr. Harper, E. A. Stafford.

*Laymen*—J. N. Lake, Warring Kennedy, Edward Gurney.

**London Conference.**

*Ministers*—Dr. Parker, Dr. Sanderson.

*Laymen*—George Robinson, John Green.

**Niagara Conference.**

*Ministers*—Dr. Gardiner, Dr. S. J. Hunter.

*Laymen*—William Wilkinson, Walter McGibbon.

**Guelph Conference.**

*Ministers*—James Gray, W. C. Henderson.

*Laymen*—J. J. Crabbe, Thomas Hilliard.

**Bay of Quinte Conference.**

*Ministers*—J. Learoyd, M. L. Pearson.

*Laymen*—James Aylesworth, George A. Cox.

**Montreal Conference.**

*Ministers*—T. G. Williams, J. W. Sparling, R. Whiting.

*Laymen*—Dr. Lavell, John Torrance.

**Manitoba Conference.**

*Minister*—Alexander Langford.

*EASTERN SECTION.***Nova Scotia Conference.**

*Ministers*—W. H. Hartz, J. A. Rogers, W. C. Brown.

*Laymen*—E. G. Smith, R. J. Sweet. †

**New Brunswick and P. E. Island Conference.**

*Ministers*—Dr. Pickard, J. Read, C. H. Paisley.

*Laymen*—J. E. Irvine, J. L. Black.

**Newfoundland Conference.**

*Minister*—James Dove.

*Layman*—H. J. B. Woods.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Finance was then resumed.

Item 7, which had been laid on the table, was taken up and amended by a resolution that the Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund shall be the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund.

On motion to adopt item 8, it was moved in amendment by Judge Jones, seconded by Rev. Dr. Nelles,

“That the Report be re-committed, with instructions that the Committee make their apportionments without any charge on the Educational Fund.”

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by Mr. A. J. Donly, seconded by Rev. W. C. Henderson,

"That the Report of the Committee on Finance be amended by providing for the payment of one-third of the salaries of the General Superintendents from the Missionary Fund, and two-thirds of their salaries and all the expenses from the General Conference Fund."

Both the amendments were lost, whereupon it was moved and seconded,

"That the salaries and travelling expenses of the General Superintendents be chargeable on the General Conference Fund."—*Carried.*

Item 9 being taken up, it was moved and seconded that the item be expunged.

It was moved in amendment,

"That the item be re-committed, with instructions to change allotments in accordance with the changed circumstances."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams,

"That in view of the increased amount needed to meet the requirements of the General Conference Fund, the Annual Conferences be requested to augment as much as possible the collections in aid of the Fund."

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund was taken up.

Item 1 having been read by Rev. T. M. Campbell, it was moved and seconded that the item be adopted.

It was moved in amendment,

"That the item be re-committed, with instructions to re-consider the claims of certain ministers."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment,

"That the item be referred to the Superannuation Board."

The amendment was, by consent, withdrawn, and the amendment to the amendment was constituted an amendment.

Moved by Mr. A. J. Donly, seconded by Rev. W. H. Laird, in amendment to the amendment,

"That in the case of Rev. J. P. Bell the General Conference order that he be permitted to level up in the Superannuation Fund on the terms accorded to the ministers who came into the Methodist Church at the time of the last Union."

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trenching upon the duties of the Board of the Superannuation Fund, and the resolution to refer the item to the Board was carried.

Items 2 and 3 were adopted.

Report No. 2 of the same Committee, containing the Report of the Board, was read, and on motion was taken up *seriatim*.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended in order to elect a Treasurer or Treasurers of the Superannuation Fund.

It was on motion ordered that only one Clerical Treasurer be elected.

The meeting of the Western Delegations reported that Rev. James Gray and Rev. Dr. Sanderson were the nominations for Clerical Treasurer, and that Lieut.-Gov. Aikins was unanimously nominated for Lay Treasurer.

The ballots having been cast, the following vote was declared :

Rev. J. Gray, 127 ; Rev. Dr. Sanderson, 31.

Rev. J. Gray was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for Lieut.-Gov. Aikins as Lay Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund, who was thereupon declared elected.

The consideration of Report No. 2 on the Superannuation Fund was resumed.

It was moved and seconded that the first item of the Report of the Board be adopted.

It was moved in amendment that the words "with interest" be expunged.

The amendment was carried. The item as amended was on motion adopted.

On the second item it was moved to adopt.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. F. B. Stratton, as follows :  
"That item 2 be adopted and referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund to bring in a recommendation for carrying out its provisions."

It was moved in amendment to the amendment that the item be struck out.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

The time of adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Eby, and the Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 17.

The Conference met at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. After singing, and the reading of a Scripture lesson, Judge Jones offered prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Thos. Hilliard, seconded by Mr. I. E. Bowman,

"That a committee consisting of the General Superintendents, Rev. Dr. Griffin, Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, Rev. T. G. Williams, and Mr. Thos. Hilliard, meet any committee that may be appointed by the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association to arrange a scheme of union to be submitted to the authorities of both Churches, and that said committee be instructed to nominate a fraternal delegate or delegates to the next Annual Conference of the said Evangelical Association."

On motion, the order of the day was suspended in order to allow the introduction of the following resolution:—

Moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Judge Jones,

"That the salaries of the General Superintendents be \$2,500 each per annum for the ensuing quadrennium."

Moved in amendment by Rev. Geo. Webber, seconded by Rev. Alex. Campbell,

"That the salaries be \$2,200 per year."

Mr. W. M. Gray moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams,

"That the salaries of the General Superintendents be \$2,300 each per annum."

The amendment to the amendment was carried.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Superannuation Fund was resumed.

Item 3 was adopted.

It was moved—

"That item 4 be adopted, with the addition of the provision that six months be allowed to ministers to level up."—*Carried.*

Item 5: sub-item (a) adopted; sub-item (b) expunged.

It was moved in amendment to item 6, by Rev. J. R. Gundy, "That all children of deceased ministers receive \$20 per year up to sixteen years of age."

On motion, Rev. James Gray was invited to give explanations in regard to certain claims upon the Fund, and answered the questions proposed.

The amendment was carried.

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Item 7 was lost.

On motion, the Treasurers' Report was taken as read and adopted.

The Report as amended was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund was taken up,

On motion it was taken as read and adopted.

On motion, item 2, viz., that Rev. Dr. Pickard and Dr. Inch be appointed Treasurers of the Fund, was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was taken up and adopted item by item.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was taken up.

Item 3 was amended so as to substitute the words "out of moneys raised for Victoria University," instead of "out of Building Fund," and adopted.

On motion to adopt item 7, it was moved in amendment by Mr. J. T. Moore, seconded by Mr. William Beatty,

"That the Board of Regents shall not enter upon College Federation until the requisite funds shall have been provided in accordance with the estimates presented as a supplement to the Report received by this Conference."

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved to amend the amendment by the addition of the following:

"That it be an instruction to the Board of Regents that no expenditure be made in the erection of new buildings in the Queen's Park for Victoria College until the vote providing funds for the proposed University Professoriate shall have passed the Provincial Legislature."

The amendments were held in abeyance.

On motion, item 7 was laid on the table until the reading of Report No. 4.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education was taken up.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

On motion to adopt item 8, it was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. Dr. Douglas,

"That the item be referred back to the Committee on Education, in order that the Advisory Committee be made more representative of the views of the Conference."

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Conference adjourned, Rev. G. J. Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept. 17.*

The Conference re-opened at the usual hour, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The session was opened with devotional exercises, Rev. T. G. Williams leading the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The discussion on the Report of the Educational Committee was resumed.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren's amendment to item 8 was carried.

The item as amended was then adopted.

The amendments to item 7, Report No. 3, were then taken up.

At 9.40 the previous question was moved and carried.

The amendments were lost, and the original motion was adopted.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended to receive Reports.

On motion, the following Reports were received and taken as read.

The Report on Course of Study.

The Report of the Committee on the Centenary of the Organization of Methodism in America.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Committee on Hymn Tune-Book.

The second Report of the Committee on Order of Business was read and adopted,

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| 2. Church and Parsonage Aid. | 11. French Work.       |
| 3. Discipline.               | 12. Sabbath Schools.   |
| 4. Sustentation.             | 13. Temperance.        |
| 5. Missions.                 | 14. Statistics.        |
| 6. Embarrassed Trusts.       | 15. State of the Work. |
| 7. Annual Conferences.       | 16. Schedules.         |
| 8. Transfers.                | 17. Church Property.   |
| 9. Memorials.                |                        |

The Secretary read a communication from the Provincial Synod of the Church of England, which on motion was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the chair.

The Secretary of the Missionary Society read the Report of that Society.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at 10.10 o'clock.

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## SIXTEENTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 18.

The Conference opened at the usual time, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. After devotional exercises, in which Hon. J. W. Sifton led in prayer,

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Education recommended in regard to the matter re-committed to them, that the name of Rev. W. Williams be substituted for that of Rev. J. S. Clarke on the Advisory Committee appointed to confer with the Regents of Victoria University in reference to the scheme of Confederation, and that the name of Rev. J. W. Sparling be added to that Committee.

The order of business was again suspended to allow Rev. G. H. Cornish to introduce the following resolutions:—

Moved by Rev. G. H. Cornish, seconded by R. W. Williams, M.D.,

“That in view of the great importance and historic value of the Journals and other documents of the several Churches prior to the Union of 1883, this General Conference orders that those of the Western Section be sent to the Book Room, Toronto, and those of the Eastern Section to the Book Room at Halifax, and placed in charge of the Book Stewards for safe keeping; that the Book Stewards be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to obtain the same, and that a catalogue of all such Journals and documents be kept in each Book Room.”—*Carried.*

Rev. G. H. Cornish moved, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews,

“That the name or names of all persons added to the first proposed list of Committees, as nominated by the Nominating Committee, be annexed to the published record of such committees in the Journals of Conference.”—*Carried.*

Rev. Dr. Griffin read the first Report of the Committee on Discipline, which on motion was taken up *seriatim.*

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was lost.

A motion to adopt item 4 was amended by a resolution to strike out all after the word “discipline.”

Item 5 was lost.

The second Report of the Committee on Discipline was then taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were adopted.

Item 9 was lost.

On motion to adopt item 12, it was moved in amendment by Rev. T. G. Williams, seconded by Mr. A. J. Donly,

"That the Financial Secretary call the ministerial members of the District together with the lay members of the last Annual Conference."

It was moved by Rev. C. Jost, seconded by Rev. J. S. Ross,

"That page 94, par. 173, after 'meeting' on third line, read instead of the present,

"A meeting of the ministerial members of the District and the lay members of the previous Annual District Meeting, who shall elect, etc., (as at present)."

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

Item 15 was postponed.

It was moved by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by Rev. D. G. Sutherland, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Annual Conferences shall record all the decisions of the presiding officers on questions of law arising in the Annual Conferences in their Journals, and a copy of these shall be submitted to the ensuing General Conference."

The order of the day was suspended to allow the introduction of the Report of the Hymn Tune-Book Committee.

Rev. J. E. Lanceley read the Report of that Committee, which on motion was adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, to meet on Monday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

### SEVENTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 20.*

The Conference re-opened at the usual hour, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The Scriptures were read, a hymn sung, and Rev. Dr. Gardiner led in prayer.

The Minutes of Saturday morning session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Potts, the name of Rev. Prof. Shaw was added to the Board of Management of the Educational Society.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Potts, it was

*Resolved*,—"That the order of the day for 11.30 o'clock this day be the election of Fraternal Delegates to the British Conference and to the Methodist Conferences of the United States."

The consideration of the third Report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Items 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 34 were adopted.

On motion to adopt item 19, it was moved by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams, to add the following:—

“When a minister who has travelled twenty years or more is located, his Annual Conference shall have power to determine whether, and when, he shall become a claimant on the Superannuated Ministers’ Fund.”—*Carried.*

Item 31 was lost.

Items 32 and 33 were on motion transferred to the Judicial Committee.

Item 35 was lost

It was moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded by Rev. Dr. Harper, and

*Resolved*,—“That in paragraph 166 of the Discipline, the words ‘a Missionary Secretary’ be expunged.”

The order of the day was suspended to allow the Report of the Judicial Committee to be presented.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman read the Report, which on motion was laid on the table.

On motion, the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on Discipline was postponed until after the consideration of the Report of the Judicial Committee.

The election of Fraternal Delegates to corresponding Christian Churches was then taken up.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and

*Resolved*,—“That the Fraternal Delegate elected to represent the Methodist Church before the British Conference be requested to visit also the Irish Conference, the Primitive Methodist, the New Connexion, and the Bible Christian Conferences in the same capacity.”

It was moved by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, seconded by Rev. S. F. Huestis, and

*Resolved*,—“That the election of the Fraternal Delegates to other Methodist Churches be by ballot on nomination.”

Nominations were received and the Conference proceeded to elect.

The ballots having been cast for a Fraternal Delegate to the

British Conference, on the second ballot Rev. Dr. Charles Stewart was declared elected.

Nominations were then received for a Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. The ballots having been cast, Rev. E. A. Stafford was on the third ballot declared elected.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30 o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 20.*

The Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment at 2.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Rev. W. Galbraith led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Nominations were received for a Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

On the third ballot, Rev. Dr. Stone was declared elected.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lathern, it was

*Resolved*,—"That the choice of Alternates (if any should be needed) should be left to the General Conference Special Committee."

The order of the day was suspended to permit the reception of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missions, which was read by Rev. Dr. Eby.

The following items were adopted: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.

In amendment to item 2, it was moved by Dr. Alexander,

"That there be a place made in our Missionary Reports for reporting special contributions when made for missionary purposes such as have been hitherto recognized in the Report."

The amendment was lost.

Item 5 was laid on the table until the Report of the Committee on Annual Conferences should be taken up.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions was taken up.

On motion, the following items were adopted:

Item 1 with the omission of the 3rd sub-item.  
Items 2 and 3.

Item 4: on motion to adopt sub-item 1, it was moved that all the sub-item be struck out after the words "no circuit."—*Carried.*

On motion to adopt sub-item 2, it was amended as follows:

Moved by Rev. Jos. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev W. McDonagh,  
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*Resolved*,—"That all after 'unless' be expunged and the following substituted: 'by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference within whose boundary the change is proposed.'"

Sub-item 3 was adopted.

On motion, the words "no circuit" were struck out from sub-item 1.

The whole item was adopted as amended.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was then taken up. Item 1 was re-committed.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Conference instruct the Secretary to write a letter to Rev. Dr. Wood, Honorary Secretary of the Missionary Society, expressing our deep sympathy with him in his serious and protracted affliction."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. Dr. Wood was re-appointed Honorary Secretary of the Missionary Society.

The Conference adjourned at the usual hour, with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Dewart.

#### MONDAY EVENING, Sept. 20.

The Conference met at the usual hour, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Rev. G. McRitchie led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Carman, nominated the following as a Committee to confer with a Committee appointed by the Provincial Synod of the Church of England on the union of Protestant Churches. The nomination was submitted to the Conference and adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON UNION.

Rev. Dr. Carman,	} <i>General Superintendents,</i>
" Williams,	
" Ryckman, <i>Secretary of Conference.</i>	

#### Ministers.

Dr. Harper.	Dr. Burwash.	Dr. Sanderson.
Dr. Dewart.	Dr. Nelles.	Dr. Sutherland.
Dr. S. J. Hunter.	Prof. Shaw.	D. G. Sutherland.
Dr. Douglas.	Dr. Gardiner.	Wm. McDonagh.
Dr. Stewart.		

#### Laymen.

Lieut.-Gov. Aikins.	Dr. Allison.
Judge Jones.	James Mills.

The consideration of Report No. 4 of the Committee on Missions was resumed.

Item 2, in reference to the Japan work, was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was re-committed for correction.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Missions was then on motion received and read.

On motion to adopt the Report, it was moved in amendment that the Report be taken up *seriatim*.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Dr. Gardiner, "That it be re-committed, that the Committee may report defining the duties and the prerogatives of the Superintendent."

The amendment to the amendment was lost, and the amendment prevailed.

On motion to adopt the first item, it was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,

"That all after the word 'the' be struck out and the following be substituted: 'appointment of a Superintendent of Missions shall not take effect until the month of June, 1890, and that this Conference direct that one of the General Superintendents shall spend the summer months during the ensuing quadrennium in visiting our Mission work in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and that the Missionary Secretary be instructed to secure young men to assist the Superintendents of the Brandon, Regina, and Saskatchewan Districts during certain summer months, in order to enable them to visit the circuits and missions on their Districts.'"

The previous question was ordered after a lengthened discussion.

The amendment was then put and lost.

The item was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

On motion to adopt item 3, it was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Sutherland to add the following:—

"That the Superintendent of Missions have authority, under the provisions of the Discipline, to organize new Missions where he deems it necessary, and to secure missionaries from the other Conferences to fill the work. He shall also, when in the Eastern Conferences, solicit subscriptions for the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund, so as to extend the work in the North-West where needed."

Moved in amendment to the amendment,

"That the whole matter be referred to a small committee to be nominated by the General Superintendents."

The previous question was again ordered and the vote taken.

The amendment to the amendment was lost.

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The amendment was adopted.

The whole item as amended was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. J. R. Gundy, and

*Resolved*,—"That the following be added to the item: 'And in the interval of the Annual Conferences he shall proceed in the formation of new missions, after consultation with the President of the Conference and the Superintendents of the Districts affected.'

Item 4 was adopted, with an amendment substituting "three or four months" for "two or three months."

Item 5: sub-item 1 was adopted.

Item 5: sub-item 2 was adopted, with the addition of the words, "The Superintendent of Missions shall be *ex officio* one of the members of the Central Board of Missions from Manitoba Conference."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. J. F. Betts, it was

*Resolved*,—"Inasmuch as the mission work of the North-West is exceptional in its urgent requirements, be it enacted that the law of the Discipline concerning the formation of new missions shall not so apply as to prevent the formation of missions in the interim of the Annual Conferences."

It was moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, and

*Resolved*,—"That these provisions shall be in force notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in other parts of the Discipline."

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to the election of a Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West by nomination and ballot without debate.

Nominations having been made, Rev. James Woodsworth was elected on the first ballot.

The time of adjournment having arrived, the session was on motion extended to finish the Report on Missions.

The remaining items, 6, 7, 8 and 9, were adopted.

The Report as a whole was then adopted as amended.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Sutherland was elected Clerical Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

The Conference adjourned at 10.20, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. J. M. Simpson.

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EIGHTEENTH DAY

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 21.

The Conference opened at 9.30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. A hymn was sung, the Scriptures read, and prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Withrow.

The Minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren read the Report of the Judicial Committee, which was considered *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

On motion to adopt item 4, an amendment moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher was lost, and the item was adopted.

Item 5 was then taken up and considered.

The previous question was moved at 10.25, but did not prevail.

The previous question was moved at 11.08 and carried.

The item was not adopted.

On item 6, it was moved by Rev. S. Bond to add the following in this connection which appears in another place:

• "From decisions of Presidents of Annual Conferences on questions of law arising in Committees or Boards of Annual Conferences over which he presides."

The motion prevailed.

Item 7 was adopted.

Mr. Maclaren then read the appendix to the Report, which related to the process of trials of ministers and members.

It was received as read, and was ordered to be considered *seriatim*.

This appendix, and those parts of the Report of the Committee on Discipline which related to the same subject, were considered together.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted with an addition.

Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were adopted.

Item 20 was adopted with the substitution of "two weeks" for "one week."

Items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 were adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was resolved by the Conference to meet again at 2.30. Rev. Dr. Nelles pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 21.*

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. After devotional exercises, in which Rev. J. W. Holmes led in prayer,

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The order of the day was suspended to allow the introduction of the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Pickard, seconded by Rev. LeRoy Hooker, "That except in cases of persons introducing Reports of Committees, and those to whom the Conference may by express vote grant a longer time, speakers shall occupy only five minutes each."

The order was further suspended to receive the following resolutions:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Bredin, seconded by Dr. Inch, and *Resolved*,—"That Rev. Dr. Ryckman, Secretary of Conference, Rev. Dr. Bredin and Rev. Dr. Griffith be a Committee to prepare and publish the Journal of this General Conference."

Moved by Rev. Dr. Briggs, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bredin, and, *Resolved*,—"That we authorize the Book Steward to print an edition of one thousand copies of the Journal of this Conference at cost; any loss at the end of two years, resulting from any copies that may remain unsold, to be paid by the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Nelles, the names of Messrs. John J. Withrow and Hart Massey were added to the Advisory Committee of the Board of Regents of Victoria University.

On motion of Rev. H. Johnston, the Report of the Committee on Ritual was received and taken as read.

The consideration of the Appendix of the Judicial Committee was resumed.

Items 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 were adopted.

It was moved by Rev. L. Hooker, in amendment to item 35, to add to the item the words, "Unless the case is of such a nature as to justify an immediate appeal to the Civil Court."

The amendment was lost.

The Report as amended was adopted as a whole.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Geo. J. Bishop,

"That as the law contained in the Discipline regarding the administration of ordinances by ministers who withdraw from an Annual Conference was not passed till 1878, it cannot be held to

apply to any who withdrew before that period. But such ministers must in all cases be subject to the Discipline of the Methodist Church, and shall exercise their functions as ministers only so long as their spirit and conduct are such as become the Gospel of Christ, and in no case shall the functions be exercised by any whose ordination parchments have been surrendered or cancelled.

"It shall be competent for an Annual Conference to cancel, by a two-thirds vote, the ordination parchments of any minister who has withdrawn. When a minister is deposed or expelled, his parchments are thereby cancelled."

The resolution was laid on the table.

It was moved by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams, "That paragraph 154 be amended by expunging the words 'he shall be *ex officio* a member of the General Conference sitting at the time his term of office shall expire,' and add 'he shall preside in the General Conference sitting at the time his term of office shall expire to the close of its sessions, and his successor shall enter upon his office and duties at the close of the General Conference electing him.'"

The resolution did not prevail.

It was moved on behalf of the Committee on the Course of Study and that of the Sustentation Fund, that the order of the day be suspended to admit of the consideration of these Reports.

These motions did not prevail.

A motion to re-consider was also lost.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Report No. 4 was taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41 to 58, and 60 to 64 were adopted.

Items 39 and 59 were amended and adopted.

Items 6, 7 and 26 were lost.

Items 17 and 29 were laid on the table.

Items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 40 were covered by the Report of the Judicial Committee.

Item 14 was transferred to the Committee on Memorials.

On item 26 the following amendment was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren and adopted,

"That the next General Conference shall meet on the second Wednesday of September, 1890, at 10 o'clock a.m."

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On motion of Rev. J. S. Ross, paragraph 205 was referred to the Editors of the Discipline to re-construct.

At 5.30 the session was prolonged by vote of the Conference that the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Discipline might be continued.

At 5.45 the Conference adjourned, the Rev. Wm. Herridge pronouncing the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 21.*

The Conference re-opened at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Williams in the chair. Mr. John N. Lake led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The order of the day was suspended to receive the Report of the Committee on Union with the Evangelical Association.

The Report was read and adopted.

The consideration of the Report on Discipline was resumed.

Paragraph 388 was amended by the omission of the words "and Associate Editor."

The Report as amended was adopted, with the exception of an item which was re-committed.

The item of the Appendix to the Report of the Judicial Committee, which had been re-committed, was again introduced as Report No. 2, and adopted.

The Appendix as amended was on motion adopted.

It was moved by Rev. J. Graham, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker, "That nothing in the Discipline respecting disputes on matters of secular business between ministers and members shall be so interpreted as to deny or interfere with the right of either minister or member to take an action in the Civil Court for the recovery of civil rights, at the time and in the manner the person instituting such civil action may deem proper for the security of such civil rights."

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Judicial Committee.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin,

"1. That the Commission on Revision of Discipline already appointed be instructed to designate three of their number to edit the new edition of the Discipline, and to publish the same not later than the 1st day of January, 1887.

"2. That in regard to the administration of Discipline, the present edition remain in force till the date above mentioned."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. Dr. Stone,

"That the Secretary of the Conference be appointed to prepare a new edition of the Discipline, embodying the amendments and additions adopted at this Conference, and harmonizing the other portions of the Discipline therewith. That the General Superintendents, Rev. Dr. Griffith, and the mover, be an advisory committee to assist him, and that the Book Committee be requested to make the Secretary a suitable compensation for such service.

The amendment was carried.

The Report of the Committee on Annual Conferences was taken up and read.

On motion, the Report was considered *seriatim*.

The first item was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

While the second item was under discussion the previous question was moved and carried, at 8.55.

The vote having been taken, there were 23 yeas and 78 nays. The item was declared lost.

Item 3 was taken up. It was moved to adopt.

The previous question was moved and lost, at 9.07.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. W. Herridge, seconded by Mr. Thomas Hilliard,

"That all the items of the Report proposing changes in the boundaries of the Guelph Conference be struck out."

The amendment was carried.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were adopted.

On motion to adopt item 11, it was moved in amendment by Mr. A. B. Powell, that the prayer of the memorialists be granted.

The previous question was moved and carried, at 9.50.

The amendment was lost, and item 11 was adopted.

The Report as amended was adopted as a whole.

It was moved by Rev. G. J. Bishop, seconded by Rev. M. L. Pearson,

"That Cannington, Beaverton, and Atherly be taken from the Bay of Quinte Conference and joined to the Toronto Conference."

The motion was lost.

On motion, the session was prolonged until 11 o'clock.

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It was moved by Rev. Dr. Stone,  
"That the Kingston District be taken from the Montreal Conference and attached to the Bay of Quinte Conference."

The motion was lost.

The Report of the Committee on Transfers was taken up.

On motion, it was considered *seriatim*.

On motion to adopt the first item, it was moved by Dr. Inch, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffith, to amend the item by adding the following:—

"That in the interim between the General Conferences, the General Superintendents, in consultation with the Presidents of the Conferences affected by the change, and with their consent, shall have authority to transfer ministers from one Conference to another."

Both the item and the amendment were laid on the table.

On motion to adopt the second item, it was moved by Rev. W. C. Henderson, seconded by Rev. A. Campbell, in amendment,  
"That the words 'and one minister elected by ballot annually in each Annual Conference' be inserted after the words 'Presidents of the Annual Conferences.'"

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Dr. Sutherland,

"That all transfers be made by the General Superintendents and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, due protection being given to those ministers whom it is proposed to transfer."

While these amendments were under discussion the hour of 11 arrived and the Conference adjourned, the Rev. James Graham pronouncing the benediction.

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NINETEENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 22.*

The Conference re-opened at 9.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Rev. E. R. Young led in prayer.

The Minutes of Tuesday evening session were read and confirmed.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Transfers was resumed.

At 10 o'clock the previous question was ordered.

The vote was first taken on Rev. Dr. Sutherland's amendment, which prevailed by a vote of 58 to 36.

It was then moved by Rev. Thos. Colling, seconded by Rev. A. Campbell,

“That no minister be transferred to a Conference for a period less than four years.”

The amendment was lost.

It was moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Mr. Thomas Hilliard, and

*Resolved*,—“That no minister be transferred without his own consent.”

Moved by Rev. S. Bond, and

*Resolved*,—“That the Report be re-committed to the Transfer Committee, to harmonize the remaining clauses of the transfer section with the decision just reached.”

The Report on Memorials was taken up.

On motion, it was ordered to be taken *seriatim*.

*First Report*.—First item adopted.

The second item, on motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, was divided,—the first part, relating to the principle, was adopted on motion of Rev. A. Campbell; the second part, relating to a commission, on motion of Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, was laid on the table.

*Second Report*.—Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item 4, on motion of Rev. W. C. Henderson, was struck out.

*Third Report*.—The first item, on ministerial exemptions, was adopted after striking out the second reason.

*Fourth Report* was adopted.

The item in the first Report relating to the appointment of a Commission was taken from the table and discussed.

It was moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

In amendment to the recommendation of the Committee, it was moved by Rev. T. G. Williams, and seconded by Rev. G. McRitchie,

“That the General Conference appoint a Commission in each Annual Conference, who shall be and are hereby empowered to deal with the proposed scheme for the consolidation of the work on certain missions, having due regard to the principle laid down in the resolution of a joint Commission already reported to this Conference; said Commission to be composed of the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, Chairmen of Districts, and five laymen to be appointed by the Special Committee of each Annual Conference; said Commission to report to its Annual Conference at the next ensuing session for confirmation, without which their recommendation shall not take effect.”

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It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. W. C. Henderson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin,  
 "That the matter be referred to the Annual Conferences, with power to appoint commissions to confer with similar commissions appointed by the Presbyterian Church, and report to the next General Conference."

The amendment to the amendment was lost.

The amendment was carried.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Withrow to suspend the order of the day, it was ordered that the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools be the first subject of consideration this afternoon.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the order of the day was suspended for the discussion of the Report on the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland,  
 "That all that part of the Report which relates to insurance matters be struck out."—*Carried.*

The preamble and first clause were adopted.

The second item was adopted.

The third and fourth items were adopted as amended.

The fifth item was adopted.

#### CONSTITUTION.

1. *The Name*, as amended, was adopted.

2. *Objects*.—Adopted.

3. *Management*.—The first item was adopted.

The second item was struck out.

The third item was moved to be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. T. Moore,  
 "That the Directors shall be at liberty to receive moneys on deposit at low rates of interest for the purposes of the Fund."

The amendment was carried.

It was moved by Rev. G. McRitchie,  
 "That the Board shall be limited in borrowing to the amount of capital possessed."—*Lost.*

Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

4. *Capital*.—Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

The fourth item was struck out, and "monies received on deposit" substituted.

Moved by Rev. P. Addison,  
 "That the Board be permitted to borrow money only to the amount of \$20,000."

Moved in amendment by Rev. W. Kettlewell,  
 "That moneys borrowed shall not exceed double the amount of capital."

The previous question was ordered at 11.55.

The amendment was put and lost.

The motion was also lost.

The original item as amended was carried.

The fifth item was struck out.

5. *Revenue*.—Amended and adopted.

6. *Application of Revenue*.—The preamble and items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted as amended.

The fourth item was struck out.

7. *Treasurer and Secretary*.—The section was struck out.

8. *Reports*.—This section was adopted.

9. *Audit*.—The first item was adopted; the second item was struck out.

10. *Regulations*.—The eight items in this section were all adopted.

*Appendix*.—The first item was struck out, the second was adopted.

1. *Legacies and Donations*.—The first item was adopted, and the second was substituted by the following resolution:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland,  
 "That the following item be substituted for No. 7, relating to Secretary and Treasurer: 'The Directors shall make such arrangements for the proper performance of the duties pertaining to the office of Secretary-Treasurer during the ensuing quadrennium as they deem advisable, having regard to the closest economy.'"

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Griffin,  
 "That after the word 'quadrennium' read 'said Secretary-Treasurer to be elected by the General Conference.'"

The amendment was put and lost.

The motion was put and carried.

The item was adopted as amended by Rev. Dr. Sutherland's motion.

3. *Directorate*.—Adopted. (See Report in Appendix for names.)

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The final item was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. LeRoy Hooker,  
"That loans by this Fund be granted to those churches and parsonages only which lie within Conferences which have adopted and co-operated with the scheme."—*Lost*.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, and  
*Resolved*,—"That under section 3, referring to 'management,' the following be placed: 'To sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of mortgages and securities.'"

The Report as a whole was then adopted as amended.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, seconded by Dr. Inch, and adopted:—

"*Resolved*,—That this Conference hereby gives expression to the sense of loss and bereavement experienced in the removal by death, in the past quadrennium, of the beloved and honored Senior General Superintendent, the Rev. Samuel D. Rice, D.D. His wisdom in counsel, his faithfulness in the performance of duty, his evident devotion to the cause of religion in general, and to the interests of Methodism especially, commended him to his brethren for the highest position in their gift. His great and varied abilities commanded always the profound respect of his fellow-men, while his frankness in his intercourse with his brethren, his transparent sincerity, his large-heartedness, his nobleness of soul, secured for him their warm and unvarying affection. He loved his country with a patriot's fervor, labored for the cause of education with a scholar's enthusiasm, preached the Gospel with an apostle's power, and served his God and his generation with a Christian's devotion. In all the places of toil, responsibility and honor to which his marked abilities exalted him he won the high distinction of a truly good and manly man. While we mourn his decease in the midst of multitudinous and successful labors for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, we devoutly thank God for what he was enabled to accomplish for Methodism in our Dominion during a long life, and for the grace of God which enabled him to endure in sickness and triumph in death. We sincerely sympathize with his bereaved family in their sorrows, and unite in conveying to them the assurance of our sympathy, and of our prayer that the God of all grace will grant them special consolation, guidance and strength in this world, and a blissful re-union in the world beyond the vanquished grave."

The Conference adjourned to meet this afternoon at 2.30.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 22.

The Conference re-assembled at 2.30, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read by Rev. Dr. Withrow, and on motion was considered *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

The seventh item was amended and adopted.

Items 8, 9, 10 and 11 were adopted.

On motion to adopt item 12, it was moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by Rev. H. Johnston, as a substitute,

"That Rev. B. F. Austin, Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. E. A. Stafford, Rev. H. Johnston, Rev. Dr. Withrow, and Mr. J. B. Boustead, Mr. L. C. Peake, and Mr. W. H. Pearson, with Rev. Prof. Shaw, Rev. S. Card, Rev. Dr. Burwash, Rev. A. M. Phillips, and Mr. R. Brown, of Toronto, and Mr. Geo. Bishop, of Montreal, as advisory members, be a committee to arrange for and carry out, at as early a period as practicable, a course of Home Reading for the young people of our Church, on the lines indicated in Rev. B. F. Austin's resolution."

This resolution was adopted.

On motion to adopt item 13, it was moved as a substitute by Rev. J. B. Clarkson, seconded by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter,

"That the resolutions respecting Annual Conference Sunday School Associations be recommended to the Annual Conferences for their adoption."—*Carried*.

Items 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow,

"That Mr. Warring Kennedy be General Treasurer of the Fund for the ensuing quadrennium."—*Carried*.

The Report as amended was adopted as a whole.

It was moved by Rev. D. C. McDowell,

"That the order of the day be suspended for the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Transfers."—*Carried*.

The Report was read by the Secretary, and on motion was considered *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

The fifth and sixth were amended and adopted.

The seventh and eighth were adopted.

The Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Griffin, the order of the day was further

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suspended to allow the Committee on Discipline to conclude its Report.

Report No. 5 was taken up.

The first item was adopted as amended.

The second item was not adopted.

The Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, the order of the day was suspended to hear the Report of the Judicial Committee.

The Report was read by the Secretary, Mr. J. J. Maclaren, and the Report as a whole was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ryckman, the order of the day was further suspended to hear the Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported through Rev. Dr. Eby, its Secretary, and on motion the Report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, the order of the day was further suspended to admit the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, seconded by Rev. Dr. Stone, and

*Resolved*,—"That the words 'and representative,' in the fifth line of paragraph 502, page 254, of the Discipline, be expunged, and that the paragraph so amended be added to the Report of the Committee on Transfers."

At the request of the General Superintendents, the order of the day was further suspended to allow the election of the members of the Court of Appeal to be made.

The following twenty-four names were nominated by the General Superintendents:

Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter.	Rev. W. H. Heartz.	A. L. Morden.
" Dr. Sutherland.	Rev. John Kenner.	Dr. Allison.
" Dr. Gardiner.	Rev. J. C. Antliff.	James Mills.
" Dr. Pickard.	Rev. S. Bond.	Lieut.-Gov. Aikins.
" L. Hooker.	Judge Jones.	A. J. Donly.
" W. Pirritte.	Judge Dean.	Jno. Torrance.
" Prof. Shaw.	Judge Deacon.	Hon. W. G. Strong.
" James Gray.	J. J. Maclaren.	Hon. J. W. Sifton.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot twelve of the above-named twenty-four to form the court aforesaid.

On motion, the order of the day was further suspended to receive the Report of the Committee on the Course of Study.

The Report was read by the Secretary of the Committee, and on motion was considered *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Item 7 was withdrawn by permission.

Items 8, 9, 10 and 11 were adopted.

On motion to adopt item 12, it was moved in amendment by Mr. J. J. Maclaren,

"That paragraph 129 of the Discipline be amended so as to provide that the probationers at the various Colleges be examined by Examiners appointed by the various College authorities; and that the Chairmen of the several Districts, and the ministers of the place where the Colleges are situated, and the Examiners who are members of Conference, be the special District Meetings."—*Lost*.

Rev. Dr. Dewart moved a further resolution, as follows:—

"That the examination of probationers at our Theological Colleges be conducted by the College authorities; and that the Chairman of the District in which any of our Theological Colleges is situated, and three other ministers nominated by him, shall be a Special District Meeting to conduct the customary religious and theological examinations of such probationers."

Rev. Dr. Ryckman moved in amendment,

"That the examination of probationers for our ministry in our Theological Schools or Universities, in regard to their studies, shall be by Examiners appointed by the authorities of our Colleges; and in regard to their moral character and qualification for the ministry, by a special District Meeting, composed of the ministerial members of the Faculty in each case, and the ministers of our Church residing in the place where the School is located; the Chairman of the District presiding, or, in his absence, the Dean of the Theological Faculty."

On motion, the matter was laid over to receive the Report of the Scrutineers on the election for members of the Court of Appeal.

Report of the Scrutineers: 100 votes cast; 51 necessary to an election.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland .....	80	J. J. Maclaren .....	82
" Dr. Gardiner .....	74	Judge Jones .....	78
" Dr. Pickard .....	72	Lieut-Gov. Aikins .....	64
" Dr. S. J. Hunter ....	68	Judge Deacon .....	58
" J. C. Antliff .....	57	Dr. Allison .....	55
		Judge Dean .....	52

The above were declared elected, and a further vote ordered for a ministerial member, which resulted in the election of Rev. James Gray.

On resuming the order of business, the vote was taken on Dr. Ryckman's amendment, which was declared carried.

Items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were adopted.

On motion, the order of the day was again suspended, for the appointment of the General Conference Special Committee.

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The General Superintendents made the following nominations, which were in order accepted.

Rev. Dr. Douglas.	Rev. Dr. Sanderson.	Rev. Dr. Stone.
" Dr. Nelles.	" Dr. Griffith.	Mr. G. A. Cox.
" Dr. Dewart.	" E. Roberts.	Dr. Inch.
" Dr. Ryckman.	" S. F. Huestis.	Rev. W. G. Brown.

The order of the day was resumed, viz., the consideration of the Report on the Course of Study.

Items 18 and 19 were adopted.

It was moved by Rev. S. Card,

"That the Toronto, London, Niagara, Guelph, Bay of Quinte and Montreal Conferences shall each appoint annually a Visitor to Victoria University, Albert College and the Theological College in Montreal. The Conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland may appoint such Visitors to their Colleges.

"These Visitors shall note the work done at the Colleges, look specially after the spiritual and intellectual welfare of all probationers of the Conferences attending these Colleges, and shall be members of the District Meetings at the seat of the Colleges at which the probationers are examined, and they shall present a Report to the Conferences they represent."

The resolution was lost.

It was moved by Rev. S. F. Huestis, and

*Resolved*,—"That the examinations of 1887 be on the Course prescribed by the Discipline of 1884, and those of 1888 and subsequently be on the Course now adopted."

It was moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, and

*Resolved*,—"That the Editors of the Discipline be instructed to collect all the paragraphs respecting Boards of Examiners under a sub-chapter, entitled 'Regulations respecting Boards of Examiners.'"

The Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

The Committee on Sustentation Fund presented their Report.

Rev. J. S. Ross moved that it be taken up *seriatim*.

It was moved by Rev. W. C. Henderson, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams,

"That inasmuch as at this stage of the General Conference there is not time properly to consider a matter involving changes so serious as those proposed in the Report of the Committee on the Sustentation Fund, therefore,

*Resolved*,—1. That all of said Report relating to the seven Western Conferences be referred to a commission to be hereafter appointed, who shall consider the whole question, and report to the next General Conference.

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"2. That in order to strengthen the present Contingent Fund, that it may meet as far as possible the objects aimed at by the proposed Sustentation Fund, there shall be a second collection taken up each year in all the congregations of the seven Western Conferences, in aid of said Fund.

"3. The month of March shall be the time of taking up said collection."

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts,

"That this Conference recognizes the importance of a sustentation scheme that may relieve the pressure on the Missionary Fund, and help to equalize the stipends of ministers on weak circuits, but as such a scheme will require more careful consideration than can be given to it at the present Session, it is therefore

"*Resolved*,—1. That the question of a General Sustentation Fund be remitted to the General Board of Missions, to report if possible a practicable scheme to the next General Conference.

"2. That during the ensuing quadrennium each Annual Conference be allowed to extend such help to ministers on dependent fields within its bounds as the necessities of the case seem to call for, in such manner as the Conference may decide, provided they do not trench upon the income of the Missionary Society."

The Conference adjourned at 5.30, with the benediction by Rev. J. S. Ross.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept. 22.*

The Conference met at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. After singing, and the reading of the Scriptures, Rev. J. Scanlon led in prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The order of the day—the consideration of the Report on the Sustentation Scheme—was resumed.

The previous question was moved at 8.05, and lost.

On motion, at 8.20 p.m., the previous question was ordered.

The amendment to the amendment, moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, was carried.

It was moved by Rev. J. S. Ross,

"That the Annual Conferences be recommended to fix the minimum salary of an ordained married minister, without children, at \$550; of an ordained married minister with a child, or children, under 16 years of age, at \$600, and \$20 for each child over the number three; of a single ordained minister, \$400; and of a probationer, \$300."

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It was moved in amendment by Mr. A. J. Donly,  
 "That the whole Report of the Committee be remitted to the  
 Missionary Board."

The amendment prevailed.

It was moved by Rev. A. Campbell, seconded by Rev. Thomas  
 Colling,

"That this General Conference directs the May District Meet-  
 ings of the six Western Conferences, not including Manitoba or  
 British Columbia, to appoint delegates who shall visit all stations,  
 circuits and missions in their respective Districts whose ministers  
 receive less than \$600 per year, with a view of increasing the salary  
 of said ministers, and, if possible, bringing them up to the above-  
 named amount."

The amendment did not prevail.

The General Superintendents nominated the following as ad-  
 visory counsel on the matter of the New Brunswick and Prince  
 Edward Island Conference difficulty: Messrs. John Macdonald, John  
 N. Lake, J. J. Maclaren, and Revs. Dr. Potts and Dr. Sutherland.

The nomination was confirmed.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended to hear Report  
 No. 3 of the Committee on General Superintendency.

The Committee reported through Mr. J. J. Maclaren, the Secre-  
 tary.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. Dr. W.  
 J. Hunter, and

*Resolved*,—"That the General Superintendents be authorized  
 to fix the date for the first meeting of the British Columbia Con-  
 ference, and to summon that Conference."

The Report of the Committee on the Children's Fund was  
 presented by Rev. S. Card, Secretary.

The first Report was laid on the table.

The second Report was also laid on the table.

The third Report was taken up *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Items 5 and 6 were adopted as amended.

The Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

The Report of the Committee on French Work was presented  
 by the Secretary of Conference.

On motion, it was ordered to be taken up *seriatim*.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was amended and adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

The Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended for the introduction of a resolution, as follows:—

Moved by Mr. A. J. Donly,

“That paragraph 70 of the Discipline be amended by changing the word ‘ten’ in the second line of said paragraph to ‘fifteen,’ making the item thus amended to read as follows:—

“‘The ministerial delegates shall consist of one member in every fifteen members of each Annual Conference,’ etc.”

This resolution was laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Rev. D. L. Brethour, and adopted.

The Committee on Embarrassed Trusts presented their Report through Mr. John N. Lake.

On motion, it was considered *seriatim*.

The preamble of facts was adopted.

On the first item, it was moved to adopt.

Rev. Hugh Johnston moved to amend by altering the name to “Methodist Church Relief Fund.”

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter,

“That this scheme be called ‘The Methodist Church Relief Fund,’ and that all embarrassed churches be relieved according to their claims.”

The previous question was ordered.

The amendment to the amendment was lost.

The amendment was also lost.

The item was then adopted.

On the second item it was moved to adopt.

On motion, the item was amended by the addition of the name of Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, and that of Mr. W. E. Sanford in place of Mr. J. J. Maclaren.

Items 3 and 4 were adopted.

It was moved that the fifth item be adopted.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren moved in amendment,

“That the borrowing power of the Fund should be limited to \$8,000.”—*Carried*.

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On item 6, Rev. Dr. Sanderson moved,  
"That the first payment to be made should be the \$12,000  
already borrowed."

The motion was lost and the item was adopted.

Item 7 was adopted.

The Report was then adopted as amended.

Rev. F. Chisholm moved,

"That the Directors of the St. Lawrence Camp Ground be per-  
mitted to lay their claims before the Board."

The motion did not prevail.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, and seconded by Rev.  
W. J. Maxwell,

"That the Committee be directed to prepare a detailed state-  
ment showing the amount of debt on each church for which aid is  
requested, whether the church is occupied as a preaching place,  
what church it is proposed to sell, the probable amount to be  
realized from such sale, the financial ability of the congregations  
worshipping in the churches concerned, and any other information  
which might assist the brethren in presenting the claims of the  
Fund to our people; and that a copy of this statement be sent to  
each of our ministers at the earliest possible moment."

The motion prevailed.

At 11.20 p.m., the Conference adjourned, Rev. Dr. Shaw pro-  
nouncing the benediction.

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TWENTIETH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 23.

The Conference re-opened at 9 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Williams in  
the chair. Rev. Dr. Potts led in prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The following resolutions were then submitted:—

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Mr. J. N. Lake,  
and

*Resolved*,—"That the thanks of the General Conference are  
due and are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. Bredin for his great  
labor and care in discharging the important duties of Journal  
Secretary, and that a donation of fifty dollars be paid to him from  
the Book Room, as a mark of our appreciation for his valuable  
services."

It was moved by Rev. E. R. Young, seconded by Rev. Dr.  
Stewart, and

*Resolved*,—"That the very cordial thanks of this General Conference are hereby most sincerely presented to the pastor and trustees who have placed this magnificent Metropolitan Church at our disposal for the sessions of this Conference, and who have in so many ways contributed to the comfort and convenience of the delegates.

"We also desire in this way to present our grateful acknowledgements to the many kind friends who have so very hospitably offered their homes, or in some other way have so very handsomely entertained the members of this General Conference."

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, and

*Resolved*,—"That this Conference recognizes the great services rendered to the Church, and the public at large, by the admirable reports of Conference proceedings published in the daily papers of this city, especially in the columns of the *Mail* and *Globe*. We extend to the publishers of all the papers concerned our cordial thanks, and, at the same time, assure them of our satisfaction with the ability and uniform courtesy of the representatives of the press who have been present at the Conference sessions. Special thanks are tendered to the publishers of the *Globe* and *Witness* for a daily supply of their valuable papers."

It was moved by Rev. E. R. Young, seconded by Mr. John N. Lake, and

*Resolved*,—"That in case of the death or disability of the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West, the Central Board of Missions shall fill up the vacancy at the earliest opportunity."

It was moved by I. B. Alyesworth, M.D., seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews,

"That another column be provided in all the District Books, and each minister in each May District Meeting, as well as each preacher on trial, be asked each year by the Chairman of the District, 'Do you take snuff, tobacco, or drams; and will you pledge yourself to abstain hereafter?' and that the answer be entered in said column; also that each member of each Quarterly Official Meeting of our Church be asked by the Chairman of such meeting in each May Meeting the same question, and report the numbers to the succeeding District Meeting, and that the results, as to numbers, be reported to the following Annual Conferences, and lastly to each General Conference."

The motion was not adopted.

The General Superintendents nominated the following, in association with themselves, to prepare addresses to the various Churches from which we received addresses, or to which we send delegates, viz. :—

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The British Wesleyan Church, Rev. Hugh Johnston.  
The Bible Christian Church, England, Rev. Geo. Webber.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church, United States, Rev. Dr. Dewart.

Methodist Episcopal Church South, Rev. Dr. Ryckman.

The nominations were approved.

It was moved by Rev. D. L. Brethour, seconded by Rev. W. J. Maxwell,

“That 25,000 copies of the Report on Temperance be published and sold at cost, and that in case of any loss to the Publishing House the General Conference Fund pay such loss.”

The following amendment was moved by Rev. T. G. Williams, seconded by Rev. W. C. Henderson, and adopted:—

“That inasmuch as the Report of the Committee on Temperance has not been read a second time to this Conference, the Chair be requested to nominate a Committee whose duty it shall be to review such Report, and make such changes as they deem necessary, if any, in said Report.”

The motion prevailed.

The following persons were named by the President and approved by the Conference:—

Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. Dr. Shaw, and Rev. Dr. Griffith.

A resolution relating to affairs in the North-West was moved by Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, and on motion was laid on the table.

The third Report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Hon. J. W. Sifton, and on motion was adopted after slight amendment.

The Report of the Committee on Ritual was presented by Rev. Hugh Johnston. On motion it was taken up *seriatim*.

#### I. Order of Service.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 5 was laid on the table.

#### II. Baptism of Infants.

It was moved to adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Griffin, and  
*Resolved*,—“That the form of service of the Methodist Church of Canada be restored, except that the concluding portion of the present form be retained, ‘We receive this child,’ etc.”

#### III. Baptism of Adults.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

IV. Communion Service.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

V. Marriage Service.

Item 1 was lost.

Item 2 was amended by a resolution to expunge the paragraph beginning "Almighty God, who in the beginning," etc.

VI. Burial Service.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

VII. Ordination Service.

The recommendation was adopted.

VIII. Covenant Service.

The recommendation was adopted.

IX. Publication.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Report as a whole was then adopted as amended.

The third Report of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund was presented by Rev. T. M. Campbell.

On motion it was taken up *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item 4: sub-items 1, 2, 4 and 6 were adopted; 3, 5 and 7 were lost.

The Report as a whole was adopted as amended.

It was moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford,

"That the Circuits be held responsible for the amounts assessed to them for the Superannuation Fund, unless at the May District Meeting a re-distribution of the total amount raised in the District favorable to the weaker Circuits can be made."

The resolution was lost.

It was moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy,

"That paragraph 423 of the Discipline be expunged."

This motion was also lost.

Rev. T. M. Campbell read, for the information of the Conference, the names of the ministers and laymen composing the Superannuation Fund Board. (See Report in Appendix.)

The Secretary of the Conference, in the absence of the Secretary of the Committee, read the Report of the Committee on the Centennial of the Organization of Methodism in America.

The Report was adopted.

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It was moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. John Kay, and

*Resolved*,—"That the question of arranging for the observance of the Centennial of Methodism in Canada be referred to the General Superintendents and the Conference Special Committee."

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was then taken up.

It was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Schedules was taken up *seriatim*.

Schedule A.—First item was lost; second item was adopted.

Schedule C.—First and second items were adopted.

Schedule D.—First and second items were adopted.

Schedule F.—First and second items were lost.

A general item was adopted.

The whole Report as amended was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. D. L. Brethour, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker, and

*Resolved*,—"That in view of the importance of the temperance question in our country to-day, and the certainty that in the near future legislation in the line of an entire prohibition of the liquor traffic will be obtained, it is desirable to appoint a permanent Committee on Temperance ;

"Therefore resolved, that a Committee of laymen and ministers be appointed, consisting of ten members for Ontario, seven for Quebec, and five for the Eastern Provinces, to watch the interests and phases of the temperance question, and to make such representations to the governments and parliaments of the provinces and Dominion as shall secure the prohibitory legislation for which we believe the country is ripe, and that every available and legitimate means, both civil and religious, be employed to secure from our legislatures a general prohibitory law."

The following are the Committees appointed under the foregoing resolution :—

<i>Ontario.</i>		
Rev. Dr. Williams. Rev. Dr. Griffin. Rev. Dr. Parker. Rev. D. L. Brethour.	Rev. I. B. Aylesworth. J. J. Maclaren. W. F. Hall.	J. Harrison. J. T. Moore. Hon. J. W. Sifton.
<i>Quebec.</i>		
Rev. T. G. Williams. Rev. F. Chisholm. Rev. S. Bond.	D. Graham. W. H. Lambly.	Jos. Jamieson. Dr. Lavell.
<i>Eastern Provinces.</i>		
Rev. Dr. Pickard. Rev. Dr. Lathern.	R. L. Black. J. L. Black.	Hon. W. G. Strong.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Nelles, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts, and

*Resolved*,—"That the name of Mr. J. N. Lake be added to the Advisory Committee of College Affairs."

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Justice Rose, and

*Resolved*,—"That the rules, regulations, decisions, and resolutions passed and adopted at this Conference, as recorded in our Journal, take effect forthwith, unless a later time has been expressly or impliedly fixed or provided; that the former laws and rules of the Church are repealed or amended—

"1. In all cases where the Journal contains any action or provision having expressly or impliedly that effect.

"2. In all cases where such former laws or rules are contrary to, or inconsistent with, the action of this Conference."

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Mr. John N. Lake, and

*Resolved*,—"That a petition be presented on behalf of the Methodist Church to the Dominion Parliament, praying for legislation making criminal certain offences against the seventh commandment not at present on our statute books, in order that our laws in this respect may be at least as stringent as are the laws of England since the passage of the recent Acts; that minor girls may be protected to a greater age than at present; that the persons of all minor girls may be protected at least as fully as heiresses now are; and that unfaithful parents and guardians who are parties to wrongs against minor girls may be punished."

It was moved by Rev. John Kay, seconded by Rev. J. R. Gundy, "That the change in the ritual for Infant Baptism be not published in the Discipline, but be sent to the Commission on the forthcoming Discipline, to be considered during the quadrennium."

The motion was lost.

It was moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. George Webber, and

*Resolved*,—"That the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Ryckman, and his assistants, for their incessant and painstaking services during the session of this Conference.

It was moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. E. A. Stafford, and

*Resolved*,—"That all Boards and Standing Committees of this Conference do on the first day of next General Conference make a return giving in detail the following information:—

"1. The number of meetings of the Board or Committee, or Standing Sub-Committee, held during the quadrennium.

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- "2. The number of meetings attended by each member.  
 "3. The travelling expenses of each of such members.  
 "4. The total expense of the holding of such meetings."

The business of the Conference having been completed, the Secretary read the Minutes of the current session, which were confirmed.

Whereupon, at 1.30 p.m., on Thursday, September 23rd, Rev. Dr. Potts moved,

"That the Conference do now adjourn."—*Carried.*

The doxology was sung, the President, Dr. Williams, pronounced the benediction, and the Conference closed.

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# APPENDIX A.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

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D. G. Sutherland.	W. Kettlewell.	J. T. Pitcher.
H. S. Matthews.	Dr. W. J. Hunter.	J. F. Betts.
N. R. Willoughby.	John Learoyd.	W. L. Rutledge.
Peter Addison.	Dr. Bredin.	Dr. Griffith.
Dr. Aylesworth.	F. B. Stratton.	J. Kenner.
Dr. Griffin.		

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Alex. Johnston.	N. H. Young.	G. W. Webb.
A. B. Powell.	I. E. Bowman.	John Torrance.
J. B. Lane.	Judge Jones.	W. Sawyer.
Thomas Milner.	W. H. Young.	G. G. Bryant.
E. J. Davis.	Johnson Harrison.	Lieut.-Gov. Aikins.
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## COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION FUND.

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LeRoy Hooker.	O. R. Lambly.	J. Embree.
Dr. Sutherland.	F. B. Stratton.	George Boyd.
W. Pirritte.	J. W. Sparling.	J. S. Ross.
D. G. Sutherland.	W. Hansford.	A. D. Morton.
Jos. R. Gundy.	J. Woodsworth.	Job Shenton.
G. Richardson.	Jos. G. Angwin.	

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L. A. Cummer.	Benj. Hopkins.	W. H. Lambly.
A. J. Donly.	Thomas Hilliard.	John Torrance.
G. F. Marter.	R. G. Lambert.	Lieut.-Gov. Aikins
H. L. Loverin.	George A. Cox.	E. G. Smith.
Alex. Johnston.	Dr. Ford.	W. E. Dawson.

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R. Wilson.	J. V. Smith.	Dr. Badgley.
J. J. Teasdale.	E. S. Rupert.	Joseph Young.
George Boyd.	John Kenner.	W. H. Graham.
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W. W. Shepherd.		

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J. R. Woodburn.	H. Purdy.	J. A. Holgate.
R. L. Black.	P. Hepinstall.	W. H. Lambly.
I. L. McNeil.	W. G. Cushing.	James Bissell.
Joseph Tait.	I. R. Howell.	D. Graham.
Dr. Aylesworth.	Jonathan Ellis.	W. H. Young.
James Gardiner.	J. Francis.	

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSFERS.

*Ministers.*

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A. B. Chambers.	N. R. Willoughby.	W. J. Maxwell.
John Scanlon.	Hugh Johnston.	John Kay.
A. Langford.	Dr. Ryckman.	J. S. Clarke.
Dr. Lathern.	John G. Scott.	Joseph Young.
J. Read.	A. Cunningham.	

*Laymen.*

John Torrance.	T. W. Lennox.	W. Cushing.
J. R. Lavell.	Thomas Milner.	W. McGibbon.
Lieut.-Gov. Aikins.	W. B. Whiting.	Johnson Harrison.
R. L. Black.	Capt. Sullivan.	H. C. McMullen.
Hon. W. G. Strong.	Dr. Williams.	Thomas Gillbard.

G. R. SANDERSON, *Chairman.*A. J. DONLY, *Secretary.*

13th September, 1886.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference may stand adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.
2. The following shall be the order of business:—(1) Reading the minutes of preceding session. (2) Communications. (3) Memorials. (4) Reports of Standing Committees. (5) Reports of Special Committees. (6) Motions of which notice has been previously given. (7) Notices of Motions. (8) Questions of which notice has been given. (9) Miscellaneous.
3. On the call for Reports of Committees, all reports that are ready shall be called in before action is taken on any one of them.
4. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate. When a member rises to a point of order, or the President calls any member to order, in either case the point of order shall be distinctly stated.
5. No member shall remain standing during debate, except the member addressing the President.
6. The President shall nominate all Committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.
7. When a motion or resolution is moved and seconded, or a report is presented and is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; nor shall any motion be withdrawn by the mover after being debated without the consent of the Conference.
8. All motions and resolutions shall be presented in writing by the proposer.
9. The following motions are not debateable:—
  - (a) For the previous question.
  - (b) To lay on the table.
  - (c) For indefinite adjournment.
  - (d) For indefinite postponement.
10. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which motions shall have the precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz.:—
  - (a) Adjournment.
  - (b) Lay on the table.
  - (c) Indefinite postponement.
  - (d) Postponement to a given time.
  - (e) Reference to a committee.
  - (f) Amendment.
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11. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and address the President, and shall proceed only when the President announces his name and Conference.

12. No person shall speak more than *once* on the same question without leave of the Conference, except the mover, who shall be entitled to a general reply.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, any member who voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

15. Motions relating to the rights and privileges of the Conference, or individual members and orders of the day, shall be considered questions of privilege.

16. The previous question being moved, the President shall put it at once by asking, "Shall the vote now be taken?" If the previous question is carried, all debate shall cease, and the President shall proceed to take the vote on the several motions before the Conference.

17. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

18. No member who is not within the bar when any question is put by the President, shall be allowed to vote on such question, except by leave of Conference.

19. Before the President rises to put a motion to the Conference, he shall ask: "Is the Conference ready for the question?" No member shall speak after the President has risen to put the question; and all members present shall vote unless excused by the Conference.

20. No member shall be interrupted when speaking except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President when he deems the speaker out of order, and any member may explain if he is misrepresented.

21. No business shall pass from individuals to the Committees without reference through the Conference.

22. Any member may call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, provided he be sustained by twenty members. Any member may require that the number of votes for and against a resolution be announced.

23. In the General Conference members shall constitute a quorum.

24. The Secretary shall provide a bulletin upon which announcements of meetings of committees and relating to other Conference business may be made.

H. PICKARD, *Chairman.*

W. I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND BOUNDARIES.

### First Report.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

1. We recommend the Conference to grant the request of the memorial from the brethren in British Columbia, asking for a Conference to be formed, to be known as the "British Columbia Conference," and to include all the Districts of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the Province of British Columbia.

2. That in the matter of Conference Boundaries, we recommend:

(4) That Port Arthur and Fort William Missions be given to the Manitoba and North-West Conference;

(5) That Kinglake Mission and Straffordville Circuit be taken from the Niagara Conference and added to the London Conference—both to belong to the Aylmer District.

6. In accordance with the memorial from the Manitoba Conference, asking for a change in the name of that Conference, to be known as the "Manitoba and North-West Conference," your Committee recommend the change.

Notices of motion were under consideration asking for a change in the names of Niagara and Bay of Quinte Conferences, but no change in either name was recommended.

### Second Report.

7. That the memorials from the Bay of Quinte Conference and Toronto Conference, in the matter of Examination of Ministerial Character, be referred to the Committee on Discipline; and that the memorial from the French District, asking for the formation of a French Conference, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

8. Memorials were received from the Quarterly Boards of Forest, Belleville Centre, and Halifax Centre Circuits, also from Niagara and Guelph Conferences, asking for a change in the mode of electing Lay Representatives to the Annual Conferences. The Committee, after careful consideration, resolved to recommend that no change in the mode of said election be made.

9. Memorials from the Quarterly Board of the Dominion Church, and the Electoral College of Lay Representatives of the Guelph Conference, were remitted, praying for certain changes to be made in the manner of electing Lay Representatives to the General Conference. The Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorials be not granted.

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10. A memorial from the Quarterly Board of the Dominion Church, Ottawa, and from Messrs. Peter Graham, M.P.P., and Thomas Haynes, were duly considered, asking for some improved method of making ministerial appointments to Circuits. Your Committee

*Resolved*,—That inasmuch as the Basis of Union determines the composition of the Stationing Committee, and as a disturbance of said Basis is not desirable, no change be recommended at present.

11. In the matter of laymen taking a part in all the business of the Annual Conferences, as prayed for in the memorial from the Walkerton District Meeting, and in a notice of motion by Mr. A. B. Powell, it was

*Resolved*,—That having carefully considered the memorials, this Committee is of the opinion that it is not desirable to change the Discipline on this subject, at least for the present, and it is so recommended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. GERMAN, *Chairman*.

I. TOVELL, *Secretary*.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee report as follows:—

1. Rev. Dr. Briggs presented the Report of the Western Book Room. After conversation in relation to it, it was

*Resolved*,—That having examined the Report of the Western Section of the Book Committee, we beg to place on record our appreciation of the fidelity, diligence, and financial ability with which the affairs of the Book and Publishing House have been managed during the past quadrennium, and recommend the Conference to adopt the Report and publish it in the Conference Journal.

2. Rev. S. F. Huestis submitted the Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee. It was

*Resolved*,—That as the affairs of the Eastern Book Room demand some action for its relief, we recommend to the Book Committee of the Western Section that the Halifax Book Room have credit on account of purchases made, to the extent of \$6,000, without interest.

3. Learning that through illness the Editor of the *Wesleyan* had been compelled to resign his office, the following resolution was passed:—

*Resolved*,—That this Committee learn with deep regret the

serious indisposition which has overtaken Rev. T. Watson Smith, Editor of the *Wesleyan*, and which has compelled him reluctantly to tender to the Eastern Section of the Book Committee his resignation of the office, and would assure our beloved brother of our deep sympathy with him in his affliction, and appreciation of the great value of his past services.

4. Relating to the circulation of the *Christian Guardian*, it was

*Resolved*.—That while thankful for the present large circulation of the *Guardian* amongst the members and adherents of our Church, yet believing that it ought to be greatly increased, we earnestly request the ministers and laymen of this Conference, and of the Church generally, to use their influence to extend the circulation, as we think that every Methodist should support our connexional organ.

7. With respect to a memorial from the Montreal Sabbath School Association and certain members of our Church in Montreal, asking for the publication of a religious paper there, the Committee decided that as there is no financial guarantee in the prosecution of the proposed enterprise, we cannot recommend the Conference to assume the responsibility involved in such an undertaking or to grant the prayer of the memorialists.

8. Having considered the memorial of Rev. B. Clement, asking for the publication of a Hand-Book of Discipline, the Committee deem the publication of such a book premature.

9. In the case of a memorial from Mr. J. J. Maclaren, touching the Executive Committee of the Western Section of the Book Committee, we recommend that no change be made in the present arrangement.

10. The Committee recommend that Section 369 be amended, by inserting the words "or before" after the word "on" in the second line.

11. The Committee recommend that Section 380 be amended so as to read "half-yearly," and "to review the business of the preceding half-year."

12. The Committee also recommend that Section 377 be changed so as to read, "A special meeting of the members of either section, or of the executive of either section, may be called by the Book Steward," etc.

13. (See resolution of Rev. J. Graham, *Journal*, p. 79.)

14. Moved by Rev. A. B. Chambers, seconded by Rev. A. Campbell,

"That the Montreal Branch Book Room receive an annual credit of \$10,000, without interest, on its indebtedness."—*Carried*.

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15. Moved by Rev. A. B. Chambers, seconded by Rev. Dr. Stone, "That the Book Committee be recommended to publish a new Hymnal for our social and revival services."—*Carried.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*

S. J. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Western Section of the Book Committee are glad to be able to report a period of very great prosperity in this branch of our Church work. The importance of this department becomes more and more apparent year by year. The press is more largely than ever affecting the intellectual and religious life of the community. A thoroughly secular and often irreligious literature is being widely diffused, and it is the duty of the Church to provide a literature surcharged with the vitalizing influences of an earnest Christianity. This our Church is doing more largely than ever before by its increasing sale of books of a wholesome, instructive, and religious character, and especially by the growing circulation of its periodical literature. No agency more largely assists the different departments of our general Church work—its missionary enterprises, its beneficiary institutions, its religious instruction—than does the periodical press by the diffusion of information, its inculcation of Christian principles, and the mental and moral stimulus it imparts.

Amid the keen competitions of other publishing houses, which carry on a large business in certain lines of trade, which its religious principles will not allow our Publishing House to enter, it is gratifying to know that under the vigorous and enterprising management of the Rev. Dr. Briggs, the energetic Book Steward, in the enlarged field and with the increased resources furnished by the recent union, its volume of business is rapidly increasing year by year, and it is now one of the very foremost publishing houses in the Dominion.

In the following pages a clear statement of its operations will be given.

Although only the period since the consummation of the Union comes properly under review at this General Conference, the Committee have thought it right and very desirable that the business of the four years since the last Report of the operations of the House was made to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, in 1882, should be exhibited, because, 1st, the

two years from 1882 to 1884 have never been reported; and, 2nd, by this means only can a comparison of the business with the previous period be made.

They therefore make their Report in two parts, in the first of which they present the business of the four years above alluded to, and compare it with that of the previous quadrennium, and in the second show the new capital of the House as formed by the Union, and present separately the business done since.

The enlarged field of operations and increased constituency from which the House may expect to derive patronage, warrant the anticipation that the ensuing quadrennium shall witness a still greater development of business, and still further increased usefulness.

PART I.

A comparison of the business of the Book and Publishing House at Toronto for the four years since the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, held in 1882, with the same for the previous quadrennium.

ANALYSIS of the FINANCIAL STATEMENT or BALANCE SHEET of the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, on 31st March, 1886, as compared with 31st March, 1882, Valuators' Deductions having been previously made in both cases.

ASSETS.

	1886.		1882.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
<b>UNAVAILABLE ASSETS:</b>								
Real Estate and Buildings.	37,500	00	28,367	98	*9,132	02	.....	.....
Furniture, Machinery, etc.	47,478	76	37,117	92	10,360	84	.....	.....
Total .....	84,978	76	65,485	90	19,492	86	.....	.....
<b>AVAILABLE ASSETS:</b>								
Books and Stationery ....	86,907	93	67,008	01	19,899	92	.....	.....
Cash on hand .....	5,867	49	2,195	96	3,671	53	.....	.....
Bills Receivable .....	20,870	33	1,752	72	19,117	61	.....	.....
Obtainable Debts .....	89,065	04	51,860	01	37,205	03	.....	.....
Paper, for Printing, etc...	13,588	75	6,679	29	6,909	46	.....	.....
Montreal Book Room ....	10,34	76	12,549	81	.....	.....	2,205	05
Halifax Book Room .....	6,429	87	Not Report'd	.....	6,429	87	.....	.....
Total .....	233,074	17	142,045	80	92,233	42	2,205	05
Total Assets .....	318,052	93	207,531	70	110,521	23	.....	.....

\* See Memorandum on Real Estate on page 156.

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	1886.	1882.	Increase.	Decrease.
<b>PERMANENT LOANS:</b>				
Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	20,807 50	14,752 16	6,055 34	.....
Victoria University .....	4,497 39	4,497 39	.....	.....
Total .....	25,304 89	19,249 55	6,055 35	.....
<b>ACCOUNTS subject to Early Payment:</b>				
Periodical Subscribers ....	31,791 35	19,873 61	11,917 74	.....
Bills Payable .....	6,888 68	20,105 31	.....	13,216 63
Sundry Creditors .....	51,406 11	34,695 61	16,710 50	.....
Total .....	90,086 14	74,674 53	28,628 24	.....
Total Liabilities ...	115,391 03	93,924 08	21,466 95	.....

Deducting the liabilities, \$115,391.03, from available assets, \$233,074.17, the House has an active capital of \$117,683.14.

On the other hand, taking liabilities, \$115,391.03, from total assets, \$318,052.93, there will be an excess of assets over liabilities of \$202,661.90, an increase as compared with 31st March, 1882, of \$89,054.28.

1882. Proportion of liabilities to assets, 45 per cent.

1886. Proportion of liabilities to assets, 36 per cent.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND EXPENSES for the Quadrennial Periods ended 31st of March, 1882 and 1886.

	1886.	1882.	Increase.	Decrease.
<b>GROSS PROFITS:</b>				
Goods .....	\$ 89,614 46	\$ 57,984 85	\$ 31,629 61	\$ .....
Printing Office .....	21,271 74	16,349 94	1,921 80	.....
Christian Guardian .....	43,173 93	25,856 40	17,317 53	.....
Pleasant Hours* .....	4,225 53	4,392 62	.....	167 09
S. S. Banner .....	8,388 25	5,391 06	2,997 19	.....
Methodist Magazine .....	2,174 51	2,797 38	.....	622 87
Sunbeam .....	2,380 50	708 91	1,671 58	.....
Berean Leaf (Monthly)† ..	3,759 48	.....	3,759 48	.....
Berean Leaf (Quarterly) ..	2,432 07	289 41	2,142 66	.....
Bindery .....	11,390 14	9,744 97	1,645 17	.....
Home and School (3½ years)	988 38	.....	988 38	.....
Rent (of Rooms)‡ .....	.....	633 80	.....	633 80
Total Gross Profits ..	189,798 99	127,149 34	64,073 41	1,423 76
Net Increase .....	.....	.....	62,649 65	.....

\* Pleasant Hours was much enlarged, and reduced in price, shortly before the commencement of this term. Its circulation has so increased that its profits will soon be greater than before.

† The Berean Monthly was included in "Goods" last term. But for that change the profits on "Goods" would now appear greater by this amount.

‡ Rooms which were rented are now used for the business.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.—Continued.

	1886.	1882.	Increase.	Decrease.
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Salaries .....	81,010 34	59,934 40	30,075 94	.....
Book Room Expenses .....	13,837 40	7,469 58	6,367 83	.....
Interest .....	3,221 23	7,782 98	.....	4,561 75
Insurance .....	2,738 71	1,815 18	923 53	.....
Bad Debts .....	6,925 81	8,851 70	.....	1,925 89
Exchange (2 y'rs each term)	1,459 33	719 54	739 79	.....
Binding Machinery* .....	956 31	} 6,069 50	11,004 33	.....
Printing Machinery* .....	6,021 49			
Printing Material* .....	5,790 34			
Real Estate* .....	3,487 22			
Furniture* .....	620 37			
Stereotype Machinery .....	198 10	.....	175 00	.....
Rent (for right of way) .....	175 00	.....	185 51	.....
Happy Days (3 months) .....	185 51	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>126,627 16</b>	<b>83,642 87</b>	<b>49,471 93</b>	<b>6,487 64</b>
<b>Net Increase .....</b>	.....	.....	<b>42,984 29</b>	.....
<b>Net Profit after all Reduct'ns</b>	<b>63,171 83</b>	<b>43,506 47</b>	<b>18,665 36</b>	.....
<b>APPROPRIATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE:</b>				
Superannuated Ministers' Fund .....	10,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	.....
Sundries .....	112 00	3,964 60	.....	3,852 60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>10,112 00</b>	<b>8,964 60</b>	<b>5,000 00</b>	<b>3,852 60</b>
<b>Net Increase .....</b>	.....	.....	<b>1,147 40</b>	.....

\* Reductions by Valuators.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Capital, 1st April, 1882 .....	\$ c.
Added by Profits .....	113,607 62
Added by levelling up .....	63,171 83
	35,994 45
<b>Less Appropriations made by the Committee .....</b>	<b>212,778 90</b>
	10,112 00
<b>Net Capital, 31st of March, 1886 .....</b>	<b>202,661 90</b>
<b>Increase .....</b>	<b>85,054 28</b>

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SALES AND GROSS PROFITS OF GOODS.

	1886.		1882		Increase.		Decrease.	
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Total Sales (Goods only)....	410,191	56	257,881	90	152,309	66	.....	.....
Gross Profits in Goods Dep't.	89,614	46	57,984	85	31,629	61	.....	.....

The increase of sales for the term is 59 per cent.

The increase of gross profits, taking into account the note on page 149, is 61 per cent.

THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.

The amalgamation of the *Christian Advocate*, *Christian Journal* and *Observer* with the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN gave a wider field to the latter, which thus became, through the Western Conferences, the Church paper of our united Methodism. Its influence and circulation have steadily increased since the Union. At no time during its history has it been more highly prized than at present. It is welcomed to the homes of our people in all parts of the country, because of its able discussions of great living questions, its vigorous defence of Christian truth against all forms of heresy and unbelief, its valuable lessons in regard to character and Christian work, and its inspiring news of the progress of religion at home and abroad. The increased circulation of the GUARDIAN among our people cannot fail to increase their interest in all departments of our Church work.

Total Circulation for term ended 1886.....	vols.	55,739
" " " 1882.....	"	44,464
Increase over previous term.....	"	11,275
Circulation 31st March, 1886.....		14,859
Gross Profits of the <i>Guardian</i> for the term are.....	\$	43,173 93
For the term ended 1882 they were.....		25,856 40
Showing an increase of.....	\$	17,317 53

APPROXIMATE MEMO. OF NET PROFIT:

Gross Profits.....	\$	43,173 93
<i>Less Salaries :-</i>		
Editors' and Assistants'.....	\$	13,750 00*
Proportion of Book Steward's.....		1,335 00*
Proportion of Clerks'.....		4,184 38
	\$	19,269 38

Estimated Net Profit for term ended 1886.....	\$	23,904 55
Estimated Net Profit for term ended 1882.....		13,724 40

Increase..... \$10,180 15

\* These Salaries include House Rent, Taxes, Furniture, Children's Fund, etc.

CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE.

It is gratifying to be able to report that this Magazine has exhibited a continued improvement in character, in mechanical excellence, and in artistic illustrations, and a substantial increase in circulation. This is all the more gratifying on account of the failure of every previous attempt to establish a Canadian Magazine, and of the failure, after three several attempts, of the great Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States to establish a Methodist monthly. Our own Magazine, as an organ common to the entire Church from Bermuda to Japan, has been a tangible bond of union. It has called forth and employed the literary ability of a continuously increasing staff of able contributors from every section of our Church. It has scattered through the homes of our people nearly 60,000 volumes of wholesome and instructive religious reading. In an age when frivolous or pernicious reading so largely abounds, this is a consideration of great importance.

METHODIST MAGAZINE—	
Total circulation for term ended 1886 .....	11,732
"                    "          "    1882 .....	8,900
Increase .....	2,832
Average monthly circulation for the term ended 1886 .....	2,933
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	2,925

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

This department of our publishing work has been favored with a remarkable degree of prosperity. The circulation of our Sunday School periodicals during the last quadrennium has nearly doubled; the increase being from 103,729 on 31st March, 1882, to 194,076 on 31st March, 1886, or 87 per cent. This is more than three times the increase of the previous quadrennium. The *increase* of circulation in the year ending March 31st, 1886, was 34,850.

These periodicals have been successively improved in quality, enlarged in size, increased in number, and reduced in price, till we believe they are now the cheapest and the best papers for the cost in the world. Three new papers have been established during the quadrennium—HOME AND SCHOOL, HAPPY DAYS, and QUARTERLY REVIEW SERVICE. We have now *eight* distinct Sunday School periodicals of as many distinct grades, meeting the varied requirements of our schools. Of these there are 138 distinct issues in the 308 working days of the year, being almost one on each alternate day. The results of this flood of direct religious teaching pouring forth from the press is simply incalculable; only the Great Day shall reveal it.

The competition with foreign Sunday School periodicals, appealing to the patronage of all denominations, and thereby securing an immense circulation, has been very keen. But our own papers, instinct with loyalty to Queen and country, and to the doctrines

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and institutions of Methodism, are almost entirely displacing in our schools those foreign and irresponsible periodicals which are hostile to both. Although it is not expected that the Sunday School paper shall make much money, having almost no advertising patronage, and the profits being largely expended in improving their quality and reducing their price, so that our schools may have the best possible papers at the least possible cost, yet the net profit of this department during the quadrennium has been \$8,969.26. The income from the Sunday School periodicals has reached the very large sum of \$33,494 during the year ending 31st of March, 1886, and \$107,667 during the quadrennium.

It may be added that it is only by the utmost economy of management of all the Sunday School periodicals and of the *Methodist Magazine*, under one editor, that the above favorable result has been maintained.

S. S. BANNER—

Total Circulation for term ended 1886.....	38,970
" " " 1882.....	24,850
Increase.....	14,120
Average monthly Circulation for term ended 1886.....	9,742
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	10,484

PLEASANT HOURS—

Total Circulation for term ended 1886....	142,897
" " " 1882.....	72,500
Increase.....	72,397
Average bi-weekly Circulation for term ended 1886.....	35,724
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	35,863

HOME AND SCHOOL—

Total Circulation (from 1st January, 1883—three years and four months) .....	94,043
Average bi-weekly Circulation for above time .....	28,212
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	30,538

SUNBEAM—

Total Circulation for term ended 1886.....	86,300
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THE *Sunbeam* cannot be compared, as it existed during only a part of the previous term.

Average bi-weekly Circulation for term ended 1886.....	21,575
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	22,592

HAPPY DAYS (Commenced 1st January, 1886)—

Average bi-weekly Circulation .....	19,000
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	15,354

BEREAN LEAF (Quarterly)—

Total Circulation for term ended 1886 .....	118,975
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Cannot be compared, as it existed during only a part of the previous term.

Average quarterly Circulation for term ended 1886.....	29,744
Circulation 31st March, 1886 .....	37,735

BEREAN LEAF (Monthly)—

Total Circulation for term ended 1886 ..... 173,875

Cannot be compared, as it was included in "Goods" till near the end of the previous term.

Average monthly Circulation for term ended 1886..... 43,469  
Circulation 31st March, 1886 ..... 41,510

APPROXIMATE NET PROFIT OF METHODIST MAGAZINE AND S. S. PERIODICALS :

Gross Profit— <i>Methodist Magazine</i> .....	\$2,174 51
" <i>S. S. Banner</i> .....	8,388 25
" <i>Pleasant Hours</i> .....	4,225 53
" <i>Home and School</i> .....	1,196 54
" <i>Sunbeam</i> .....	2,380 50
" <i>Happy Days</i> .....	
" <i>Berean Leaf</i> (Quarterly).....	2,432 07
" <i>Berean Leaf</i> (Monthly) .....	3,759 48

Less, loss on *Happy Days*\* .....

	\$24,556 88
	185 51

	\$24,371 37
Less—Editor's Salary†.....	\$8,900 00
" Clerks' proportion .....	5,167 11
" Proportion Book Steward†.....	1,335 00
	<u>\$15,402 11</u>
	\$8,969 26

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Continual increase of, and improvement in, machinery are necessary to meet the demands of an increasing business. There have been added during the quadrennial term to this department:

1 Engine and Boiler (substituted for old), 1 Marinoni Press, 1 Brown Folding Machine, 1 Victor Paper Cutter, and 1 Boiler Cleaner, at a gross cost of....	\$5,495 00
Also, 1 Campbell Press and Counter Shaft, from the M. E. Church Printing Office .....	3,300 00
Besides cost of New Type and Repairs to Machinery..	8,817 03
Making a total cost of.....	<u>\$17,612 03</u>
Gross Profits for the Term.....	\$21,271 74
Gross Profits for last Term.....	19,349 94
Increase.....	<u>\$1,921 80</u>

ELECTROTYPING AND STEREOTYPING

continues to be carried on, contributing largely to the profitable printing and illustrating of our books and periodicals; the profits are included, as before, in those of the Printing Department.

\* Just started January, 1886. Expenses of first three months, here reported, exceeded income.

† These Salaries include House Rent, Taxes, Furniture, Children's Fund, etc.

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THE BINDERY.

To keep this Department in a state of thorough efficiency and abreast of the times, there has been added to its equipment during this term :—

1 Simple Cutter, \$420; 1 Hand Embossing Press, \$100;	
1 Sanborn Embossing Machine, \$395; 1 Stitching	
Machine, \$60; 1 Singer Machine, \$50; and 1 Book-	
binders' Press, \$15, making in all.....	\$1,040 00
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Gross Profits for the Term.....	\$11,390 14
Gross Profits for last Term.....	9,744 97
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Increase.....	\$1,645 17
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Total quantity of paper used during four years ended 31st March, 1886, is 24,213 reams.

Books, Pamphlets, etc.....	3,815 Reams*
<i>Christian Guardian</i> .....	6,059 "
<i>Methodist Magazine</i> .....	1,209 "
<i>S. S. Banner</i> .....	1,523 "
<i>Pleasant Hours</i> .....	3,870 "
<i>Home and School</i> .....	3,056 "
<i>Sunbeam</i> .....	2,337 "
<i>Happy Days</i> .....	59 "
<i>Berean Leaf</i> (Quarterly).....	1,741 "
<i>Berean Leaf</i> (Monthly).....	544 "
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	24,213 Reams.

THE BOOK PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

This Department of the business is one of very great value and importance. The profit on books published by ourselves is larger, and we have the control of them in the market. Thus also an opportunity is afforded for developing the literary ability existing in the Church, whereby many works may be expected distinctively Canadian in their conception, and therefore successful in a high degree in their appeal to the Canadian mind. An additional advantage is that, as the House continues to publish, we can in increasing proportion vouch for the works supplied through our agencies.

A large number of Books and Pamphlets have been added during the quadrennium to the publications of the House.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF HYMN-BOOKS PRINTED :

Term ended 1886.	Term ended 1882.	Increase.
173,810	150,000	23,810

\* The book paper now used is about 75 per cent. larger than that which was used four years ago. This item would then in comparison be 6,676 reams.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL ISSUES OF THE HOUSE, INCLUDING HYMN-BOOKS :

	Term ended 1886.	Term ended 1882.	Increase.
Books .....	645,988	253,248	392,740
Pamphlets, Tracts, etc. ....	365,539	291,339	74,200
	<u>1,011,527</u>	<u>544,587</u>	<u>466,940</u>

DEDUCTIONS BY VALUATORS.

From the commencement of this quadrennium the assets have been valued annually, instead of quadrennially as before. By this change it has become possible to make each annual showing of profits *net*.

The deductions which have been made by valuers during the term are :

Goods .....	\$5,291 97
Printing Machinery .....	6,021 49
Printing Material .....	5,790 34
Binding Machinery .....	956 31
Furniture .....	620 37
Christian Guardian Stock .....	248 00
Book Debts .....	9,115 04
Real Estate .....	3,487 22
Stereotype Machinery .....	198 10
	<u>\$31,728 84</u>

REAL ESTATE.

This is an item so important that it claims separate mention, especially as the valuers have put it down at \$37,500, being an advance on the value stated in 1882 of \$9,132.02.

The amount expended on the buildings during the term is \$12,619.24. Much of this was for permanent improvements, including a four-story addition to the building. On this consideration, and because they regard the property as being really increased in value, the valuers took off, as shown above, \$3,487.22, leaving the remainder as an addition to value.

It may here be stated that steam-heating apparatus has been laid throughout the building, thus heating it in every part with steam, instead of stoves, as before, very greatly reducing the risk from fire, and effecting a large annual saving in fuel and attendance.

In addition to a new steam hoist, substituted for the old, in the manufacturing department, a new hoist has been put in at the rear of the store for the goods department.

THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

During the quadrennium the House has contributed \$10,000 to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. This is double the amount granted during the term ended 1882.

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THE MONTREAL BOOK ROOM.

The sales have not varied much during the quadrennium, and stand thus:—

1883 .....	\$13,732 47
1884 .....	14,840 82
1885 .....	14,231 91
1886 .....	14,730 15
Total for the Term .....	\$57,585 35

The profits are as follows:—

1883 .....	\$458 63
1884 .....	897 38
1885 .....	140 84
Less, loss in 1886 .....	\$1,496 85
	100 94
	\$1,395 91

The Balance Sheet of 31st March, 1886, shows—

Capital .....	\$1,631 10
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On the same day the stock of goods was smaller by nearly \$600 than in 1882, and the debts due to them about the same as then, while the indebtedness stood less than in 1882 by a little over \$1,000.

In the year ended March 31st, 1886, peculiar difficulties had to be encountered. They had the terrible small-pox visitation and the great flood, both injurious to business.

Though, as a business house, it does little more than hold its own, yet as an agency for spreading religious truth, where greatly needed, it is doubtless doing much good.

PART II.

1. A statement of the Capital of the House after the Union of 1883, as contributed by the several parties to it.
2. A statement of the Business of the House from the 1st April, 1884, to 31st March, 1886.
3. Summary.

I.—CAPITAL STOCK.

Contributed as follows:—

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA,—	
Stock, Plant, Book Debts, etc., in the Book and Publishing House, 73 & 80 King Street East, Toronto	\$135,790 41
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA,—	
Stock, Plant, etc., from Book Room, Hamilton	\$5,484 15
Cash and Notes from Ministers	15,295 90
	\$20,780 05
PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA,—	
Stock from Book Room, Toronto	\$853 95
Cash and Notes	7,575 65
	\$8,429 60

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CANADA,—

Cash and Notes .....	\$6,784 80
Total Capital .....	\$171,784 86

The 1st April, 1884, is not the true date of the consummation of the Union,—this is placed by the Methodist Church Act on the 1st June, 1884. Neither is it the true date of the amalgamation of the Capital,—this was done on several dates according to the convenience of the parties. But as this was the date on which Stock was taken, and a Balance struck, though it makes the following statement to represent a period of two years instead of twenty-two months, it is the only date at which the commencement could be made.

2.—STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND EXPENSES FOR TWO YEARS, ENDING MARCH 31st, 1886.

<i>Gross Profits.</i>	
Goods .....	\$51,874 07
Printing Office .....	12,221 18
<i>Christian Guardian</i> .....	25,120 08
<i>Pleasant Hours</i> .....	2,439 06
<i>S. S. Banner</i> .....	4,433 51
<i>Methodist Magazine</i> .....	632 80
<i>Sunbeam</i> .....	1,349 36
<i>Berean Leaf</i> (Monthly) .....	1,894 12
<i>Berean Leaf</i> (Quarterly) .....	1,777 59
Bindery .....	5,673 20
<i>Home and School</i> .....	1,138 73
	\$108,553 70
<i>Expenses.</i>	
Binding Machinery (Deductions by Val'trs.)	\$431 27
Printing Machinery " " ..	5,656 61
Printing Material " " ..	3,163 13
Furniture " " ..	474 60
Building Expenses " " ..	1,998 18
Stereotype Machinery " " ..	191 16
Insurance .....	1,468 19
Book Room Expenses .....	8,511 02
Interest .....	64 63
Rent (of Right of Way) .....	175 00
Salaries .....	45,091 40
Bad Debts .....	4,203 96
<i>Happy Days</i> .....	185 51
	\$71,614 66
Net Profits for Two Years .....	\$36,939 04

3.—SUMMARY.

Capital, as shown in No. 1 .....	\$171,784 86
Two Years' Profits, as above .....	36,939 04
	\$208,723 90
<i>Less:</i>	
1884. Appropriated by Committee to Super-annuated Ministers' Fund, etc....	\$2,062 00
1885. Do do do .....	4,000 00
	\$6,062 00
Capital, 31st March, 1886 .....	\$202,661 90

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CENTENARY  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF METHODISM  
IN AMERICA.

At the Belleville General Conference a Committee was appointed to carry out the directions of the Conference as to the celebration of the unification of Methodism in Canada, coinciding as it did in time with the centennial of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church on this Continent. (See pp. 181, 182, of the Journals of the General Conference.) That Committee held several meetings in Toronto for the purpose of organizing an effort for the raising of a Memorial Fund, to be devoted in part to the Superannuation Fund and in part to a Sustentation Fund to meet urgent necessities arising out of the union of Canadian Methodism. By the advice of one of the General Superintendents, Dr. Rice, a larger assembly of representative brethren was convened, which assembly decided that the period fixed and the methods suggested for carrying out the above-named objects were inopportune, and not likely to prove effective. The Conventions in the interests of the above-named funds were held, as directed by the General Conference, at the St. Lawrence Central Camp-Ground and at the Grimsby Camp-Ground, but without any very appreciable results. As the pressure of the claims of the Embarrassed Trusts were urgent, the carrying out of efforts for their relief was assumed by the General Conference Special Committee.

W. H. WITHROW, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CHILDREN'S  
FUND.

The Commission on the Children's Fund, appointed by the General Conference of 1883, beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Commission first constructed two Schedules—one for claimants on the Fund (Schedule A.), and the other for non-claimants (Schedule B.). In Schedule A. the claimants were classified as Superintendents; Superannuated or Deceased Ministers; Ministers in connection with the Printing Establishments, Colleges, and Connexional Institutions; and also those engaged on the French, German, Indian, and Japan Missions. The salaries of Superintendents who were claimants were also classified according to the amount of salary received, in order to discover whether the poorly paid or the better paid class of Superintendents were

deriving the advantages of the Fund. Balances were also called for as to whether the Circuits paid more into the Fund than their Superintendents received from the Fund, or *vice versa*. The Schedules also called for the rate of assessment per ratable member in each Conference, and also the amount payable to each child. As the Manitoba Conference has had practically no Children's Fund since the Union, your Commission, of course, could obtain no returns from there. During the year ending May, 1885, the London, Niagara, and Guelph Conferences had an assessment of 30 cents per ratable member; but at the Conferences of that year these decided to reduce the rate to 1 cent per member for the year 1886. Your Commission not knowing which year's record to take, finally decided to report that of 1885, when the Fund in these Conferences was at its maximum strength. The returns from the other Conferences are for this year (1886).

In the class of non-claimants (Schedule B.), we have also classified the salaries of the Superintendents, in order to discover whether the Circuits which paid into the Fund without receiving any return therefrom were of the poorer or the richer class. The results will be found below. We have also tabulated the number of the children of superannuated and deceased ministers, as inquiry has frequently been made on this point. Out of the returns made we present those points which we believe are specially desired by the Conference as having a practical bearing on the question at issue. The circulars of instruction issued to the members of the Commission to secure uniformity in the returns are herewith appended.

In such a mass of figures it is possible some errors may have crept in, but even if so, we believe the general results will not be found to be materially affected thereby. Herewith we present the result of our investigations in tabulated form:—

## GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

SCHEDULE A.—CLAIMANTS.

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GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

SCHEDULE A. - CLAIMANTS.

CONFERENCE.	Rate of Assessment.	Paid per Child. \$5, & \$30 for children of Superm'ny.	No. of Children of Superannuated or Deceased Ministers Claimants.		CLAIMANTS CLASSIFIED.						SUPERINTENDENTS SAL'S CLASSIFIED.		No. of Superintendent Claimants whose salaries were under \$600.	No. of Superintendent Claimants whose salaries were \$600 and over.	(Circuit paid into Fund.	Claimants received from Fund.	BALANCE.—Circuit paid more into than its Minister received from Fund.	BALANCE.—Superintendent rec'd more from than his Circuit paid into Fund.
			Superintendents.	Superannuated or Deceased Ministers.	Printing Estab's, Colleges, or Connexional Institutions.	French, German, Indian, and Japan Missions.	No. of Children Claimants.	No. of Superintendent Claimants whose salaries were under \$600.	No. of Superintendent Claimants whose salaries were \$600 and over.									
Nova Scotia	4½ per ct. on c't. income.	40 00	23	49	6	2	..	..	173	28	21	\$1359	\$2021	\$644	\$255			
New Brunswick & P. E. I.	90%.	40 00	25	61	9	..	..	204	38	23	6320	8160	1535	2315				
Newfoundland	\$65 per rate	40 00	6	29	3	..	..	79	21	8	1820	3200	150	1530				
Toronto	30c.	18 50	62	123	24	5	9	400	52	71	6419	7279	2163	1720				
London	30c.	21 00	29	82	13	1	1	248	46	36	4063	5082	997	2016				
Niagara	30c.	24 00	24	76	12	1	2	222	32	44	4029	5400	801	1414				
Guelph	30c.	17 50	29	86	22	1	..	307	51	35	4320	5295	1013	1802				
Bay of Quinte	28c.	24 00	48	76	27	6	1	238	37	39	4156	6140	902	1694				
Montreal	30c.	19 00	57	114	23	1	..	365	47	67	6205	6935	1014	661				
			303	696	139	17	13	2236*	352+	344+	\$38691	\$49512	\$9219	\$13407				

\* For nine Conferences. + Or 50½ per cent. of whole number. † Or 49½ per cent. of whole number. § Net Balance, \$4188.

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

SCHEDULE B.—NON-CLAIMANTS.

CONFERENCE.	NON-CLAIMANTS' SALARIES CLASSIFIED.			Amounts paid by these Circuits into the Fund.
	Total No. of Superintendents Non-Claimants.	No. Receiving less than \$600.	No. Receiving \$600 or Over.	
Nova Scotia .....	18	7	11	712
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island .....	17	12	5	1615
Newfoundland .....	29	27	2	1362
Toronto .....	47	34	13	1360
London .....	37	23	14	1375
Niagara .....	40	31	9	1500
Guelph .....	38	29	9	1405
Bay of Quinte .....	43	35	8	1700
Montreal .....	70	58	12	1471
Total .....	339	256*	83+	12500

(Circular.)

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. Salary means the following items only:—Salary, board, fuel, and grant from Contingent or Missionary Fund (if any).
2. Decide under what class to enter claimants, and then place figure 1 in proper column opposite the name; likewise decide under which class to enter the salaries, then under that heading report exact amount, but *omit the cents in all cases.*
3. Do not report amount paid by the Missionary Fund or by the Connexional Institutions for Children of Claimants.
4. Be particular to foot up all columns, both for District and Conference. *The Secretaries cannot accept unfinished Schedules.*
5. When each District has been completed, on separate sheets, join all the sheets of one Conference together, arranging the Districts in the order found in the last printed Minutes—keeping Schedules A. and B. distinct.
6. The returns for the year 1886 will be the basis adopted in all the Conferences, except the London, Niagara, and Guelph, in which the returns of 1885 (when the Fund was in full operation) will be used. The Manitoba Conference has not had any Children's Fund since the Union.
7. The forms must be filled up not later than 31st July, 1886.

\* Or 75 per cent. of the whole number. † Or 25 per cent. of the whole number.

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8. When all the Schedules are completed, send to Rev. Thomas Marshall, Fairville, N.B., Secretary of Eastern Section, or to Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., Tilsonburg, Ont., Secretary of Western Section.

T. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*, Pembroke, Ont.

THOS. MARSHALL, *Secretary E. Section*.

J. S. ROSS, *Secretary W. Section*.

(Circular.)

DEAR BROTHER,—In addition to the Circular of "Explanatory Notes" previously sent out, we herewith send the forms of Schedules as finally agreed upon. In order to avoid confusion, we have sent the number of Schedules necessary for each Conference to the Chairman *only* of the Conference Sub-Committee, allowing him, in consultation with his Committee, to distribute the work in such a manner as will be convenient for all the parties concerned. We also hereby suggest the following Conference Sub-Committees and the Chairman of each, hoping that all the members will fall heartily into the arrangements made, as otherwise it will be very difficult to arrange matters satisfactorily by correspondence:

CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEES.

TORONTO CONFERENCE:—Rev. J. H. Starr, Parkdale, *Chairman*; Revs. Geo. Abbs, Stayner, and J. Milner, Toronto; Mr. T. H. Willmott, Toronto; and Mr. J. J. Pearson, Newmarket.

LONDON CONFERENCE:—Rev. O. G. Collamore, Palermo, *Chairman*; and Mr. A. J. Donly, Simcoe.

NIAGARA CONFERENCE:—Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, Hamilton, *Chairman*; Mr. E. S. Whipple, Hamilton.

GUELPH CONFERENCE:—Rev. Dr. Griffin, Guelph, *Chairman*; and Rev. Geo. H. Cornish, Stratford.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE:—Rev. E. Roberts, Bowmanville, *Chairman*; Rev. J. M. Simpson, Cooksville; and Mr. W. F. Hall, Napanee.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE:—Rev. T. G. Williams, Pembroke, *Chairman*; Rev. Wm. Hansford, Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P.E.I. CONFERENCE:—Rev. Thomas Marshall, Fairville, N.B., *Chairman*; Mr. W. E. Dawson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE:—Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., Pugwash, N.S., *Chairman*; Mr. J. W. Smith, Halifax.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE:—Rev. Dr. Milligan, St. John's West, Newfoundland.

1. The Treasurers of the Children's Fund in each Conference and the Secretaries of Conference can supply all the desired information.

2. The members of the London, Niagara, and Guelph Conference Sub-Committees need not wait till District Meeting, but can proceed at once, as all the necessary information is already available.

3. One copy of each Schedule is sent for each District; also one Schedule to be used for "Conference Recapitulation," which may be

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utilized by simply striking out "Circuit" in the first column and inserting "District;" one or two extra copies have also been sent in case of necessity.

Hoping that all Schedules will be filled up and in the hands of the Secretaries not later than the 31st day of July next.

We remain, dear brethren,

Yours truly,

THOS. MARSHALL, Fairville, N.B.,  
*Secretary E. Section.*

T. G. WILLIAMS, Pembroke, Ont.,  
*Chairman.*

J. S. ROSS, M.A., Tilsonburg, Ont.,  
*Secretary W. Section.*

In conclusion, as we understood the General Conference to order the Commission simply to collect and tabulate facts for the information of the Conference, we therefore do not make any recommendations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. ROSS,  
THOS. MARSHALL, } *Secretaries.*

T. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

#### Report No. 3.

1. Each Annual Conference may have a Children's Fund under its own control and management, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:—
2. The revenue of any such Fund shall be raised by such form of assessment as each Annual Conference may in its judgment consider best.
3. The Children's Fund Committee of the Annual Conference shall have power to exempt any circuit or mission from the assessment for this Fund upon the recommendation of the Annual Conference.
4. The amount payable to each child until eighteen years of age shall be not more than twenty-five dollars per annum; and if in any case the Fund shall not be sufficient to pay the full amount, it shall be divided *pro rata*, according to the amount at the disposal of the Conference.
5. The claims of children whose fathers are employed on the French or Indian Missions shall be paid by the Missionary Society;

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provided that no Missionary shall receive any allowance from this Fund who receives \$600 or more from all other sources. And the same regulation shall apply to all ministers.

No such claims shall be paid out of the Mission Funds in any Conference where the Children's Fund is abolished or discontinued.

6. The claimants on this Fund shall be: (1) The children of Superannuated Ministers, such as were born whilst their fathers were in the active work; (2) The children of such ministers in the active work as receive less than \$600 per annum from all other sources.

7. The Children's Fund of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Conferences may be continued on the same basis and under the same regulations as have previously existed in those Conferences, or according to such rules and regulations as they may deem best.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MCALISTER, *Chairman.*

STEPHEN CARD, *Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO A SCHEME FOR CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID.

It is an open secret that a large number of Methodist churches and parsonages are more or less in debt, and that upon many of these debts a high rate of interest is paid. It is believed that this can be remedied, and that a plan can be devised whereby interest can be lowered, debts reduced, and finally extinguished, and aid given in the erection of new churches and parsonages, as the rapidly growing needs of the work demand. The need of some such plan has long been felt, and efforts of a local character have been put forth to meet it. But such efforts, because of their local character, have been only partially successful; and your Committee think that a time has come when a Connexional movement should be set on foot, and a fund organized for the purpose mentioned. In such a scheme the following points are considered essential:—

1. That it be Connexional in its character, and that it embrace all local or Conference funds that have been organized for a similar purpose, where this can be done without infringing upon vested rights.

2. That the fund be sufficiently large to meet all reasonable demands for loans on Church property.

3. That it be formed without imposing any additional burdens upon our congregations.

4. That it be used as a loan fund only.

5. That it be administered on strictly business principles, and with the closest economy consistent with safe and efficient management.

With these general principles in view it is recommended—

That the General Conference authorize the formation of a fund, in the manner hereafter stated, for the purposes above mentioned, and that the said fund be formed and administered in harmony with the following

CONSTITUTION :

I. *Name.*

The Fund shall be known as "The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund of the Methodist Church."

II. *Object.*

The object of the Fund shall be to aid in the erection of churches and parsonages, on sites held in trust by our Model Deed, on the Stations, Circuits or Missions of the Methodist Church, and the reduction of debts upon the same, by means of loans at low rates of interest, on such conditions as will secure the earliest possible extinction of all liabilities upon the property aided.

III. *Management.*

The management of the Fund shall be vested in a Board of nine Directors (a majority of whom shall be laymen), to be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. The Board shall have authority—

1. To make loans to Trustee Boards of churches or parsonages, in harmony with the objects set forth in the constitution and the general regulations hereinafter mentioned.

3. The Directors shall be at liberty to receive moneys on deposit at low rates of interest for the purposes of the Fund.

4. To institute proceedings, when necessary, to foreclose mortgages, and recover loans or interest when due.

5. To sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of mortgages and securities.

6. To employ such assistance as they may deem necessary for the correct keeping of the accounts, and the prompt and accurate transaction of the business connected with the Fund.

7. To fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board or its officers during the quadrennium.

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8. And generally to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of the constitution, and the general objects of the Fund.

#### IV. *Capital.*

The capital of the Fund shall consist of—

1. Moneys or securities now belonging to the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund for the North-West.
2. Moneys or securities now belonging to any Church or Parsonage Aid Fund in any of the Annual Conferences, subject to the consent of said Conferences.
3. Legacies or donations that have been or shall hereafter be made for the objects contemplated by the Fund.
4. Moneys received on deposit.

#### V. *Revenue.*

The revenue of the Fund shall consist of interest received on account of loans.

#### VI. *Application of Revenue.*

Revenues arising from interest on loans and other sources shall be applied—

1. To the payment of interest on deposits.
2. To the payment of necessary expenses of management.
3. The balance, if any, shall be carried to a sinking fund for the repayment of deposits.

#### VIII. *Reports.*

The Directors shall publish an Annual Statement for the information of the Conferences and the Connexion generally, and they shall present a quadrennial report to the General Conference, covering the business of the four preceding years, and showing the condition of the Fund at the close of the last financial year.

#### IX. *Audit.*

The Board shall provide for a careful audit, by competent persons, of the accounts of the Fund; and shall publish the certificate of said auditors in connection with the Annual Statements.

#### X. *Regulations.*

It is further recommended that the following regulations be adopted in regard to loans:—

1. No officer or director connected with the Fund shall be a borrower from the Fund under any circumstances.
2. The Fund shall be used for loan purposes only, and no free grants shall be made under any circumstances.
3. No loan shall exceed forty per cent. of the estimated actual cash value of the property.

4. Loans shall be made on security of first mortgage on Connexional property held under our Model Deed, with assignment of Insurance Policy for amount equal to the loan, and the personal obligation of the Trustees as collateral. Where circumstances render it necessary the Directors may accept the personal obligation of the Trustees in lieu of a mortgage, in which case the Trustees shall give a bond for a mortgage as soon as a deed is secured.

5. It shall be a distinct condition of each loan that the property is not otherwise encumbered, and that no other encumbrance will be put upon it without the consent of the Directors, in writing, first obtained.

6. Loans may be made repayable, if judged expedient, by annual or semi-annual instalments, covering both principal and interest.

7. Interest on loans shall not exceed six per cent. per annum, and shall be payable half-yearly.

8. The Directors shall not be at liberty to relinquish or modify the claims of the Fund for either principal or interest of loans.

Your Committee have had before them an extract of a letter from a member of our Church in which he expresses a desire to donate a large sum of money for the purposes of a Church Loan Fund, on certain conditions. We see no good reason why the wishes of such givers should not be met, and we therefore recommend that the following clause be incorporated with the constitution of the Fund:—

*Conditional Legacies and Donations.*

Persons who may bequeath or donate to the Fund the sum of \$1,000 or upward shall be at liberty to fix the rate of interest at which such sum shall be loaned (provided the rate be not higher than that fixed by the regulations concerning loans); and shall also be at liberty to specify such other conditions as may seem to them desirable, provided they do not contravene the purpose for which the Fund is established. When any such donation is accepted by the Directors, it shall be carried to a distinct and separate account, which shall bear such name as the donor may desire; and shall so appear in the Annual Statements of the Fund.

For section VII., which was struck out, the following shall be substituted:—

The Directors shall make such arrangements for the proper performance of the duties pertaining to the office of Secretary-Treasurer during the ensuing quadrennium as they deem advisable, having regard to the closest economy.

For a similar reason they think it advisable that the Directors should be selected from localities not far apart, and they beg to

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nominate the following persons as the Directorate for the ensuing quadrennium :—

A General Superintendent, *ex officio*; Messrs. E. Gurney, J. J. Maclaren, J. T. Moore, W. E. Sanford, T. McCormack, J. N. Lake, and the Revs. A. Sutherland and E. A. Stafford.

Finally, your Committee recommend that the Directors be authorized to select in each Conference, if necessary, a minister or layman through whom the business of the Fund in the Conference may be transacted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.  
WM. HANSON, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee beg to report as follows :—

1. Concerning a memorial from four trustees of the late M. E. Parsonage at Princeton, Niagara Conference. (The recommendation of the Committee was amended by a resolution of Rev. Dr. Gardiner, to be found on page 128 of the Journal.)

2. Respecting the changes proposed in the first part of the resolution moved by Mr. J. J. Maclaren and submitted to this Committee, we recommend that no change be made.

3. The Committee recommend that the change suggested in the second part of Mr. Maclaren's resolution be made, viz. : "That section 295 of the Discipline be amended by substituting the word 'five' for 'seven' in the fourth line."

4. Having considered the resolution of Mr. Sanford, your Committee do not recommend its adoption, but recommend instead, that this General Conference enact that all church and parsonage properties of the Methodist Church shall be insured to an amount of not less than 60 per cent. of their respective values, and that it shall be the duty of the Superintendents of Circuits to urge the Trustee Boards to comply with this rule, and that the Superintendents of Districts shall, at the May District Meetings, enquire whether such insurances have been effected, and in every case where non-observance of this rule has occurred shall demand a reason for such neglect.

5. The Committee report inability to tabulate the Church property in a complete form. The returns obtained are defective under the heads of number of insurances and for how much insured. The London Conference Minutes as published contain no tables of Church property, and the Newfoundland Minutes have not come to hand. The Committee submit the following tabulated statement :—

CHURCH PROPERTY.

CONFERENCES.	CHURCHES.			PARSONAGES.			COLLEGES.		BURL PLACES.		Total Value of all Church Property.			
	No	Other Places.	Value.	No.	Value.	Value of Furniture.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
Toronto .....	529	155	\$1,593,905	105	\$624,700	\$234,277	151	\$30,238	\$151,910	1	\$7,500	181	\$19,930	\$1,847,581
London .....	345	47	770,410	..	..	128,500	98	17,853	..	1	76,935	63	8,900	925,663
Niagara .....	326	14	937,279	122	413,306	153,905	89	20,862	75,034	..	..	118	20,555	1,137,901
Guelph .....	358	40	632,180	190	302,708	114,150	97	15,187	49,110	..	..	109	11,730	804,962
Bay of Quinte .....	374	142	956,370	..	359,850	116,255	94	16,096	51,160	2	105,000	114	18,447	1,134,696
Montreal .....	415	251	1,472,720	93	556,150	204,080	143	30,611	92,235	2	70,000	132	22,320	1,735,431
Manitoba .....	60	250	110,325	4	46,800	44,000	39	4,125	9,400	..	..	13	790	161,230
Nova Scotia .....	220	105	532,555	53	175,100	99,630	65	18,915	40,050	..	..	60	7,250	667,090
New Brunswick & P. E. I.	224	182	592,700	28	162,250	88,825	59	18,730	31,900	3	200,000	84	6,450	918,135
Newfoundland .....	92	58	235,550	..	..	48,220	35	5,539	..	1	30,000	121	8,518	325,827
Total .....	2943	1244	\$7,833,994	595	\$2,640,864	\$1,231,842	870	\$178,156	\$500,799	10	\$489,435	995	\$124,890	\$9,658,526

J. S. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*  
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY.

The Committee on the Course of Study beg leave to report:—

*In re* memorials from forty-six undergraduates of Victoria College; from nineteen probationers attending college; from the Toronto Conference Board of Examiners; two resolutions moved by Rev. C. Jost, and one moved by Mr. J. H. Smith, having reference to the term of probation for graduates, your Committee recommend as follows:—

1. That in paragraph 129, section 8, line 7, the following be inserted after the word "year": "Where a probationer for the ministry has, either before or during his probation, taken the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity, he may be received into full connexion and ordained, if he has spent two years in circuit work under a superintendent, and also gives satisfactory evidence to his District Meeting that during his college course he has spent six additional months in circuit work."

2. That paragraph 129, section 6, be altered to read as follows: "Graduates in Arts who shall complete the course of the first two years in one year, shall then be allowed one year on their probation."

3. That no further change be made in the law affecting the term of probation for graduates.

4. *In re* memorial of the Niagara Conference asking that a General Board of Examiners, or at the most two Boards, be appointed for the whole Church, the Committee recommend that no action be taken.

5. The Committee recommend that the following be added to paragraph 104: "Each Examining Board shall have authority to accept Provincial, Matriculation, and Undergraduates' Certificates for such subjects of the Course of Study as are covered by these certificates."

6. That a certificate of a student's having passed in any subject in one of our Connexional institutions shall be taken in lieu of an examination in such subject.

8. That the following be inserted in the Discipline: "The standard qualification for young men recommended to be received into our Conferences as probationers, shall not be lower than fifty per cent. of the marks on the preliminary course of study in the aggregate, and thirty-three and one-third per cent. in each subject; also a standing of thirty-three and one-third per cent. shall be required in order to pass in each subject of the subsequent course."

9. The Secretary of each Examining Board shall prepare and issue certificates to all candidates or probationers who have completed the course of study; but in cases where the candidate or probationer has not completed the whole course of the year it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give a record of his standing, but he shall not in any case issue a certificate until the whole year's course is completed.

In regard to the motion of Rev. J. B. Clarkson relative to compulsory attendance of probationers at college, the following recommendations are made:—

10. That the Discipline be so amended as to require the attendance of all probationers for our ministry at one of our Theological Colleges for a period of not less than two years, unless such reasons be submitted to the Annual Conference as in its judgment will justify it in making him an exception to the rule.

11. That the Faculties in Theology in the different colleges be authorized to require students to take the equivalent of the full Conference course prescribed for each year.

12. (This recommendation of the Report was substituted by a resolution of Rev. Dr. Ryckman, on page 120 of the Journal.)

13. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners for Theological Schools, when reporting the result of examinations, shall specify the particular author studied, and if not the same as in the regular course for probationers on circuits, shall designate for which author in that course such work is designed to be an equivalent.

14. The following changes are recommended in the French Course:—

*Première Année.*

(7) For Philosophie Naturelle [Ganot] substitute Epitre de Jacques [Chapuis].

*Deuxième Année.*

(5) For Philosophie Naturelle [Ganot] substitute Philosophie [Traité Élémentaire par Janet], p. 1-316.

*Troisième Année.*

(4) For Histoire de la Théologie Protestante [Dorner] substitute Histoire des Dogmes [Bonifas], Vol. I.

(5) For Philosophie Naturelle [Ganot] substitute Philosophie [Janet], p. 317-715.

(7) For Epitre de Jacques [Chapuis] substitute Traité de la Vérite de la Religion Chrétienne [Abbadie], Vol. I.

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*Quatrième Année.*

(3) For *Histoire de la Théologie Protestante* [Dorner] substitute *Histoire des Dogmes* [Bonifas], Vol. II.

(4) For *Christianisme des Premiers Siècles* [De Pressense] substitute *Traité de la Vérité de la Religion Chrétienne* [Abbadie], Vol. II.

(5) For *Philosophie Naturelle* [Ganot] substitute *Philosophie* [Janet], p. 716-951.

(7) *Cours de Philosophie sans Mathématiques* [Ganot].

15. In case any of the above text-books cease to be in print in such subjects, equivalents may be substituted by the Superintendent of the French District and the Professors of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

16. *In re* memorials from the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the resolution of Mr. J. H. Smith in regard to raising the standard of the Preliminary Examination to that of University Matriculation, the Committee recommend that there be no change to the extent asked for, but that the following be adopted:—

## PRELIMINARY COURSE.

(1) *English Branches*.—No change.

(2) *English Literature*.—Selections from Macaulay's *Essays*, Milton, Bunyan, Ranke's *History of the Popes*.

(3) *History*.—No change.

(4) *Greek Grammar*.—Harkness' *First Greek Book* (as far as Syntax).

(5) *Theology*.—Wesley's *Sermons*, I. to XX.; *Methodist Catechism*, No. II. (Revised Edition). Strike out Wesley on *Christian Perfection*.

17. The Committee also recommend the following changes:—

## FIRST YEAR.

(1) *Biblical Introduction*.—For *Angus' Hand-Book* substitute *Barrow's Introduction* (Parts I. and II.)

(3) *Theology*.—Add Wesley on *Christian Perfection*.

(4) *Greek Grammar*.—Harkness' *First Greek Book* (Syntax to the end).

## SECOND YEAR.

(1) *Hermeneutics*.—Strike out *Angus' Hand-Book* and substitute *Barrow's Introduction* (Part IV.)

(2) *Exegesis*.—Add *Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges*.

- (3) *Church History*.—No change.
- (4) *Theology*.—No change.
- (5) Strike out section on Philosophy, and substitute *Rhetoric*: Bain's.

THIRD YEAR.

- (1) *Exegesis*.—No change.
- (2) *Homiletics*.—For Kidder's Homiletics insert Dr. Ryckman's Ambassador for Christ.
- (3, 4) No change.
- (5) Instead of *Rhetoric*: Bains', insert *Logic*: Jevon's (American Edition).

FOURTH YEAR.

- (1) *Theology*.—No change.
  - (2) *Apologetics*.—Instead of Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences and Diman's Theistic Argument, insert Flint's Theism and Farrar's Witness of History to Christ.
  - (3) Strike out section on Logic and insert *Moral Philosophy*: Janet's Elements of Morality.
18. In the Course for Candidates who are graduates in Arts, the following changes are recommended.

FIRST YEAR.

- (1) Strike out Angus' Hand-book, Part I., and insert Barrow's Introduction, Parts I., III., IV.
- (2) Add Wesley's Christian Perfection.
- (4) For *Theology* read *Apologetics*. Strike out Wright's Logic, etc., and Diman's Theistic Argument, and insert Flint's Theistic Argument and Farrar's Witness of History to Christ.

SECOND YEAR.

- (1) Strike out Ellicott's Handy Commentary, and insert Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges, and Godet's Commentary.
- (2) For "of the Reformation," read "to the Reformation."

THIRD YEAR.

- (1) Strike out Westcott and Hort's Introduction to the Greek Testament, Vol. II.
- (3) Strike out Shedd's History of Doctrine, Vol. I., and insert Sheldon's History of Doctrine.

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19. The Committee further recommend, that for probationers for mission work among the Indians, Greek be not required, but therefor shall be substituted House's Cree Grammar in the First Year, and the New Testament in Cree in subsequent years.

(For the date on which the foregoing course is to be required, see resolution of Rev. S. F. Huestis, p. 121 of the Journal.)

CHARLES STEWART, *Chairman.*

D. G. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

### First Report.

The Committee having met in the Elm Street Church, September 6th, and having considered the various questions submitted to them by the General Conference, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. A memorial relating to the qualifications and duties of Society Representatives was considered, and your Committee are of opinion that no further definition is needed, inasmuch as being members of the Quarterly Official Meeting, they are invested with all its rights, and with power to discharge all its functions equally with the other members.

2. In regard to the memorial relating to Quarterly and Annual Tickets of Membership, your Committee deem it inexpedient to recommend any change.

4. On the memorial from the Guelph Conference relating to the re-examination of ministerial character in Annual Conference, it is recommended that there be no change in the present provision of the Discipline.

### Second Report.

1. Paragraph 69, page 45.—The Committee recommend no change.

2. Paragraph 73, page 46.—Be amended by adding after word "members," in fifth line, the words "or fraction thereof of one-half."

3. Paragraph 74, page 46.—Be amended by adding "and be notified thereof by the President of the Annual Conference."

4. Paragraph 77, page 46.—After the word "debate," second line, add "from among its members," and strike out "or Secretaries," and at end of paragraph add "the Secretary so elected may nominate, and the Conference elect, an assistant or assistants."

5. Paragraph 102, page 54.—We recommend that no change be made in this paragraph.
6. Paragraph 106, page 56.—No. 18, add "Conference Relations?" No. 24, strike out "Central Sabbath School Board," and substitute "Transfer Committee." No. 28, strike out all but the first line.
8. Paragraph 107, page 58.—Shall be amended to read after burial grounds, "and all other church property." The suggestion of the Appendix of General Superintendent's Address, referring to the production of Annual Conference Journals, is not recommended.
10. Paragraph 121, page 71.—No. 2, strike out the word "such" from the fifth line. No. 4, substitute "probationer" for "preacher," and strike out "and," end of third line.
11. Paragraph 167, page 91.—We recommend no change.
12. Paragraph 173, page 94.—The former part of this recommendation was substituted by a resolution of Rev. C. Jost, see Journal, page 102; the latter part was adopted, viz., strike out all after "ballot," in the fourth line, and substitute "one of the ministers to fill the vacancy."
13. Paragraph 174.—Strike out first three lines, and amend to read "in the absence of the Superintendent of a District it shall be lawful," etc.
14. Paragraph 176.—Amended to harmonize with paragraph 136.
15. Paragraph 177.—No. 3, no change recommended, as "Chairman" is substituted for "Superintendent" elsewhere.

**Third Report.**

16. Paragraph 85, page 48.—We recommend no change as to manner and time of taking collections.
17. Paragraph 93, page 52.—Changed to read "Each Annual Conference shall elect by ballot from among its ministerial members a Secretary, who shall keep," etc.
18. Paragraph 94, page 52.—After word "Conference," in third line, add "in accordance with the discipline."
19. Paragraph 101, page 54.—Strike out all the paragraph from "Provided nevertheless," in eighth line, and add "any person so located shall, on recommendation of the Conference, receive from the Superannuation Fund, or from the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund, the amount of his annual subscriptions, without interest." (This recommendation was amended by the addition of a resolution moved by Rev. S. Bond, see Journal page 103.)

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20. Paragraph 126, page 73.—No. 12, amended by adding thereto as follows, "viz., the Stationing Committee and Sabbath School Committee."

21. Paragraph 132, page 79.—No. 2, after the word "Missions," in the third line, add "within the jurisdiction of the District"; also in fourth line, before the word "Circuits" put "dependent." In the second line, substitute "or" for "and." Add "recommendation" in sixth line after "which." On sixth line also, "immediately" to be added before "reported."

22. Paragraph 134, page 80.—To be amended to read "The Financial Secretary shall be the Treasurer of all Connexional Funds on the District except the Missionary Fund, and shall pay," etc.

23. Paragraph 135.—First line, "Board" instead of "Meeting," and thus in all cases throughout the Discipline. Second line, add after "Station"—"as constituted and designated at the Annual Conference." Twelfth line, instead of reading "Fourth Quarterly Official Meeting," read "Fourth Meeting of Quarterly Official Board."

24. Paragraph 136.—In first line and in the third line, substitute "is" for "shall be," and after the word "latter," in last line, add "shall have the right to preside." Strike out the word "except" from second line.

25. Paragraph 139, page 82.—No. 4, fourth line, substitute "which shall be," instead of the word "but."

26. Paragraph 177, page 95.—No. 7, add "In all cases persons applying for membership on letter shall be held responsible to the society with which they unite from the date of the letter, but no letter shall be esteemed valid that is not presented within one year from the date of it."

27. Paragraph 160, page 90.—The second line shall be expunged, and instead shall be read, "to which he belonged at the time of his election to office."

28. Paragraph 279, page 136.—On the third line, read "Fourth Meeting of Quarterly Official Board," instead of as at present.

29. Paragraph 111, page 63.—Insert "by ballot," after the word "elected."

30. Paragraph 139, page 83.—No. 6, on fifth line, insert "elect by ballot" instead of the word "appoint."

The memorial of St. Vincent Circuit was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Clause 250 having been referred to the Judicial Committee, no action was taken.

34. Paragraph 129, page 76.—No. 3, add “Nevertheless, any such probationer who has been removed from College by the proper authorities to a Circuit, shall be a member of the District to which such Circuit belongs, and by its District Meeting shall be recommended.”

**Fourth Report.**

1. Paragraph 112, p. 63.—Add the word “only.”
2. Paragraph 136, p. 81.—Change the last line to read, “in which case the latter shall have the right to preside.”
3. Paragraph 137, p. 81.—Change to read, “The Quarterly Official Board shall receive and try appeals,” etc.
4. Paragraph 139, p. 83.—No. 2, changed to harmonize with 137 as amended.
5. Paragraph 166, p. 91.—After words “Superintendent of District,” in sixth line, insert “when charged with immorality or conduct unworthy of the ministerial office.”
12. Quarterly Meetings to be uniformly styled First, Second, Third, and Fourth Meetings of Quarterly Official Board.
13. Paragraph 465, p. 183.—Typographical error: *Ten* to be substituted for *two*.
14. The Memorial from Glencoe is recommended to be referred to the Committee on Memorials.
15. Respecting the memorial of Mr. J. E. Irvine, touching the administration of the Sacrament to children, it is recommended that no change be made in present provision of Discipline.
16. Paragraphs 154 and 155, p. 89.—The Committee recommend no change. A change was requested by Rev. S. Bond. Dr. Allison requested to substitute the word “ministerial” for “lay.”—Not adopted.
18. Paragraph 86, p. 49.—No. 3, in sub-section (b), first line, after General Superintendents,” insert “and Presidents of Annual Conferences.”
19. No. 4, to be transferred to section relating to duties of General Superintendents.
20. No. 5, first sentence to be transferred to section on Annual Conferences.
21. Last sentence of No. 5, transfer to page 91, relating to Duties of Presidents of Annual Conferences.
22. Respecting the motion of Rev. A. Cunningham, relating to candidates, that they may be recommended at any Quarterly Meeting, the Committee recommend no change in present rule.

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23. Respecting the motion of Rev. T. Colling, it is recommended that each Annual Conference shall have power to determine the date of the closing of the financial year within its own limits.

24. Regarding the proposal of Rev. A. D. Morton to change the time of taking up connexional collections, the Committee recommend no change.

25. Paragraph 289, p. 139.—We recommend no change.

27. Respecting the motion of Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, relating to the name "Superintendent," we recommend that the Superintendent of a District be styled the "Chairman."

28. Relating to the trial of ministers' and to the administration of the Sacrament assisted by laymen, we recommend no change.

30. Paragraph 185, page 100.—We recommend no change.

31. Respecting the motion of Mr. G. W. Webb, relating to providing for the expense of church building, we recommend no action, as the Discipline sufficiently provides.

32. Respecting the motion of Rev. T. M. Campbell, relating to provision for locating churches, we recommend no action.

33. Paragraph 103, page 54.—Respecting the motion of Rev. W. C. Henderson, relating to the composition of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, we recommend no change as to the composition, but change the word "board" to "committee;" also, substitute "Annual Conference" for "Local."

34. Paragraphs 63, 64, 65.—Referring to the motion of Dr. Alexander, as to class-meetings, and attendance, etc., we recommend no change.

35. Paragraph 94, page 52.—Amend as follows: "The ministers of the Annual Conference, in special session, shall examine," etc.

36. Referring to the motion of Rev. T. M. Campbell, relating to the number and mode of election of Circuit Stewards, we recommend no action.

37. Paragraph 280, page 136.—Add No. 10, to read, "And to publish yearly a financial statement, under direction of Quarterly Official Board."

38. Paragraph 195, page 102.—Strike out No. 4.

39. Page 105.—Strike out paragraphs 203 and 204.

41. Regarding the notice of motion of Rev. J. S. Ross, to add to paragraph 277, the Committee recommend no change.

42. We recommend the adoption of the motion of Rev. John F. German,—“That the President of an Annual Conference, and the Chairman and Financial Secretary of each District concerned, shall

have authority to change the stations of ministers or probationers in the intervals of Conference, when the interests of the work shall appear to them to demand such change."

43. In reference to the motion of Rev. J. F. German on paragraph 498, we recommend that the words "or President" shall follow the words "General Superintendent" throughout the paragraph wherever they occur.

44. Respecting the motion of Rev. Dr. Parker concerning rules and regulations interspersed through the Book of Discipline, that they be collected and made to follow the General Rules in the Discipline, we recommend the Conference to accept the suggestion, and that it be an instruction in editing the Discipline.

45. In reference to the motion of Rev. T. M. Campbell, that the salaries of its officers be fixed by General Conference, we recommend no action.

46. The resolutions of Rev. Geo. H. Cornish, relating to paragraphs 140, 141, 142, 144 and 145, we recommend for adoption as follows:—

Moved by Rev. G. H. Cornish, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews, "That whereas a class of lay-helpers known as Exhorters is recognized by the Discipline of our Church, and forms a part of the Official Board, and whereas in the composition of the Local Preachers' Meeting Exhorters are not included, paragraph 140, on page 84 of the Discipline, be amended by the insertion of the words 'and Exhorters' after the words 'Local Preachers,' in the second line of said paragraph, thereby constituting Exhorters members of Local Preachers' Meetings; and that the same words be also inserted in paragraph 141, second line, after the words 'Local Preachers'; and again, the words 'or Exhorter,' after the words 'Local Preacher,' third line, paragraph 141; also in paragraph 142, sixth line, 'and Exhorter' be added, in order to make the whole section harmonize.

"Also that paragraphs 143 and 144 be amended, to agree with the above, and that a sub-paragraph (6) be added to paragraph 143, as follows: 'Will you renew his license, as Local Preacher, or Exhorter?' as the case may be.

"The above is all necessary to harmonize with paragraph 139, page 83, section 6, Fourth Quarterly Meeting, sub-sections 4 and 5.

"Also that in paragraph 145, section 2, 'and Exhorter' be added after the words 'Local Preacher,' also in sections 8 and 9.

"That in paragraph 181, page 99, the words 'Local Preachers' Meeting or the' be inserted before the words 'Quarterly Official Meeting.'

"Paragraph 259, page 126, add 'or Exhorter,' and make the section harmonize throughout."

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47. Paragraph 100, page 53.—Amended to read, "The delegates shall be elected from the members within the jurisdiction of the Conference."

48. Paragraph 56, page 37.—Add "and keep a register of such baptisms in a Baptismal Register to be provided and kept in connection with each Circuit."

49. Paragraph 106, page 56.—No. 18, add "State of the Work?"

50. Paragraph 132, page 79, sub-section 4.—Add "and enquire into the state of religion in the District, and devise means for the promotion of the spiritual interests of the Church."

51. Paragraph 285, p. 138.—Changed to read "that parsonages be provided and furnished," etc.

52. Paragraph 286, p. 138.—No change.

53. Respecting memorial from Wellandport Quarterly Meeting, to change the date of appointing Stewards, we recommend no change.

54. In reference to the memorial from Newfoundland Conference, respecting special provision for students attending Sackville College, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

55. Respecting the memorial from St. John, New Brunswick, relating to a provision for Local Preachers' Meeting embracing several circuits, we do not recommend any action.

56. Concerning the memorial of the Quarterly Board of the Prince Street Methodist Church in Charlottetown, P.E.I., respecting representation in Annual District Meeting, we recommend no change.

57. Paragraph 121, page 71, sub-section 5.—After the word "marries," insert "without consent of the Annual Conference."

58. Paragraph 377, page 164.—Amended to read, "A special meeting of members of either Section may be called by a General Superintendent, or by the Book Steward and Editor, or by any three members."

59. Paragraph 388, page 167.—Omit "Associate Editor," and insert after *Christian Guardian* the words, "under the direction of the Western Section of the Book Committee," and after *Wesleyan*, "under the direction of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee."

61. Remove second sentence of clause 3, of paragraph 177, to section on General Principles on page 119.

62.—Amend paragraph 181, on page 99, by inserting before "Quarterly Official Meeting" the words "Local Preachers' Meeting or the" so as to harmonize with paragraphs 139 and 141.

63. Erase the words "the Stewards' and Leaders' Meeting," in third and fourth lines from top of page 96, and insert instead "the Local Preachers' Meeting"; also erase the word "ticket" in last line of page 96, and insert "certificate of membership."

64. On page 142.—Erase the words "the said Trustees" in the tenth line from the top.

**Fifth Report.**

Paragraph 135, 10th line.—Expunge the words "who may have been," making the item as amended to read as follows: "of additional representatives appointed by the Societies of the Circuit, but such additional representatives shall not exceed in number the Stewards on the Circuit."

Expunge also the words "The apportionment, scale, and mode," etc., and substitute the following for No. 7, in sub-section 6, paragraph 139: "To arrange the apportionment, scale, and mode of election of the representatives by the Societies of the Circuit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. R. SANDERSON, *Chairman.*  
W. S. GRIFFIN, *Secretary.*

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**

**First Report.**

The Committee having examined the several reports submitted to them of the following Connexional Institutions, recommend that they be adopted, and printed in the Conference Journal, viz. :—

- The Educational Society.
- Mount Allison University.
- Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.
- Alma College, St. Thomas.
- Albert College, Belleville.

In the matter of the memorial from the Brockville District Meeting, proposing *inter alia* the consolidation of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, with the Theological Department of Victoria University, the Committee recommend as follows :—

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Deploring the continued agitation with reference to the said proposal of consolidation as inimical to the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, in whose growing usefulness we rejoice, and as adverse to the growth of the spirit of liberality among our laymen in furthering the work of theological education, we recommend that the proposal of the memorialists be not entertained.

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**Second Report.**

1. In the matter of a resolution of the Manitoba Conference, asking for the retention of the entire Educational Fund collections within its bounds for its own educational purposes, we hereby recommend that the prayer of the memorialists be not entertained; that, however, a special grant of \$50 be made from the general fund towards travelling expenses for each probationer sent by the Manitoba Conference to any of our Theological Institutions.

2. In the matter of a resolution proposing that all fees due to our Universities and Theological Colleges for probationers attending College be paid out of the Educational Fund, we hereby recommend that the proposal be not entertained.

3. It is recommended that the following be appointed Directors of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, for the ensuing quadrennium:—Revs. Dr. Dewart, D. C. McDowell, Dr. Shaw, E. A. Stafford, J. F. German, G. Leech, and I. Tovell; and the following as Directors of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton:—Revs. Dr. Rose, Dr. Nelles, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Potts, Dr. S. J. Hunter, and Dr. Burns as Governor and Principal.

4. It is recommended that the Constitution of the Educational Society be so changed as to provide that money refunded by a student on account of loans be included in the regular annual income of the Society.

5. It is recommended that the various reports of Victoria University, educational and financial, be adopted, and printed in the Journal of the General Conference.

6. In the matter of memorials and resolutions from the London, Guelph, and Toronto Conferences, the Brockville District Meeting, and the Quarterly Board of the Dominion Church, Ottawa, relative to our University policy, we hereby report that we are of opinion that no further action therein is needed, in view of the action taken on this subject by the General Conference on September 9, 1886.

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**Third Report.**

1. We recommend the General Conference to appoint a Secretary of Education, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and promote the scheme of College Federation, and to further the interests of the Educational Society; and we respectfully request the Conference to appoint Rev. Dr. Potts to this office.

2. We recommend that Section IX. in the Constitution of the Educational Society be amended to read as follows:—

It shall be the duty of the General Secretary to publish the Annual Report of the Society; and to take all measures possible in harmony with the other officers and boards of our Church to increase the income of the Society, and to promote the interests of our educational work throughout the Dominion. All expenditures of the funds of the Society must be made by resolution of the Board of Management, unless ordered by Discipline or by special direction of the General Conference.

3. That one-half of the salary and expenditure of the Secretary of Education be paid by the Educational Society, and the remainder out of the moneys raised for Victoria University.

4. In view of the special and heavy claims now pressing upon the Educational Fund, that the said Fund be no longer chargeable with any portion of the amount due for the General Superintendents.

5. That in Section IV. in the Constitution of the Educational Society, "Advisory Committee" be altered to read "Board of Management."

6. That the Board of Management for the ensuing quadrennium be composed as follows:—

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The President of Mount Allison College.  
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J. Wood, M.P.  
John Macdonald.

7. In the matter of the notice of motion relative to financial provision for College confederation, we report that, in our opinion, no further action is needed in view of the recent action of the General Conference.

**Fourth Report.**

We recommend that the following Governing Boards of the various Connexional Institutions be appointed:

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7. With respect to Mount Allison College, it is recommended that the Annual Conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, be authorized to nominate, at the meeting of their respective Conferences immediately preceding the meeting of the General Conference, fourteen members of the Board of Governors of the University of Mount Allison College, and report the same to the General Conference, as follows:—

The Nova Scotia Conference to nominate three ministers and three laymen.

The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference to nominate three ministers and three laymen.

The Newfoundland Conference to nominate one minister and one layman.

8. With regard to the resolution of the General Conference on the subject of University Confederation, referred to this Committee, the Committee recommend as follows:—

(1) In order to prevent any injury to our College work by undue suspense or delay, that the General Conference direct the Board of Regents to make the preliminary arrangements for preparing estimates of building and other expenses, taking up subscriptions, and completing negotiations with the Government at the earliest practicable moment.

(2) That the General Conference appoint an Advisory Committee, composed of ministers and laymen from the six central Annual Conferences, to act in conjunction with the Board of Regents in all matters relating to the erection of College buildings, the raising of funds for College purposes, and in deciding upon the course of action to be taken on behalf of Victoria College, in all circumstances that may arise. But this arrangement shall not override or interfere with the legal functions of the Board of Regents as defined by former legislation.

(3) That the following be appointed as the Advisory Committee above mentioned:—

*Toronto*—Rev. E. A. Stafford, A.M., Rev. J. F. German, A.M.,

Ed. Gurney, S. H. Janes, John J. Withrow, Hart Massey, and John N. Lake.

*Niagara*—Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter and Judge Jones.

*Guelph*—Rev. W. C. Henderson, A.M., and Thos. Hilliard.

*London*—Rev. D. G. Sutherland, B.D., and Col. R. Lewis.

*Bay of Quinte*—Rev. W. Williams and J. M. Ferris, M.P.P.

*Montreal*—Rev. Prof. Shaw, A.M., Rev. W. Sparling, A.M., B.D., and D. Graham, B.C.L.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. DEAN, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

### QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Regents beg leave to present to the General Conference the following Report:—

In accordance with the decision of the first United Conference of the Methodist Church, the consolidation of Albert and Victoria Universities has been satisfactorily effected by the Commission appointed for that purpose, and this amalgamation has been attended with very happy results, both as regards attendance and general increase of educational influence.

The tabular synopsis herewith appended will show the number of students and of graduates in the several Faculties, with any increase in the same during the past four years, and will indicate also the respective numbers from the two Universities.

TABLE I.—STATISTICS OF FOUR YEARS, 1882-86.

	Arts.	Theology	Law.	Medicine	Total.	Increase.
Matriculants .....	180	..	..	..	..	3
Students in attendance .....	277	108	..	..	..	13
Graduates .....	72	14	9	287	382	91
Entered from Albert .....	75	7	14	..	96	..

TABLE II.—PRESENT STATISTICS.

Matriculants (1886) in part .....	59	..	..	..	..	..
Students .....	170	76	27	427	670	322
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It will be seen that the total number of students enrolled during the recent Session of 1885-6 is 670, being an increase of 322 over the last year of the previous Quadrennium. Of this number 170 are students in Arts, being an increase of 31; 427 are students in Medicine, being an increase of 283; 76 students in Theology, an increase of 15; 27 students in Law, an increase of 6; 14 students in Science.

The total number of graduates is now 1,981, an increase of 525. Of these 492 are graduates in Arts, 1,319 in Medicine, 104 in Law and 66 in Theology, being a considerable increase in each Faculty, as the table will show.

The matriculating class for 1886 already numbers 59, and the Registrar has received notice of several additional candidates for the September examinations.

The number of degrees conferred at the Convocation in May last was 103.

The average attendance during the Quadrennium is 478, an increase of 126. Of these, 146 are students in Arts, an increase in that Faculty of 16.

A small number of young ladies have attended the lectures in Arts during several years past, and two of these have graduated, Miss Nellie Greenwood having been admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1884, and Miss Isabella Willoughby to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1886, and Miss A. Stowe graduated in Medicine in 1883,—these three ladies having the honor of being the first "girl graduates" in Victoria University.

The courses of study, both in the Arts Curriculum and in the special Department of Science, have been made somewhat heavier during the past few years, and, in accordance with the practice of other universities, a wider range has been given to options and honor work, thus affording greater facilities for special excellence and adding largely to the labors of the Professors.

Through the thoughtful liberality of the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, an arrangement has been made for local matriculation examinations in connection with the ordinary examinations for teachers, and the three Universities of Trinity, Queen's and Victoria have availed themselves of this facility for conducting their matriculations on the same papers by means of a joint Board of Examiners. As the subjects for matriculation in the Toronto University are substantially the same as for these three Universities, there is now thus far a common University matriculation for the Province of Ontario.

The officers and several professors of the University, as well as the General Superintendents, have devoted much time during the past three years in presenting the claims of the Educational Society of the Church, and have been encouraged by a considerable increase in the givings of the people for that important object. They have ascertained that this Society is gaining on the approval of the

Church as its nature becomes more fully known, and the Board is convinced that by diligent, well-directed effort the Society might be made to yield a much larger sum for the support of our educational institutions. The Board would earnestly recommend this subject to the careful consideration of the General Conference.

The late General Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Rice, was in labors more abundant for this object, and in his last able and touching address at the Toronto Conference he pleaded with deep earnestness for the Society as one of the best methods for sustaining our Colleges and for creating an interest in their behalf. He undoubtedly hastened his death by his toils and exposure in promoting this enterprise. It is due to the memory of our departed brother to bear testimony in this Report to the profound interest and unswerving fidelity shown by him, during his entire life, in regard to every branch of liberal and Christian culture. His place is now vacant in our University Board and Senate, as in the other councils of the Church, but his last public utterances still come home to us with peculiar impressiveness, and may well inspire us to follow his noble example of courageous self-sacrifice.

The Special Report for the Faculty of Theology, herewith appended, has been prepared by the Dean of that Faculty, and will show an encouraging progress, as well as the need of further additions to the staff of instructors. The Board would call the particular attention of the General Conference to the benefits rendered by this department, and by the University as a whole, in supplying so large a number of men for the great mission field, and in giving them the requisite training and acquirements.

The financial circumstances of the University are such as to call for the anxious deliberation of the General Conference, and the most energetic and liberal efforts of the Church at large. The history of Victoria University in this regard is not peculiar. Experience has abundantly shown in the case of some of the oldest and best of the universities on this continent, as well as in Europe that it is, as a rule, only by long-continued effort that such institutions acquire adequate financial resources. The Wesleyan University at Middletown, Yale, Harvard, Amherst, Princeton, and other American universities are cases in point. And yet it would be hard to over-estimate the value of the work done for the Church and the country by those institutions, even during that period of infancy and embarrassment which they have at length outgrown. What has happened in the history of those Colleges we have good reason to hope for in the case of Victoria. She has done a great and good work thus far, and with very scanty means, but her efficiency and usefulness have steadily increased during the forty-five years of her existence. The cheering increase in the number of her students, which we are able to report, is not the result of any lowering of the standard required for matriculation or graduation, for that, on the contrary, is higher and of a wider range

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than in former years. Further contributions are now urgently needed for the enlargement of her staff of teachers, for libraries and apparatus, and for improvement in her buildings and grounds. The Board of Regents, therefore, confidently appeal to the Church, now so much more numerous and wealthy than in earlier days, to give the University increasing sympathy and support.

The financial report of the Board will be presented by the Bursar, George A. Cox, Esq., of Peterboro'. And the Board takes this opportunity of expressing its sense of deep obligation to Mr. Cox for his great kindness in recently accepting this office, and for his invaluable services in lending his eminent business talents, his name and influence in the financial management of the University. So soon as time is afforded it is hoped that the Bursar will be able to do much in devising and executing plans to place this department on an improved footing.

It is necessary to include in this report an account of the proceedings of the Board in the matter of University Confederation. Various plans for such consolidation have from time to time been proposed, but all thus far without success. The University Act of 1853 provided for consolidation in part by means of affiliation. The failure of this Act in its practical working led to the action of the Wesleyan Conference in 1859, and a lengthy agitation, resulting in the adoption by the Senate of the Toronto University (then including representatives of the denominational colleges) of another scheme of affiliation with a Senate, curriculum, examination, and degrees common to all the colleges of Ontario. The scheme provided for the endowment from public funds of these colleges. Subsequently a commission appointed by the Government of the day reported in favor of the measure and recommended some appropriations to the denominational colleges from the funds then employed in the support of Toronto University and Upper Canada College. This recommendation led to a reconsideration of the measure in the Senate and a consequent rescinding of the resolutions which had been previously adopted. Subsequent efforts have continued to be made by individual writers to bring about some form of consolidation, until at length the application of the University of Toronto for additional subsidies from public funds, and the controversy which that demand excited, suggested the propriety of another attempt to end the dispute by some generally acceptable plan, whether of consolidation or otherwise. The Minister of Education, therefore, invited a friendly and unofficial conference of representatives of the several universities and theological schools with a view to this end. Several conferences were held and many anxious days consumed, during which the questions involved were discussed in all their bearings, and the result was a preliminary and tentative scheme which it was agreed should be submitted for the consideration of the authorities of the institutions concerned.

This scheme involved, of course, many very important financial

questions, as well as others of a more strictly educational or academic character; nor were those financial questions lost sight of, but, on the contrary, were earnestly pressed upon the attention of the Minister of Education. The financial requirements of the plan were not, however, formulated in the scheme, or made matters of positive decision, being regarded as belonging rather to the Government and Legislature on the one hand, and the several universities on the other. It was, nevertheless, understood by all parties that the proposed Confederation would require considerable appropriations of public money for the support of the common University Professoriate, for the erection of additional buildings, and for additions to the teaching staff of University College; and it was urged also by the representatives of the outlying colleges, as Confederation involved the removal of those colleges to a common centre, the erection of new buildings and other pecuniary disadvantages, it would be unfair, and even impracticable, for them to enter the Confederation without reasonable compensation or indemnity for losses incident to acceptance of the scheme. But these important matters, having thus been definitely stated, were left over for further negotiation, and were subsequently pressed from time to time by the authorities of the several institutions.

The scheme, as formulated and inserted in the appendix in this report, was submitted to the Victoria Board of Regents on the 9th January, 1885, and after lengthy discussion was recommended to the favorable consideration of the General Conference, on certain specified conditions.

The resolutions adopted at the time by the Board are as follows:—

“Inasmuch as a proposal is made to the Board of Regents, with the sanction of the Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario, to form a Federation of Colleges in one Provincial University; and inasmuch as the Methodist people of the country, in all branches of our Methodism, have always declared themselves willing to accept and maintain a system of University education that would secure, on the one hand, the higher culture in sciences and arts, under proper religious influences and safeguards, and on the other hand, equality in privileges, advantages, and academic standing of the youth of the country; and inasmuch as the general principle of Federation embodied in the present memorandum, forwarded to the Board under the approbation of the Minister of Education, is in harmony with the principles we have so long cherished, we express our readiness as a Board, on educational and patriotic grounds, to join in such a Federation, and to move the proper authorities of our Church thereto as they may determine, provided the following conditions are made:—

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2. The perfect equality of all Colleges, University College included, in their relations to and rights in the Provincial University.

3. Such an arrangement as shall secure to the alumni of all the Colleges an equitable representation in perpetuity.

4. That the chairman of the University Professoriate be appointed by the Government.

5. That the transfer of subjects from the University College course to the course under the University Professoriate, or *vice versa*, shall be made only by a three-fourths majority of the Senate.

Several Committees were also appointed by the Board to carry on the further necessary negotiations.

One of these Committees consisted of the General Superintendents and the President of the College, to whom was assigned the duty of conferring with the Government as to compensation for losses incident to acceptance of Confederation. Another Committee was instructed to press the foregoing amendments to the printed memorandum submitted by the Minister of Education.

In regard to compensation the Committee were given definitely to understand that the Government could neither consent to a purchase of the Cobourg property nor give any grant of money by way of indemnity. For a length of time there seemed to be good reason to expect that the property could be satisfactorily disposed of in some other way. It has, however, been recently ascertained that such arrangement cannot be effected, and the Board cannot therefore report anything favorable in regard to protection from losses incident to removal from Cobourg, the erection of new buildings, and the sacrifice of such sums as are annually received in the various Faculties from matriculation and graduation fees.

The letters, however, from the Minister of Education, inserted below, give assurance of the possession by lease of a suitable site in the Park, and at a nominal rent.

In reference to the other conditions demanded by the Board, the Committee entrusted with that business made an early and earnest effort to secure the concurrence of the other Colleges, but without success, and the representatives of Victoria, having done what they could, were compelled to wait for any further movement on the part of the Government and the University of Toronto.

From the official letters of the Government received on the 21st of May, 1886, as well as from other sources of information, the Board would infer that the representatives of Toronto University and of the Theological Schools did not favor any attempts at a reconstruction of the scheme.

The authorities of Victoria continued to urge the necessity of some further action, but were not able to make any definite progress during the interval between the 9th January, 1885, and the month of February, 1886, when, as the time of General Con-

ference was approaching, a meeting of the Board of Regents was called for the 11th of that month, and on a representation of the case having been made by the President of the College, a Committee was appointed to seek an interview with the Government, and a resolution passed which the Rev. Dr. Williams, as convener of the Committee, was instructed to embody in a letter to the Minister of Education. The Committee consisted of the General Superintendents, the Chancellor and Bursar of the University, Drs. Dewart, Sutherland, and Burwash, His Honor Judge Dean, and Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C.

The following is the letter of Dr. Williams:—

THE HON. G. W. ROSS, LL.B.,  
*Minister of Education.*

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Regents of Victoria University to enquire from you whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for carrying out the scheme of University Confederation sketched in a basis submitted to the various universities and colleges interested, including therein the conditions attached to the same by the Board of Victoria University, at their meeting held on the 9th January, 1885. Also, in the event of one or more of the universities named in the original scheme declining to enter the proposed Confederation, whether such modifications would be introduced into the composition of the Senate as would give equitable representation to the denominational universities accepting it.

As more than a year has elapsed since the decision of our Board was arrived at, and the time is drawing near when, if at all, the courts of the Methodist Church must pronounce upon the matter, the Board is desirous to know what action, if any, has been taken by the Government, or other institutions interested, regarding the changes in the basis proposed by our Board, or what action, if any, is proposed to be undertaken regarding the same.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN A. WILLIAMS,  
*Gen. Supt. Methodist Church.*

An interview was courteously granted by the Government, and it was explained to the Attorney-General and the Minister of Education that the Board desired to have some official communications which could be made the basis of discussion and decision in the Board and at the General Conference. Such communications were promised so soon as the pressure of public business would permit. In reply to the following further communication from the Rev. Dr. Williams, the following official letters were received from the Attorney-General and the Minister of Education:—

259 ONTARIO STREET,  
TORONTO, 11th May, 1886.

HON. OLIVER MOWAT, M.P.P.,  
*Attorney-General, Toronto.*

DEAR SIR,—At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Regents of Victoria University, held in Cobourg on the 10th inst., the Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Nelles, stated that he had received no official reply in regard to the points

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relating to University Confederation, which our deputation had urged upon the attention of yourself and the Minister of Education, but intimated that he had a private communication on the subject from yourself, as well as from the Hon. G. W. Ross, which, being personal, he did not feel at liberty to lay before the Board. As the information given was not such as the Board could act upon, and as an early decision is, for several and obvious reasons, desirable, the Board adjourned till the 21st inst., in order to secure from yourself, or the Hon. the Minister of Education, a definite and full answer to our communication of the intentions of the Government as to the carrying out of the proposed scheme.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) JOHN A. WILLIAMS,  
*General Supt. Methodist Church.*

TORONTO, 20th March, 1886.

(This letter seems to be misdated in the original.  
It was received on the 20th of May.)

REVEREND SIR,—I understand that you desire to receive from me some written communication which may be read to your Board of Regents, on the subject of the changes which the Board has suggested in the basis of University consolidation prepared by the representatives of the negotiating Colleges in December, 1884.

I make this communication with pleasure, for, in common with my colleagues, I continue to feel great interest in the proposed consolidation, and if for the present Victoria alone should come in, the Government will not be deterred from taking the steps necessary to bring the scheme into practical operation. We continue to appreciate the great advantage of preventing in this way the waste of limited resources, surrounding the common University for all time with religious influences, and, as far as may be, bringing together the young men of all our churches in their college life.

With regard to "equitable compensation to the Colleges for losses incident to entering the Federation," it is our hope and expectation that there will on the whole be no loss, but great gain. It is to be borne in mind that the legislative action of the Province hitherto, and the prevailing sentiment of its people, are against grants to denominational colleges. I refer you to the recent letter of the Minister of Education to Dr. Nelles on the subject of a site in the Park. You have received a copy of this letter, and are at liberty to communicate it to your Board. While we think we may deal with the matter of a site, as Mr. Ross mentions, I hope that any further compensation will not be regarded as necessary, desirable, or practicable. With respect to changes in the basis, we should be glad to accede to any approved alterations which would make the scheme more acceptable to Victoria and to the other parties interested. But I am sure you will recognize the propriety of the Government not committing itself to any details of this kind without first giving to all the Colleges an opportunity of considering them, and expressing their views upon the changes proposed, or devising in conjunction with representatives of Victoria some new scheme in substitution for the present one.

The present scheme, as you are aware, was not approved of in all its details by any of the learned bodies accepting it as a whole, but was so accepted as a compromise of conflicting opinions and diverse interests; and I cannot conceal from myself that a reconsideration of the details may not be without danger to the common object. I gathered from the deputation that the point on which the Board feels the most anxiety is as to the security there may be for the permanence of the University Professoriate, and it was proposed that something more than the vote of a mere majority of the Senate should be required for the transfer of subjects from the University Professoriate to University College, and *vice versa*. The permanence of the University Professoriate is an essential part of the Confederation scheme, and hasty or questionable changes are to be

guarded against. But besides the vote of the Senate, confirmation by the Governor-in-Council would be necessary; and if the further security of a two-thirds or three-fourths vote in the Senate should on consideration be deemed important, I do not see any solid objection to this change.

For the reason already intimated, I do not at present remark on the other alterations proposed by your Board. I hope that the Board will look on them all as being of minor importance in relation to the practical working of Federation, and as not essential to the adoption of so important and comprehensive a measure as that under consideration. For, looking at the scheme as a whole, I firmly believe that it will be found well adapted to promote the efficiency of the University work of our country, as well as to advance the religious and patriotic objects with a view to which the scheme was in part devised.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) O. MOWAT.

TORONTO, 8th May, 1886.

MY DEAR DR. NELLES,—The Attorney-General, before he left for the West, read in Council a letter, which after reading he sent to you, respecting Federation. It was stated in this letter that you would hear from me shortly thereafter in regard to a site in the Park for your University. The reason for a little delay in my writing has been this. In the case of Knox's College, a previous Government had refused a site to the trustees of that College, notwithstanding their expressed willingness to purchase at full market price. Subsequently the site for McMaster Hall was paid for at the regular market price, and the site for Wycliffe College was leased to the College at a rental. St. Michael's College occupies a location outside the University grounds, procured without governmental aid. In view of these facts, as well as for some other reasons, we thought it expedient, in the common interest, to get from the affiliated colleges an express recognition of the propriety of treating the case of Victoria University as, under all the circumstances, exceptional. The heads of the Colleges referred to, including University College, were therefore severally seen by the Attorney-General and myself. All expressed themselves very cordially respecting Victoria University, and appeared willing that the Government should deal with Victoria as liberally as possible. It was then suggested to each of these gentlemen that a resolution to the effect mentioned should be passed by his College. I have not yet received the expected resolutions, but am sanguine that they will be passed; and even without them, it is not likely that any objection will be offered. I am at liberty to say that, so far as the Government is concerned, there will be no difficulty whatever.

Yours truly,

(Signed) G. W. ROSS.

The Rev. S. S. NELLES, D.D., &c., &c.,  
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These letters were laid before the Board on the 21st May last, when the following resolution was adopted by the Board:—

#### RESOLUTION ON UNIVERSITY FEDERATION.

*Whereas* this Board, on the 9th of January, 1885, expressed its judgment that the general principle of Federation, subjoined in the scheme submitted to it, is in harmony with the principles we have so long cherished;

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*And whereas* the communications from the Attorney-General and the Minister of Education have given assurances covering the two main points in our recommendations, and expressed the readiness of the Government to carry out the provisions of the scheme in good faith even if no university but Victoria should come into the Federation;

*And whereas* we believe the proposed constitution of the Senate of the University, and the relation of the different Church Colleges to the University, give all reasonable security as to moral safeguards in regard to the character of the University Professors and their teaching;

*Therefore*, it is the judgment of this Board that it would be neither wise nor patriotic in us as a Board to reject the scheme because it is not in every particular all that we might desire. We therefore recommend the entrance of Victoria into the proposed Federation to the favorable consideration of our General Conference, provided that full security be given us on the two points as to the permanence of the University Professoriate and the certainty of a satisfactory site in the Park, leaving the final determination of the matter with that body, whose decision this Board will be prepared to accept and carry out.

Moved by REV. DR. DEWART,  
Seconded by REV. DR. RYCKMAN.

On motion of Dr. Burwash a Committee was also appointed to prepare careful estimates of the cost of doing efficient work on the various lines proposed, to secure as definite information as possible as to means of raising such funds, and to obtain further and more definite pledges from the Government, securing the stability and efficiency of the University Professoriate, and the granting of a proper site for our College. At an adjourned meeting of the Board, on the 31st ult., the following reports were presented from this Committee:—

#### REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

*To the Committee of the Board of Regents of Victoria University:*

Your sub-Committee on Estimates of Expenditure and cost of the several schemes proposed, would respectfully report:—

1. We find the following schemes proposed:—
  - (a) Continuance at Cobourg, as at present.
  - (b) Federation into a Provincial system in Toronto.
  - (c) Independence in Toronto or Hamilton.
2. We find the following facts as to our present income and expenditure:—

INCOME.

(a) Present income from Endowment .....	\$10,000
(b) " " " Fees .....	3,500
(c) " " " Ed. Society .....	3,500
Total .....	<u>\$17,000</u>

EXPENDITURE.

(a) Salaries .....	\$13,000
(b) Interest, etc., on debt .....	3,000
(c) Current expense .....	4,000
Annual deficit .....	<u>\$20,000</u>
	\$3,000

3. After careful calculation, we have fixed upon the amounts required for the several schemes above stated. We have assumed Federation in Toronto according to the scheme laid before the Board of Regents in January, 1885, as a standard of comparison. The amounts required over and above the present endowment, which is equally available in all cases, are as follows:

ESTIMATES.

I. *To Continue in Cobourg.*

Debt .....	\$26,000
Repairs of buildings and additions .....	24,000
	<u>\$50,000</u>
Additional endowment .....	250,000
Requiring a total of .....	<u>\$300,000</u>

This estimates an annual income of \$32,000, provided as follows:—

Fees .....	\$ 4,000
Educational Fund .....	3,500
Proceeds of \$400,000 endowment .....	24,500
	<u>\$32,000</u>

And expended as follows:—

Six senior professors at \$2,000 .....	\$12,000
Nine junior professors, at \$1,500 .....	13,500
Library, Laboratories and incidentals .....	6,500
	<u>\$32,000</u>

The Professors proposed are:—Classics, 2; Moderns, 2; Mathematics, 2; Philosophy, 2; History and Political Science, 1; Natural Science, 3; Theology, 3.

II. *Independence in Toronto.*

Add one-third to expenditure, or total .....	\$42,000
Requiring income from endowment .....	34,500
Or capital of \$600,000 to be raised .....	\$450,000
Debt, etc., at Cobourg .....	50,000
New buildings and grounds .....	200,000
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III. *Independence in Hamilton.*

Add to expenditure No. I., 25 per cent .....	\$40,000
Requiring income from endowment .....	32,500
Or capital endowment .....	\$550,000
To be raised .....	\$400,000
Buildings and debt .....	150,000
	\$550,000

IV. *Confederation.*

Due in Cobourg .....	\$ 40,000
Buildings and furnishings .....	160,000
Additional endowment .....	250,000
	\$450,000
Giving income of .....	\$30,000
Viz.:	
Fees .....	\$ 2,500
Educational Society .....	3,500
\$400,000 endowment, at 6 per cent .....	24,000
	\$30,000

Expended as follows:—

Four senior professors .....	\$10,000
Seven junior " .....	14,000
Expenses, etc .....	6,000
	\$30,000

The Chairs proposed would be:—Classics, 2; Moderns, 3; Theology, 3; Philosophy, 2; History, 1.

*Comparative Results.*

Independence in Cobourg .....	\$300,000
" Toronto .....	700,000
" Hamilton .....	600,000
Confederation .....	450,000

4. In submitting for consideration these estimates we must also call attention to the fact—

(a) That to remove either to Toronto or Hamilton would require us to furnish the amounts estimated at once, or else we should be placed under heavy expenditure for interest.

(b) That even by the addition of four Professors to the present staff instead of six, as contemplated in the estimates, we would stand as regards efficient equipment equal to anything in the Province to-day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Supplement to estimates on basis of Annual Income required:—

LOCATION.	BUILDINGS, &C.	ANNUAL INCOME.
1. Cobourg .....	\$50,000	\$32,000
2. Confederation .....	200,000	30,000
3. Hamilton .....	150,000	40,000
4. Toronto .....	250,000	42,000

The subjoined correspondence between the Rev. Dr. Williams and the Minister of Education was also presented:—

TORONTO, August 27, 1886.

To the HON. O. MOWAT, Attorney-General.

MY DEAR MR. MOWAT,—As the Board of Regents of Victoria University will meet on Monday evening next,—the last meeting before the session of the General Conference,—I would be obliged to you if you would inform me whether the Government can give any more definite statements on the points already submitted by the Board, namely, the permanency of the Professoriate, equitable representation in the Senate of Toronto University, and on the subject of a site for building. These seem to be the points upon which further information is desired by the Board.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed) JOHN A. WILLIAMS.

TORONTO, August 28, 1886.

MY DEAR SIR,—With reference to the subject of a site for your College buildings, in case Victoria goes into the proposed Federation scheme, I am now in a position to say that there will be no practical difficulty in your having a lease of so much ground as may be necessary for your buildings at a nominal rent, the lease at such nominal rent to be in force as long as the proposed connection of Victoria with the Provincial University continues. I do not doubt that once accomplished the connection will be permanent. As I believe, however, that it is desired that Victoria may have power to withdraw, the rent, in such an improbable event, may be determined by arbitration in the usual way, say every 21 years.

In case the proposed consolidation takes effect, it will be our desire, and our policy in making Government appointments from time to time in the Senate, to have an equitable regard to the new relation of Victoria with the University.

I may add that there has been no change in the views of the Government with respect to the general subject of University consolidation as expressed in the Premier's letter to you of the 20th March, 1886.

Yours truly,

(Signed) GEO. W. ROSS,

Minister of Education.

To the REV. JOHN A. WILLIAMS,  
259 Ontario Street, Toronto.

After some discussion the following resolution was on motion adopted:—

“That the whole subject of Confederation be transmitted, with the report of the Board, and without any expression of opinion, to the General Conference for consideration and settlement, and this resolution be appended to the Report.”

It was also resolved that the communications from the city of Hamilton, and also that from the people of Cobourg, be laid before the Board.

HAMILTON, August 18, 1886.

REV. N. BURWASH,  
Victoria University, Cobourg.

DEAR SIR,—Yours re Victoria University duly received. My delay in answering has been caused by a desire to consult with members of our Council

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Board, and leading citizens, among them Mr. W. H. Gillard, President of our Board of Trade.

I am sorry that so many of our leading citizens who would be likely to take an active interest in this matter are out of the city at present, but I will say that the unanimous opinion of those that I have spoken to, and from what I have heard of the feeling among our people, is that the citizens of Hamilton are very desirous that we should make every exertion to have Victoria University located here. The difficulty will be the raising of funds to the amount mentioned by you, but I sincerely hope that the difficulty may be overcome, and the University secured for Hamilton.

I am fully alive to the advantages which will be gained by any city by having such an institution located in it, and I, in conjunction with very many of our best and leading citizens, will do all in our power to secure it, if possible.

I will say that it has been publicly announced that a citizen has offered twenty-five acres of choice land in a very desirable locality as a site, if the University can be secured for Hamilton. I mention this as an example of the feeling here. I presume you will admit that it is somewhat embarrassing for me, or any one else, on behalf of the city, to say or do much until the authorities of your University have fully decided upon their future course; but I will repeat that we are very desirous of securing it, on account of the many advantages which will accrue to our city. Hoping to hear from you again on this subject,

I am,

Very truly yours,

ALEX. MCKAY,

Mayor.

P.S.—I would add to the above that in selecting Hamilton there would also be advantages to your institution, Hamilton being a large and growing city, with a large field to work in. Your denomination being very strong and wealthy here, some of the members have expressed their intention of endowing chairs or halls if located here.

A. MCKAY.

HAMILTON, ONT., 18th August, 1886.

REV. DR. BURWASH,

Victoria University, Cobourg, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Your esteemed favor of the 2nd inst. was handed me by Mr. Sanford, and I have to thank you for the very full information given.

The question of granting a bonus to Victoria University in the event of its removal to Hamilton has, at the instance of Rev. Dr. Burns, Mr. Sanford, and others, been discussed at our Board, and I am pleased to say most favorably received, one and all appearing to appreciate the importance of having in our midst an institution for the higher education of our young men. This general interest, together with the very earnest desire evinced by the entire body of your co-religionists, who I may assure you are among the most wealthy, liberal and influential here, should, in my opinion, be an important consideration with your General Conference when making their selection.

Then looking at it from a purely business point of view, a larger patronage must certainly result by locating in a city of forty thousand inhabitants, in the centre of a magnificent country at present without any advantages of the kind, than in Toronto where there are already, as you are aware, several universities—against the whole of which "Victoria," of course, would have to compete, and without the united support that I feel sure if once established here would be liberally given, not only by the adherents of the Methodist constituency (or Church), but by the citizens of Hamilton generally.

Taking all these points into fair consideration, I think you should not, even in your own interest, base all your actions upon a simple bonus. Toronto may offer \$125,000, Hamilton but \$50,000, or \$75,000; but from what I can learn this would in our case be immediately supplemented by the endowment of several chairs, and a single contribution for the building of a Science Hall, with others no doubt to follow. But as to this our mutual friend Dr. Burns can tell you more than I can.

I had an interview to-day with Mayor McKay, and he is of the opinion, as I am, that \$50,000 to \$75,000, with a Campus in East Hamilton, a beautiful situation, and one that I think would be considered in every way suitable, to be contributed by one of our citizens, is all we feel justified in undertaking; and before attempting that, would of course require to know definitely if that would be acceptable, seeing that the cost of submitting a By-law to a vote of the ratepayers would be considerable.

As you say, no one member of the General Conference can decide, and Principal Nelles being on the Continent, I presume nothing can be done till your next meeting, which I understand will be some time in September. If, in the meantime, you can suggest anything whereby negotiations can be advanced I shall esteem it a favor.

I am, yours respectfully,  
 W. H. GILLARD,  
*President.*

HAMILTON, ONT., 25th August, 1886.

REV. N. BURWASH,  
*Victoria University, Cobourg.*

DEAR SIR,—Mr. W. H. Gillard, President of the Hamilton Board of Trade, has handed me your letter of 21st inst. to acknowledge.

I am directed to say in reply, that you are at liberty to place Mr. Gillard's letter of the 18th inst. before your Conference.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Yours faithfully,  
 RICHARD BENNER,  
*Secretary Hamilton Board of Trade.*

28th August, 1886.

TO MESSRS. WM. KERR, Q.C., AND ROBT. MULHOLLAND, M.P.P.

DEAR SIRS,—We hereby authorize you to offer to the Board of Victoria University twenty acres of land immediately adjoining the College property in Cobourg, and should they require the same for College purposes, we respectively guarantee to pay for the purchase of the same, as set out in subscription lists this day signed by us.

W. HARGRAFT,	M. MANNARD,	GEO. WATERS,
J. H. DUMBLE,	WM. T. FISH,	R. WILSON,
JAS. CROSSEN,	SAM'L CLARKE,	JOHN HAYDEN,
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THOS. GILLBARD,	P. McCALLUM, JR.,	W. F. KERR,
FIELD & BRO.,	J. N. CAMPBELL,	C. W. KERR.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. NELLES,  
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TORONTO, Aug. 31, 1886.

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SCHEME OF UNIVERSITY CONFEDERATION.

1. It is proposed to form a Confederation of Colleges, carrying on, in Toronto, work embraced in the Arts Curriculum of the Provincial University, and in connection therewith the following institutions, namely, Queen's University, Victoria University, and Trinity University, Knox College, St. Michael's College, Wycliffe College, and Toronto Baptist College, shall have the right to enter into the proposed confederation, provided always that each of such institutions shall, so long as it remains in the confederation, keep in abeyance any powers it may possess of conferring degrees other than degrees in Divinity; such powers remaining intact though not exercised. It shall be lawful for the Senate, from time to time, to provide by Statute for the admission of other institutions into the confederation under the limitations above prescribed. Nothing herein contained shall be held to repeal any of the provisions for affiliation of institutions as contained in R. S. O., cap. 210, sec. 61.

2. The Head of each confederating college shall be *ex officio* a member of the Senate of the Provincial University, and, in addition thereto, the governing body of each confederating college shall be entitled to appoint one other member of the Senate. The University Professoriate shall be represented by two of their members on the Senate, and the Council of University College by one of its members in addition to the President.

3. The Undergraduates of any confederating university shall be admitted *ad eundem status*, and the graduates in Law and Arts of any confederating university shall be admitted *ad eundem gradum* in the Provincial University. Such of the graduates in Medicine of any confederating university as shall have actually passed their examinations within the limits of the Province of Ontario shall be admitted *ad eundem gradum* in the Provincial University.

4. During the continuance of such confederation, but no longer, all graduates in Medicine and Law so admitted shall have the same rights, powers, and privileges, as are at present enjoyed by the like graduates of the Provincial University, except as herein otherwise provided.

5. All graduates in Medicine, including such admitted graduates, shall vote as one body, and be entitled to elect four members of Senate. All graduates in Law, including such admitted graduates shall vote as one body, and be entitled to elect two members of Senate.

6. The graduates in Arts of the several Universities entering into the confederation shall, for the period of six years after the

requisite legislation shall have been obtained, be entitled to the following representation on the Senate, namely: those of Queen's University to elect four members; those of Victoria University to elect four members; and those of Trinity University to elect four members. The graduates in Arts of the Provincial University, other than those admitted *ad eundem gradum* under this scheme, shall be entitled to elect twelve members of Senate. After the said period of six years, separate representation shall cease and the entire body of graduates shall unite in electing a number of representatives equal to those previously elected by the several universities in confederation.

7. (a) University College shall afford to all students who desire to avail themselves thereof the requisite facilities for obtaining adequate instruction in the following subjects in the curriculum of the Provincial University, viz.: Latin, Greek, Ancient History, French, German, English, Oriental Languages, and Moral Philosophy; provided that it shall be competent to the governing body of University College to institute additional chairs which do not exist in the University. (b) Attendance on instruction provided in any of the confederating colleges, including University College, shall be accorded equal value as a condition of proceeding to any degree with attendance on the work of the University Professoriate.

8. There shall be established another teaching faculty in connection with the Provincial University, to be called the University Professoriate, which shall afford to all students of the Provincial University who desire to avail themselves thereof the requisite facilities for obtaining adequate instruction in the following subjects, in accordance with the curriculum of such University, namely:—Pure Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Physiology, Ethnology, (including Comparative Philology), History, Logic, and Metaphysics, History of Philosophy, Italian and Spanish, Political Economy and Civil Polity, Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Engineering, and such other Sciences, Arts, and branches of knowledge as the Senate of the Provincial University may from time to time determine, except such subjects as are prohibited from being taught by Revised Statutes of Ontario, cap. 209, sec. 9.

9. The professors in such University Faculty shall be a corporation presided over by a chairman. The same person shall be President of University College and Chairman of the Faculty of the University Professoriate. University College and the Faculty of the University Professoriate shall be complementary the one to the other, and afford to all university students the requisite facilities for obtaining adequate instruction in all subjects prescribed in the curriculum of the Provincial University. If, in the interests of the general objects of the confederation, it shall at

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10. Every graduate's or student's diploma or certificate of standing issued by the Provincial University, in addition to being signed by the proper university authorities in that behalf, shall indicate the college or colleges in which such student attended lectures, and shall be signed by such professors, teachers and officers of such college or colleges, as its or their governing body or bodies may from time to time determine.

11. With a view to the advantageous working out of this scheme, representatives of the various colleges and the University Faculty shall from time to time meet in committee, and arrange time-tables for lectures and other college and university work.

12. The Senate of the Provincial University may, of its own motion, enquire into the conduct, teaching, and efficiency of any professor or teacher in the University Faculty, and report to the Lieut.-Governor the result of such enquiry, and may make such recommendations as the Senate may think the circumstances of the case require.

13. All students, except in cases specially provided for by the Senate, shall enroll themselves in one of the colleges and place themselves under its discipline. The authority of the several colleges over their students shall remain intact. The University Professoriate shall have entire responsibility of discipline in regard to students, if any, enrolled in the University alone; in regard to students entered in one or other of the colleges its power of discipline shall be limited to the conduct of students in relation to university work and duties. All other matters of discipline affecting the university standing of students shall be dealt with by the Senate of the Provincial University.

14. The university endowment and all additions thereto shall be applied to the maintenance of the Provincial University, the University Faculty, and University College.

15. There shall be the following staff in University College:—

1 Professor of Greek.	1 Tutor in French.
1 " Latin.	1 " German.
1 " French.	1 " Oriental Languages.
1 " German.	1 " English.
1 " English.	1 Fellow in Greek.
1 " Oriental Languages.	1 " Latin.
1 " Moral Philosophy.	1 " French.
1 Lecturer Ancient History.	1 " German.
1 Tutor in Greek.	1 " English.
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Additional assistance in above subjects to be provided so that no Honor Class shall exceed 12, or Pass Class 30.

16. There shall be a University Professoriate adequate to give instruction in each of the following subjects, namely: Pure Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Physiology, Ethnology, History, Italian and Spanish, Logic and Metaphysics, History of Philosophy, Political Economy and Civil Polity, Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Engineering. As regards Tutors and Fellows, assistance shall be provided to the University Faculty similar to that mentioned above for the College, as may be required.

17. The university professorial lectures shall be free of charge to all students matriculated in the University, who are members of a confederating college, but in the case of students (if any) who do not belong to any college, the Senate shall determine the fees which shall be charged for the several courses of lectures in the University. But such Laboratory fees as may be fixed from time to time by the Senate shall be paid by all students.

18. The various colleges which are at present affiliated to any of the universities entering into the confederation shall have the right to be affiliated to the Provincial University.

19. The curriculum in Arts of the Provincial University shall include the subjects of Biblical Greek, Biblical Literature, Christian Ethics, Apologetics or the Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion, and Church History, but provision shall be made by a system of options to prevent such subjects being made compulsory by the University upon any candidate for a degree.

20. No college student shall be allowed to present himself for any University examination subsequent to matriculation without producing a certificate, under the hand and seal of his college, that he has complied with all the requirements of his college affecting his admission to such examination.

21. The University College work shall continue to be carried on as at present, in the college buildings, and the University work shall be carried on in the same buildings, in the School of Practical Science, and in such other buildings as may hereafter be erected on the present University grounds, in the City of Toronto.

A building suitable for a University Examination Hall, Senate Rooms, Registrar's and other offices, shall be erected on said ground.

Additions to be made to the School of Science sufficient to afford proper accommodation for students in Mineralogy, Botany, and other subjects, and for the accommodation of the Museum, which should be removed from its present quarters in order to be more serviceable for science students.

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22. The following also to be considered:—

Completion of the Collection of Physical Apparatus.  
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Provision for the Education of Women.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,  
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, January 21st, 1885.

*Copy of Resolution adopted by the Senate of the University of  
Toronto, January 14th, 1885.*

Moved by the Vice-Chancellor, seconded by Dr. Wilson, and  
carried,—

That the Senate of the University of Toronto, understanding  
from those of its members who took part in the late conference  
on University Confederation, that the plan now laid before it is  
the result of the deliberations of the conference, and embodies the  
only practicable terms and conditions to which the assent of all  
the confederating bodies can be expected, and is submitted for  
acceptance or rejection as a whole, accepts the said plan as a whole,  
agrees to do everything in its power to make it a success, and  
recommends that the necessary legislation in order to give effect to  
the plan be promoted by the Government.

Moved by Professor Loudon, seconded by Chief Justice Cameron,  
and carried,—

That the Senate feels it a duty to call the attention of the  
Government to the necessity of increasing the financial resources  
of the University in order to carry out the confederation plan laid  
before it, and requests that the requisite steps be taken to that  
end.

Moved by Honorable Senator McMaster, seconded by Rev.  
Father Vincent, and carried,—

That copies of the resolutions upon the Confederation scheme,  
passed by the Senate, be transmitted by the Registrar to the  
Provincial Secretary for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor  
in Council.

ALFRED BAKER,  
*Registrar.*

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*Resolutions adopted by the Corporation of Trinity College, on  
Friday, January 16th, 1885.*

1. That this Corporation, having most carefully considered the  
proposed scheme for University Confederation submitted to it by  
the Honorable the Minister of Education, recognizes therein a

sincere effort on the part of the Government of the Province to bring about a just and permanent settlement of a most delicate and complicated question, which, so long as it remains open, must affect prejudicially the general interests of higher education in the Province.

2. That this Corporation believes it to be essential to the best interests of the Church of England in the Province, as well as a sacred duty which it owes to the many benefactors of the College and University, and to the memory of its great founder, the first Bishop of Toronto, in entertaining any proposals for University Confederation, to guard most strictly the fundamental object for which this College and University was founded, viz.: to offer to all who may desire to avail themselves thereof a liberal training in the Arts and Sciences, which shall be indissolubly combined with religious instruction and influence in accordance with the teaching of the Church of England.

That in guarding this great principle the Corporation feel, moreover, that they are acting in accordance with the uniform traditions of the Church of England and her consistent practice in every part of the world.

That this Corporation accepts section 19 of the memorandum as conceding sufficiently the principle here affirmed, but to secure its practical application the following conditions are essential:—

(a) That the confederating colleges shall have the right to appoint each for themselves, from time to time, the selected subjects included in the divisions specified by the curriculum of the Provincial University under section 19, and shall also have the right of examining in such subjects on behalf of the University.

(b) That the system of options shall apply to Honor courses as well as to those of Pass men.

(c) That as Theology is recognized in the memorandum as an integral part of the Arts Curriculum, it is only just that any candidates who desire to declare for Honors in that department should have opportunity of doing so, as in the case with regard to other departments of the Arts Curriculum, and that a scheme should be devised for enabling such candidates when approved to proceed to the degree of B. A., in accordance with the practice of the English universities.

3. That this University having, in common with the other chartered Universities of the Province, opposed, as contrary to justice and equity, the claim of University College and the University of Toronto to alone receive additional State aid without reference to the work done by other similar institutions, recognizes in the general provision for the formation of a common University Professoriate in the proposed scheme a satisfactory method of afford-

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ing State aid to higher education, consistently with justice to the other Universities of the Province, provided that the following conditions are observed:—

(a) That the provisions of section 7 (a) with regard to the founding of additional chairs in University College which do not exist in the University, shall apply only to chairs founded otherwise than by State aid, as additional chairs founded by the State should belong to the University Professoriate and thus be available for all Colleges alike.

(b) That further provisions be made to secure that the transfer of chairs from University College to the University Professoriate, and *vice versa*, shall only be carried out "in the general interests of the Confederation," and for this purpose that a two-thirds vote of the whole Senate shall be necessary for such transfer.

(c) That the provisions at the end of section 15 for additional assistance to be provided by the Government in certain cases for University College to be replaced by the following, "additional assistance in the above subjects to be provided whenever in the opinion of the Government such additional assistance is required."

4. That it is an essential prerequisite to the success of any University Confederation, that all confederating colleges, including University College, should be placed upon a perfectly equal footing in their relation to the common University, and that the following amendments to the proposed scheme are essential to the full carrying out of this principle:—

(a) Further provisions for ensuring the equitable representation of the confederating colleges upon the Senate of the Provincial University, both as regards its *ex officio* portion, and also by the introduction of cumulative voting or some similar system in the election of representatives of the entire body of graduates in Arts, as provided under the scheme.

(b) That the Chairman of the University Professoriate be appointed by the Government.

(c) That the work of University College and of the University Professoriate be carried on in separate buildings.

(d) That in seeking legislation a complete Act should be obtained constituting a new Provincial University, instead of merely amending the existing Acts with reference to the University of Toronto.

(e) That in the event of one of the universities named in the memorandum remaining outside the Confederation, the graduates in Arts of the Universities actually confederating shall have between them the same representation upon the Senate as is assigned under the scheme to those of the three confederating Universities.

5. That having regard to the sacrifice of their functions as degree-conferring and examining bodies, which the confederating universities are asked to make under this scheme, as well as to the fact that, in the event of the Confederation working unsatisfactorily, they alone will suffer by the necessity of withdrawal, whilst University College and the institutions now affiliated to it will remain in full possession of the large State provision made in the University Professoriate, it is altogether unjust that the confederating universities should be asked further, for the promotion of the general interests of higher education, to defray from their own private resources the expenses incident to entrance upon the Confederation; and that this Corporation regards it as essential to its adoption of the scheme that equitable compensation should be given to all the confederating colleges for the losses incident to their entering into the Confederation, including in the case of this University, all expenses incurred by the necessary removal of the College buildings to the immediate proximity of the Provincial University, as well as the loss of degree fees.

Certified a true copy,

WM. P. ATKINSON,  
*Bursar and Secretary,*  
*Trinity College, Toronto.*

MARCH 12th, 1885.

#### MEMORANDUM.

*Being the Report of a Committee of the Board of Trustees setting forth the views of Queen's University on the scheme submitted by the Minister of Education, unanimously adopted by the Board, 13th January, 1885.*

The memorandum is of a very important character. The Committee regard it as the expression of an earnest desire on the part of the Minister of Education, and the Government whom he represents, to promote by a comprehensive measure the interests of higher education throughout the Province. It is certainly an invitation to Queen's University, along with all the other seats of learning in Ontario, to participate in a public expenditure on terms set forth in the scheme. The Committee recognize this desire on the part of the Minister and the Government, and are of opinion that the authorities of the University should be grateful for the expression of this aim and intention to stimulate higher education. It is with no little satisfaction that the Committee notice in the scheme a practical recognition that Queen's is doing no inconsiderable part of the university work of Ontario.

Without entering at this stage into the details of the scheme, it is obvious that to accept the invitation now offered, and participate in the advantages of the proposed union, two things are

required. The Government of Queen's University, Toronto, and the Charter should

The transaction estimated that to establish Queen's may or may not be their command. Queen's is a great fund are accumulated and in order to raise money a Committee of Education to enter which weigh the Government and by Kingston, and a breach of the

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required. It is indispensably necessary that the whole establishment of Queen's University should be moved from Kingston to Toronto, and that the university powers now enjoyed under Royal Charter should be held in abeyance.

The transfer to Toronto is no easy matter. It has been estimated that a quarter of a million of dollars would be needed to establish Queen's in Toronto on the same scale as at present. This may or may not be an over estimate, but the trustees have not at their command any sum which they could divert to such a purpose. Queen's is endowed and supported by private benefactions. All funds are actively employed in promoting the work of education, and in order to move to Toronto it would be absolutely necessary to raise money specially for that purpose. Until this is done the Committee could not recommend the trustees to accept the invitation to enter the confederation. There are other considerations which weigh with the Committee. A large portion of the endowment and building fund was obtained for Queen's University at Kingston, and removal to Toronto would be considered by many a breach of the understanding upon which the funds were subscribed.

The friends and supporters of Queen's have always felt the need of a university in Eastern Ontario. Such a seat of learning has a powerful influence in inducing young men to enter upon university life. It has an incalculable influence in promoting the development of merit and genius throughout a wide surrounding district. Many a student comes to Kingston who would not go to Toronto at all. This advantage would be lost to the eastern half of Ontario if Queen's were moved away from Kingston, and the cause of higher education would proportionately suffer. Again, Kingston is regarded as a place peculiarly suitable for a university seat. In a great city, the university, however imposing it may be made, can never be a dominant feature. The mercantile interests will always overshadow the educational. But in Kingston the university is the dominant feature. Its influence pervades the whole atmosphere. Again, students can live at a cheaper rate, a most important consideration to many, and what is of vast importance to all, they are not exposed to the temptations of a larger city. Queen's has undoubtedly a power of usefulness in Kingston which she could never have if moved elsewhere. To move would sever Queen's from traditions, associations and affections, and by what so much as these does any college live and grow?

The Committee hold the view that the interests of the public and the cause of higher education in the Province of Ontario will be immensely better served by the existence of two or more well-equipped universities than by having only one. It is not an advantage to have all the educated men of the country cast in the same mould. Several centres of education result in distinctive features of teaching. As Scotland has been a great gainer by the different contributions of thought given to her sons by her four universities,

so also would Canada by having more than one. The four universities of Scotland were established when Scotland had less than half the population which Ontario now numbers. These seats of learning, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's and Aberdeen, have long been famous. They are situated at points averaging some forty miles apart. They are all in part State supported. When the Government recently proposed to reduce the number by obliterating the smallest, St. Andrew's, an indignant protest arose from one end of the country to the other, and to-day a fifth is being established to meet the intellectual wants of a population only one-half larger than that of Ontario. Scotland is justly celebrated for her system of higher education and her universities, and the success which they have achieved is the strongest testimony we can have that Ontario should have more than one.

At the present moment the universities of Scotland are attended by over six thousand students, while Ontario, with two-thirds of the population, has under fifteen hundred. The proportion of the Scotch universities would give to Ontario four thousand students. To have such a number of students congregated at one university seat would for many reasons be undesirable. Similar remarks will apply to Germany, perhaps the most economical and best educated country in the world. Numerous universities in the United States are being endowed to an unprecedented extent by benefactions from private individuals, who recognize the healthy influence which is exercised upon the whole community by a sufficient number of flourishing centres of learning in various districts. The nearest approach to centralization has been in England; but even there the rivalry of Oxford and Cambridge has had a beneficial influence, and it is now admitted that the benefit would have been greater had there been more than two centres of thought. More recently England has added the universities of Durham, London and Victoria, and to-day colleges richly endowed are springing up in every section of England and Wales.

For the various reasons set forth, the Committee are unable to recommend that the trustees should resolve to enter the proposed union. There are other reasons of a special character which need not be alluded to. One thing is perfectly obvious to the Committee. The true interests of the country, and specially the cause of higher education in Eastern Ontario, requires that Queen's College should remain fixed to her moorings. If Scotland has for centuries supported four famous universities, Ontario with her two millions of intelligent people requires at least two well-equipped centres of higher education. While the existence of these institutions would lead to a generous rivalry productive of activity and excellence, it is to be feared that were there only one, it might relapse into a state of lethargy, from which would result only dulness and mediocrity.

These are the views of the Committee, and as far as ascertained,

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they are the views of every graduate and benefactor of the University. But as Queen's is supported by private beneficence it is only right to consult all its constituents throughout the Dominion before final action is taken concerning the scheme submitted to the Board.

The Committee recommend that a respectful representation be made to the Government embodying the views of the authorities of Queen's University regarding the policy of higher education in Ontario, and the necessity imposed on them of delay till the Convocation, to be held in April next, before taking final action on the memorandum submitted by the Minister. They desire also to express their satisfaction that the wisdom of enlisting in university work private and denominational liberality, as well as public endowment and grants, is recognized in the memorandum. This policy, the Committee submit, cannot possibly be limited to one locality. When there has grown up, in a great measure through sacrifices made by the people of Eastern Ontario, a university like the Queen's, the policy must be applied to this section of the country, unless the resources of the Province are to be brought into unfair competition with the proved necessities of a section of the Province. Otherwise, the State would be seeking to crush local effort, and local effort for the public benefit of the most generous and persistent kind.

In the opinion of the Committee, then, a recognition by the Government of Queen's University and of the necessities of Eastern Ontario is required in a just and comprehensive measure of higher education. As to the form that this recognition should assume the Committee do not at this stage express an opinion. They do not doubt that the Government will recognize the justice of what they have advanced, and in that case a way of combining public and private liberality in university work can be found in Kingston as well as in Toronto. They recommend that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Government to confer with it regarding the whole subject.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to thank the Minister of Education for the attention which he is giving the all-important subject of higher education in Ontario.

(Signed,) SANDFORD FLEMING,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO.

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*Minute of Board of Management of Knox College at a meeting held on the 6th January, 1885.*

The Board tenders thanks to the Honorable the Minister of Education for his courtesy in submitting the scheme of College Confederation for the consideration of the Board.

The Board approves of the formation of a Provincial University, which shall be a teaching as well as a degree-conferring body; and whilst not regarding the division of the Provincial Institution into College and University as in itself desirable, would yet not object to such separation, should Confederation be thereby facilitated.

The Board is pleased to find that the scheme of Confederation embraces the Theological as well as the Arts Colleges, and that certain subjects of the Theological course are to have place as options in the University Curriculum, thus enriching the Curriculum and also binding Arts and Theology more closely together.

The Board would express the hope that the Provincial Government will place and maintain the University and College which are under its care in a state of high efficiency, such as the scheme of Confederation contemplates.

The Board would further hope that the Government will be prepared to deal equitably with any colleges or universities in the matter of pecuniary loss necessarily incurred in order to take advantage of the scheme of Confederation.

Attested as a true copy.

WILLIAM REID, D.D.,  
*Secretary of Knox College.*

*Resolution respecting University Confederation adopted by the Board of Regents of Victoria University, January 9, 1885.*

Inasmuch as a proposition is made to this Board of Regents, with the sanction of the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, to form a Confederation of Colleges in one Provincial University; and inasmuch as the Methodist people of this country, in all branches of Methodism, have already declared themselves willing to accept and maintain a system of University education that would secure on the one hand a higher culture in the Science and Arts, under proper religious influences and safeguards, and on the other, equality in the privileges, advantages and academic standing of the youth of the country; and inasmuch as the general principle of Confederation, as embodied in the present memorandum forwarded to this Board under the approbation of the Minister of Education, is in harmony with the principles which we have so long cherished, we therefore express our readiness as a Board, on educational and patriotic grounds, to join in such Confederation and move the proper authorities of our Church thereto, as they may determine, provided the following conditions are made:—

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3. Such an arrangement as shall secure to the alumni of all the colleges an equitable representation in perpetuity.

4. The appointment of the Chairman of the University Professoriate by the Government.

5. The transfer of subjects from the University College course to the course in the University Professoriate, or *vice versa*, to be made only by a three-fourths majority of the Senate.

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HONORABLE G. W. ROSS,

*Minister of Education.*

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Toronto Baptist College, held Friday, 23rd January, 1885, the following action was unanimously adopted, viz:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Castle, seconded by Honorable Chancellor Boyd:

Whereas the Baptist Union at its annual meeting held in Brantford, May 30th, 1884, passed, amongst others, the following resolutions, viz:—

3. That such a Literary College as we need should be situated on the University grounds in Toronto, and be confederated with all other denominational colleges which now are or may hereafter be established in Toronto, and with the Provincial University, provided such federation can be secured on such terms as shall adequately recognize the paramount importance of the Christian element in education, and satisfactorily secure to us the control thereof, so far as our own denomination is concerned.

4. That it be referred to the Boards of Toronto Baptist College and Woodstock College to press upon the Government of Ontario the advisability of remodelling our Provincial University and College system in such a manner as to secure a federation of the Provincial University with the Colleges under the control of the different denominations and supported by them.

And whereas the Minister of Education has submitted to this Board a scheme for University Federation in which provision is made for carrying into effect the recommendations of the foregoing resolutions, this Board gives its cordial approbation to the scheme as a whole. Nevertheless, this Board desires to urge upon the attention of the Minister of Education certain modifications of the scheme, which in its judgment will render it more effective, and enable the various denominational colleges to make the fullest use

of its advantages without in any way sacrificing principles or methods of procedure that are held by any of the parties to the Confederation to be essential to acquiring a true education.

(1) That there be no division in the work done by the State between the University and University College, but that the latter be merged into the University, and that provision be made in the University Professoriate to give instruction on the subjects which the scheme assigns to University College.

(2) That each confederating college be allowed to determine for itself the subjects in the Curriculum of the University on which it shall provide instruction, and that attendance upon such instruction and examinations passed shall be accorded equal value as a condition of proceeding to any degree with the same work performed by the University Professoriate, and that instruction in all subjects not thus provided for be given free to the students of any confederating college by the University Professoriate, or by the Professoriate of University College, if that be continued.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Toronto Baptist College.

JNO. STARK,  
*Secretary.*

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE,  
WOODSTOCK, March 18th, 1885.

To the Honorable  
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of Resolutions passed at a recent sitting of the Executive Committee of Woodstock College, *re* University Confederation.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

S. S. BATES,  
*Secretary Executive Committee.*

Whereas the Board of Trustees of Woodstock College, being fully convinced that facilities for a higher education under moral and religious influences are necessary to the future well-being of our denomination, had under consideration a plan which contemplated extending the course of instruction given in this College until it should cover all the work of an Arts course for the degree of B.A.; and,

Whereas the members of said Board learned during the time of discussion upon the above-mentioned plans, that a possible scheme for confederating all existing colleges in Ontario had been suggested by the Honorable the Minister of Education, and whereas

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the said Board postponed the further consideration of such plans until it could learn more definitely the nature of the proposed scheme of Confederation; and,

Whereas the said Board instructed Principal Wolverton to act in conjunction with Drs. Castle and MacVicar of Toronto Baptist College in pressing upon the Government of Ontario the advisability of such a Confederation of Colleges "provided such Confederation can be secured on such terms as shall adequately recognize the permanent importance of the Christian element in education, and satisfactorily secure to us the control thereof so far as our own denomination is concerned;" and,

Whereas, the gentlemen have attended several conferences called by the Honorable the Minister of Education in which a "Basis of Confederation" was agreed upon, which in our opinion fulfilled the conditions enumerated by the Board;

Therefore be it resolved, that this Executive Committee of the said Board of Trustees of Woodstock College do not deem it advisable to call a special meeting of said Board in full to consider that which they have already virtually endorsed with perfect unanimity, but that the matter be formally submitted to them at the approaching semi-annual meeting in April, and

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to convey to the Honorable the Minister of Education a copy of these Resolutions, together with the opinion of the Executive Committee of the said Board of Trustees that there is no doubt but that at the coming meeting of the Board the Basis of Confederation of Colleges will be fully endorsed.

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REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY TO THE CHANCELLOR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

SIR,—During the Quadrennium now closed there have been enrolled in our faculty, for instruction or examination, one hundred and eight students, exclusive of those in the affiliated School in Montreal. Of these eighty-four have a place in the ministry of our Church, a few have gone to the United States, and some into the ministry of other Canadian Churches. Five have completed the full curriculum and have been admitted to the degree of B.D., which has also been bestowed *ad eundem* on two others. The course of instruction has embraced all parts of a full Divinity curriculum, including:

1. A full course each year on Practical Theology on the basis of Wesley's Sermons.
2. A full course in Systematic Theology extending over two years, on the basis of Pope's Theology.

3. A course in the History of Doctrine.
4. A course in Homiletics.
5. A course in Apologetics.
6. A course in Church Polity and Methodist Discipline.
7. A course in New Testament Greek, with careful attention to grammatical analysis.
8. Exegetical lectures on the New Testament, including St. John's Gospel, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews.
9. Exegetical lectures on the Old Testament, including the Pentateuch, Job, the Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah and Zechariah.
10. A course on Biblical Introduction on the basis of Westcott.
11. A course in Biblical History both of the Old Testament and of the New.
12. A course in Church History extending over two years and embracing the most important periods, ancient and modern.
13. The attention of students has also been directed, by means of text-books, to the study of Old Testament Theology, New Testament Theology, and to the important subject of Comparative Theology. An important advance has been made in the theological interest by the adoption, on the part of our Senate, of theological options now accepted in all the leading universities of the Dominion. These options give all our graduates in Arts who are preparing for the ministry the opportunity of thorough instruction in the three fundamental branches of Divinity, viz.: Systematic Theology, including Apologetics; New Testament Exegesis, and Old Testament Exegesis, giving a two years' course in each. As this course becomes the foundation for the degree of B.D., we are now asking from candidates for that degree a corresponding amount of advanced work in Patristics, and in the study of the two most important ancient versions of the Scriptures, besides greater attention to Biblical Theology both of the Old Testament and of the New. We may, perhaps, be permitted in this connection to call attention to the pressing necessity for additional help in this important department. It is no longer possible for one Professor to do even the scantiest justice to the two important subjects of Systematic Theology and of Old Testament Exegesis. Nor is it possible for the Professors in Arts to do justice to their already over-loaded departments, and, at the same time, carry the work of New Testament Exegesis. At least two additional Professors, entirely devoted to theological work, are imperatively needed to make our staff fairly efficient. In conclusion, we may say that the ability and diligence, as well as the consecrated spirit, of our students has afforded us great satisfaction

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in our work. The theological faculty has now been organized and engaged in the work of instruction for fifteen years. During that time two hundred and fifty-three of our students have passed into the ministry of our Church, of whom sixty-eight, over twenty-five per cent., are graduates in Arts, and seventeen, nearly seven per cent., graduates in Divinity. Nineteen of these are laboring in Manitoba and the North-West, six in Japan, and four in British Columbia; or, eleven and a-half per cent. who have consecrated themselves to purely missionary work—a work which, apart from the Newfoundland Conference, occupies only about five per cent. of the ministerial force of our Church. It is very gratifying to find that a higher education so largely increases the spirit of consecration to the severest toil demanded by the work of God.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. BURWASH,

*Dean of Faculty of Theology.*

Victoria University,

August 21st, 1886.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BURSAR OF VICTORIA  
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*For Four Years, 1883 to 1886 inclusive.*

1883.	
RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Graduation Fees .....	Printing and Advertising ....
\$1,346 50	\$849 78
Matriculation Fees .....	Interest and Discount.....
495 00	1,868 32
Centenary Fund, Interest ....	Prizes .....
487 05	305 00
Incidentals .....	Expense .....
735 00	1,044 09
Room Rent .....	Board and Travel .....
112 00	212 20
Tuition Fees .....	Fuel .....
1,250 00	293 80
Endowment Fund, Interest...	Repairs .....
4,916 96	174 99
Theological Fund, Interest...	Salaries .....
2,400 00	11,012 50
Scholarship Fund, Interest...	Insurance .....
251 92	176 60
Prize Fund, Interest .....	Paid on Confederation Loan..
14 00	1,000 00
Educational Society .....	Interest on Faraday Hall ....
429 40	843 25
Dennis Moore, Interest.....	Loaned on Mortgage .....
1,600 00	1,068 00
Faraday Hall, Subscriptions..	
321 00	
Fees for Laboratory Tables...	
85 00	
Deficit .....	
4,354 70	
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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Graduation Fees .....	\$1,460 10	Printing and Advertising ....	\$529 17
Matriculation Fees .....	305 00	Interest and Discount.....	2,136 99
Centenary Fund, Interest....	487 05	Expense .....	1,214 54
Incidentals .....	704 00	Board and Travel.....	196 36
Room Rent .....	192 50	Fuel .....	315 20
Tuition Fees.....	1,067 00	Repairs .....	740 68
Endowment Fund, Interest..	4,090 00	Salaries .....	11,450 00
Scholarship Fund, Interest..	480 80	Insurance .....	151 00
Theological Fund, Interest..	2,400 00	Instalment on Confederation	
Prize Money .....	103 00	Loan .....	1,000 00
Educational Society .....	2,400 00	Apparatus .....	328 66
Dennis Moore, Interest .....	1,175 00	Interest on Faraday Hall....	824 85
Miscellaneous .....	31 00		
Laboratory Tables .....	85 00		
Deficit .....	3,907 00		
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Graduation Fees .....	\$1,154 50	Printing and Advertising ....	\$359 20
Matriculation Fees .....	508 00	Interest .....	1,199 11
Centenary Fund, Interest....	487 05	Expense .....	1,629 46
Incidentals .....	955 00	Board and Travel.....	289 73
Room Rent .....	142 50	Fuel .....	586 03
Tuition Fees .....	1,357 00	Repairs .....	260 26
Endowment Fund, Interest..	5,843 26	Salaries .....	14,550 00
Theological Fund, Interest..	2,124 00	Insurance .....	20 00
Scholarship Fund, Interest..	524 80	Instalment on Loan.....	1,000 00
Prize Fund .....	31 00	Solicitor's Fees.....	770 00
Educational Fund .....	3,433 23	Secretary .....	100 00
Dennis Moore, Interest .....	1,500 00	Apparatus.....	30 08
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Laboratory Fees .....	75 00		
Deficit .....	2,376 98		
	<u>\$21,483 57</u>		<u>\$21,483 75</u>

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Interest from Investments....	\$7,504 11	Salaries .....	\$14,400 00
Interest, Dennis Moore .....	1,500 00	Janitors .....	778 34
Interest, Ryerson Chair .....	92 00	Insurance .....	177 75
Educational Society—Faculty		Repairs .....	598 77
of Arts .....	1,600 00	Chemicals .....	216 74
Educational Society—Faculty		Expenses .....	876 14
of Theology .....	800 00	Board and Travel.....	259 93
Degree Fees .....	560 00	Printing and Advertising ....	349 37
Matriculation Fees .....	164 00	Fuel .....	949 57
Supplemental Fees .....	204 00	Interest .....	809 96
Certificates of Standing .....	16 00	Prizes .....	180 42
Tuition Fees.....	2,208 50		
Room Rent .....	100 50		
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Bank of Hamilton Stock ....	4,000 00	Centenary Fund.....	4,497 40
Missionary Society, Loan at 6 per cent.....	12,000 00	Ryerson Chair .....	19,722 15
Wm. Briggs, Book Steward, 7 per cent.....	4,497 40	General Endowment.....	106,503 11
Subscriptions to Endowment Fund, paying interest....	25,500 00		
Cash on hand, in Central Canada Loan & Savings Co.	1,982 16		
	<u>\$161,670 66</u>		<u>\$161,670 66</u>

(Signed,) D. W. DUMBLE, }  
THOS. S. KEOUGH, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Four years ago we commenced our Report in the following words:—

“The educational work of our Church embraces the following departments:

“1. The theological and literary training of candidates for our ministry in Divinity Schools at Cobourg, Montreal, and Sackville.

“2. Our University work at Cobourg and Sackville, in which the principles of philosophy, science and literature are studied in relation to fundamental Christian truth.

“3. Colleges for the higher education of our daughters at Hamilton, Sackville, Whitby, and Stanstead.

“4. In the Stanstead College and Mount Allison Academy provision for the intermediate education of boys; and in Newfoundland a complete system of primary, secondary, and normal school work in connection with the system of public instruction in that colony.”

At that date there were in successful operation under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada:—

1. Albert College, with its university organization and its preparatory academic schools.

2. Alma College, a well-equipped college for young ladies.

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The union of the Churches has brought with it the union, and to some extent the re-organization, of these two sets of institutions. The university and theological work of the West has been consolidated in the Victoria University. Albert College has become the centre of our academic education for boys for the province of Ontario, and Alma College maintains her position with great prosperity and success as a ladies' college.

In the meantime the missionary spirit has given birth to a department of educational work which four years ago was but in embryo, but which already has grown to very important proportions.

The present extent and equipment of our educational institutions will appear from the following table:—

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

NAME OF INSTITUTION.	Value of Assets.	Annual Income.	Expenditure.	Staff.	Students	Grads.
Victoria University, Arts.....	\$200,000	\$17,000	\$20,000	10	170	1981
" " Theology...	35,000	....	....	5	54	
" " Law.....	....	....	....	10	27	
" " Medicine..	....	....	....	6	427	121
Mt. Allison Wes. Coll., Arts ...	180,000	....	....	5	60	
" " Theology	....	....	....	3	11	9
" Male Academy.....	....	....	....	5	77	..
" Ladies' Academy...	30,000	15,000	14,000	9	110	..
Wesleyan Theol. Coll., Montreal	92,000	5,000	5,000	4	22	..
Albert College.....	100,000	....	....	10	179	..
Wes. Ladies' College, Hamilton	83,000	....	....	20	141	204
Ontario Ladies' College.....	50,000	....	....	..	....	..
Alma College .....	70,000	17,200	....	15	180	14
Stanstead Wesleyan College ...	60,000	....	....	6	122	104
Meth. Academy, Newfoundland	40,000	5,000	....	6	350	..
L'Institut Meth. Française ....	....	1,755	1,778	2	23	..
Anglo-Japanese College .....	7,000	2,500	....	4	220	..
Tokio Ladies' College .....	5,000	....	....	4	105	..

This table gives us the following total estimate of our present educational work:

Capital invested .....	\$945,000
Total number employed .....	about 117
Students under instruction .....	1878
Total number of students in training for the ministry....	87

While the extent of this work is a cause of gratitude to God, it is still very far from being equal to the necessities of our Church, and the claims of our country and of our children should urge us onward.

Our Educational Society is auxiliary to this great work, especially in its university and theological departments.

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In the year 1882 the Educational Society of the Methodist Church of Canada raised about \$8,000, and the College Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada was about \$1,500. During our first year as a united Church our Educational Fund amounted to about the sum of these two, or \$9,500. Last year it reached the sum of \$10,675. The income for the present year is as follows:—

Toronto Conference .....	\$2,607 01
Montreal " .....	1,919 48
Niagara " .....	1,636 22
Bay of Quinte " .....	1,464 61
London " .....	1,232 17
Guelph " .....	1,226 75
N. B. & P. E. I. " .....	646 17
Nova Scotia " .....	592 15
Newfoundland " .....	270 00
Manitoba " .....	205 44
Total .....	\$11,800 00

The past two years give us thus an increase of about \$1,000 each year. While this fact is gratifying as evincing an increasing interest in our educational work, it is very far from adequately representing the importance of this department. Especially in regard to the oldest and largest, and, in many respects, the most important of our institutions, we have arrived at a crisis which requires the most liberal and self-sacrificing efforts on our part. Under any alternative which the wisdom of the General Conference may adopt we imperatively require for that institution an increase of not less than \$12,000. The educational work in the missionary field is also calling for help, to say nothing of the need of a larger staff at Sackville or Montreal. While in all these directions the Church may do much through direct endowments and donations, the Educational Society affords at once the most economical and permanently safe method of meeting the wants of our work. But to accomplish this we need to raise an income for the Society of not less than \$30,000 a year. The General Conference is most earnestly requested to give its attention to plans by which this result may be attained.

It may be that in the more perfect consolidation and organization of the great connexional funds of our Church, the way may be opened to make this fund equal to the demands of its work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. BURWASH, *Secretary.*

Toronto, Sept., 1886.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

GENERAL TREASURER EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH  
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To Balance on hand	.....	\$175 05	
Toronto Conference	.....	1,710 72	
London "	.....	1,793 75	
Montreal "	.....	1,292 33	
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference	..	359 11	
Nova Scotia Conference	.....	407 75	
			\$5,738 71
By Proportion of General President's expenses	.....	250 00	
Prof. Workman's salary	.....	700 00	
Printing and mailing Reports	.....	38 85	
Conference expenses—			
Dr. Burwash	.....	\$19 50	
Dr. Douglas	.....	38 00	
Dr. Stewart	.....	15 00	
Prof. Shaw	.....	29 95	
			102 45
Interest and discounts	.....	34 27	
Grant to Victoria University	.....	2,580 00	
" Mount Allison College	.....	860 00	
" Montreal Wesleyan Theological College	.....	860 00	
Balance	.....	313 14	
			\$5,738 71
1885.			
To Balance on hand	.....	\$313 14	
Guelph Conference	.....	629 52	
London "	.....	604 20	
Toronto "	.....	1,335 48	
Montreal "	.....	1,207 53	
Bay of Quinte "	.....	906 78	
Nova Scotia "	.....	394 17	
Niagara "	.....	742 86	
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference	..	425 16	
Manitoba Conference	.....	90 63	
			\$6,649 47
By Montreal Theological College	.....	50 00	
Mount Allison College	.....	50 00	
Victoria University	.....	150 00	
Printing and issuing 2,500 Reports	.....	45 75	
Grant to Victoria University (Arts)	.....	1,600 00	
" " (Theology)	.....	800 00	
" " (Special for Dr. Badgley's Salary)	.....	700 00	
" Mount Allison College	.....	800 00	
" Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal	.....	800 00	
" Albert College	.....	650 00	
Salary and expenses of General Superintendents	.....	833 33	
Travelling expenses of College Representatives—			
Victoria	.....	\$22 50	
Mount Allison	.....	25 50	
Montreal	.....	46 30	
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Secretary, postage and stationery	.....	9 00	
Treasurer, commission paid on checks, etc.	.....	22 39	
Balance	.....	43 80	
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Toronto " .....	1,528 14	
Montreal " .....	1,239 69	
Bay of Quinte " .....	870 20	
Nova Scotia " .....	385 80	
Niagara " .....	1,036 10	
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference..	430 78	
		\$7,034 20
By Grant to Victoria University .....	2,820 00	
" Mount Allison College .....	940 00	
" Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal .....	940 00	
" Albert College .....	650 00	
Dr. Badgley's salary .....	700 00	
One-sixth salaries of General Superintendents .....	833 34	
Printing and issuing 2,500 Reports .....	46 50	
Travelling expenses of College Representatives .....	80 14	
Commissions paid on checks, etc. ....	11 08	
Balance on hand .....	13 14	
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE.

1882-1886.

The Quadrennial Report to the General Conference of 1882 referred to the approaching completion of the Academy building on the site of the Academy burnt down in 1881, and to the proposed erection of a University building demanded by the growing necessities of our work. Your Board is happy to report that both these enterprises have been brought to a satisfactory completion. The Academy building was opened in January, 1882, and the University building, known as the Centennial Memorial Hall, in October, 1884. The aggregate cost of these buildings with their furnishing, and the removal to another site of the old College and its refitting for use as dormitories, etc., amounted to about \$60,000. Of this sum \$16,000 was provided by insurance on the former Academy building, \$10,000 by a bequest of the late L. Chipman, Esq., of St. Stephens, N.B., and about \$18,000 by subscriptions and donations in connection with the commemoration of the Centenary of Methodism in the Maritime Provinces, leaving upon the buildings a debt of about \$15,000.

We have now a group of buildings in connection with our educational work unequalled by those of any educational institution in the Maritime Provinces. The site is beautiful, the grounds spacious, and the opportunity for growth and extension as circumstances may permit, ample.

A reasonable estimate of the value of our educational property,

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including land, buildings and Endowment Fund, might be given as \$230,000, against which there are debts of about \$25,000.

Our educational institutions comprise the University of Mount Allison College, the Ladies' College, and the Academy for young men and boys. The average attendance at the University during the last four years was 57; during the last year 75 were enrolled. The total number of graduates to present date is 115, of whom 22 have graduated during the last quadrennium.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The number of students appointed to attend the Theological department during the past four years by the Conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland has been thirty-two; but besides these a number have been in attendance in preparation for the work of the Christian ministry. Of these one had graduated in Arts, six were undergraduates taking the full college course, and the remainder took elective studies besides their theological instruction.

The fewness of candidates for the ministry and the demands of circuit work have hindered some young men from taking much needed training here, and have shortened the time allotted to others. Nor has the standard for admission to the ministry been often reached among those sent. Hence our work has continued to be prosecuted under disadvantages. Nevertheless it is believed that not a little solid work has been done, of which the future, it is hoped, will reap the benefits.

The young men have preached and labored in various ways to the benefit of the surrounding circuits, and their services have generally been both acceptable and useful.

LADIES' COLLEGE.

The attendance on the Mount Allison Ladies' College for the past four years marks a decided increase over the previous quadrennium.

The numbers enrolled were as follows: For 1882-3, 113; for 1883-4, 115; for 1884-5, 115; for 1885-6, 110.

Provision is made for courses of study extending from the Primary English branches to the degree of Mistress of Liberal Arts. As the High Schools of the Maritime Provinces have become more effective we have found that there is increasing call for the music and fine arts. To meet this demand efforts have been made to give these departments an unrivalled position in the public confidence. The music has been under the direction of professors who were graduates of German Conservatories. The department of Fine Arts is becoming increasingly popular.

A year ago a change in the Principalship was necessitated by the resignation of the Rev. D. Kennedy, S.T.D. The vacancy has

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been filled by the appointment of the Rev. B. C. Borden, M.A. The Treasurer's report indicates a healthy financial condition. Recently a fine property, valued at \$5,000, has been purchased, and interest is drawn on about \$4,000.

THE MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

This branch of our institution is intended to give a thorough business education and to prepare students for the University. Vocal and instrumental music are also taught. The resignation of C. H. Paisley, M.A., from the Principalship in 1884 rendered other arrangements necessary, and since that time your Board has entrusted the supervision of the work to a committee of its own members resident in Sackville. The teaching staff consists of a well-qualified head master and three assistants. The average attendance for the quadrennium has been 72.

We herewith append the financial statement by the Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1882.		
June 8.—To Balance debt .....		\$8,508 75
1883.		
June.—To Expenditure, 1882-3, viz.:—		
Salaries .....	\$5,000 00	
Books and stationery .....	409 97	
Repairs, fuel, and light .....	742 78	
Miscellaneous accounts .....	285 01	
Library, Reading Room, and apparatus .....	426 94	
Interest account .....	555 18	
To Total Expenditure .....		7,419 88
		<u>\$15,928 63</u>
1882-3.		
June.—By Receipts, viz.:—		
Endowment Fund .....	\$4,879 75	
Education Society .....	456 74	
Jubilee Fund .....	56 93	
Students' accounts .....	2,106 87	
June.—By Balance, debt .....	8,428 34	
		<u>\$15,928 63</u>
1883.		
June.—To Balance, debt .....		\$8,428 34
1884.		
June.—To Expenditure, 1883-4, viz.:—		
Salaries .....	\$4,937 74	
Books and stationery .....	336 66	
Repairs, fuel, light, etc. ....	748 99	
Miscellaneous accounts .....	369 24	
Library and Reading Room .....	81 67	
Interest account .....	562 32	
Reserve account .....	100 00	
To Total Expenditure .....		7,136 62
		<u>\$15,564 96</u>

1884.		
June.—By Receipts, viz.:—		
Endowment Fund .....	\$6,405 72	
Education Society .....	766 07	
Jubilee Fund .....	66 35	
Students' accounts .....	2,090 05	
By Balance, debt .....	6,236 77	
		<u>\$15,564 96</u>
1884.		
June 3.—To Balance, debt .....		\$6,236 77
1885.		
June.—To Expenditure, viz.:—		
Salaries .....	\$5,043 60	
Books, stationery, etc. ....	481 00	
Fuel, furniture, etc. ....	1,072 48	
Miscellaneous accounts .....	632 42	
Library and Reading Room .....	171 65	
Interest account .....	1,491 36	
To Total Expenditure .....		8,892 51
		<u>\$15,129 28</u>
1884-5.		
June.—By Receipts, viz.:—		
Endowment Fund .....	\$6,120 97	
Education Society .....	910 41	
Jubilee Fund .....	38 09	
Students' accounts .....	2,141 85	
Reserve account .....	100 00	
By Balance, debt .....	5,817 96	
		<u>\$15,129 28</u>
1885.		
June 1.—To Balance, debt .....		\$5,817 96
1886.		
June.—To Expenditure, viz.:—		
Salaries .....	\$5,330 35	
Books, stationery, etc. ....	488 72	
Fuel, furniture, etc. ....	877 73	
Miscellaneous, etc. ....	555 66	
Library and Reading Room .....	141 59	
Interest account .....	1,177 59	
To Total Expenditure .....		8,571 64
		<u>\$14,389 60</u>
1885-6.		
June.—By Receipts, viz.:—		
Endowment Fund .....	\$6,098 83	
Education Society .....	798 15	
Jubilee Fund .....	38 09	
Students' accounts .....	2,840 57	
Balance, debt .....	4,613 96	
		<u>\$14,389 60</u>
1886.		
June 1.—To Balance, debt .....		\$4,613 96

JOSIAH WOOD, Treasurer.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND.

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Aug. 31, 1882.—To Amount collected .....		\$57,205 88
June, 1883. " " during year.....	\$7,329 50	
" 1884. " " " .....	8,289 00	
" 1885. " " " .....	10,518 10	
" 1886. " " " .....	2,281 63	
" Total collected in four years .....		28,418 23
" Total collected and invested .....		85,624 11
" Estimated value of subscriptions.....		10,000 00
		<u>\$95,624 11</u>

*Interest Account.*

1882-3.—To Interest from investments .....	\$3,431 33	
" " subscriptions .....	1,496 56	
	4,927 89	
Less expenses of collecting.....	48 14	
Net Income.....		\$4,879 75
1883-4.—To Interest from investments .....	\$5,543 91	
" " subscriptions .....	903 69	
	6,447 60	
Less expenses .....	41 88	
Net Income.....		6,405 72
1884-5.—To Interest from investments .....	\$5,281 10	
" " subscriptions .....	863 07	
	6,144 17	
Less expenses .....	23 20	
Net Income.....		6,120 97
1885-6.—To Interest from investments .....	\$5,509 17	
" " subscriptions .....	602 65	
	6,111 82	
Less expenses ... ..	12 99	
Net Income.....		6,098 83
Total.....		<u>\$23,505 27</u>

MEMORIAL HALL.

To Cost of land and building.....	\$28,468 79	
Furnishing and grading .....	1,433 25	
Removing and repairing the College Lodge.....	3,269 62	
		\$33,171 66
1886.		
June.—To Balance, debt.....	\$12,348 37	

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Balance, debt .....	12,348 37	
		<u>\$33,171 66</u>

JOSIAH WOOD, *Treasurer.*

MOUNT ALLISON MALE ACADEMY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1882.		
To Balance, debt .....		\$1093 32
1882-6.		
To Expenditure, 1882-4 (including Expenditure on Building Fund Account) .....	\$24,732 10	
Expenditure, 1884-5 .....	9,233 95	
"    1885-6 .....	8,827 86	
		<u>42,793 91</u>
		<u>\$46,887 23</u>
1886.		
To Balance .....	\$9,567 56	
1882-6.		
By Income, 1882-4 .....	\$19,808 38	
"    1884-5 .....	8,867 97	
"    1885-6 .....	8,643 32	
		<u>37,319 67</u>
By Balance .....		9,567 56
		<u>\$46,887 23</u>

JOSIAH WOOD, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF LADIES' COLLEGE.

1882-6.		
To Expenditure, 1882-3 .....	\$14,465 15	
"    1883-4 .....	12,634 95	
"    1884-5 .....	11,501 36	
"    1885-6 .....	13,345 32	
"    "    (in purchase of property) .....	5,010 83	
To Total Expenditure .....		\$56,957 61
Balance .....		4,232 41
		<u>\$61,190 02</u>
1882-86.		
By Balance from 1881-2 .....	\$1,042 77	
Less amount omitted .....	138 48	
		<u>\$904 29</u>
By Students' accounts, etc., 1882-3 .....	\$16,085 05	
"    "    1883-4 .....	14,307 46	
"    "    1884-5 .....	13,907 21	
"    "    1885-6 .....	14,002 83	
Balance reserved for purchase of pianos .....	1,983 18	
		<u>60,285 73</u>
Total Students' accounts, etc .....		<u>\$61,190 02</u>
1886.		
June.—By Balance .....		<u>\$4,232 41</u>

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

This institution, in entering upon the fourteenth year of its history, does so with a bright and most encouraging prospect. The work of the past is a partial indication of the possibilities of the future.

Our students are now scattered everywhere throughout the Dominion, and in many places beyond, faithfully preaching the gospel of Christ. Four of them are engaged in work in Manitoba and the North-West, where some of them, placed in most trying circumstances during the recent rebellion, held their positions with distinguished bravery and wisdom. Of the French students who have been trained in this institution, four are laboring faithfully in the Province of Quebec, one is at present in the interior of Africa, in connection with the missionary work of Bishop Taylor; and it is significant, that the only French missionaries employed by the great M. E. Church are two who have been educated in our College in Montreal.

The average attendance for the past four years has been twenty-two. To some who think of the large attendance at schools of medicine and law, this number may appear small. It gives, however, this institution the eighth place among the eighteen Protestant theological colleges of Canada, and the second among the four in Montreal.

In the matter of equipment for work an encouraging improvement can be reported. The buildings erected in 1882 are admirably serving their purpose, and are affording to students most comfortable residence at the lowest rates of charges. The endowment fund within the last four years has made material advancement, and has reached the sum of \$52,480. The governors and friends of the institution feel, however, that this amount is far below what is desired and needed. It is, in fact, made to serve only by the most rigid economy and the fixed purpose to keep the expenditure within our income. To this principle we are indebted for the fact that in our current expenses account there is no debt, and by the maintenance of this principle we hope always to have the confidence of our large and increasing constituency of benefactors and friends. The need of increased revenue is felt, in view of the enlargement of our operations at which we aim. The time, we feel, has come when our work should include a full curriculum leading to degrees in divinity, in addition to the ordinary and more limited course of study now pursued by Conference probationers attending college. In reference to this latter course, we think that the period has arrived in the history of our Church

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when the General Conference should enact that it is obligatory upon all probationers to spend at least three years at college; and we entertain the hope that before long such a principle shall be adopted. The spirit animating our professors and tutors in their important work is, we believe, that of intelligent and earnest loyalty to Christ and to truth, to be conservative without being senile, and to be progressive without being destructive. Feeling that the greatest peril of the hour is antagonism to authority and unwillingness to be controlled by law, human or divine, we desire that our students should reverently hearken to God's voice in His words and works, by serious and thorough study, and so enrich and develop their minds and hearts that they shall be faithful, competent, and fearless witnesses for the truth as it is in Jesus; and above all, that their ministry may be marked by revival power and by the soul-converting energy of the ever-blessed Spirit.

JAMES FERRIER, *Chairman.*

ALBERT COLLEGE.

*The Report of the President and School Treasurer for College Year 1885-6.*

The attendance for the year 1885-6 was as follows:—

ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT.

Primary .....	26
Advanced .....	35
Collegiate .....	30
Commercial .....	39
Music .....	41
Fine Arts .....	14
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Less number counting twice .....	185
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Total attendance .....	169

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Females .....	61
Males .....	108
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Total Attendance .....	169

The attendance has embraced students from British Columbia, Manitoba, Michigan and New York State, in addition to those from Ontario and Quebec.

The diplomas or certificates that have been awarded by the Senate of Albert College are as follows:—

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Out of 6 candidates for second-class teachers' certificates, 4 were successful.

Out of 20 candidates for third-class teachers' certificates, 10 were successful.

Out of 9 candidates for junior matriculation in Arts in Victoria University, 8 were successful.

Out of 4 candidates for the preliminary examination in the Methodist Church, 4 were successful.

Appended is a report of the School Treasurer for the year 1885-6 which shows a balance in cash and uncollected accounts of \$109.32, and an actual excess of receipts over current expenditure for the year of \$319.78.

In number of attendance, in the result of examinations, and in the financial showing as set forth in this statement, the College has had one of the most successful years in its entire history. We thank God for the prosperity of the past, and we enter upon the year 1886-7 with good hope of even larger success.

W. P. DYER.

Belleville, Sept. 2nd, 1886.

SCHOOL TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH ALBERT COLLEGE FOR COLLEGE  
YEAR 1885-6.

June 29, 1886.	<i>Receipts.</i>	
Board .....		\$3,727 50
Room rent .....		1,405 85
Tuition—Primary, Advanced and Collegiate .....		1,333 52
Music .....		1,441 92
Use of Pianos .....		219 42
Fine Arts .....		174 80
Incidental receipts .....		143 10
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$9,205 31</b>

BALANCE SHEET, 1885-6.

Total receipts .....	\$9,205 31
Total expenditure .....	9,095 99
<b>Balance in cash and uncollected accounts</b> .....	<b>\$109 32</b>

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ACTUAL EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURE FOR  
THE YEAR 1885-6.

Balance in cash and uncollected accounts .....	\$109 32
Amount paid W. P. Dyer, balance due on year 1884-5 .....	49 46
" " Rev. A. Campbell .....	73 00
Stock on hand in stationery .....	88 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$319 78</b>

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A STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF ALBERT COLLEGE.

*As Audited by the Board last Year.*

ASSETS,—		
By Estimated value of College and grounds .....	\$40,000 00	
Furniture .....	1,800 00	
Iron safe .....	50 00	
Insurance unexpired .....	125 00	
Interest due on Endowment Notes .....	6,400 00	
Invested in Manitoba land .....	5,230 92	
Stock in H. L. I. Society .....	14,113 93	
Loaned to Trustees of Methodist Church .....	1,300 00	
Amount of Endowment Fund not collected .....	24,814 74	
Ontario Bank shares .....	200 00	
		\$94,034 59
LIABILITIES,—		
To amount loaned from Hastings L. I. Society .....	\$20,000 00	
Amount loaned from S. A. P. Fund .....	2,500 00	
Rev. James S. Johnston .....	2,000 00	
A. Campbell .....	1,000 00	
Matthew Winter .....	800 00	
Mrs. M. A. Cobbletick .....	500 00	
Rev. T. H. Richards .....	200 00	
Amount Montreal Bank .....	2,100 00	
Amount on back salary—A. Campbell .....	1,591 94	
Rev. W. P. Dyer .....	373 00	
Prof. T. H. Holgate .....	35 00	
Prof. G. A. Swayze .....	113 00	
		31,212 94
Assets over and above liabilities .....		<u>\$62,821 65</u>

A. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND TRUST FOR ALMA COLLEGE.

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Church:—*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—We, the members of the Board of Management, beg leave to present a report of the condition and operations of Alma College to July 31st, 1886.

Alma College was founded by public benevolence, chartered by Act of Provincial Legislature in 1877, and opened as a school for the higher education of young women in 1881.

A brief statement of the principles which inspired its founders and now govern its management may not be out of place just here.

1. Impressed with the supreme importance and value of the higher education of young women to the Home, the School, and the Church—the three great pillars of our Christian civilization—and the lack of any public provision on the part of the State to this end, the founders of Alma College felt they were doing a

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patriotic as well as a benevolent work in giving liberally of their time and means to this enterprise.

2. It was felt by them that such high and holy work as the proper training and culture of the future "Queens of the Home Circle," the most effective teachers and preachers of our race, should be undertaken as a religious work and conducted in a religious spirit, and hence that the enterprise should stand in vital connection with some branch of the Church of Christ.

The School thus became the property of the Methodist Church that it might feel the warm pulsations of her spiritual life and that its Board of Management, its Faculty of Instruction, and its entire working might become directly subject to this General Conference.

The College therefore stands in the same relation to the Methodist Church that Albert College and Victoria University occupy.

3. Another leading aim of the founders of Alma College was to provide an institution for the education of young women on a basis of such efficiency and economy that it might extend the benefits of higher education under Christian auspices to those who had hitherto been unable to enjoy these privileges, and that it might enter into successful competition with the numerous Roman Catholic institutions that were securing such large patronage from Protestant families.

As Alma College pays no dividends its rates are made very moderate, so low indeed that nothing but a very large attendance can render it self-sustaining. As a result of the efficiency of the instruction imparted, and its low rates, a considerable number of Protestant young women have been drawn from Convents to its halls.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1886.

*Receipts—Cash.*

Bills payable .....		\$1,078 48
Subscriptions .....		7 00
Advertising and Agency .....		6 70
Interest on Notes and Subscriptions .....		113 19
Bills payable discounted at Bank .....		4,310 00
B. F. Austin, arrears of students' fees charged him .....		296 05
On account of the School :		
Board account .....	\$5,572 12	
Tuition .....	8,308 83	
Light and fuel .....	1,323 00	
Laundry .....	603 80	
Room .....	1,333 00	
		17,141 55
Overdraft in Merchants' Bank .....		0 98
Amount of cheques charged but outstanding .....		675 07
Total receipts for year ending 31st July, 1886 .....		<u>\$23,629 02</u>

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Paid Bills payable discounted last year .....		\$2,750 00
" Collection of Notes and Subscriptions .....		31 05
" Note on College site .....		400 00
" Repairs and maintenance .....		182 50
" General expenditure .....		365 95
" Interest on mortgage, debentures, etc. ....		1,905 21
" Garden operations .....		87 75
" Advertising and printing .....		1,075 46
Amount of last year's balance .....		1,661 80
On account of the School :		
Board account .....	\$4,357 84	
Tuition .....	7,807 33	
Light and fuel .....	1,696 88	
Laundry .....	369 35	
Room .....	814 21	
Office .....	123 16	
		15,169 27
Total payments for year ending 31st July, 1886 .....		\$23,629 02

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION AT DATE 31ST JULY, 1886.

*Assets.*

Estimated value of Real Property .....	\$70,000 00
Furniture and apparatus at 12½% less than cost .....	8,738 00
Outstanding subscriptions valued at .....	2,500 00
Promissory notes on original Building Fund .....	9,556 96
Arrears of fees uncollected from students .....	662 09
Total assets .....	\$91,457 09

*Liabilities.*

Mortgage to English and Scottish Investment Co. ....	\$11,900 00
Bills payable in Merchants' Bank .....	4,310 00
Debentures: due 1 May, 1889 .....	\$5,000 00
due 1 May, 1892 .....	2,500 00
due 1 May, 1894 .....	2,500 00
	10,000 00
Unpaid accounts and overdraft on Bank .....	676 05
Fees paid in advance to apply to next year .....	440 40
Interest due on mortgage .....	500 00
Total liabilities .....	\$27,826 05
Excess of assets over liabilities .....	\$63,631 00

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

The number of students during the present year has reached 180; of these 29 have been enrolled in Preparatory Studies; 37 for Academic Course; 35 for full Collegiate Instruction; 38 for Vocal Culture; 102 for Instrumental Music; 45 for Linear Drawing and Perspective, Water Color and Oil Painting, and 52 for Commercial Lessons. Among these students have been 9 daughters of Methodist ministers, 3 daughters of Episcopalian ministers, and 2 of Presbyterian ministers.

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NEW BUILDING.

The Dormitory and Class-Room accommodation have been found inadequate for the growing demands of the School. Following the recommendation of Principal Austin, and subsequent approval thereof by the Executive Committee, the Board at a recent special meeting authorized the expenditure of \$14,000 in the erection of a new building as soon as \$5,000 is secured in contributions to the Building Fund. This amount has been fully raised. A Building Committee has been appointed by the Board. Plans have been secured and tenders invited. All necessary arrangements are being perfected for the early completion of the work, but as the proposed building and furnishings will cost nearly \$20,000, the Board of Management will be obliged to secure additional aid before the building can be proceeded with. The new building will be about 40 x 65, or large enough to furnish Dormitory accommodation for 50 students, an Art Gallery of ample dimensions and first-class appointments, fifteen or twenty Piano Rooms, and two large Class Rooms for Commercial and Collegiate work.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 31st day of August, 1886.

A. MCLACHLIN, *Secretary.*

B. F. AUSTIN, M.A., B.D., *Principal.*

R. I. WARNER, M.A., *Accountant.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMBARRASSED TRUSTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That memorials were received and considered from the following churches, viz:—Agnes Street, Toronto; Kincardine, Blenheim, West Belleville, Ridgetown, Strathroy, Chatham, Bleeker Street, Belleville; Goderich, Dundas, Simcoe Street, Hamilton; Prescott and Kingston.

1. The Report of the Treasurer of the Relief Fund of the General Conference Special Committee was presented and read by Mr. John N. Lake. From this Report your Committee learn that \$4,678.48 was the total cash received from collections and subscriptions, which amount was disbursed, as directed by the Committee, as follows:—

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Morrisburg ".....	150 00
Belleville Tabernacle.....	1,000 00
Stratford Church.....	100 00
Agnes Street " Toronto.....	250 00
Goderich ".....	225 00
Listowel ".....	100 00
Expenses of Committee.....	\$85 25
Printing, etc.....	54 33
Postage and exchange.....	5 40
Balance in hand.....	0 50
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Total.....	<u>\$3,670 48</u>

This account was audited and certified as correct by Thomas S. Keough.

2. That on the authority of the General Conference Special Committee, the Treasurer was directed to borrow the sum of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), which was done and distributed as follows:—

Belleville Tabernacle.....	\$4,500 00
Kingston Church.....	2,000 00
Morrisburg ".....	1,000 00
Prescott ".....	1,500 00
Chatham ".....	1,000 00
Kincardine ".....	1,000 00
Goderich ".....	500 00
Agnes St. " Toronto.....	500 00
Total.....	<u>\$12,000 00</u>

Your Committee, after considering the whole situation, recommend the following:—

1. That a fund be established, to be known as the "Union Church Relief Fund," the income of which shall be obtained from collections and subscriptions which shall be taken in all the congregations of our church, in the month of October of each year for the next four years.

2. That a Committee be appointed consisting of the following persons, viz.:—Revs. R. Whiting, D. L. Brethour, Joseph Young, Dr. W. J. Hunter, W. C. Henderson, Dr. Ryckman, Messrs. John N. Lake, John Macdonald, Geo. A. Cox, W. E. Sanford, and E. Gurney, whose duty shall be to investigate all applications for aid, and decide upon them, and disburse the funds at its disposal according to the provisions hereinafter mentioned.

3. The churches receiving aid from this fund shall be such only as have become embarrassed through the Union.

4. The churches to receive aid from this fund shall be classified as follows: (1) Churches that have lost their constituency and

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5. The Committee shall have power to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet any cases that in their opinion are sufficiently pressing to require it, not exceeding \$8,000.

6. Your Committee have examined all the memorials presented, and from the data at their command believe that the sum of \$55,000 will be required to meet the absolute needs of the churches embarrassed through the Union, and pay the \$12,000 of money borrowed by order of the General Conference Special Committee.

7. Your Committee also recommend that a treasurer be appointed by this General Conference, to receive and disburse the moneys collected, under the direction of the above-mentioned Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN N. LAKE, *Chairman.*

WM. PIRRITE, *Secretary.*

*Note.*—Mr. John N. Lake elected Treasurer.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY.

#### First Report.

Your Committee, after carefully examining all the memorials and resolutions submitted to them, beg leave to present their Report, as follows:—

2. (This item was amended by a resolution of Mr. J. J. Maclaren, to be found on page 79 of the Journal.)

3. That section 154 of the Discipline be amended by adding the words "and shall be *ex officio* a member of all Standing Committees and Boards of the General Conference, and shall have a casting vote only."

A. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*

J. S. CLARKE, *Secretary.*

**Second Report.**

Your Committee beg leave to report:—

That they have carefully considered the question of filling up a vacancy in the office of General Superintendent, should it occur, sent back to them, and beg leave to suggest the following:—

1. In the event of the death or disability of a General Superintendent, the other General Superintendent or the Secretary of the General Conference shall call together the Special Committee of the General Conference, and six other persons appointed by this Conference, who may elect a successor, who shall fill the office until the next General Conference.

2. That the following be the six persons to be associated as above with the Conference Special Committee: Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, Rev. Dr. Griffin Mr. W. E. Sanford, Dr. Lavell, Mr. W. M. Gray and Mr. J. J. Maclaren.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*

JOHN J. MACLAREN, *Secretary.*

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HYMN TUNE-BOOK.**

Your Committee beg leave to report that—

After three sessions, and a thorough investigation of the charge relegated to them, it was resolved that, with the permission of Conference, the whole matter of the publication of a Hymn Tune-Book be referred to the United Book Committee, with the addition of the members of this Committee.

CHARLES STEWART, *Chairman.*

J. E. LANCELEY, *Secretary.*

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**REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.**
**First Report.**

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. With regard to the memorial of the Niagara Conference, asking that Section 2 of Schedule B. of the Methodist Church Act, 1884, be so amended that ministers of other Evangelical Churches may occupy our pulpits, we are of opinion that the following section (3) gives all the freedom that is desirable, and we therefore recommend no change.

2. In answer to the question as to whether it is effective the Union, to do what sold, of the Commission yet in any of the Committee vacancies fill

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2. In answer to the question referred to us by the Conference as to whether there is any means of keeping up and making effective the District Committee, provided for in the Basis of Union, to determine what Church property shall be retained and what sold, we are of opinion that although in most cases the work of the Committee would be accomplished shortly after the union, yet in any District where such property still exists undisposed of, the Committee should be appointed at the District Meeting, or vacancies filled up, until there is no further work for it to do.

3. We have carefully considered the matter referred to us in the Address of the General Superintendents regarding the *interim* order issued by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, restraining the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference from proceeding with the investigation of certain grave charges against a minister of that Conference. The case will be heard at the Michaelmas Term of the Court. As the matter is *sub judice*, we do not think it advisable to discuss it at the present time; but as the rights of the Church to enforce its own Discipline are called in question, we would recommend that a Special Committee be appointed to act with the General Superintendents, in conjunction with the Committee of the Annual Conference, in the event of any further proceedings being necessary in the interest of the Church at large.

4. With regard to the memorial of the Quarterly Official Meeting of the St. Vincent Circuit, in the Toronto Conference, complaining of an invasion of that Circuit by a Superintendent of an adjoining Circuit in the Guelph Conference, it appears there is no provision in our Discipline to settle a dispute of this kind. We recommend the insertion of the following clause after paragraph 156 of the Discipline:—

“In case of a dispute between two adjoining Circuits of different Annual Conferences, or between two Conferences, as to boundaries, invasion, or the like, the General Superintendent shall endeavor to adjust the difficulty, and if he cannot do so, he shall select a committee of five ministers or official members, who shall hear and determine the matter as near as may be in the manner provided for trial. Either party may appeal from the decision of the Committee to the Court of Appeal, whose decision shall be final and binding upon all parties.”

6. We are of opinion that this Conference should legislate to supply the omission referred to in the Report of the Court of Appeal, viz., to provide a remedy for cases where Annual Conferences or General Conference Boards or Committees exceed their jurisdiction. To meet these cases, and also the case above referred to regarding disputes as to Conference boundaries, and to carry out the suggestion in the Address of the General Superintendents, as

to providing a more speedy and economical mode of disposing of questions that would otherwise necessarily go to the Court of Appeal, we recommend that paragraph 86, section 3, be amended so as to read as follows:—

“§ 3. The Court shall hear and determine appeals:

“(a) From decisions of the presiding officers of the Annual Conferences on questions of law arising therein;

“(b) From decisions of Presidents of Annual Conferences on questions of law arising in Committees or Boards of Annual Conferences over which they preside;

“(c) From decisions of Annual Conferences when they have exceeded their jurisdiction;

“(d) From decisions of Committees appointed to settle disputes as to boundaries of Annual Conferences, cases of invasion, and the like;

“(e) From decisions of General Superintendents on questions of law in the Committees and Boards over which they preside;

“(f) From decisions of Committees and Boards of the General Conference when they have exceeded their jurisdiction;

“(g) When any of the above appeals is not from the decision of a General Superintendent, instead of the case being taken to the Court of Appeal in the first instance, it shall be submitted to the General Superintendents. If they differ in opinion, or if either party is dissatisfied with their decision, the case shall come before the Court of Appeal, and its decision shall be final. If they agree, and neither party gives notice of dissent, the decision of the General Superintendents shall be final.”

7. We have carefully considered the motion referred to us, that the portion of the Discipline relating to the Administration of Discipline (pars. 227 to 276) be recast so as to simplify and make as uniform as practicable the trial of all offenders, regard being had to the *status* of the presiding officer and the class of persons from whom the Committee are to be selected. We recommend the Conference to adopt the principle of the motion; and in harmony therewith we have revised and recast that portion of the Discipline, and have embodied therein many of the recommendations of the General Superintendents in their opening address, as well as many other suggestions referred to us by the Conference. The rules and regulations which it is proposed to substitute for the paragraphs in question, are herewith submitted as an appendix to this Report.

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**Second Report.**

We have considered the motion of Rev. J. Graham (see Journal, p. 111), asking that it be declared that nothing in the Discipline shall be understood to prevent a minister from taking action in a Civil Court at the time and in the manner the person instituting such action may deem proper. We are of opinion that the Discipline, as adopted by this Conference, makes sufficient provision to protect any minister or member who may take a civil action under circumstances which may justify such a proceeding, and do not recommend any change.

Respectfully submitted.

E. B. HARPER, *Chairman.*

JOHN J. MACLAREN, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL  
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ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE.

*Trials and Appeals.*

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1. All our Church Courts shall be presided over by a duly qualified minister of the Methodist Church.
2. If the Superintendent of a Circuit be the accuser, or otherwise disqualified, the Superintendent of the District shall preside in his place. If the Superintendent of the District be disqualified, the President of the Annual Conference shall preside. If the President of the Conference be disqualified, the senior qualified District Superintendent in the Conference (that is, senior in the ministry of the Church) shall preside. A District Superintendent or a President, not disqualified, may appoint a duly qualified substitute, who shall be officially of at least equal *status* with the officer whose duty it would have been in the first place to preside.
3. Notices may be given personally or at the residence of a party, or by letter posted to his address or last known address, or in such other manner as may be deemed reasonable or sufficient by the Committee or Court.
4. If any minister, probationer, or member of the Church has a knowledge or reliable information of an offence by a minister, probationer, or member, against the law of God or the rules or Discipline of the Church, it shall be his duty to lay a charge before the proper authority. No other person can institute charges.

5. All charges shall be in writing, and a copy of them, with a notice of the time and place of trial, shall be given to the accused at least one week before the trial, by the officer who is to preside.

6. If the offence be such as does not seem to require a trial in the first instance, let the officer whose duty it would be to preside at the trial admonish or reprove the accused, and if there be contrition and promise of amendment let him be borne with; if there be no contrition or promise of amendment, or if the offence be repeated, let a trial be had. The officer who is to preside at a trial shall summon the qualified persons to compose the committee.

7. A Committee of Trial shall consist of five, of whom three shall form a quorum and may render a verdict. Persons preferring charges or giving evidence at a trial shall not be allowed to vote on the decision of the case.

8. No peremptory challenges shall be allowed, but either party may challenge for cause. The presiding officer shall decide upon all challenges.

9. The parties may appear and conduct a trial or an appeal, either personally or by a representative who is a member of the Church in good standing.

10. If an accused person do not appear after due notice, the prosecution may proceed with the trial in his absence.

11. The presiding officer shall cause a record to be kept of the charges, proceedings, evidence, and decision.

12. The Committee shall receive or may obtain any evidence or information pertinent to the case that may be available, and that may aid them in their judgment in doing justice between the parties. The testimony of non-members may be received.

13. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of evidence.

14. Any amendment in the charges, or any addition thereto, may be allowed at any time on such terms as to adjournment or otherwise as the Committee may consider just.

15. In all cases of trial, the presiding officer shall refrain from delivering any charge to the Committee, or from interfering in any way with their liberty of judgment.

16. If the Committee do not agree upon a decision within a reasonable time, the presiding officer may summon another committee and proceed as if no trial had taken place.

17. A copy of the decision, certified by the presiding officer, shall be furnished or sent to both parties within three days after the rendering of the decision.

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is expressly forbidden by the Word of God, sufficient to exclude a person from the kingdom of grace and glory, he shall be expelled. In the case of a minister (other than a General Superintendent) or a probationer for the ministry, he shall be suspended from the time he is found guilty by the Committee until the Annual Conference shall finally dispose of the case. In the case of a member, he shall be suspended until the delay allowed for appeal has expired. If an appeal be taken, the suspension shall be in force until the appeal is decided. If there be no appeal, the expulsion takes effect when the delay for appeal has expired.

19. In case of all other offences the accused, if found guilty, shall be admonished, reprov'd, suspended, or otherwise dealt with as the Committee or Appellate Court may determine. In these cases the decision shall be in force from the time it is rendered until set aside on appeal.

20. Either party may appeal from a decision or ruling by the presiding officer, or from the decision of a Committee, on giving notice to the presiding officer of such intention, together with his grounds of appeal, within two weeks after the delivery or service of the decision, in the manner hereinabove provided as to notices.

21. The officer who has presided at a trial shall not preside or vote on the appeal.

22. If a prosecutor or appellant do not proceed with his case, any other qualified person may be permitted to do so.

23. In appeal, the evidence taken before the lower Court or Committee alone shall be received. If further important evidence is available, a new trial may be ordered, or the case referred back to the Committee.

24. The Appellate Court may confirm, reverse, alter, or amend the decisions appealed from, or may order a new trial or a reference back to the Committee.

25. The judgment of the Appellate Court takes effect without any action of the Court from which the appeal was taken.

26. No other authority than the proper Church Appellate Court or Courts shall in any way review or interfere with the action of the lower Court or Committee.

27. Any decision shall have effect throughout the whole Church.

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TRIAL OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS FOR THE MINISTRY.

*General Superintendent.*

28. A General Superintendent is amenable for his conduct to the General Conference, which has power to reprove, suspend, or expel him for improper conduct, as may be deemed necessary.

29. If a charge be laid against a General Superintendent, the President of the Annual Conference to which he belongs, or within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside at the trial. The Committee shall be composed of Superintendents of Districts, and in default of a sufficient qualified number being available, shall be completed with Superintendents of Circuits. If found guilty, he may be suspended or dealt with as the circumstances may require. Either party may appeal to the General Conference Special Committee. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Committee of Trial shall be in force until the next General Conference. If there be an appeal, the decision of the General Conference Special Committee shall be in force until the next General Conference.

*President of an Annual Conference.*

30. If a charge be laid against the President of an Annual Conference, the senior qualified Superintendent of a District within the Conference, or the President of the Annual Conference within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside. The Committee shall be composed of Superintendents of Districts; and in the event of a sufficient number of them not being qualified and available, shall be completed with Superintendents of Circuits.

*Superintendent of a District.*

31. If a charge be laid against a Superintendent of a District, the President of the Annual Conference to which he belongs, or within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside. The Committee shall be composed as in the case of a President of an Annual Conference.

*Other Ministers or Probationers.*

32. If a charge be laid against any other minister or a probationer for the ministry, the Superintendent of the District to which he belongs, or within which the offence is alleged to have been committed, shall preside. The Committee shall be composed of ministers.

*Appeals.*

33. In the case of the trial of a minister (other than a General Superintendent) or of a probationer, the whole of the evidence and papers shall be laid before the next ensuing Annual District Meeting to which he belongs, and subsequently forwarded to the Annual Conference. If the decision be rendered between the holding of the District Meeting and the Conference, they shall be forwarded to the Annual Conference direct.

34. Either the accuser or the accused may appeal from the decision of the Committee to the next ensuing Annual Conference

to which the members thereof shall be final.

35. In the case of a probationer, the decision relative to his suspension shall be otherwise provided. If he shall be suspended, he shall be allowed to choose a committee of our Church to award an award.

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36. If a charge be laid against a minister, which he is unable to appoint a committee, if, in their judgment, without a previous trial had.

37. If a minister be engaged in secular business, and his usefulness, or the usefulness assigned him, be such that he is unable to be in office, and he is unable to sell our goods, and probationers, and members of the society, and other than C.

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39. If a charge be laid against a superintendent of the District, he shall be committed to the District within the District.

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to which the latter belongs, that is to say, to the ministerial members thereof in special session. The decision of the latter shall be final.

*Arbitration, Enquiry, etc.*

35. In case of a dispute or difficulty between ministers and probationers, or between ministers or probationers and members, relative to secular business, the payment of debts, or matters not otherwise provided for, the officer whose duty it would be to preside at the trial if a charge were laid, shall enquire into the circumstances of the case, and may recommend an arbitration, over which he shall preside, or that a charge be laid, or that it be settled by process at law. If an arbitration be recommended, each party shall choose an arbitrator (who must be a minister or a member of our Church), and these two shall choose a third. Two may make an award. An appeal shall lie to the District Meeting from a decision refusing to recommend an arbitration, or from an award. If either party refuse to arbitrate when recommended, or to be bound by the award or the decision in appeal, let a charge be laid and a trial had.

36. If a minister or probationer shall have contracted debts which he is not able to pay, let the Superintendent of the District appoint a Committee of Enquiry composed of three ministers, and if, in their opinion, he has acted dishonestly, or contracted debts without a probability of paying them, let a charge be laid and a trial had.

37. If a minister or probationer follow a trade or engage in any secular business that may detract from his ministerial character or usefulness, or interfere with the proper discharge of the duties assigned him by the Church, let him be admonished by his senior in office, and if he persist, let a charge be laid and a trial had. Selling our own books is not subject to this provision. Ministers and probationers are strongly recommended not to become members of the secular boards of any trading company or any corporate body organized for the purpose of trade, or for the investing of other than Church funds.

38. When a minister or probationer holds and disseminates, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion and doctrinal standards, let a charge be laid and a trial had.

*Trial of Members.*

39. If a charge be laid against a local preacher, the Superintendent of the Circuit shall preside at the trial. The Committee shall be composed of local preachers or other official members within the District.

40. If a charge be laid against any other member of the Church the Superintendent of the Circuit shall preside. The Committee

shall be composed of members within the District. It is recommended that, except for special reasons, members of the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit be not on the Committee.

*Appeal in the case of Members.*

41. In the case of the trial of a local preacher, or any other member, an appeal shall be either to the Quarterly Official Meeting or to the District Meeting when the laymen are present. If the appeal be to the Quarterly Official Meeting, and the decision be there confirmed, there shall be no further appeal. If the decision of the Committee be there reversed the respondent may appeal to the District Meeting, and its decision shall be final.

42. In a case of a dispute or difficulty between members relative to secular business, the payment of debts, or matters not otherwise provided for, the officer whose duty it would be to preside at a trial if a charge were laid, shall enquire into the circumstances, and may recommend an arbitration, or that a charge be laid, or that the matter be decided by a process at law, as the circumstances may require. If he recommend an arbitration, the proceedings shall be as in paragraph 35, with an appeal as in paragraph 41.

43. When a member fails in business, or contracts debts which he is unable to pay, or is charged with non-payment of debts, the officer whose duty it would be to preside if a charge were laid, shall appoint a Court of Enquiry composed of three members, and if they report that he has acted dishonestly or has contracted debts without the probability of paying them, let a charge be laid and a trial had.

44. After such forms of trial and expulsion, such persons shall have no privileges of society or of sacrament in our Church without contrition, confession and proper trial.

45. That the following be inserted as a paragraph after paragraph 44 of the Discipline.

NOTE: The General Rules are to be understood as forbidding neglect of duties of any kind, imprudent conduct, indulging in sinful tempers or words, the buying, selling or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, dancing, playing at games of chance, encouraging lotteries, attending theatres, horse-races, circuses, dancing parties, patronizing dancing-schools, taking such other amusements as are obviously of a misleading or questionable moral tendency, and all acts of disobedience to the Order and Discipline of the Church.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

**First Report.**

1. *Re* memorial on a separate Conference for British Columbia, the Committee recommend that the memorial be referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences and Boundaries.

2. *Re* memorial on the Consolidation of Protestantism, the Committee recommend the adoption of the principle of the memorial.

(The second part of the recommendation was substituted by the amendment of Rev. T. G. Williams Journal, page 114).

**Second Report.**

1. Respecting memorial of Dr. Aylesworth, Guelph Conference, on Union Conventions, the Committee recommend that the second clause be referred to the Committee on Temperance, and that no action be taken on the other clauses.

2. Respecting memorial from Trafalgar Circuit on the number of collections, the Committee recommend that no action be taken.

3. Respecting memorial from Queen's Avenue Church, London, on relation of baptized children, the Committee recommend that more attention be given to the provisions of the Discipline, chapter 2, section 2.

**Third Report.**

Respecting the memorial of Mr. Jas. French on the subject of ministerial exemptions:—

In view of the want of evidence that there is any widespread feeling against the exemption of ministers from taxation, the Committee beg leave to recommend that no action be taken in the matter at present.

**Fourth Report.**

Respecting the memorial of Rev. J. S. Evans, D.D., on the relation of baptized children to the Church, the Committee, having duly considered the matter, beg to direct the attention of the Conference to a former report upon the same subject.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES GARDINER, *Chairman.*  
G. D. PLATT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

First Report.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the account of the late Secretary, Rev. J. C. Antliff, B.D., amounting to \$23.25, be paid.
2. That the travelling expenses of delegates to the General Conference, as per account, be paid.
3. That the account for printing and stationery of the Book and Publishing House be paid.
4. That the General Conference Treasurer be requested to advance or authorized to borrow to the extent of four thousand dollars to meet the expenses of this Conference, pending the receipt by him of collections from the Annual Conferences.
5. That a Committee of Finance on the General Conference Fund be appointed, to examine and, if necessary, recommend for payment any accounts that may not have been authorized by the General Conference, and otherwise to assist the Treasurer in his duties.
6. That Rev. Dr. Shaw, Messrs. J. N. Lake and W. Kennedy compose such Finance Committee.

(Items 7, 8 and 9, relating respectively to the Treasurership of the General Conference Fund, the salaries and expenses of General Superintendents, and the apportionments to the Annual Conferences, were substituted by resolutions, to be found on pp. 95 and 96 of the Journal.)

Second Report.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That the sexton of this Church be paid fifty dollars, and the sexton of Elm Street Church five dollars.
2. That the page be paid twelve dollars.
3. That the Local Committee be paid \$270, to pay the board of delegates who were not provided with billets.
4. That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church be paid their account for gas, etc., amounting to \$76.53.
5. That the account of H. B. Henderson for disbursements be paid, amounting to \$37.95.

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Salary of General Superintendents .....	\$18,400 00
Travelling expenses .....	4,000 00
Conference expenses .....	6,500 00
Contingent expenses .....	800 00
Expenses of Committees .....	2,000 00
	\$31,700 00
Less cash on hand .....	1,700 00
	\$30,000 00

We recommend, to meet this, an advance of twenty-five per cent. on the contributions to this fund of the last year, which would require the collections of the Conferences to be as follows each year:—

Toronto .....	\$1,430 00
London .....	1,000 00
Niagara .....	1,000 00
Guelph .....	875 00
Bay of Quinte .....	875 00
Montreal .....	1,125 00
Nova Scotia .....	400 00
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island .....	400 00
Newfoundland .....	125 00
Manitoba .....	310 00

JOHN W. SIFTON, *Chairman.*  
W. M. GRAY, *Secretary.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRENCH WORK.

Your Committee recommend:—

1. That the prayer of the memorialists, asking for the recognition of the French Methodist Institute as a connexional institution of the Church, and for the appointment of the Board of Directors and of the Principal by the General Conference, be not entertained.

2. That the prayer of the memorialists, asking for increased aid, be referred to the favorable consideration of the Missionary Board; and that the General Conference hereby record its sense of the great and growing importance of the educational department of our French Work; and that the French Methodist Institute should be put upon a proper basis of financial strength, so as to do its very important work with efficiency and with credit to our Church.

2. In the matter of the Report of the Missionary Committee, proposing the disintegration of the French District in the Montreal Conference, we recommend that the said District be left as it is, as long as it is the judgment of the Montreal Conference that this District be maintained.

WM. GALBRAITH, *Chairman.*  
J. T. PITCHER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

**First Report.**

The Committee proceeded to examine the Report of the General Board of Missions :—

1. Paragraph 1, Part I., referring to the work of the Society on the Domestic Missions, and matters connected therewith, was adopted, with the recommendation that the second part of the paragraph, in which reference is made to the necessity of a plan by which the surplus men of one Conference can be made available for the service of the Church in Conferences where there is a scarcity of men, be referred to the Committee on Transfers.

4. The discussion of paragraph 2, Part VI., and of various memorials relating to Missionary Reports, led to the following recommendations :—

(1) That there be but one form of Annual Report.

(2) That said Report be entitled "The Annual Report of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church."

(3) That the Report be made up as follows :—

(a) General review of the operations of the Society ;

(b) A condensed Report of the operations of the Society in each District throughout the connexion, to be compiled by the Superintendent of the District from the Reports of individual missionaries, as approved by the Annual District Meeting ;

(c) Complete lists of all subscribers to the funds of the Society of \$2.00 each and upwards ;

(d) The financial and statistical statements, as adopted by the General Missionary Board ;

(e) Any other matter that may be deemed essential by the General Board.

5. The memorial of Mr. Thomas Hilliard, that the General Board should make distribution of funds one year in advance, was considered, and the change deemed impracticable.

6. The memorial of the Manitoba Conference, praying for the appointment of a Superintendent of Missions for the North-West, was then considered, and it was resolved to recommend the Conference to grant the request contained in said memorial.

**Second Report.**

1. Several memorials relating to the necessity for publishing the annual Reports earlier were considered, and your Committee beg to report as follows :—

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Your Committee recognize the importance of having the Reports published at an earlier date than at present, and while they think it hardly possible to have them distributed as early as some desire, yet if the General Secretary is permitted to give personal attention to the matter until the time of the meeting of the General Board, the Reports can be printed, say, by the end of October; and if an abstract be sent out in time for the earlier Missionary Meetings, and if Superintendents of Circuits are careful to keep a list of the previous year's subscribers, the above date will be early enough for all practical purposes.

2. With reference to the item in the Report of the General Board, headed "Appropriation of Funds by Sunday Schools," etc., it was

*Resolved*,—In regard to the alleged practice in certain quarters of paying over moneys raised by Sunday Schools, or given by individuals directly to particular Missions, and at the same time asking that such givings be acknowledged in the Annual Report, we are of opinion that such a practice is injurious, and will ultimately injure the Missionary Fund; and we recommend that in future no amounts shall be acknowledged in the report but *bona fide* givings to the regular fund. We have no desire to interfere with the private liberality of individual friends of the Society, but we can see no good reason why such acts of liberality should be published in the Annual Report.

3. In connection with this, reference is also made to the fact that private appeals by missionaries for money for special objects is becoming somewhat common, and is likely, if persisted in, to damage the general fund, and promote a spirit of discontent among missionaries who have not the opportunity of making similar appeals. It is recommended, therefore, that all such appeals be discountenanced by the Church unless they have the direct sanction of the Missionary Board or of the Committee of Consultation and Finance.

4. Respecting the Memorial from the Brockville District, recommending that there be a quadrennial Board of Missions to review the work and fix the percentage of missionary money to be retained by each Annual Conference, and the percentage to be paid to the general treasury for foreign work and office expenses, we are of opinion that such a method is not only impracticable but would not be in the interests of our missionary work.

5. With regard to the composition of the General Board, the Committee recommend no change except that, in the event of the British Columbia work being erected into an Annual Conference, it shall during the next four years be represented by the General Secretary.

6. With regard to Dr. Pickard's memorial, asking for a full

report of Relief and Extension Fund, the Committee do not deem it advisable to publish such report in detail, but recommend that the General Secretary shall prepare a condensed statement of income and expenditure, to be published in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*.

7. The memorial of the Strathroy District, relating to sharing missionary deficiencies by the officers of the Society and others, was considered, but the Committee recommend no action.

8. Regarding the memorial of Rev. P. Addison, respecting legacies, the Committee are of the opinion that no uniform rule is practicable, and we recommend that the matter be left to the General Board to deal with each case as circumstances may require.

#### Third Report.

1. Respecting the memorial from the Women's Missionary Society, asking such recognition from the General Conference as will enable them to hold property without a special Act of Incorporation, and also secure the publication in the Annual Reports of the General Society of the amount contributed to the Women's Society, your Committee are of opinion, that by constituting the Society a part of our regular Church organization, the point concerning property would be secured, as all such property would then be held by "The Methodist Church" as a corporation, though managed and controlled in the interests of the Women's Missionary Society. We do not think, however, that any good end would be obtained by publishing their receipts in the Annual Report of the General Society, and we do not recommend concurrence with that part of the memorial. To put the whole subject in a clear light, we recommend that the following paragraphs be inserted as a distinct section in the Discipline:—

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

(1) For the more successful prosecution of the missionary work of the Church among women, there shall be an organization known as "The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church," to be governed and regulated by their constitution, which may be altered or amended by the General Conference, if so required by the necessities of the work.

(2) The Society shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries or other agents, the designation of fields of labor, and in general plans and designs of work.

(4) The funds of the Society shall be raised by collections in meetings convened in the interests of woman's missionary work,

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(5) All funds raised for the Society shall be reported by the minister in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual Minutes.

2. Respecting the memorial of Mr. Sanders, asking that a children's missionary day be appointed, to arouse a missionary zeal amongst young people, the Committee recognize the importance of the object aimed at, and while they cannot recommend the appointment of any particular day for such gatherings, would urge our people, wherever practicable, to have a children's missionary day for Circuits, or combinations of Circuits, as may be found convenient in each locality.

3. The Committee would also recommend that every Sunday School be organized into a Juvenile Missionary Society, and that some regular system for the collection of funds be adopted, as may be found most practicable in each locality.

4. The memorial of Rev. C. H. Paisley, proposing restrictions on the increase of Missions, refers to a very important matter, and your Committee are of opinion that, unless something can be done in this direction, our financial embarrassment will be even greater in the future than in the past. We have no desire to trench upon the rights of Annual Conferences, but this is a case in which Conference powers may well be held in abeyance to accomplish a greater good. Your Committee recommend as follows:—

No Domestic Missions shall be created as heretofore, only by the vote of an Annual Conference, but under the following restrictions:—

(2) No new Domestic Mission shall be formed by dividing an existing Circuit or Mission, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference within whose boundary the change is proposed.

(3) Where any new Domestic Missions are formed, a statement signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, giving a list of such Missions, and certifying that they have been formed in accordance with the foregoing regulations, shall be sent to the General Secretary of the Missionary Society within one month after the rising of the Conference.

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**Fourth Report.**

1. In close connection with the increase of Missions is the important question of the increase of men. That the Church has already more men in the field than can be supported is painfully apparent, and the difficulty of the situation is increased by the

absence of any authority by which ministers or probationers for the ministry can be sent to any part of the Connexion where their services are most needed. We therefore recommend the General Conference to enact as follows:—

(1) That the candidates for the ministry recommended to an Annual Conference shall be understood as offering themselves for any part of the home work; and such as may be placed upon the list of reserve shall be under obligations to proceed, when directed by the proper authorities, to any part of the Connexion where their services are needed.

(2) That Annual Conferences during the next quadrennium shall station only such candidates as may be urgently needed to fill existing vacancies, and that all other acceptable candidates be placed upon a list of reserve.

(3) That the General Superintendents shall have authority to transfer any candidate on the list of reserve to any Conference where a supply is required, with the consent of the Presidents of the two Conferences concerned.

(4) The General Superintendents shall also have authority, with the consent aforesaid, to transfer, during the year, any minister from one Conference to another for the purpose of filling a vacancy, provided it be not done without the consent of the minister concerned.

2. With reference to the memorial of Rev. C. S. Eby, calling attention to the absence of any section in the Discipline regulating our foreign work, the disadvantages of the lack of such provisions, and the need, under the present remarkable conditions of development in Japan, of some definite line along which our Church may be guided in the phenomenally rapid growth of Methodism in that country, your Committee recommend that a special section be introduced into the Discipline, regulating our foreign work as follows:—

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The provisions of this section refer to the Missions of the Methodist Church in Japan, and may be applied to any foreign work that may hereafter be undertaken under similar circumstances.

##### I. *Object.*

The object of such mission work is to extend vital Christianity by raising up, as speedily as possible, a self-supporting, self-propagating Methodism.

##### II. *Mission Council.*

1. The foreign missionaries appointed by the authorities of the Methodist Church shall constitute a Mission Council, which shall

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regulate all matters not provided for in the constitution of the District Meeting, such as—

(1) To designate the special work of each foreign missionary, in harmony with the wishes of the General Board.

(2) To regulate all matters relating to the property of the Society, in harmony with the wishes of the General Board.

(3) To decide on all matters pertaining to the funds supplied by the Society, so far as they are not specified in detail by the General Board.

(4) To review the work of each year, prepare reports and recommendations to the General Board, together with estimates of expenditure for the coming year.

2. The Superintendent of the District, appointed by the Annual Conference, shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Mission Council. His duties shall be as follows:—

(1) To preside at all meetings of the Council, to conduct official correspondence with the General Board, and be the Executive of the wishes of the General Board, and of the decisions of the Mission Council.

(2) To visit all Mission Stations within the bounds of our work as often as practicable; to assist pastors and evangelists by advice and by public services; to recommend the opening of new fields and plans for the prosecution of work therein; and to do all in his power to develop an evangelistic and revival type of Methodism.

(3) To be treasurer of all funds furnished by the Society; to keep the books, and make all reports connected therewith; and to devise means whereby the liberality of the native churches shall speedily be developed into complete self-support.

3. The Mission Council shall have power, with the consent of the Superintendent of the District, to appoint one or more of its experienced members to do the work indicated in paragraph 2 of the preceding section, *i.e.*, to supervise the evangelistic work of the Mission.

4. The Mission Council, when so requested by the Superintendent of the District, shall appoint a treasurer to take charge of the funds and the books referred to in paragraph 3 of section 2 above; but he shall pay out no money without a written order from the Superintendent of the District.

5. The Mission Council shall elect the foreign members of the Stationing Committee of the Annual Meeting.

III. *Mission District Meeting.*

1. The constitution and powers of the District Meeting shall be the same as those of the ordinary District, as in chap. 2, sec. 1, of the Discipline, so far as they can be adapted to the condition of things in the foreign field.

2. In addition, however, it shall have power to station the ministers and preachers within the bounds of the Mission—the native members electing from their ordained ministers representatives on the Stationing Committee equal in number to the foreign representatives thereon.

IV. *Mission Conference.*

1. When there are fifteen or more ordained ministers on the field, and the General Board or the Committee of Finance and Consultation recommends the step, the missions shall be erected into a Mission Conference, with power to divide into two or more Districts.

2. The constitution of the Mission Conference shall be the same as that of the ordinary Annual Conference, as in Chap. I., sec. 3, of the Discipline, with the following limitations:—

(1) It shall elect representatives to the General Conference, the General Board of Missions, and other Connexional Committees, only when authorized so to do by the General Board, which shall also designate the number of such representatives.

(2) It shall not in any way interfere with the administration of the General Board of Missions, which shall continue as heretofore.

3. The General Board shall have power, in the event of a Mission Conference being formed, to amend the constitution of the Mission Council, so as to fit the altered circumstances, and to say what powers it possesses shall be surrendered to the Annual Conference.

V. *Central Conference.*

1. When the Annual Conference, or the Missions of any other form of Methodism, wish to combine with the Missions or Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, in common plans of work, it shall be lawful, with the consent of the General Board, to organize a Central Conference, composed of representatives of the missions concerned.

2. The Central Conference shall elect its own President.

3. The Conference may take under its supervision the Educational, Publishing, and other connexional interests, so far as they are committed to it by the Annual Conferences or Missions concerned; but never in contravention of the Book of Discipline or Rules of the General Conference; and it shall have no authority

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to involve the Missionary Society in any financial responsibility; nor hold or control the property of the same without the official permission of said Society.

(4) The Journal of the proceedings of this Central Conference, duly signed by the President and Secretary, shall be sent to the General Conference for its consideration.

3. With reference to the memorial of Rev. John Read, as to representation of Mission Districts, the Committee recommend no action.

4. The memorial of the Manitoba Conference, relating to the North-West Indian Missions, was considered :

(1) That the Government be requested to subsidize the McDougall Orphanage and Training Institute, at Morley, and also grant to this institution the deeds of the land which it occupies and claims.—With reference to this item, the Committee are glad to say that the point regarding the deeds has already been considered by the Government, but recommend that the Missionary Board urge still further the claims of the institute for an adequate subsidy until the prayer of the memorialists be granted.

(2) That the Government be requested to grant to our Church the management and control of our Industrial School at Battle River, similar to the institutions granted by Government to the other Churches.—We recommend that the correspondence be continued with the Government and these claims urged until the prayer be granted.

(3) That the Government be requested to grant titles to mission property held by our Church during periods ranging from five to thirty years, namely: Blood Indians, Belly River, Morley, Woodville, Battle River, Victoria, Saddle Lake, Whitefish Lake, Fisher River, Beren's River, Norway House, Oxford House, and Nelson River.—The Committee are glad to say that they have received information that the Government has already conceded the prayer of this item in the memorial, in promising the legal titles to these premises, and therefore recommend no further action.

**Fifth Report.**

1. In regard to the memorial of Rev. A. Langford, referred by the Conference to this Committee, touching the Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North-West, which reads as follows:—

(1) The Superintendent of Missions shall reside in Manitoba, and be a member of the Manitoba Conference;

(2) He shall be a member, *ex officio*, of the Stationing Committee and local Missionary Board;

(3) He shall travel at large through the missions and new settlements within the bounds of the Conference; report to the respective District Meetings, and through them to the Annual Conference, on the condition and prospects of existing Missions, suggesting changes and the formation of new Missions when, in his judgment, such action is deemed advisable. (This item was amended by the addition of two resolutions, one moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland and the other by Rev. Dr. Parker, to be found on pp. 106 and 107 of the Journal.)

(4) He shall spend three or four months of each year travelling within the bounds of the Conferences east of Manitoba, as the General Board of Missions may direct.

(5) His salary shall be fixed by the General Board of Missions, and paid, together with his travelling expenses, out of the Mission Fund.

(6) The Committee recommend that the General Conference elect this officer without the nomination of the Committee, and that they also fix his duties, or refer the same to the General Board. The Superintendent of Missions shall be *ex officio* one of the members of the Central Board of Missions from the Manitoba Conference.

2. With regard to the memorial of Rev. J. G. Angwin, asking for a Conference Sustentation Fund for Domestic Missions—fixing a percentage to be paid to the General Board—merging the Contingent Fund into the Sustentation Fund, this Committee can recommend no action.

3. Regarding the memorial of the Guelph Conference, asking for fuller items in Report of Expense of Management, your Committee recommend that the subject be referred to the General Board of Missions for consideration.

4. The several memorials from the French District, in regard to French papers, the Classification of French Missions, Agencies for Collections, Special Superintendent, Annual Reports, Extending Jurisdiction, your Committee recommend to refer to the General Board of Missions.

5. Your Committee beg to nominate the following persons as members of the General Board of Missions:—

The General Superintendents		} <i>Ex officio.</i>
The Officers of the Society		
Rev. Dr. Sanderson.	Rev. Dr. Griffith.	A. J. Donly.
" Dr. Shaw.	" Geo. Webber.	J. E. Irvine.
" Dr. Douglas.	" Jas. Hannon.	E. Gurney.
" Dr. Stone.	Senator Ferrier.	W. M. Gray.
" S. F. Huestis.	W. E. Sanford.	J. J. Maclaren.
" Dr. Potts.	Geo. A. Cox.	H. Cunningham.
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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Report:—

I. With regard to the Order of Service, paragraph 60, p. 39 of the Discipline, the Committee recommend,—

1. That the memorial from the Yonge Street Church, Toronto, so to amend the Discipline as to allow prayer at the close of the sermon, and other memorials to the same effect, be granted, and that the Order be so amended as to read "after preaching," p. 39, "singing and prayer or prayer and singing, and benediction."

2. That sub-section 3, p. 39, be amended by inserting after the words "first prayer," in the second line, the words, "the congregation being recommended to join audibly and heartily."

3. With regard to the Rev. J. S. Williamson's motion that it be the instruction of this General Conference that our ministers, in conducting public worship in our churches, shall kneel in prayer unless prevented by some physical disability, the Committee see no need of any recommendation, as sub-section 5 is sufficiently specific.

4. As to Rev. L. Hooker's motion regarding the publishing the Order of Service to be observed by all our ministers, and to specify what version of the Sacred Scriptures shall be used, the Committee recommend no action, as the Order of the Service is already published in the Discipline, and there is but one authorized version of the Holy Scriptures.

II. (This section of the Report was substituted by a resolution of Rev. Dr. Griffin for the restoration of the form of service for the baptism of infants of the Methodist Church of Canada. See Journal, p. 127).

III. In the Order for the Administration of Baptism to Adults, sec. 493, pp. 197-198, the Committee recommend the adoption of the motion of Rev. Wm. Galbraith: "That the passages from Rom. 6: 3-4, and Col. 2: 12, be eliminated from the Service, since they do not refer to water baptism, and are therefore misleading in the connection in which they are now used.

IV. Concerning alterations in the Communion Service, proposed by the Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, paragraph 495, pp. 207-8, the Committee respectfully recommend that no changes be made.

2. As to the memorial of the Ottawa District Meeting, advising the discontinuance of the practice of consecrating the elements of bread and wine, in the judgment of the Committee no legislative action is needed.

V. (This section of the Report was amended by a resolution of

Rev. Dr. Stone to expunge from the Marriage Service the paragraph beginning "Almighty God, who at the beginning," etc.)

VI. In the Order for the Burial of the Dead, the Committee beg to recommend, in harmony with the Report of the General Superintendents, a return to the words, "Suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee," in the place of present form, "Grant us at our last hour such divine comfort and strength, that amid even the pains of death we may glorify Thee." (Paragraph 497, p. 218.)

VII. In the form for ordaining ministers, the Committee see no reasons for expunging the last question proposed to candidates for ordination, paragraph 498, page 227, according to the motion of Rev. J. McAlister, as they cannot perceive how it contravenes the right of private judgment or demands an obedience that is due only to the Creator.

VIII. In accordance with the motion of Rev. A. B. Chambers, the Committee have given special consideration to the form of renewing the covenant; but, in their judgment, the clauses and forms of expression that cannot consistently be employed by believers in Christ who are living in the conscious enjoyment of the Divine favor, are neither sufficient in number or importance to warrant any elimination that should impair the impressiveness of this solemn covenant.

IX. The Committee would most respectfully urge upon this General Conference the desirability of publishing an edition of our Hymn Book, with an appendix to contain such portions of the Ritual as are commonly used, and as would seem best and most convenient for the edification of the people, particularly the services for Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Reception of Members, Renewal of the Covenant, and Burial of the Dead. The Committee further recommend the appointment of a commission that shall, during the next four years, give the most careful consideration to the Liturgy of our Church, and report to the next General Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. PARKER, *Chairman.*

HUGH JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to report that two communications were referred to them, one being from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. These received the serious consideration of the Committee, and the suggestions made are embraced in our recommendations.

While we rejoice that the Sabbath is so well observed by the people of this Dominion, we deplore that encroachments on the sanctity of the day are apparent, and we are profoundly impressed with the necessity of great vigilance to guard this sacred heritage.

We view with alarm the persistent and systematic desecration of the Sabbath by railway and steamboat companies, and insist that the rights of conscience and the claims of religion both demand that a united effort be inaugurated by the Christian Churches of our land, to enforce the law against these powerful organizations. A continuous and united endeavor on the part of all our ministers and people should be made to create a strong public opinion in this direction, so that the interests of God and His cause may not be made subservient to the interests and claims of business and commerce.

The custom in towns and cities of keeping open to an unreasonably late hour on Saturday night seriously interferes with a proper preparation for the duties and privileges of the day of rest. We therefore recommend our people to aid in the effort to secure to all those employed a cessation from labor at an early hour, so as not to incapacitate them for keeping holy the Sabbath-day, or afford ground for any excuse for non-attendance at the services of the sanctuary.

We urge the members of our Church vigorously to oppose all forms of Sabbath excursions, believing that they are in direct contravention of the law of God.

We venture to express the fear that in many homes, and also in individual life, the sacredness of the Sabbath is often desecrated by making it a day of social visiting and worldly pleasure. There appears to us a great laxity in this matter, and we therefore draw special attention to a custom that robs God and depraves man.

Your Committee would direct attention to the necessity of discountenancing Sabbath funerals, whereby the quiet of the day is disturbed, its holy sanctity invaded, and very often the services of the sanctuary greatly interfered with and disturbed, and therefore would respectfully recommend the General Conference to give

such a declaration through its Discipline as will tend to prevent the same, except in cases of urgent necessity.

Appreciating the power of the pulpit and its proclamation of the word of God, we strongly urge that it be a recommendation to all our ministers to preach frequently special sermons upon this vital question, thereby encouraging the observance of Sabbath duties and the enjoyment of Sabbath privileges.

Your Committee also recommend that the General Conference appoint a small committee that shall co-operate with similar committees which are or may be appointed by other Churches, to secure the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary to maintain the proper observance of the Sabbath in our land, and would suggest that the following brethren constitute said Committee:—

Revs. John Scanlon, H. Johnston, Dr. Potts, and Messrs. John Macdonald, Warring Kennedy, J. T. Moore, and A. P. Bradley.

W. BURNS, *Chairman*.

T. COLLING, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Several memorials and resolutions requesting modifications in the Sunday School constitution were considered. After examination and discussion of these, the Committee make the following recommendations:—

1. That section 345 of the Discipline read, "each Annual District Meeting shall elect by ballot one minister and one layman to the Annual Conference Sunday School Committee," instead of "shall appoint one member."

2. That in order to harmonize section 106, sub-section 24, page 57, of the Discipline, with section 352, page 159, the question, "Who are appointed to the Central Sunday School Board?" in the former section be struck out; and that in section 352, page 159, the clause be added, "The Sunday School Board shall fill by election any vacancy in its membership arising from death or disability."

3. That the General Conference be requested to make the addition to the Discipline of the question, "Has the District Sunday School Convention been held?"

4. That the General Conference be requested to enact that, where practicable, a Circuit Sunday School Convention or a Convention of two or more adjacent Circuits be held.

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5. That the General Conference enact that the last Sunday in September of each year, being a Quarterly Review day, be set apart as a Temperance Sunday in the Schools, and that cards containing the Disciplinary Pledge for Sunday Schools, viz., that against liquor, tobacco, profane language, and bad books, be circulated, and that each school keep a permanent pledge book containing the names.

6. That section 351 be so amended as to provide that in connection with each Annual Conference there shall be a public Sunday School meeting, at which the Report of the Sunday School Committee shall be read, followed by addresses and discussions on Sunday School topics.

7. The Sunday School Committee recommend that, if in any Conference any brother have exceptional qualifications for promoting the interest and efficiency of Sunday School Conventions, or improved methods of Sunday School work, he may be exempted by the vote of the District Meeting from serving on missionary or educational deputations, in order to devote a portion of his time, so far as possible, to the promoting of such Conventions and work.

8. With the recommendation that the publication of the Sunday School lessons be omitted from the illustrated Sunday School papers, for the substitution of general reading matter, the Committee did not concur; but recommended that the matter be left to the discretion of the Sunday School Editor.

9. That in section 340 of the Discipline, page 156, the words "Sunday School scholars" be used, instead of "Sabbath School children."

10. That section 332 be so modified as to read as follows, after the first sentence: "The Superintendent of the Circuit shall nominate for the office of Superintendent of the School one or more persons, one of whom, if more than one be nominated, shall be elected by ballot. The Superintendent of the School, after his election, shall nominate the rest of the officers and teachers, and from time to time shall fill such vacancy as may occur in the list of officers and teachers, subject to the approval of the ensuing meeting of the Committee of Management.

11. That Catechisms I. and II. be referred to the Committee by which they were previously edited—Drs. Dewart, Burwash and Withrow—for further revision.

12. (This item was substituted by a resolution of Rev. Dr. Withrow, see Journal, page 118.)

13. The question of a Sunday School agency came before the Committee, and was discussed at some length, when the following resolution was adopted as meeting, at the present time, the object desired in an efficient and economical manner:—

Moved by Mr. George Bishop, seconded by Rev. W. J. Maxwell,  
 "That with the view of assisting and developing weak Sunday Schools in the country and outlying parts of the several Conferences, the General Conference make provision for an organization in each Conference, to be called the Conference Sunday School Association, to be composed of one minister and one layman from each District, with its headquarters at such places as the Annual Conference may determine, with branches situated in different parts of the Conference, and co-operating as far as possible with local associations. The central associations and local branches to elect their own officers.

"The objects of the Association shall be the planting of new schools where none are existing, the invigorating of weak schools in outlying neighborhoods, and the improvement of methods of Sunday School instruction by the wider circulation of our Sunday School literature, the holding of Sunday School Institutes, and the employment of voluntary lay agency from among our most efficient Sunday School workers."

(By resolution of the General Conference this item was recommended to the Annual Conferences for their adoption.)

14. The Committee considered the proposition to set apart a Children's Day, on which collections shall be made toward the support of students in the Theological Colleges; but cannot recommend the addition of this collection to the existing collections for Missions, for School purposes, and for the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund.

15. The Committee respectfully recommend the names of the following persons as members of the Sabbath School Parliament Committee:—

Rev. Dr. Withrow.	Dr. Lavell.
" W. J. Maxwell.	A. L. Morden.
" W. C. Henderson.	G. J. Bishop, <i>Superintendent</i> .
" Joseph Young.	W. Youmans.
" W. Hall, <i>Secretary</i> .	Dr. Alexander.
" George McRitchie.	D. Nichols.
" James Allen.	W. Bow.
" D. C. Sanderson.	Thomas Mallory.
" T. C. Brown.	J. R. Johnson.

16. Also that the following persons be the Normal Class Board of the Sunday School Parliament Committee, with the understanding that the business of both Committees be arranged by correspondence, without expense to the Sunday School Board:—

Rev. S. Card, <i>Superintendent</i> .	C. A. Barnes.
" J. C. Antliff.	R. Knox.
" W. J. Crothers.	J. L. Hughes.
" Dr. Withrow.	Dr. Robins.
" W. W. Carson.	Judge Deacon.

17. With reference to the resolution of Mr. W. E. Sanford, of the Niagara Conference, "That the Editor of the *Methodist Magazine*

act as a Sunday School Editor, and, so and endeavor to circulate literature," the Sunday School Association to make provision for the printing of a list of books, reviewed in the following List.

18. With reference to the report that, in the Sunday School Aid and Extension School period, hold also Sunday past, to attend to their duties.

19. The named persons to attend to the ensuing year.

Rev. Dr.

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act as a Sunday School Agent, whose duties shall be to edit the Sunday School papers, manage the Sunday School Library Department, and, so far as consistent with office duties, hold conventions, and endeavor to promote the circulation of our Sunday School literature," the Sunday School Committee beg to report that the Sunday School Editor has anticipated the instruction of the resolution to manage the Library Department, by the preparation and printing of a descriptive catalogue of 400 approved Sunday School books, reviewed by Methodist ministers, as a Supplementary Windowed List.

18. With reference to the recommendation that the Sunday School Editor shall hold Sunday School Conventions, the Committee report that, in view of his increasing duties as Secretary of the Sunday School Board and as Administrator of the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, and as Editor of eight distinct Sunday School periodicals, they cannot recommend that he be required to hold also Sunday School Conventions, or to do more than, as in the past, to attend such conventions when consistent with his office duties.

19. The Committee would respectfully suggest the following named persons to be members of the Sunday School Board during the ensuing quadrennium:—

	<i>Toronto Conference.</i>	
Rev. Dr. Potts.		Warring Kennedy.
	<i>Niagara Conference.</i>	
Rev. W. J. Maxwell.		John Mann.
	<i>London Conference.</i>	
Rev. John V. Smith.		C. A. Barnes.
	<i>Guelph Conference.</i>	
Rev. W. C. Henderson.		J. J. Crabbe.
	<i>Bay of Quinte Conference.</i>	
Rev. J. B. Clarkson.		W. F. Hall.
	<i>Montreal Conference.</i>	
Rev. S. Card.		Senator Ferrier.
	<i>New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.</i>	
Rev. Job Shenton.		Henry J. Thorne.
	<i>Nova Scotia Conference.</i>	
Rev. Dr. Lathern.		R. J. Sweet.
	<i>Newfoundland Conference.</i>	
Rev. George Boyd.		Hon. J. J. Rogerson.
	<i>Manitoba Conference.</i>	
Rev. A. Andrews.		W. L. Hutton.
	<i>British Columbia Conference.</i>	
Rev. C. Watson.		N. Shakespeare.

Mr. Warring Kennedy was appointed Treasurer for the ensuing quadrennium.

JOHN POTTS, *Chairman.*

W. H. WITHROW, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHEDULES.

Your Committee beg to recommend the following changes in the Schedules :—

*Schedule A.*

2. That under the heading "Received," the words "from other Circuits" be changed to "by letter."

*Schedule C.—Church Property.*

1. That in Schedule C. columns be added to show the indebtedness upon churches and parsonages, and one to show the entire indebtedness on church property.

2. That the column "Colleges" be expunged.

*Schedule D.—Connexional Funds.*

1. That all Connexional Collections be inserted in Schedule D, and when these are peculiar to any of the Conferences, this fact be indicated by a foot-note.

2. That the item "Superannuated" read "Superannuated or Supernumerary."

*General.*

In compliance with the prayer of a memorial it is recommended that the Book Steward be requested to issue blank certificates to be given to exhorters and local preachers.

B. CLEMENT, *Chairman.*

A. D. MORTON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The Committee on the State of the Work beg leave to report as follows :—

1. A review of the field calls for thankfulness. We recognize the growing strength of the spirit of unity in the Church and the evidence of the Divine approval in the increase of revival power in the salvation of souls.

2. We hail with delight the increase in the membership of 27,676, and yet cannot but express our regret that on the part of so many adherents and supporters of our institutions there seems to be a disposition to undervalue the privilege of membership.

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3. Every department of our Sabbath School work exhibits growth, and while we find a decrease in the number of schools of 32, no doubt arising out of the amalgamation of schools at the Union, there is nevertheless an increase in the staff of officers and teachers of 2,016, also an increase in the number of scholars of 16,133. The number of scholars meeting in class is 34,636, a larger percentage than at any former period, being a little over one-sixth of the whole number; this increase is specially gratifying, but is much below the requirements of the Church, and the provisions of the atonement touching the child. We would strongly recommend the more general use of our Catechism, inasmuch as only 32,000 out of a total of over 220,000 scholars, are now using it. We also gladly mention the increase in the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund.

4. We regret that our Missionary income is found to be insufficient to meet the demands of the work, and express our sorrow that our brethren on many of our mission fields are placed in circumstances of comparative privation.

The work of the Women's Missionary Society demands our grateful mention, and, notwithstanding the fears at one time entertained and expressed that it would interfere with the operations of the Parent Society, it has proved to be an efficient helper, and we heartily recommend the formation of auxiliaries wherever practicable.

5. We rejoice in the growing strength of the sentiment of our people on the burning question of the liquor traffic, and would urge the most persistent effort on the part of the Church in securing its speedy and permanent suppression by legal prohibitory enactment.

6. On the question of Sabbath observance there is danger of overlooking the spirit of the institution, and we would urge that in all our pulpits and public services greater prominence be given to this matter, and that every effort be made to prevent the desecration of the Lord's day.

7. Your Committee regard with apprehension the prevailing craze after amusements of a questionable moral tendency, and would urge upon the entire Church the importance of meeting this growing evil, not so much by restraint as by counter attractions of an elevating and religious character.

8. We would further urge the transcendent importance of securing and retaining the children of our people. We fear that on many circuits the clauses in the Discipline, pp. 37, 38, on "the relation of baptized children to the Church," are a dead letter, and we deem it of vital moment that the young be carefully and persistently trained for Christ and Methodism. While we greatly rejoice in the numbers added to the Church, we judge that to get

is one thing and to *keep* is another, and would strongly urge the necessity of close and constant pastoral oversight, especially in imparting suitable religious instruction, and organizing and directing the energies of the young people in Church work.

We would also recommend the cultivation of Methodist preferences; it is not ours to cultivate antagonism to other churches, but we may and ought to cultivate an intelligent and strong attachment to our own.

9. Your Committee are pleased to note the increased attention paid to evangelistic work. We also think the time has come for Methodism to take a more active and systematic part in the training of Christian workers, both men and women, especially the latter, for, as in primitive times, they can be most efficient auxiliaries in visiting the sick and poor, ministering to them, and by their delicacy and tact doing what the other sex would in many cases fail to do.

It may not be out of place to commend this department of work to the favorable consideration of the Women's Missionary Society.

10. On the matter of ministerial support your Committee regret that in many instances it is deplorably inadequate, and would urge a larger and more self-denying liberality on the part of the people, and a more systematic and influential appeal to those who have it in their power to respond.

11. We cannot conclude without emphasizing the supreme necessity of maintaining spiritual life in its purity and strength. "Without me ye can do nothing," are Christ's own words, and every Christian needs to have within him a living Christ.

The mission of Methodism is now what it was at the first: "The spread of Scriptural holiness over the land." In order to do this we may ask, What is most needed? With such an army of ministers, members, and Sabbath-School workers, a system of agencies so well adapted to this end, and a theology that has never required revision, we want but the richer anointing of the Holy Spirit to go up and "take possession of the land."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. BLAND, *Chairman.*

J. W. HOLMES, *Secretary.*

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Bay Quinte.....  
Montreal .....  
Manitoba.....

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee beg to present the following statistical report of the number of Ministers, Members, Sunday Schools, Churches, Parsonages, etc., compiled from the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences published June, 1886:—

I. MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

(a) WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	PROBATIONERS.		MINISTERS.			
	At Coll.	At Work.	Effective.	Sup'd.	Sup'y.	Total.
Toronto .....	12	33	201	41	8	295
London .....	7	8	134	30	3	182
Niagara .....	6	8	120	31	4	169
Guelph .....	7	15	135	23	7	187
Bay Quinte .....	8	8	142	32	3	193
Montreal .....	13	22	167	25	8	235
Manitoba .....	2	10	55	2	6	75
Total .....	55	104	954	184	39	1336

(b) EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia .....	1	15	75	20	..	111
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island .....	4	7	78	14	..	103
Newfoundland .....	3	19	36	2	..	60
Total .....	8	41	189	*36	..	274

(c) SUMMARY.

Western Conferences .....	55	104	954	184	39	1336
Eastern Conference .....	8	41	189	36	..	274
Grand Total, 1886 .....	63	145	1143	220	..	1610
"    1883 .....	49	170	1184	199	42	1633
Increase .....	14	..	..	21	..	..
Decrease .....	..	25	41	..	3	23

\* Supernumerary ministers in the Eastern Conferences bear the same relation to the Church that superannuated ministers do in the Western Conferences. They are placed in the same column as the superannuated ministers of the Western Conferences, to show the whole number who have claims upon the funds.

II. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	MEMBERS.			Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Total.	LEADERS.		
	On trial.	Full.	Total.				Male.	Female.	Total.
Toronto .....	2892	30497	33389	453	131	584	986	109	1095
London .....	2004	22233	24237	256	63	319	675	51	726
Niagara .....	18 6	23202	25008	187	47	234	786	87	873
Guelph .....	2246	23306	25552	280	85	365	649	44	693
Bay Quinte .....	2224	22399	24623	261	70	331	820	51	871
Montreal .....	1670	24554	26224	218	56	274	737	46	783
Manitoba .....	393	4640	5033	108	35	143	155	7	162
Total .....	13235	150831	164066	1763	487	2250	5008	395	5403

(b) EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia .....	639	11779	12428	50	41	91	281	70	351
New Brunswick and P. E. I. ....	541	9803	10344	81	36	117	205	37	242
Newfoundland .....	1972	8669	10641	64	170	234	414	231	645
Total .....	3152	30251	33413	195	247	442	900	338	1238

(c) SUMMARY.

Seven Western .....	13235	150831	164066	1763	487	2250	5008	395	5403
Three Eastern .....	3152	30251	33413	195	247	442	900	338	1238
Grand Total, 1886 .....	16387	181082	197479	1959	734	2692	5908	733	6641
" 1883 .....	12151	157752	169808	•	•	•	•	•	•
Increase .....	4236	23330	27676	•	•	•	•	•	•
Decrease .....	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

\* No statistics gathered at the time of Union.

III. CHURCH PROPERTY.

(a) WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	COLLEGES.		SCHOOLS.		CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.			BURIAL PLACES.		Total Value of all Church Property.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	Furniture.	No.	Value.	
Toronto .....	1	\$7500	•	•	529	\$1593905	151	\$234277	\$30238	181	\$19930	\$1847581
London .....	1	76935	•	•	345	770410	98	128500	17853	63	8900	1002598
Niagara .....	•	•	•	•	326	937279	89	153905	20862	118	20555	1137901
Guelph .....	•	•	•	•	358	662230	97	114150	15187	109	12630	804297
Bay Quinte .....	2	105600	•	•	374	956370	94	116255	16096	114	18447	1252168
Montreal .....	2	70000	•	•	415	1472720	143	204080	30611	132	22320	1799731
Manitoba .....	•	•	•	•	60	110375	11	44000	4125	13	790	169240
Total .....	6	\$259435	•	•	2407	\$6503289	683	\$905167	\$134972	730	\$103572	\$8003516

CONFERENCES.	No.
Nova Scotia .....	•
New Brunswick and P. E. I. ....	2
Newfoundland .....	1
Total .....	3

Seven Western .....	6
Three Eastern .....	3
Grand T'tal, '86 .....	9
Grand T'tal, '83 .....	•
Increase .....	•
Decrease .....	•

CONFERENCE

Toronto .....	•
London .....	•
Niagara .....	•
Guelph .....	•
Bay Quinte .....	•
Montreal .....	•
Manitoba .....	•
Total .....	•

Nova Scotia .....	•
New Brunswick and P. E. I. ....	•
Newfoundland .....	•
Total .....	•

Seven Western .....	•
Three Eastern .....	•
Grand Total, 1886 .....	•
" 1883 .....	•

CHURCH PROPERTY.—Continued.

(b) EASTERN SECTION.

LEADERS.		
Male.	Female.	Total.
986	109	1095
675	51	726
786	87	873
549	44	593
820	51	871
737	46	783
155	7	162
5008	395	5403

CONFERENCES.	COLLEGES.		SCHOOLS.		CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.			BURIAL PLACES.		Total Value of all Church Property.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	Furniture.	No.	Value.	
Nova Scotia...	..	....	..	....	220	\$532550	65	\$99630	\$18915	60	\$7250	\$667090
New Brunsw'k and P. E. I. . .	2	\$180000	1	\$30000	224	592700	59	88825	18730	..	....	910255
Newfoundland	1	14000	58	4355	92	233550	35	48220	5539	121	8518	314182
Total .....	3	\$194000	59	\$34355	536	\$1358500	169	\$236675	\$43184	181	\$15768	\$1891527

(c) SUMMARY.

Seven Western	6	\$259435	..	....	2407	\$6503289	683	\$995167	\$134972	730	\$103572	\$8003516
Three Eastern	3	194000	59	\$34355	536	1358800	159	236675	43184	181	15768	1891527
Grand T'tal, '86	9	\$453435	59	\$34355	2943	\$7862089	842	\$1231842	\$178156	911	\$119340	\$9895043
Grand T'tal, '83	..	376563	..	....	3159	....	..	....	....	..	....	9130807
Increase ....	..	76872	..	....	..	....	..	....	....	..	....	764236
Decrease ...	..	....	..	....	216	....	..	....	....	..	....	....

281	70	351
205	37	242
414	231	645
900	338	1238

IV. NUMERICAL AND FINANCIAL.

(a) WESTERN SECTION.

5008	395	5403
900	338	1238
5908	733	6641

CONFERENCES.	CIRCUITS.				Amount Paid for Ministers' Salaries.	Amount Paid for Circuit Purposes.	Missionary Moneys.	Connexional Funds.	Amount Paid for all other Purposes.
	No. of Circuits.	No. of Missions	No. of Churches	Other preach'g places.					
Toronto .....	213	59	529	155	\$125451	\$18501	\$38618	\$21921	\$148353
London .....	124	46	345	47	71933	13740	15121	8343	68810
Niagara .....	96	19	326	14	78200	9052	24065	9617	96329
Guelph .....	93	39	358	40	77536	22049	16681	25347	82721
Bay Quinte .....	89	37	374	142	81764	11311	18436	8445	63997
Montreal .....	108	90	415	251	95770	13484	30374	17763	77292
Manitoba .....	23	55	60	250	20149	7369	4133	1805	17541
Total .....	746	345	2407	899	\$559803	\$95506	\$147428	\$93241	\$555043

(b) EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia .....	41	48	220	105	\$47477	\$1224	\$11605	\$4645	....
New Brunswick and P. E. I. . .	38	45	224	182	39916	....	7777	2002	....
Newfoundland .....	14	38	92	58	25336	....	5635	5053	....
Total .....	93	131	536	345	\$112729	\$1224	\$24927	\$11700	....

(c) SUMMARY.

Seven Western .....	746	345	2407	899	\$559803	\$95506	\$147428	\$93241	\$555043
Three Eastern .....	93	131	536	345	112729	1224	24917	11700	....
Grand Total, 1886 .....	839	476	2943	1244	\$663532	\$96730	\$172345	\$104941	\$555043
" " 1883 .....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

BURIAL PLACES.	Total Value of all Church Property.
Value.	
\$19930	\$1847581
8900	1002598
20555	1137901
12630	804297
18447	1252168
22320	1799731
790	169240
\$103572	\$8003516

\* No statistics gathered at the time of Union.

V. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(a) WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	SCHOOLS.		SCHOLARS.				MISCELLANEOUS.			
	No.	Offi- cers and Teachers	In Primary Classes.	Inter- mediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attend- ance.	Meeting in Class.	Learn- ing Cate- chism.	Have ta- ken Total Abst'nice Pledge.
Toronto .....	440	4416	11830	15597	9616	38034	25596	5819	4258	6177
London .....	290	3203	7528	10627	6305	24560	17071	4100	3219	3470
Niagara .....	272	2930	6897	9880	6536	23313	16224	4491	2698	2988
Guelph .....	327	3229	7607	10506	6459	24572	17004	4607	4221	6967
Bay Quinte .....	340	5945	6518	9316	6138	21972	16044	3822	2906	3552
Montreal .....	389	2969	6788	9675	6296	22779	13741	3527	4734	5417
Manitoba .....	84	525	1319	1672	1082	4073	2880	537	270	1363
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2142</b>	<b>20207</b>	<b>48487</b>	<b>67283</b>	<b>42432</b>	<b>159303</b>	<b>106360</b>	<b>26903</b>	<b>23306</b>	<b>28934</b>

(b) EASTERN SECTION.

Nova Scotia .....	199	1550	3535	4838	3303	11557	8169	1588	3187	3147
New Brunswick and P. E. I. .....	204	1458	3268	4716	3216	11200	8015	1698	2220	2649
Newfoundland .....	130	1031	3207	3867	2052	9125	6462	1307	4159	2550
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>4039</b>	<b>10010</b>	<b>13421</b>	<b>8571</b>	<b>31882</b>	<b>22646</b>	<b>4593</b>	<b>9566</b>	<b>8346</b>

(c) SUMMARY.

Seven Western .....	2142	20207	48487	67283	42432	159303	106360	26903	23306	28934
Three Eastern .....	533	4039	10010	13421	8571	31882	22646	4593	9566	8346
<b>Grand Total, 1886 .....</b>	<b>2675</b>	<b>24246</b>	<b>58497</b>	<b>80704</b>	<b>51003</b>	<b>191185</b>	<b>129006</b>	<b>31496</b>	<b>32872</b>	<b>37280</b>
"    1883 .....	2707	22134	*	*	*	175052	.....	18530	..	.....
Increase .....	..	1812	..	..	..	16133	.....	12966	..	.....
Decrease .....	32	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....

(a) WESTERN SECTION.

CONFERENCES.	LIBRARIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS.								MONEYS RAISED BY S. SCHOOLS.				
	Volumes in Libraries.	Pleasant Hours.	Home and School.	Sunbeam.	Happy Days.	Quarterly.	Berean Leaves.	Other Papers Taken.	Total S. S. Papers.	For Missions.	For School Purposes.	For S. Aid and Extension Fund.	Total.
Toronto .....	52088	9118	5792	5278	1295	5250	10949	5217	42899	\$ 3201	\$ 17666	\$ 342	\$ 22219
London .....	24860	5570	4719	3753	1540	3712	6894	4644	24838	1055	9340	216	10612
Niagara .....	31086	5797	5000	3442	1487	4254	7591	5092	32663	2458	11312	217	13989
Guelph .....	36515	8009	7160	3469	1827	4757	8464	3124	36707	1100	10919	24	12262
Bay Quinte .....	22952	5281	4135	2614	1213	4265	7478	3911	28900	1618	9219	219	11067
Montreal .....	36210	4375	3205	3103	1382	6093	8755	2903	28316	7195	978	186	18959
Manitoba .....	6150	1490	1300	822	476	354	1847	708	5440	164	2534	60	2759
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>208891</b>	<b>39644</b>	<b>31211</b>	<b>22481</b>	<b>9229</b>	<b>27685</b>	<b>51978</b>	<b>25596</b>	<b>202263</b>	<b>16791</b>	<b>70578</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>89868</b>

\* No statistics gathered at time of Union.

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Three Eastern ..  
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(b) EASTERN SECTION.

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Class	Learn- ing Cate- chism.	Have ta- ken Total Abstinence Pledge.
819	4258	6177
100	3219	3470
191	2698	2988
307	4221	5967
322	2906	3552
327	4734	5417
337	270	1363
003	23306	28934

CONFERENCES.	LIBRARIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS.							MONEYS RAISED BY S. SCHOOLS.			Total.		
	Volumes in Libraries.	Pleasant Hours.	Home and School.	Sunbeam.	Happy Days.	Quarterly.	Berean Leaves.	Other Papers Taken.	Total S. S. Papers.	For Missions.		For School Purposes.	For S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.
Nova Scotia .....	16373	1161	1193	1239	620	2367	3959	712	11251	1058	3316	100	4974
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	18242	5514	..	..	372	589	3025	1024	10524	1665	3298	129	5094
Newfoundland .....	4356	1045	863	907	..	587	1803	396	5601	1076	..	81	1167
Total .....	38971	7720	2156	2146	992	3543	8787	2132	27376	3799	7114	310	11225

(c) SUMMARY.

Seven Western .....	209891	39640	31211	22481	9229	27685	51978	25596	202263	16791	70578	1482	89868
Three Eastern .....	38971	7720	2156	2146	992	3543	8787	2132	27376	3799	7114	310	11225
Grand Total, 1886 ...	248862	47360	33367	24627	10221	31228	60765	46728	229639	20590	77692	1792	101093
" 1883 ...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\* No statistics of schools gathered at the time of the Union.

In presenting this report, your Committee regret to say that several of the schedules furnished by the Presidents and Secretaries of Annual Conferences were incorrect, and that they have had the laborious task of gathering information to a great extent from the printed minutes of the several Annual Conferences. In relation to the numerical and financial state of the Church, your Committee report as follows:—

1. Ministers and Probationers .....	1,610	Decrease	23
2. Members .....	197,479	Increase	27,676
3. Value of Church Property .....	\$9,895,043	"	\$764,236
4. Sabbath Schools .....	2,675	Decrease	32
5. Scholars attending Sabbath Schools ....	191,185	Increase	16,133
6. Sabbath School Scholars meeting in Class	31,496	"	12,966
7. Sabbath School Scholars who have } taken Total Abstinence Pledge..... }	37,280	..	..
8. Sabbath School Papers taken .....	229,639	..	..

In view of the importance of collecting statistical information as fully as possible during each year of the quadrennium, your Committee make the following suggestions to the General Conference:—

1. To appoint one person from each Annual Conference, whose duty it shall be to collect and tabulate the statistics of the Conference of which he is a member.

MONEYS RAISED BY S. SCHOOLS.

For School Purposes.	For S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.	Total.
\$ 17666	\$ 342	\$ 22219
9340	216	10612
11312	217	13989
10919	24	12262
9219	219	11067
9 78	186	16959
2534	60	2759
70578	1482	89868

2. We suggest the following persons as suitable for the work :—

Toronto Conference.....	Rev. H. S. Matthews.
London Conference.....	" John V. Smith.
Niagara Conference.....	" William J. Maxwell.
Guelph Conference.....	" Geo. H. Cornish.
Bay of Quinte Conference.....	" Isaac Tovell.
Montreal Conference.....	" William Jackson.
Manitoba Conference.....	" A. Stewart.
Nova Scotia Conference.....	" A. D. Morton.
New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conference.....	" Edwin Evans.
Newfoundland Conference.....	" George Boyd.

3. We further suggest that Rev. G. H. Cornish be appointed to receive the statistics for the Western Section and Rev. E. Evans for the Eastern Section of our work; and that the persons appointed from the several Annual Conferences shall forward the statistical information to these brethren not later than the first day of August of each year. Your Committee hope that full and accurate statistical information will thereby be secured.

GEO. H. CORNISH, *Chairman.*

H. S. MATTHEWS, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUPER- ANNUATION FUND.

##### First Report.

The Committee beg leave to present their Report as follows:—

1. Memorials were referred to your Committee, asking an allowance of certain years in their claim on the Superannuation Fund for the Revs. J. P. Bell, Thomas Boyd, T. R. McNair and Alexander Burns, LL.D. Your Committee cannot recommend that such claims be allowed, as it would contravene the Basis of Union, which provided only for such rights and standing for each minister as he enjoyed in his own Church at the time of the Union.

(The matter of this item was referred to the Board.)

2. A memorial was referred to your Committee asking an additional year's allowance on the claim of the Rev. Benjamin Lawrence, of London Conference, upon the Superannuation Fund. The Committee recommend that this case be referred to the Board of the Fund.

3. A memorial from the Montreal District, forwarded by the Montreal Conference, respecting certain ministers' widows who, in the late Methodist Church of Canada, were permanent claimants on the Fund, but by the legislation of that Church in 1882 were

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removed from a permanent claim, and were thus brought into the United Church as claimants but for a limited period, was referred to your Committee. The Committee recommend that this and all such cases be referred to the Board of Superannuation Fund.

**Second Report.**

Your Committee beg leave to present their second report as follows:—

The Report of the Treasurer and also the Report of the Board have been referred to us and duly considered.

We now beg leave to present these reports and ask their adoption by the Conference.

SUPERANNUATION FUND BOARD REPORT.

The Board of the Superannuation Fund beg leave to present the following Report:—

The number of ministers entering the Methodist Church at the time of the Union, in 1884, from the seven western Conferences were as follows:—

The Methodist Church of Canada .....	930
" Methodist Episcopal Church .....	(say) 194
" Primitive Methodist Church .....	82
" Bible Christian Church .....	64
	1270

The capital of the Methodist Church of Canada at the time of entering the Union was found to be \$120,000, made up as follows:—

Cash and securities as per statement....	\$111,644 56	
Other assets (legacies, etc.).....	8,355 44	
	\$120,000 00	

The Methodist Episcopal Church has paid as follows:—

Cash and securities .....	\$23,805 20	
Balance remaining unpaid .....	1,226 62	
	\$25,031 82	
The Primitive Methodist Church .....	10,580 40	
" Bible Christian Church .....	8,257 92	
	\$163,870 20	

The Board held during the two years six meetings, the number of members attending being 115, an average of 19½. The cost of these meetings was \$635.85, an average of about \$106 per meeting. There were also three sub-committees held the first year, costing \$46.55, and making a total for meetings of \$682.42.

The number of claimants on the Fund coming from the several uniting bodies were, exclusive of children—

	Ministers.	Widows.
The Methodist Church of Canada .....	101	71
" Methodist Episcopal Church.....	26	27
" Primitive Methodist Church.....	16	3
" Bible Christian Church .....	7	8
Totals.....	150	109

The present number of claimants in the United Church is: ministers, 186; widows, 132; children, 95.

At the close of the year ending July 31, 1885, the invested capital account, bearing interest, was....	\$154,614 03
At the close of the year ending July 31, 1886, the invested capital was.....	\$159,601 09
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The total receipts for the annual account for the year ending July 31, 1885, were..	\$63,754 66
Amount borrowed from capital account ..	30 21
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	\$63,784 87
The total receipts for annual account for the year ending July 31, 1886, were....	\$68,206 24
Amount borrowed from capital account ..	2,712 20
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	\$70,918 44

RECOMMENDATIONS.

*Locations.*

1. The Board would recommend that all ministers who shall be located shall have the amounts they have paid into this Fund returned to them.

*Official Annual Returns.*

3. (a) The Financial Secretary of each District shall, as soon as possible after each Financial District Meeting, furnish the Treasurers with a complete statement of the amounts required from each District as amended by the District Meeting.

(b) The Superintendents of Districts are requested to ascertain and report to the Annual Conference, for publication in the Minutes, the names and addresses of ministers and widows who are claimants on the Fund, and also the names and dates of birth of children of deceased ministers who are claimants on the Fund, together with any changes that have taken place in relation to these claimants by death, limitation of claim, marriage, non-membership or other causes during the year, on their respective Districts.

(c) The Secretaries of the several Conferences shall prepare and forward to the Treasurers, immediately after the rising of the Conference, a certified copy of the amount paid by each Circuit and Mission for Ministerial support and Connexional Collections during the year preceding.

*Levelling Up.*

4. That the General Conference do enact a law to the effect that all those ministers of the united body who have not yet levelled up,

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shall have their claims on this Fund commence at the time of the union, June 1st, 1884, unless they level up on the Fund within six months.

*Widows.*

5. That a widow whose husband was superannuated at the time of her marriage shall have no claim on this Fund unless she had a claim previous to her marriage, in which case, should her husband die before her, the former claim shall be restored.

*Children.*

6. That all children of deceased ministers shall receive twenty dollars each per annum up to sixteen years of age. When children have no natural guardian or protector, the Superintendent of the District in which they reside shall make such arrangements as may be deemed necessary to meet their circumstances, and properly manage their grants.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

JOHN BREDIN, *Secretary.*

TREASURERS' REPORT.

*To be presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, September, 1886.*

The appointment of the present Treasurers took place at the time of the union of the several Methodist bodies, now forming the Methodist Church in this country. This union took effect on the 1st of June, 1884, and the Report can cover only the two years during which we have had charge of the Fund.

The several uniting bodies had each a similar Fund, managed by boards or committees, and varying considerably in their usages, arrangements and modes of operation. As might be expected, a good deal of thought and care was found to be necessary to harmonize these Funds and to consolidate the system.

One of the difficulties to be overcome was to get the names and addresses of the claimants, especially the widows and children, scattered as they were throughout Canada and the United States. It has been the effort of the Treasurers to devise a system by which official returns of all claimants shall be made annually through the District Meetings and Conferences, and published in the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences. If the General Conference can adopt measures to secure such returns, we think it will be found that the Fund can be managed more easily in the future.

There have also been some defects and discrepancies ascertained in the practical working out of the Fund to which we need now

only refer, as the Report of the Board will probably deal with them, and which will, no doubt, receive the earnest attention of the Conference, and for which we hope a remedy will be provided.

During the first year after the union it was found very difficult, in consequence of the numerous changes made in the names and boundaries of circuits, to obtain reliable data to make the estimates and appropriations. The Committee to whom this work was intrusted considered it advisable to make the appropriations only to Districts, leaving the Financial District Meetings to distribute the amounts allotted to the Districts, to the several Circuits and Missions within their own bounds. Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which the Committee were placed, the estimates and appropriations of the year were generally satisfactory and were loyally responded to by the great majority of the Circuits and Missions throughout the Connexion. Only \$30.21 of the ascertained claims had to be carried into the following year. It was, however, found that claims not known at the time, and consequently not provided for, amounting to more than \$1,500, had to be thrown into the next year.

The estimates for the year just closed were made sufficient to meet all claims in full, but for obvious reasons there was not much margin left to meet contingencies. Owing principally to the failure of a few of the Districts to pay the amounts allotted to them, a deficit of \$2,712.20 is reported, and is to be carried into the current year. The deficiency is about a third of one per cent. (debt included) on the assessable income which forms the basis of calculation.

In view of the near approach of the General Conference, we considered it better to carry this amount forward as a debt than to lower the standard of payments fixed by the Constitution of the Fund.

The capital account of the Fund, embracing the amounts paid by the several uniting bodies, has been greatly increased. The first year's increase, of course, is entirely exceptional, and could form no basis of calculation. During the past year the increase of the capital account from ordinary sources has been about \$5,000.

The investments are considered safe and satisfactory. Although the rate of interest is low, and there is difficulty in securing safe investments, and therefore there are pretty large sums that have to remain in the bank, sometimes for a considerable length of time, at a nominal interest, yet the average rate of interest is within a very small fraction of 6 per cent. on the entire capital account.

The following is a statement of capital account, and of income and expenditure for the two years since the formation of the Union:—

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## INCOME—CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

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Methodist Church of Canada .....	\$120,000 00	
Less Assets .....	8,355 44	
		\$111,644 56
Methodist Episcopal Church .....		20,284 80
Primitive Methodist Church .....		10,580 46
Bible Christian Church .....		8,361 05
Legacies, etc. ....		1,656 00
Ministerial subscriptions (one-sixth) .....		2,029 16
Rev. S. C. Philp .....		64 00
		<u>\$154,614 03</u>

## INVESTMENTS—CAPITAL FUND.

Mortgages .....	\$85,872 50
Debentures .....	14,000 00
Stocks .....	8,914 25
Methodist Book Room .....	20,500 00
Methodist Missionary Society .....	22,760 00
Loan .....	376 30
Commutation .....	300 00
Part of Balance in Bank .....	1,860 77
Balance due by Annual Account .....	30 21
	<u>\$154,614 03</u>

## ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

*Income.*

To Methodist Church of Canada .....	\$5,378 02
" Circuits .....	30,245 56
" Ministerial subscriptions (five-sixths) .....	10,145 84
" Interest .....	8,989 58
" Book Room grant .....	4,000 00
" Missionary grant .....	4,200 00
" Rev. B. B. Keefer .....	10 00
" Balance due sundry claimants .....	785 66
" Balance due Capital Account .....	30 21
	<u>\$63,784 87</u>

*Expenditure.*

By Claimants: Ministers, 172; Widows, 132; Children, 75	\$60,688 25
" Annuitants .....	152 00
" Refunds .....	229 00
" Commutation .....	100 00
" Expenses .....	1,829 96
" Part of Balance in Bank .....	785 66
	<u>\$63,784 87</u>

SUPERANNUATION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING JULY 31st, 1886.

## PERMANENT FUND ACCOUNT.

*Dr.**Investments.*

To Amount as per Statement last year .....	\$154,614 03
Less Reduction on Investments .....	157 50
	<u>\$154,456 53</u>
" Legacies, Donations, etc. ....	2,016 49
" Ministers' subscriptions (one-sixth) .....	2,107 67
" Methodist Episcopal Church .....	1,020 40
	<u>\$159,601 09</u>

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By Mortgages .....	\$89,249 16
" Debentures .....	14,000 00
" Stocks .....	8,791 75
" Methodist Book Room .....	24,500 00
" Methodist Missionary Society .....	11,760 00
" Loans .....	536 30
" Commutation .....	650 00
" Balance in Bank .....	7,401 68
" Due by Annual Account .....	2,712 20
	<u>\$159,601 09</u>

ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

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To Cash (Anonymous) .....	\$36 00
" Balance reserved last year to pay sundry claimants ..	610 66
" Balance to pay Treasurer's Loan .....	534 83
" Amount refunded from last year .....	52 45
" Unclaimed Cheques issued last year .....	240 00
" Rev. B. B. Keefer .....	20 00
" Book Room Appropriation .....	4,000 00
" Missionary Grant .....	4,200 00
" Ministers' Subscriptions (five-sixths) .....	10,538 33
" Interest .....	8,667 38
" Amount paid by Districts .....	39,202 59
" Mrs. Healey's account .....	104 00
" Balance due Permanent Fund .....	2,712 20
	<u>\$70,918 44</u>

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By Permanent Fund .....	\$30 21
" Amount paid sundry Claimants for last year .....	2,119 57
" Amount due Treasurer .....	534 83
" Paid 183 Ministers this year .....	46,538 74
" " 124 Widows " .....	16,746 89
" " 100 Children " .....	2,000 00
" " On Commutation .....	250 00
" " On Annuities .....	192 00
" Refunded to Retiring Ministers .....	298 50
" Treasurer's Salary .....	1,000 00
" Expenses as follows :—	
Minutes of Conference to subscribers .....	\$327 60
Assistant's allowance .....	250 00
Meetings of Committees .....	188 70
Rent, office furniture and expenses .....	134 00
Travelling expenses of Treasurer in attend- ing six Annual Conferences .....	40 32
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Express Charges, Exchange, etc .....	207 08
	<u>1,147 70</u>
	<u>\$70,918 44</u>

Examined and found correct,

F. BYRNE,  
SCOTT McVEIGH, } *Auditors.*

Signed by authority of Board,

JAMES GRAY,  
J. C. AIKINS, } *Treasurers.*

TORONTO, August 7, 1886.

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**Third Report.**

1. A memorial was sent to your Committee from the Collingwood District, Toronto Conference, asking that the expenses of management of this Fund be reduced. Your Committee recommend that this matter be referred to the Board.

2. Memorials were sent your Committee from the Wellington Street Church, Brantford, and also from Messrs. Wilson and Lathern, asking that the assessments of Circuits for this Fund be discontinued, and voluntary subscriptions take its place. Your Committee cannot recommend such change to the Conference.

3. The memorial from Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, accompanied with several recommendations, your Committee recommend to be sent to the Board for its earnest consideration, with instructions to report to the General Conference of 1890.

4. Your Committee also recommend—

(1) That paragraph 446 of the Discipline be amended by adding the words "by the Board" after the word "equitable" on the fourth line from the top of page 179.

(2) That paragraph 418 of the Discipline be amended by inserting the words "an investment" before the word "Committee," on the first line; and also that the words "Investment Committee" be substituted for the word "Board," on the last line.

(3) That paragraph 425 be amended by adding the words "and the Superintendent of the Circuit shall be responsible for the full payment of the same to the Financial Secretary."

(4) Your Committee also recommend that the Book Room Committee be earnestly requested to increase its annual contribution to this Fund.

The Delegations of the Western Conferences beg leave to report the following as their nominations for members of the Board of the Superannuation Fund:—

**TORONTO CONFERENCE.**

Revs. N. R. Willoughby, H. S. Matthews, Dr. Potts, and Dr. Griffith, and Messrs. Warring Kennedy, J. N. Lake, and Richard Brown, of Toronto, and T. Edmundson, of Oshawa.

**LONDON CONFERENCE.**

Revs. Dr. Sanderson and Dr. Parker, and Messrs. A. B. Powell and A. Johnston, of London.

**GUELPH CONFERENCE.**

Revs. Dr. Griffin, James Gray, and John Kenner, and Messrs. R. W. McKenzie, of Goderich, and Prof. Mills, of Guelph.

NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

Revs. Dr. W. J. Hunter, J. S. Williamson and Wm. Kettlewell, and Messrs. Sanford, of Hamilton, and Donly, of Simcoe.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE.

Revs. Dr. Bredin and F. B. Stratton, and Messrs. E. D. O'Flynn, of Madoc, G. W. Webb, of Colborne, and William Johnston, of Belleville.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. Dr. Douglas and J. T. Pitcher, and Dr. Lavell, of Kingston, and Mr. J. Jamieson, of Almonte.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

Lieut.-Governor Aikins.

G. R. SANDERSON, *Chairman.*

T. M. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE JOINT DELEGATES OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCES *re* SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

The joint Delegates of the Eastern Conferences having met in accord with provision of Discipline, sec. 455, beg leave to report:—

1. The Treasurers' Financial Statement, marked "A."
2. That the ballot for Treasurers resulted in the election of Rev. Dr. Pickard and Dr. Jas. R. Inch.

The Convention expresses its regret that through inadvertence the resolution, as found in Journal of General Conference of 1883, page 89, has not been acted upon by the Annual Conferences interested, and orders that the Secretary of this joint Conference be directed to lay the subject before the General Committee of the Fund, that said Committee may, in accordance with Rule of Discipline, sec. 478, place it before the Annual Conferences of the Eastern Section.

J. G. ANGWIN, *Secretary of Convention.*

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THE FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND, OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1885-6.

I. CURRENT INCOME FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR, 1885-6.

Receipts.

1. From Nova Scotia Conference—			
(1) Amount from Circuits .....	\$804	90	
(2) Preachers' subscriptions paid at Districts..	\$740	00	
Paid General Treasurer.....	30	00	
			770 00
			\$1,574 90
2. From New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference—			
(1) Amount from Circuits .....	699	06	
(2) Preachers' subscriptions paid at Districts..	\$780	00	
Paid General Treasurer.....	176	40	
			956 40
			1,655 46
3. From Newfoundland Conference—			
(1) Amount from Circuits .....	295	64	
(2) Preachers' subscriptions .....	584	20	
			879 84
Total Amount from Circuits .....	1,799	60	
"                    "    Preachers .....	2,316	00	
			4,110 20
4. Net share of vessel earnings .....			64 99
5. Missionary Society Grant .....			700 00
6. Capital Stock Interest .....			5,228 08
			\$10,103 27

Expenditure.

1. Annuities paid—			
(1) In Nova Scotia Conference .....	\$4,783	75	
(2) " New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference .....	4,372	50	
(3) " Newfoundland Conference .....	480	00	
(4) " other Conferences .....	360	00	
(5) To Mrs. Thomas' legacy of the late Robert Robert- son, Esq.....	28	00	
			\$10,024 25
2. Expenses—			
(1) Committees .....	\$21	00	
(2) General Treasurers .....	25	00	
(3) Printing, etc. ....	20	00	
			66 00
Total Current Expenditure for the Year.....			10,090 25
Balance added to Capital Stock .....			13 02
			\$10,103 27

II. CAPITAL STOCK ACCOUNT, JULY, 1886.

Amount as per Account, July, 1885 .....		\$83,102 75
Balance of "Current Income" Account, 1885-86 .....		13 02
		83,115 77
Less Subscriptions returned—		
To R. Wasson .....	\$250 00	
" R. O. Johnson, paid in error, 1884 .....	11 20	
" George Forsey .....	176 40	
" S. Reed .....	21 20	
" F. C. Simpson .....	21 20	
" G. J. Cheeseman .....	21 20	
" J. B. S. Smith .....	31 80	
	533 00	
Loss on Sussex land sold .....	57 15	
	590 15	
Net Capital Stock, July, 1886 .....		\$82,525 62

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Investments—

1. Real Estate Securities .....	\$51,396 32
2. Province Debentures, Municipal Bonds, etc. ....	26,957 16
3. Notes of Hand .....	4,131 10
4. Cash in Treasurer's hands .....	41 04
	\$82,525 62

H. PICKARD, }  
J. R. INCH, } *Treasurers.*

SACKVILLE, N.B., July, 1886.

We have examined the above "Exhibit," and compared it with the Treasurers' Book and List of Investments, and have found all correct.

R. A. TRUEMAN, }  
JAS. D. DIXON, } *Auditors.*

SUMMARY OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE FUND FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT TO JULY, 1886.

I. FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND IN 1857 TO THE END OF THE CONFERENCE OF E. B. AMERICA IN 1874.

<i>Receipts, viz.: From</i>	
(1) Circuits .....	\$20,288 20
(2) Ministers .....	24,129 90
(3) Interest .....	35,650 79
(4) Legacies .....	10,075 72
Total Receipts .....	\$90,144 61
<i>Disbursements, viz.: For</i>	
(1) Expenses .....	\$175 29
(2) Claims .....	29,673 42
Total Disbursements .....	\$29,848 71
Balance for Capital Stock .....	\$60,295 90
Less Reduction by changing Capital Stock from Nova Scotia to Dominion Currency, and loss Coml. Bank Stock, 1870. ....	2,402 50
Net Capital, July, 1874, Dominion Currency .....	\$57,893 50

(1) Circuits  
(2) Ministers  
(3) Interest  
(4) Legacies

(1) Expenses  
(2) Claims

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(1) Circuits  
(2) Ministers  
(3) Interest  
(4) Legacies  
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(1) Expenses  
(3) Claims

Balance ..  
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Net addition  
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(1) Circuits  
(2) Ministers  
(3) Interest  
(4) Legacies  
(5) Miscellaneous

(1) Expenses  
(2) Claims

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## II. FROM 1874 TO 1878.

*Receipts, viz.: From*

(1) Circuits .....	\$6,171 03	
(2) Ministers .....	8,214 35	
(3) Interest .....	14,706 51	
(4) Legacies .....	1,219 00	
Total Receipts .....		\$30,310 89

*Disbursements, viz.: For*

(1) Expenses .....	\$59 30	
(2) Claims .....	23,146 94	
Total Disbursements .....		\$23,206 24

Balance .....	\$7,104 65	
Net Capital, July, 1878.....		\$64,998 05

## III. FROM 1878 TO 1882.

*Receipts, viz.: From*

(1) Circuits .....	\$5,406 68	
(2) Ministers .....	8,869 43	
(3) Interest .....	18,435 90	
(4) Legacies .....	13,280 78	
(5) Missionary Society.....	2,800 00	
Total Receipts .....		\$48,792 79

*Disbursements, viz.: For*

(1) Expenses .....	\$74 00	
(3) Claims .....	32,873 35	
Total Disbursements.....		\$32,947 35

Balance .....	\$15,845 44	
Less loss on Cowie Property .....	842 84	
Net addition to Capital Stock .....	\$15,002 60	
Net Amount Capital Stock, July, 1882.....		\$80,000 65

## IV. FROM 1882 TO 1886.

*Receipts, viz.: From*

(1) Circuits .....	\$6,874 45	
(2) Ministers .....	8,865 62	
(3) Interest .....	20,335 84	
(4) Legacies .....	3,467 30	
(5) Miscellaneous .....	2,991 88	
Total Receipts .....		\$42,535 09

*Disbursements, viz.: For*

(1) Expenses .....	\$158 30	
(2) Claims .....	38,077 48	
Total Disbursements .....		\$38,235 78

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Balance .....	\$4,299 31	
Less subscriptions returned .....	1,490 60	
Loss on property sold and expiring .....	{ 239 58	
	{ 44 17	
	\$1,774 35	
Addition to Capital Stock .....		\$2,524 96
		<u>\$82,525 61</u>

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

*Total Amount of Receipts.*

1. From Circuits .....	\$38,740 36
2. " Ministers .....	50,079 30
3. " Interest .....	89,129 04
4. " Legacies .....	28,042 80
5. " Missionary Society .....	5,600 00
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1. For Expenses .....	\$511 06
2. " Claims .....	123,771 19
3. Changing Currency, 1870 .....	1,417 97
4. Losses on Stock and property sold .....	2,066 95
5. Subscriptions returned .....	1,490 60
Total .....	\$129,257 77
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUSTENTATION FUND.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have received memorials praying for the establishment of a Sustentation Fund from the General Board of Missions, the Toronto Conference, the Orangeville District of the Toronto Conference, the Niagara Conference, the Montreal Conference, the Waterloo District of the Montreal Conference, the Nova Scotia Conference, the St. John's District of the New Brunswick & P. E. I. Conference, and the Regina District of the Manitoba Conference.

After many meetings and anxious deliberations, your Committee beg leave to recommend the following:—

1. That a general Sustentation Fund be constituted for the Western Conferences as follows:—Toronto, London, Niagara, Guelph, Bay of Quinte, Montreal and Manitoba.
2. That the Conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and

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P. E. I., and Newfoundland be authorized each to form a Sustentation Fund within its own boundaries and subject to its own control.

3. That as there is no immediate prospect of organizing such a fund in Newfoundland, the claims of that Conference be specially recommended to the consideration of the Missionary Committee.

*Constitution of the Sustentation Fund.*

NAME.

This fund shall be called the Sustentation Fund of the Methodist Church.

OBJECT.

The object of the fund is to secure a minimum salary to each minister and probationer in the active work, and to pay the necessary expenses arising from affliction and supplies heretofore paid by the Contingent Fund.

AMOUNT OF CLAIM.

The minimum salary of an ordained married minister without children shall be \$550; of an ordained married minister with a child or children under 16 years of age shall be \$600, and \$20 for each child over the number three; of a single ordained minister \$400, and of a probationer \$300.

Ministers and probationers stationed in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia, shall each be entitled to \$50 in addition to the above amounts.

These amounts in all cases shall be exclusive of horse-keeping, house-rent, and moving expenses.

SOURCES OF INCOME.

The sources of income shall be—

1. An assessment of eight per cent. on the previous year's circuit income on the three items of salary, board, and fuel only, which amount shall be paid by the Quarterly Board of each circuit and mission.

2. An annual collection, which shall take the place of, and be taken up at the same time as, the present Contingent Fund Collection.

3. Donations and legacies.

DISTRICT DEPUTATIONS.

The May District Meeting, when deemed necessary, may appoint a deputation to visit, on or before the first Quarterly Meeting of the year, those circuits paying below the minimum, and also the missions within the bounds of the District, in order to

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encourage a substantial increase on present givings; and such deputation shall report the result of their visit at the following Financial District Meeting.

MANAGEMENT.

1. This fund shall be under the control of a Board appointed by the General Conference.

2. The General Conference shall appoint the General Treasurer of the fund.

3. The Financial Secretaries of Districts shall be the District Treasurers of this fund.

4. All sums collected for this fund shall be paid by the Superintendents of Circuits to the Financial Secretary of the District not later than at the May District Meeting.

5. Immediately upon the close of the May District Meeting the Financial Secretary shall inform the General Treasurer by telegram of the total amount collected, and the total amount required on his District to meet the disciplinary requirements; he shall also without delay transmit to the General Treasurer the full amount received from the District for this fund.

6. The General Treasurer, upon complete returns being received from the Districts, shall first set apart the yearly expenses of management, and transmit the balance, not later than the first day of Conference, to the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, for Conference contingencies, and for bringing up the salaries of ministers and probationers to the minimum standard provided by Discipline.

In the case of remote Conferences the General Treasurer shall inform the Presidents of these Conferences by telegram, on the first day of the session, of the amount due to such Conferences.

7. In case the fund in any year shall be unable to pay each claimant in full, after allowing five per cent. of the net income for Conference contingencies, the General Treasurer shall make a *pro rata* distribution of the amount received among the Conferences embraced in the section.

8. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Sustentation Fund Committee, whose duty it will be to make a distribution of the amount placed at its disposal. Said Committee shall report to the Conference, whose action thereon shall be final.

POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Management shall have power to prepare and send out schedules or circulars to obtain or convey necessary information; to fill up any vacancies that may occur in the Board during the quadrennium; to provide the General Treasurer with

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any temporary assistance that may be necessary; to fix the remuneration of the General Treasurer, and to institute any measures, in harmony with the Discipline, which, in their judgment, may conduce to the general success of the fund.

A. E. RUSS, *Chairman.*

J. S. ROSS, *Secretary.*

(The foregoing Report was remitted to the General Board of Missions. See Resolutions of Rev. Dr. Sutherland and Mr. A. J. Donly, Journal, pp. 122, 123)

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance, having carefully considered the communications from the Women's Christian Temperance Unions of Ontario and Quebec, the resolutions and other documents submitted to them, beg leave to present the following report:--

We recognize the great fact that one of the grand aims of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is to restore and establish the supremacy of conscience, now weakened, and in many cases overthrown, by the action of wrong moral influences exercised upon it. We have abundant evidence of this in the multiplied instances where men act contrary to the dictates of their consciences. This is seen more especially in the matter of temperance legislation, where many voters sacrifice the sacred principles of conscientious convictions to the exigencies of partisan politics. We hold it to be the bounden and sacred duty of the Church to be in perfect accord with the design of the Son of God in the redemption of the world, and to put forth all righteous efforts to help men regain the supremacy of their consciences. This must be done especially in the temperance reform, and all electors must be taught to put their conscience and vote together into the ballot-box. The great pressing political necessity of our country is to get politicians and legislators to recognize the importance of securing, as speedily as possible, such legislation in relation to the moral and social interests of the home and state as will give us reasonable, righteous, and ample protection against the dangers inevitably attendant upon the permission, regulation, and licensing of the liquor traffic amongst the people.

#### ELECTORAL ACTION.

We rejoice in the wonderful growth of temperance sentiment and temperance work in this country since the last meeting of the

General Conference. At that time the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 was in force in only one county in Ontario. Since then it has been adopted in twenty-five of the thirty-eight counties, and in two cities of the Province of Ontario, and in over sixty counties and cities of the Dominion. The aggregate majority of the votes cast in Ontario is twenty-six thousand, and in the Dominion there is a gross majority of over fifty thousand in favor of local option and prohibition. This declares most unmistakably that our country is ready for more advanced legislation in the direction of the total suppression of the liquor traffic. It gives us unbounded satisfaction to know that there is a great popular uprising all over the land against the great liquor crime. It stands between us and religious, social, moral, and political reform. The ballot must execute the will of a free people, and must not be cast for that which is a sin against God and a crime against humanity. The time has come to draw the line between those who stand with the saloon and against the people, and those who stand with the people and against the saloon. We therefore recommend that our people, in all municipal and parliamentary elections, vote only for candidates who, in addition to other necessary qualifications, are known and professed prohibitionists; and we heartily pledge ourselves to co-operate with the Dominion Alliance, and all temperance organizations, in their efforts to educate the electors of the Dominion on the necessity of prohibitory legislation.

We cannot admit the statement so often made by those having little or no sympathy with prohibition, that the country is not yet ready for a prohibitory law; on the contrary, we are convinced that the country, by adopting the Scott Act, showed it was ready for such legislation. We believe the wide growth of public sentiment in favor of prohibition renders it the duty of our parliament to pass a prohibitory law that will brand the traffic with public condemnation.

#### THE SCOTT ACT.

It gives us great pleasure to recognize the fact that great good has resulted to the people in every place where the Scott Act has been adopted and enforced. Trade has been benefited, the morals of the people made better, many homes made happy, and crime materially lessened. We approve and commend the heroic spirit and self-sacrificing work of many of the noble army of temperance workers who have, in the face of an unscrupulous and murderous foe, maintained their principles, enforced the law, and succeeded in many places in the Dominion in driving the drink curse from the face of men.

We view with horror, and unsparingly condemn, the methods used by the anti-Scott Act party in attempting to defeat the beneficent purposes of the law, and in persecuting, even unto death, the courageous souls who have worked for the adoption, and been

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instrumental in the enforcement of the Act. We recommend that our people in every county where the Scott Act has been adopted, use every honorable means to have the law enforced. To this end we recommend that our people be unceasing in their efforts to obtain the appointment of Police Magistrates in every county where such an appointment has not been made, to have appointed in every county commissioners and inspectors who are in sympathy with the enforcement of the Act, and organize "Law and Order Leagues" wherever possible, and we believe it is the duty of the Local Governments to spare no expense to discover and punish the perpetrators of the murderous outrages inflicted upon the officers of the law who, by administering the Act, have rendered themselves obnoxious to the men who defy that law.

#### WINE AND BEER AND THE SENATE.

We are unalterably opposed to the use of all intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, and repudiate the principles, teachings and practices of the association known as the "Liberal Temperance Union," believing that the use of the milder intoxicating beverages leads to the perpetuation of the license system, the drinking habits of the people, and opens the way by which multitudes of our young men will be led into the path of the drunkard. We therefore strongly condemn the action of the Senate in attempting to mutilate the Scott Act by introducing the wine and beer clauses, which, if adopted, would have rendered the Act valueless; also in refusing to concur in the Bill of Amendments to the Scott Act sent up by the House of Commons, and by which the working of the Act would have been greatly facilitated. At the same time we cannot refrain from expressing our gratitude to those members of the Senate who have nobly fought our battles on the floor of the Senate chamber, and manfully resisted the infamous attempt to destroy the utility of the Act.

#### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

We must not fail to recognize the noble work that the Women's Christian Temperance Unions of this Dominion are doing in arraying the Christian women of our country against the license and sale of strong drink and the drinking habits of the people. We are glad to know that they are growingly successful in educating and influencing society in favor of virtue and sobriety, in instructing the youth and pledging them to total abstinence, in laboring for the reformation of the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen, and the neglected masses of the people, and in endeavoring to obtain more advanced legislation for the suppression of the drink traffic, and we urge our ministers and people to co-operate with the Women's Christian Temperance Unions in their good work. We recommend that one day of the week of prayer be devoted to

prayer for the overthrow of intemperance and those kindred evils that have wrought the ruin of so many in all communities.

SACRAMENTAL WINE.

We recommend that this General Conference recommend that as far as practicable non-alcoholic wine be used in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all our churches.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We recommend the organization of Juvenile Temperance Societies in all our congregations; the use of total abstinence pledges in the home and school, and that a day be set apart in each year, to be known as Temperance Sunday, when the whole day shall be devoted to the temperance question.

Recognizing the great importance of the use of temperance text-books in all the schools of the Dominion, we recommend that steps be taken to secure the accomplishment of so desirable an object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Chairman.*

W. H. LAMBLY, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSFERS.

Your Committee beg leave to present the following Report, in harmony with their former Reports as amended by the General Conference.

1. That paragraph 108, page 58, be amended as follows:—

The Transfer Committee shall be composed of the General Superintendents and the Presidents of the Annual Conferences concerned in the transfers.

2. That sub-section 1 remain unchanged.

3. That sub-sections 2, 3 and 4 be eliminated.

4. That sub-section 5 remain unchanged.

5. That sub-section 6 be amended by inserting the words "concerned in the proposed transfer," after "Annual Conference," second line.

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6. That sub-section 7 be all struck out after "15th March in each year," and that there be added the following clause: "and that no minister shall be transferred without his own consent."

7. That sub-section 8 be eliminated.

8. That sub-sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 remain unchanged

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. McDOWELL, *Chairman.*

HUGH JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH  
EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept. 17, 1886.*

The Committee met at the call of General Superintendent Carman, at the platform, for organization.

On motion, Mr. Thomas Hilliard was appointed Secretary.

On motion, Dr. W. J. Hunter was appointed the fraternal delegate from this General Conference to the next Annual Conference of the Evangelical Association in Canada.

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### AN ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN ON THE COMPLETION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HER REIGN.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

The General Conference, the highest representative court of the Methodist Church in the Dominion of Canada, the Island of Newfoundland, and the Bermuda Islands, desires to extend to Your Majesty its loyal congratulations on the auspicious completion of the Jubilee Year of Your Majesty's reign—an eminence of the favor of Heaven such as is reached by very few of earthly sovereigns. In behalf of a million of Your Majesty's most faithful and devoted subjects, members and adherents of the Methodist Church in these lands, we beg to convey our assurance of unabated attachment to Your Majesty's person and throne, and of our joy and pride in the unity of the great empire under whose care, in the providence of God, we have had so abundant liberty and prosperity. We thank God for the loving-kindness by which, during half a century of the cares of State and duties of royalty, Your Majesty's life has been preserved and your throne established in righteousness and strength.

We rejoice at the spread of the power and influence of Your Majesty's empire throughout the world—a power and influence which everywhere make for peace and prosperity and the uplifting of mankind. We magnify the grace of God which has enabled Your Majesty, in the high place to which Divine Providence has called you, to set such a pious and godly example, as has marked your life, of those Christian graces and virtues which alone can dignify and ennoble character in Sovereign or subject.

We pray that in largest measure the blessings of Almighty God may rest upon Your Majesty; that you may long live to reign over a free, loving, and happy people in righteousness and truth; and that when you lay aside an earthly crown it may be to receive a crown of life which shall never fade away.

(SIGNED)

JAMES C. AIKINS.

JAMES FERRIER.

W. H. WITHROW.

REPLY OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL,  
LORD LANSDOWNE, TO THE ADDRESS OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1883.

MR. PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH:

I thank you cordially for the manner in which you have availed yourselves of my accession to the office of Governor-General of the Dominion, in order to assure me of your devotion to Her Majesty, and to welcome us on our arrival in Canada. Your Address contains kindly references to myself, upon which I might be tempted to dwell. It is, however, as the representative of the Sovereign of these realms—and in that capacity only—that I am here to accept the expression of your loyalty and of your attachment to the political constitution under which you are living. Under that constitution maintenance of the supreme authority of the Crown has been found consistent with the concession of the largest measure of liberty to its subjects, and in the enjoyment of that liberty the important religious denomination which you represent has thriven, asking from the State nothing beyond permission to pursue without interference the task which it has set itself to perform.

I note with pleasure your statement that in the performance of that task you do not desire to isolate yourselves from the rest of your fellow-subjects, but that you are ready to co-operate with the other Christian Churches in the sacred and important work upon which you and they are engaged side by side.

In this country there is no official connection between Church and State, but the State has a right to claim you, and it does claim you, as a great force ranged on the side of law and order—a force engaged in the task of spreading knowledge and the fear of God

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Under these circumstances, it would be a misfortune if the relations between the official representatives of the State and the official representatives of your Church were not of a cordial character, and I rejoice to learn that you desire them to be of such a character. You are good enough to ask me to convey to Lady Lansdowne the assurance of your good-will. I am glad that she stands by me to receive those assurances, and I thank you heartily in her name and in my own for your visit to us.

LANSDOWNE.

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ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE TO THE  
BRITISH WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

We address you from this, the provisional General Conference of the Methodist Church, with sentiments of warm affection and regard. It has afforded us great gratification to hear of your success in the various Christian enterprises in which you are engaged. Your fervent faith and sanctified endeavor to extend the kingdom of our common Saviour, not only in the old land, but in the regions beyond, have been to us an inspiration, and the success which has crowned your efforts an encouragement in the work to which we are called.

The success which, under the Divine blessing, attended the union of the Wesleyan and the New Connexion Methodist Churches of the Dominion in 1874, prepared the way for the larger union which has been happily consummated. It was thought that the time had fully come when an effort should be made to surmount prejudices and preferences, and by mutual concession seek a common basis upon which the Methodist Churches in Canada could unite. It was apparent to many of the ministers and laymen of all the Churches that those holding the same doctrine, maintaining the same means of grace, and enforcing the same discipline as to the Christian life and walk of their members, could offer no justifiable ground for separation and rivalry; that the causes which had led to division had passed away; and that to perpetuate the differences and strifes, especially in the North-West Territory now opening up for settlement, would be injurious to ourselves, and

greatly retard the cause of Christ in that section of our country. Furthermore, that a united Church would be a saving of means and of men, would work with greater efficiency and success, and would accomplish more than could be accomplished by separate organizations.

In the summer of 1882 this question largely engaged the attention of the Conferences of the Methodist Church in Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church and the Bible Christian Church. A "Basis" was found, which met with approval of all the Churches, and in this General Conference we have given effect to the wishes of our people, and have formulated a discipline and system of government in harmony with the Basis of Union. From this action of the Churches, which has been taken after due deliberation and prayer, we expect the most blessed results to the Church and to our country. The causes of irritation and rivalry being removed, the Church will be better prepared for aggressive movements upon all forms of error and sin. Knowing that the substance of the teaching is of more importance than the form of the Church's administration, we have taken care to provide not only for the teaching of the vital doctrines which are common to the Christian Church, but also for those which are characteristic of Methodism as interpreted by Mr. Wesley, and have provided in our trust deed for the perpetuation of those doctrines in all time to come.

In association with the representative laymen in our Conferences, we expect to perfect means for grander and more effective action for the evangelization of our country, and to take part in the great enterprise of extending the kingdom of God in lands where He is not known. We feel sure that in our efforts to secure a united Methodism in our land, we have been directed by that Divine Providence which has guided the Church in the past.

The Methodist Church will comprise 10 Annual Conferences, 1,633 ministers and probationers, 169,803 members, and 2 General Superintendents; 3,159 churches, 877 parsonages, and church property valued at 9,130,807 dollars; 2,707 Sunday Schools, 22,434 teachers, 175,052 scholars, 18,000 of whom meet in class.

Our Missionary Society is doing a noble work in every part of the Dominion. In the sparsely settled sections of the country, among the fishermen of Newfoundland, the French population of Quebec, the Indians of the woods and the prairie, and in Japan, we are endeavoring in our measure to provide religious instruction, and we are encouraged by the zeal and liberality of our Churches, and by evident tokens of the divine approval. Our Book Room and Publishing interests are in a state of prosperity and increasing in usefulness, which we expect will be greatly augmented by the union of the Churches.

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The educational institutions of the Church evidence signs of progress and efficiency. True to the historic traditions of Methodism, our Schools, Colleges and Universities for the higher education of the youth of both sexes, are Christian in their management and teaching, and prominence is given to Him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Our Conference proceedings have been marked by the presence of the Divine Spirit, by delightful harmony and good feeling, and we trust the concessions made and the adjustments effected will conduce to the glory of God, to the general satisfaction of the membership, and to the unity and peace of the Church generally throughout the country.

We have chosen as our representative to the British Conference the Rev. Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D., one of the General Superintendents of our Church, one who is well acquainted with Methodism in every part of the Dominion, and who has distinguished himself in many important positions in connection with the Church for nearly fifty years, to whom it is our pleasure to refer you for further information on matters of mutual interest and importance, and who will supply any lack of service on these points which may appear in this Address of fraternal greeting.

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

Signed on behalf and by order of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, at Belleville, Ontario, 19th September, 1883.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, *President.*

F. B. STRATTON, *Secretary.*

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ADDRESS OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE OF 1886  
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

Assembled in our Annual Conference in City Road Chapel, the mother sanctuary of Methodism, we have read with deep interest your Address from Belleville, dated 19th September, 1883, and have also heard from the eloquent lips of Dr. Sutherland, your representative, a statement of your present condition and prospects.

We grieve that, since you appointed him your representative to us you have been called to suffer the loss of the venerable and

excellent Dr. Rice, and that Dr. Ryerson also has, within the same period, been summoned from your midst. These brethren were well known and highly esteemed on our side of the water; and knowing how deeply you have suffered in their removal, we feel a sympathetic sorrow in your bereavement.

But, at the same time, we rejoice that the Great Head of the Church has not left you destitute of gifted and devoted men who are well able to comprehend the Church's needs, and hold the helm of its affairs. We gladly recognize in Dr. Sutherland such a man, and have been greatly gratified by the Methodist love and generous sentiments of his lucid and powerful address.

We have heard with much interest of the successful accomplishment of the project for the union of the different Methodist Churches of the Dominion. In a country like yours, free from the extremes of society, and lacking the varieties of social condition which are found in our own land; a country also where the people are scattered over a vast territory, and nowhere aggregated in such multitudes as to allow of the very large and varied development of church life and activity among separate Churches having a general family likeness in doctrine and discipline; we cannot wonder that the ministers and laymen of the different denominations in Canada could no longer recognize, as your Address expresses it, any "justifiable ground for separation and rivalry." You have no very large number of persons lifted by their position out of easy fellowship with the masses of the people on the one hand, and no very large degraded classes on the other, but a population, to a great extent, homogeneous and largely on a level. For such a homogeneous population it might well seem desirable that one Methodist Church should make spiritual provision. Moreover, the formerly existing divisions among the Methodist bodies not being native to the Dominion, but imported, for the most part, from the mother country, seemed to have no proper roots in your soil. Happily, also, the intermediate position of the Wesleyan Methodist Church among the different uniting bodies offered a peculiarly favorable condition for union on the basis of the essential principles of Wesleyan Methodism.

We cannot express too strongly our gratification that in effecting this union you have taken security for the maintenance, in all time to come, of the distinctive doctrines and economy of Methodism. This, we are persuaded, will tend to give strength to your union, and may be regarded as no uncertain pledge of your future success.

Now that this great matter is settled, we trust that you will be able to address yourselves, with your augmented strength and resources, both to Home Evangelization and Foreign Missions. From the reports we have received of your gratifying successes

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Deeply as we sympathize with you in the difficulties which confront you in relation to the French population of the Quebec Province, and with which you are so earnestly grappling, sleepless vigilance and untiring effort will be needed in order to contend successfully with that Jesuitical system which is arrayed against you. But we trust that, with right and truth upon your side, you will prove victorious.

Foreign Mission work is a branch of activity in which the Methodists have always been leaders; and we rejoice that, being yourselves the fruit of missionary enterprise, you are not only taking the Gospel to the benighted and heathen peoples of your own Dominion, but have come forth to take a conspicuous place in the foreign field. We pray that in Japan, your chosen sphere, the Divine blessing may still more richly rest upon your toil, and that thus encouraged, you may be found ready, in due time, to attempt still larger enterprises.

Your advance in educational institutions and equipments we regard as highly important, and fraught with the richest promise. It is the instinct of every great national or connexional Church, derived from the earliest ages of Christianity, to be educational. From the work of elementary education you are relieved by the public schools of the Dominion, in which the various Protestant denominations have concurred to provide a system of instruction from which, happily, the Bible is not excluded, but in which, on the contrary, it is maintained as the common source and standard of moral and religious authority and instruction. But schools which are directly under Church authority are, nevertheless, more definitely and influentially Christian in their inspiration, instruction and results than any other schools can be. Hence it is a circumstance full of happy promise to the future development of your country, and also for the hold and influence of your Church on those classes of the population which have most to do with that development, that you are taking so leading a part in the higher education of the Dominion. But while it should be the ambition of Methodism to inspire the highest education of the people everywhere, it should be no less a ruling aim to excel in every branch of educational enterprise which can save from godlessness the children of the masses of the people. Hence the value which is universally attached to Sunday Schools, and especially to Mission Schools, and the importance of sustaining them in full efficiency. In this department you will strive, we are sure, not to be behind the very chiefest.

As to ourselves, you will rejoice to hear that our large Connexion is in peace. We are called to mourn this year a small decrease

in numbers, but we are not discouraged, for never, probably, in our history, were we favored with more signal tokens of the Divine presence than now. But never were our difficulties so great. The excited character of the age tends to foster religious unsettlement and indifference, while the activities of other Churches, especially the Established Church, were never so energetic or well organized as now. We are consequently girding ourselves for new enterprises, and devising new and unconventional methods in order to reach classes as yet but partially touched, desiring to be "made all things to all men, that we might by all means save some."

We have deputed as our representative to your approaching General Conference our beloved brother, the Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., the Principal of our Children's Home and Orphanage, an able and honored minister, whom we commend to your fraternal esteem and confidence.

And now, Brethren, rejoicing in your present prosperity and praying for your future success, we commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

DAVID J. WALLER, *Secretary.*

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ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA  
TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH.

VENERABLE AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

We, the Ministers and Laymen, the members of the sixty-eighth Conference of the Bible Christians, representing the Churches of "our faith and order" in England and Australia, assembled at Southsea, this 27th day of July, 1886, in acknowledging the Address of your last General Conference, wish to convey to you the pleasure the sentiments contained therein afforded us, and our cordial reciprocation of your noble and touching expressions of affection and goodwill.

As the seal of God's approval has been so signally set on the union of the Methodist Churches in Canada, it seems quite unnecessary again to review the circumstances and events which led up to it, or even to refer, except for purposes of explanation, to the honest differences which arose between some of you and ourselves during the negotiations. The goal of success was reached with

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much less friction and much sooner than the most sanguine could have anticipated. This gratifying fact we regard as a striking evidence of the sincerity of the promoters of the Union, as the direct answer to the prayers of Christ's servants, and as the immediate result of the working of God's gracious providence. The reluctance that we at first manifested in giving our consent to our Church in Canada entering into the Union kindly ascribe to the warm affection and esteem we have always cherished for it, partly because it was our first colonial mission, and chiefly because it was a noble monument of the self-sacrificing devotion of our fathers, and to the fear—the genuine but groundless fear—that the denominational loss might have a disastrous effect on our mission work at home and in other lands.

We trust that your happy Union may be the harbinger of that good time when there will be, as in Canada, one Methodist Church in England, one in Australia, one in Africa, one in China, and one in every other great country, and all thoroughly united in sympathy and effort for the speedier realization of heaven's redemptive purposes.

The admirable constitution which, under the guidance of the Spirit of wisdom, you were able by patient industry and mutual concession to frame, we have studied with peculiar interest, as it includes all the chief features of our own, and in the spirit of unity which has prevailed in your deliberations and discussions, in the evident desire that you have shown to bestow "more abundant honor" on the feeblest members of "the Body," and in the wonderful blessing from on high which has rested on your labors, resulting in the conversion of multitudes and in the addition of thousands to your churches, we most unfeignedly rejoice.

You will be glad to learn that we continue to receive many tokens of the Lord's favor, conspicuously so in the opening of a mission in China, which probably would not have been attempted so soon if Methodist Union in Canada had not taken place.

Honored and dear Fathers and Brethren, we are persuaded that you will be faithful to the holiest traditions of Methodism, and we, therefore, confidently anticipate that in a not remote future, when your great country shall have become the home of a much larger population, our heart's desire and prayer to God for you shall be literally fulfilled, "The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times more than ye are, and bless you as He hath promised," and your Church become a fountain of increasing spiritual health and blessing in your own and other lands through all succeeding generations.

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

ALEXANDER TRENGOVE, *President.*

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