

MINUTES
OF
SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS
← **BETWEEN**
THE MINISTERS
OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connexion or Church
OF
EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA,
AT THEIR NINTH CONFERENCE, BEGUN IN CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
ON JUNE 24TH, 1863.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE,

TAKEN AT CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., FROM THE TWENTY-FOURTH
OF JUNE TO THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1863.

REVEREND CHARLES DEWOLFE, D.D., President,
" THOMAS H. DAVIES, Co-Delegato.
" JOHN McMURRAY, Secretary.

QUESTION I.

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

ANSWER.

Fletcher H. W. Pickles, Robert Wilson.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers now remain on Trial?

ANSWER.

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

These have travelled Three years.

Joseph Gaetz,	John George Bigney,
Leonard Gaetz,	H. P. Cowperthwaite,
Samuel B. Martin,	George Harrison,
John A. Mosher,	Elias Slackford,
Frederick Harrison,	Charles Ladner,
John Johnson,	Joseph Pascoe.

These have travelled Two years.

Joseph G. Angwin,	William H. Hartz,
Andrew Gray,	Joseph B. Hemmeon,

Wm. W. Percival,
Robert Taylor,
Cranswick Jost, A. B.,
John S. Allen,

Wesley Colpits,
Charles B. Pitblado,
Charles W. T. Dutcher,
Jabez A. Rogers,

Howard Sprague, A. B.

These have travelled One year.

QUESTION III.

What Preachers are now received on Trial?

ANSWER.

John A. Clark, A. B.,
Thomas J. Deinstadt,

I. Newton Parker,
John Martin Pike,

David W. Le Lacheur.

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

Robert O'Brien Johnson,

Jotham McC. Fulton.

QUESTION IV.

What Ministers have died since last Conference?

ANSWER.

WILLIAM SMITH, who was a native of Bingham, Nottingham, England. Losing his father when but a child, he was piously brought up by his excellent mother, who was for many years a truly devoted member of the Wesleyan Church, the event furnishing another to the many instances in which, through widowed maternal influence, a gracious Providence developed character and fits for usefulness its obedient instruments. In early life Mr. SMITH was converted to God, from which time, notwithstanding some little peculiarities of temperament, he was earnestly consistent in his religious course and demeanour, — very studious and very successful in his studies.

In the year 1827 he was appointed by the English Conference to labor as a Missionary in these Provinces, where he has occupied with credit to himself and profit to our congregations, some of our most important Circuits, and in all his appointments, earning for himself the character of an industrious Pastor and able Minister of Jesus Christ. He was eminently a man of prayer. His death was sudden. In returning from an evening service a short time before his de-

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mise, he had taken cold, from which he suffered much, through great difficulty of respiration—a temporary relief however permitted his occupancy of the pulpit on Sunday forenoon, (Feb. 16th,) when a relapse ensued, closing his public labours of thirty-six years. On Saturday, the 21st, about noon, the attention of Mrs. Smith was more particularly engaged by some observation he had made, when suddenly his eyes were fixed, and the ominous pallor which indicated death, announced the flight of the immortal spirit. Since the death of his daughter, last autumn, Mr. SMITH'S mind was much engaged in meditation and prayer, which subsequent events prove to be peculiarly appropriate, and although the suddenness of his removal precluded the possibility of any verbal testimony as to his hope of eternal life, we sorrow not for him hopelessly—a life-long testimony sustained by the spirit of an intelligent piety—the result of a loving faith in the Lord Jesus warrants the persuasion that he has entered into the joy of his Lord.

QUESTION V.

What Ministers become Supernumeraries at the present Conference?

ANSWER.

John Snowball,	Frederick Smallwood,
Michael Pickles,	William Allen,
William T. Cardy,	Stephen Humphrey, A.B.

QUESTION VI.

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

ANSWER.

They were examined one by one.

QUESTION VII.

Who have now ceased to be recognized as Ministers among us?

ANSWER.

William Perkin.

QUESTION VIII.

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

ANSWER.

As follows:—

Charles D. DeWolfe, D. D., *President.*
 Thomas H. Davies, *Co-Delegate.*
 John McMurray, *Secretary.*

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1. *Halifax*, John S. Addy, John Lathern; Henry Pope,
 1st, and Arthur McNutt, Supernumeraries.

Conference Office—John McMurray, Book Steward and
 Editor.

2. *Dartmouth*, Joseph G. Angwin.

3. *Musquodoboit Harbour*, Robert Taylor.

4. *Middle Musquodoboit*, John J. Toesdale.

5. *Sambro and St. Margaret's Bay*, one wanted.

6. *Lunenburg*, James Buckley, Andrew Gray; John
 Marshall, *Supernumerary.*

7. *New Germany*, Samuel B. Martin.

8. *Windsor*, James England, Humphrey P. Cowper-
 thwaite; F. Smallwood, *Supernumerary.*

9. *Newport*, William Smithson.

10. *Kempt*, Richard Johnson.

11. *Mailand*, Joshua Jordan, who takes a Circuit under
 the direction of our Conference, but is at the disposal of the
 Missionary Committee. One to be sent.

WILLIAM SMITHSON, *Chairman.*

JAMES ENGLAND, *Fin. Sec'y.*

II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

12. *St. John, South*, Matthew Richey, D.D., James R.
 Narraway, A.M., A. W. Nicolson; William Temple and
 John B. Brownell, *Supernumeraries.*

13. *St. John, North*, Ingham Sutcliffe.

14. *St. John, West*, Hezekiah McKeown, Job Shenton.

15. *St. Andrew's*, Frederick W. Moore.

16. *St. David's*, Geo. B. Payson.

17. *St. Stephen's*, Robert A. Temple.

18. *Mill Town*, Thomas Angwin.

19. *Sussex Vale*, } Duncan D. Currie.

20. *Grand Lake, and Canaan*, } John A. Mosher, who
 is under brother Currie's Superintendance.

21. *Greenwich*, David B. Scott.
 22. *Kingston*, Leonard Gaetz.
 23. *Upham*, James R. Hart, to exchange once a quarter with St. John, North.

M. RICHEY, D.D., *Chairman*.

R. A. TEMPLE, *Financial Sec'y*.

III.—TRURO DISTRICT.

24. *Truro*, Alex. B. Black.
 25. *River Philip*, John L. Sponagle.
 26. *Wallace and Pugwash*, Robt. E. Crane, John A. Clark, A. B.
 27. *River John*, William Tweedy.
 28. *Albion Mines*, John Cassidy.
 29. *Guysboro' and Canso*, Geo. W. Tuttle, John Johnson, Joseph B. Hemmeon.
 30. *Sydney*, Roland Morton, Cranswick Jost, A B.
 31. *Ship Harbour*, John W. Howie.
 32. *Margarie*, One wanted.

ALEX. B. BLACK, *Chairman*.

JOHN CASSIDY, *Financial Sec'y*.

IV.—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

33. *Charlottetown*, John Brewster; Henry Pope, 2nd, who is allowed to rest this year on account of ill health.
 34. *Cornwall and Little York*, Jeremiah V. Jost
 35. *Pownal*, William Ryan. The brethren Jost and Ryan to exchange with Charlottetown every six weeks.
 36. *Bedeque*, S. W. Sprague; John B. Strong, *Super-numerary*.
 37. *Margate*, Howard Sprague, A. B.
 38. *Souris and Mount Stewart*, Edwin Evans.
 39. *Murray Harbour*, John G. Bigney.
 40. *West Cape*, Richard Pratt.
 41. *Cascumpec, &c.*, One requested.

S. W. SPRAGUE, *Chairman*.

J. V. JOST, *Financial Secretary*.

V.—FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

42. *Fredericton*, George O. Huestis.
 43. *Sheffield*, James Tweedy, Thos. J. DeinStadt.

44. *Kingsclear*, Charles B. Pitblado, who is to exchange with Fredericton every third Sabbath.

45. *Woodstock*, William Wilson.

46. *Jacksonville*, Stephen F. Huestis.

47. *Florenceville*, Alex S. Tuttle. The brethren S. F. Huestis and Tuttle to exchange, each, once a quarter, with brother Wilson.

48. *Andover*, David Le Lacheur.

49. *Nashwaak*, George Harrison.

50. *Gagetown and* } Thomas W. Smith.

51. *Burton*, } John J. Colter.

52. *Miramichi*, William W. Perkins, Wm. H. Heartz.

53. *Bathurst and* } Robert Tweedy.

54. *Dalhousie*, } Isaac N. Parker.

WILLIAM WILSON, *Chairman*.

THOS. W. SMITH, *Fin. Secretary*.

VI.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

55. *Sackville*, Edmund Botterell; Jno. Snowball, Michael Pickles, William T. Cardy, *Supernumeraries*.

MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

H. Pickard, D.D., President of the College, &c.

C. DeWolfe, D.D., Professor of Theology, (President of the Conference.)

J. Allison, A.M., Professor of Mental Philosophy, &c., and Principal of the Ladies' Academy.

G. S. Milligan, A.M., Professor of Latin, &c.

Students in Theology—R. M. Smith, J. McC. Fulton and R. O'B. Johnson.

56. *Point-de-Bute*, Charles Stewart.

57. *Baie-de-Verte*, William Alcorn.

58. *Moncton*, George M. Barratt; William Allen and Stephen Humphrey, A.B., *Supernumeraries*.

59. *Dorchester and Shediac*, Geo. Butcher.

60. *Hopewell*, Robert Wilson.

61. *Coverdale*, B. J. Johnson.

62. *Richibucto*, Douglas Chapman.

63. *Amherst*, Alexander M. DesBrisay.

64. *Parrsboro'*, John Read, Elias Slackford.

EDMUND BOTTERELL, *Chairman*.

ALEX. M. DESBRISAY, *Fin. Secretary*.

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VII.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

65. *Annapolis*, Christopher Lockhart, R. Wasson.
 66. *Bridgetown*, Thos. H. Davies; Geo. Miller, *Super'y.*
 67. *Wilmot*, Richard Weddall; Jos. F. Bent, *Super'y.*
 68. *Aylesford*, William McCarty.
 69. *Horton*, Henry Daniel, Wesley Colpitts.
 70. *Cornwallis, East*, James G. Hennigar.
 71. *Cornwallis, West*, Richard Smith.
 72. *Digby*, James Taylor.
 73. *Digby Neck*, C. W. T. Dutcher, to exchange occasionally with brother Taylor.

THOS. H. DAVIES, *Chairman.*

JAMES TAYLOR, *Fin. Secretary.*

VIII.—LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

74. *Liverpool*, Joseph Hart, Joseph S. Coffin.
 75. *Yarmouth*, John Prince, W. C. Brown.
 76. *Barrington*, Elias Brettle. One wanted.
 77. *Shelburne*, James Burns.
 78. *N. E. Harbour*, F. H. W. Pickles.
 79. *Port Mouton*, Isaac Thurlow.
 80. *Mill Village*, Thomas Smith.
 81. *Petite Riviere*, George Johnson.

GEORGE JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH HART, *Fin. Sec'y.*

IX.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

82. *St. John's*, Paul Prestwood, C. Ladner; Adam Nightingale, *Supernumerary.*
 83. *Harbour Grace*, James Dove.
 84. *Carbonear*, J. Winterbotham, J. Goodison.
 85. *Brigus*, Thomas Harris.
 86. *Port-de-Grave*, Joseph Pascoe.
 87. *Black Head*, John S. Peach.
 88. *Island Cove*, W. E. Shenstone.
 89. *Old Perlican*, John Waterhouse.
 90. *Hant's Harbour*, Joseph Sutcliffe.
 91. *Trinity*, Joseph Gaetz.
 92. *Bonavista*, Charles Comben, Jabez Rogers.

- 93. *Twillingate*, James A. Duke.
- 94. *Burin*, S. T. Teed.
- 95. *Grand Bank*, John S. Phinney.

MISSIONS.

- 96. *Labrador*, Supplied in Summer by J. Goodison.
- 97. *Petites*, John Pike.
- 98. *Channel*, T. D. Hart.
- 99. *Exploits, Burnt Island*, A. W. Turner.
- 100. *Fogo and Change Island*, Thomas Fox.
- 101. *Little Bay Island*, One wanted.
- 102. *Green's Pond*, John Allen.
- 103. *Spencer's Cove*, One wanted.

J. S. PEACH, *Chairman.*
 JAMES DOVE, *Fin. Secretary.*

- 104. *Bermuda*, (In connection with the Halifax District,) Robert Duncan, Frederick Harrison, W. W. Percival.

QUESTION IX.

What is the NUMBER of members in our Societies?

ANSWER.

As follows, viz. :

HALIFAX DISTRICT.			Circuits.		Mem.	Trial.
Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.				
Halifax.....	430	10	St. Andrews.....	61		5
Dartmouth.....	15		St. Stephen.....	93		
Musquodoboit Harbor.	60		St. Davids.....	86		
Middle Musquodoboit.	83	3	Mill Town.....	84		
Sambro and St. Margaret's Bay.....	75		Sussex Vale & Grand Lake.....	288	140	
Lunenburg.....	260	10	Greenwich.....	115	12	
Windsor & Falmouth	199	1	Kingston.....	70	15	
Newport.....	230		Upham.....	95	7	
Kempt.....	195	19				
Maitland.....	166	15		1760	231	
Bermuda.....	520					
	2233	58	TRURO DISTRICT.			
			Truro.....	118	6	
			River Philip.....	182	16	
			Wallace & Pugwash.....	386	57	
			River John.....	138		
			Albion Mines.....	25	2	
			Guysboro'.....	280	15	
			Country Harbour.....	10	4	
ST. JOHN DISTRICT.						
St. John, South.....	558	10				
St. John, North.....	115	2				
St. John, West.....	193	40				

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Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.
Sydney, C. B.....	207	18
Ship Harbour.....	60	2
Margarie.....	40	12
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P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.

Charlottetown.....	360	7
Cornwall and Little York.....	192	8
Pownal.....	120	
Bedeque.....	295	20
Margate.....	90	37
Souris.....	30	
Murray Harbour.....	48	56
West Cape.....	70	
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FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton.....	170	
Sheffield.....	80	15
Kingsclear.....	30	
Woodstock.....	79	2
Jacksonville.....	175	10
Florenceville.....	150	19
Andover.....	58	
Nashwaak and Boies-town.....	137	2
Gagetown.....	53	2
Burton.....	52	3
Miramichi.....	76	75
Bathurst.....	100	30
Dalhousie.....	50	4
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SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Sackville.....	142	8
Point de Bute.....	89	2
Baie de Verte.....	180	10
Moncton.....	96	44
Dorchester.....	67	
Coverdale.....	100	18
Hopewell.....	197	2
Richibucto.....	82	
Amherst.....	175	90
Parrsboro.....	300	19
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ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Mem.	Trial.
Annapolis.....	260	100
Bridgetown.....	154	
Wilnot.....	218	26
Aylesford.....	170	6
Horton.....	140	
Cornwallis, East.....	130	7
Cornwallis, West.....	208	51
Digby.....	155	15
Digby Neck.....	63	5
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LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Liverpool.....	63	4
Yarmouth.....	143	
Barrington.....	345	34
Shelburne.....	120	
Mill Village.....	91	
Port Mouton.....	120	
Petite Reviere.....	140	
North East Harbour.....	80	
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NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

St. John's.....	281	35
Harbour Grace.....	121	4
Carbonear.....	550	22
Brigus.....	138	1
Port de Grave.....	64	2
Black Head.....	468	10
Island Cove.....	124	
Old Perlican.....	260	20
Hant's Harbour.....	130	30
Trinity.....	60	30
Bonavista.....	290	50
Twillingate.....	220	30
Burin.....	202	200
Grand Bank.....	143	
Petites.....	34	25
Channel.....	13	2
Exploits.....	91	40
Fogo.....	22	18
Geenspond.....	20	24
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GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Districts.	This year.	On trial.	Last year.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net Dec
Halifax	2233	58	2286		53	
St. John.....	1760	231	1885		125	
Truro.....	1446	117	1522		106	
P. E. Island...	1205	128	1186	19		
Fredericton...	1210	162	1241		31	
Sackville.....	1419	193	1418	1		
Annapolis.....	1498	210	1498	1		
Liverpool.....	1102	38	1155		53	
Newfoundland..	3231	543	3198	33		
	15,104	1680	15,389	53	368	315

QUESTION X.

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

ANSWER.

As follows, viz.:

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Miss. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
Halifax,	\$1736.94	\$190.50	\$111.29	\$29.08
Dartmouth.				
Musquodoboit Har.	32.80	2.45	1.00	1.43
Mid. Musquodoboit,	69.91	2.00	3.65	1.25
Sambro, &c.		2.25	1.37	1.25
Lunenburg,	147.19	12.72	15.06	5.24
Windsor,	208.19	22.36	20.80	5.00
Newport,	202.14	25.80	7.50	3.50
Kempt,	100.12	12.35	3.06	2.03
Maitland,	90.51	2.55	80	2.77
Bermuda,	1111.86	25.50	25.50	20.10
	\$3708.06	\$297.48	\$190.63	\$71.65
		2.52		
		\$300.00		
Ministers' Subscrips.,			110.00	22.00
			\$300.63	\$93.65

II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

St. John, South,	589.49	80.09	70.00	16.00
St. John, North,	139.82	12.00	10.40	1.50
St. John, West,	84.82	10.00	10.00	1.00
St. Andrew's,	31.62	1.29	1.70	
St. David's,	18.48	7.92	4.13	1.13

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St. Stephen's	57.47	12.59	8.45	2.00
Mill Town,	23.28	11.00	3.70	62
Snesex Vale,	137.20	12.00	16.75	2.30
Greenwich,	45.23	8.50	4.00	60
Kingston,	4.00	2.00	60	
Upham,	45.76	4.12	3.54	1.19

Ministers' Subscrips.,	\$1174.27	\$161.42	\$133.27	\$26.04
			100.00	20.00
			\$233.27	\$46.94

III.—TRURO DISTRICT.

Truro,	112.75	9.45	7.00	2.25
River Phillip,	64.93	5.87	2.35	1.20
Wallace and Pugwash,	70.00	4.79	5.37	1.50
River John,	34.50	5.50	3.75	1.25
Abblon Mines,	28.42	6.34	4.20	3.40
Guyborough,	123.00	8.50	5.00	2.50
Sydney,	189.89	9.15	7.10	2.30
Ship Harbour,	9.32	1.00	91	60
Margarie,		1.00	50	50

	\$582.81	\$51.80	\$96.18	\$15.50
		14.20		
Ministers' Subscrips.,		\$60.00	160.00	18.00

IV.—P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.

Charlottetown,	767.83	65.00	40.00	6.00
Cornwall,	75.46	5.80	2.40	1.50
Pownal,	80.26	2.70	3.89	2.10
Bedeque,	161.71	9.96	7.29	2.08
Margate,	23.01	1.50	3.67	1.50
Souris, &c.,	8.34	1.00	1.00	1.00
Murray Harbour,	2.30	1.30	1.10	1.07
West Cape,		1.00	2.00	1.00

Ministers' Subscrips.,	\$1123.91	\$88.26	\$61.33	\$16.17
			70.00	14.00
			\$131.33	\$30.17

V.—FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton,	167.32	18.50	17.50	9.00
Sheffield,	47.88	9.00	4.96	2.64
Kingsclear,	24.80	6.25	1.00	1.00
Woodstock,	33.30	8.50	1.08	1.69
Jacksonville,	65.92	6.25	4.00	1.00
Florenceville,	23.33	6.25	2.00	1.50
Andover,	10.30	6.50	65	1.02
Nashwaak &c.,	5.50	6.50	2.50	1.25
Gagetown,	43.08	6.25	1.50	1.18
Burton,	10.85	6.00	2.17	1.00
Miramichi,	159.65	10.50	6.50	2.08
Bathurst,	31.95	6.50	4.50	1.65
Dalhousie,		4.00	1.00	60

Ministers' Subscrips.,	\$613.80	\$101.00	\$49.36	\$25.48
			90.00	18.00
			\$139.36	\$43.48

CIRCUITS.	Misa. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
VI.—SACKVILLE DISTRICT.				
Sackville,	147.10	15.00	13.13	2.30
Point de Bute,	35.85	11.00	4.80	1.60
Baie de Verte,	47.50	8.00	6.00	1.50
Moucton,	37.55	8.00	4.07	2.10
Dorchester,	27.50	7.00	4.00	1.50
Coverdale,	24.78	2.00	3.00	.95
Hopewell,	86.25	12.00	2.85	1.00
Richibucto,	41.72	5.00	4.00	1.60
Amherst,	78.19	12.00	8.00	2.00
Parraborough,	86.94	8.00	4.00	1.84
Ministers' Subscrips.	\$813.28	\$88.00	\$53.85 160.00	\$15.79 24.00
			\$213.85	\$39.79

VII.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.				
Annapolis,	167.40	12.55	13.82	3.93
Bridgetown,	115.64	10.00	9.00	2.83
Wilmet,	138.12	16.85	18.37	3.00
Aylesford,	135.42	6.00	7.00	1.77
Horton,	142.95	7.60	8.50	3.00
Cornwallis, East,	82.55	10.30	6.00	1.10
Cornwallis, West,	90.09	5.53	8.25	2.00
Digby,	57.02	5.82	4.80	1.70
Digby Neck,	24.22	1.2	1.00	
Ministers' Subscrips.,	\$653.32	\$75.10	\$76.74 110.00	\$19.35 16.00
			\$186.74	\$35.35

VIII.—LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.				
Liverpool,	66.63	14.00	0.28	2.77
Yarmouth,	261.65	14.68	14.00	5.50
Barrington,	171.61	24.00	6.00	2.00
Shelburne,	93.30	9.00	5.00	3.25
North East Harbour,	15.62	4.09	1.30	.62
Port Mouton,	9.75	2.50	2.60	2.00
Mill Village,	69.58	8.28	4.50	1.00
Petite Riviere,	91.80	9.00	3.75	2.05
Ministers' Subscrips.,	\$779.64	\$84.86	\$43.43 80.00	\$17.19 14.00
			\$123.43	\$31.19

IX.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.				
St. John's	423.51	52.00	62.08	28.80
Harbour Grace,	165.25	17.40	14.50	9.20
Carbonear,	188.75	22.10	5.70	9.40
Brigus,	122.83	11.00	9.92	5.79
Port de Grave,	35.25	5.00	2.25	.50
Black Head,	94.31	8.00	9.00	4.40
Island Cove,	44.25	6.00	5.00	1.55
Perlican,	77.91	4.00	3.33	2.10
Hant's Harbour,	101.50	4.00	1.00	.70
Trinity,	4.00	4.00	2.10	1.50
Bonavista,	124.80	10.00	8.91	3.41
Twillingate,	173.40	8.50	10.15	4.85
Burin,	148.00	11.00	14.91	4.00

	Occurs.	Miss. Society.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.
G and Bank,	235.03		20.00	9.69	4.60
Petites,	25.50		5.60	4.60	3.00
Channel,	29.92		7.00	4.71	2.20
Green's Pond,	4.00				
Sound Island,	15.00		2.00		
Exploits,	28.26			2.25	1.00
Fogo,			3.00		2.87
	<u>\$2081.87</u>		<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$170.40</u>	<u>\$90.47</u>
Ministers' Subscrip.,				200.00	26.00
				<u>\$370.40</u>	<u>\$116.47</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Halifax District,	3,713.66	297.48	190.63	71.65
St. John do.	1,174.97	161.42	133.27	26.94
Truro do.	582.81	61.80	36.18	15.59
P. E. Island do.	1,150.91	88.26	61.35	16.19
Fredericton do	613.80	101.00	49.98	25.43
Sackville do.	613.23	88.00	53.85	15.79
Annapolis do.	953.32	75.10	76.74	19.35
Liverpool do.	779.94	84.86	43.43	17.19
Newfoundland do.	2,061.57	200.00	170.40	87.60
	<u>\$11,643.86</u>	<u>\$1,147.92</u>	<u>\$815.21</u>	<u>\$298.60</u>
Less Miss. Exp.	284.90			
Ministers' Subscrip.			1,185.21	172.00
	<u>\$11,358.96</u>		<u>\$2000.42</u>	<u>\$476.00</u>

QUESTION XI.

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

ANSWER.

As follows, viz. :

1. Grant from Parent Conference, £2,750 stg.....	\$13,647.74
2. Amount received from Circuits.....	1,164.64
3. Interest on Monies.....	425.00
4. Monies received from late Treasurer.....	198.34
	<u>\$15,435.72</u>

APPROPRIATIONS.

District.	Collections.	Appropriations.
To Halifax	\$300.00.....	\$1129.55
St. John.....	161.42.....	1097.55
Truro.....	66.00.....	1524.65
P. E. Island.....	88.26.....	487.75
Fredericton.....	101.00.....	991.70
Sackville.....	88.00.....	1444.80
Annapolis.....	75.10.....	1411.40
Liverpool.....	84.86.....	988.75
Newfoundland.....	200.00.....	4258.00
Bermuda.....	1000.00
	<u>\$1164.64</u>	<u>\$14,334.15</u>

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And the following special grants:—

Wesleyan Office, Stationery, Printing	\$110.00
President's Travelling Expenses	65.00
Halifax District, Expenses of Minor Dis. Meeting.	16.00
Fredericton District, " " " "	70.00
Expenses incurred in supplying Lunenburg	83.00
" " " " St. Andrew's	20.00
" T. H. Davies, removal, mistake last year.	20.00
" W. T. Cardy, " " " "	12.00
" T. Angwin, Special Grant, " "	22.50
Brother Morton, Special Grant	48.00
" Moore—Bermuda Excess of Def.	48.84
Late Mrs. McKinnon's illness and Funeral Exp's.	40.00
Brother Henry Pope, Jr., affliction	95.50
" W. Allen, "	40.00
" E. Botterell, "	26.00
" Thomas Harris, "	31.20
" W. E. Shenstone, "	39.00
" G. O. Huestis, "	15.60
" W. W. Perkins, "	19.00
" S. W. Sprague, "	16.90
" E. Evans, "	13.00
" Robert Tweedy, "	13.00
" J. G. Hennigar, "	13.00
" S. Humphrey, "	20.00
" George Johnson, "	52.00
" Richard Smith, "	6.50
" G. B. Payson, "	13.00
" Charles Stewart, "	57.20
" Robert Wilson, "	3.90
" R. Weddall, "	19.50
" H. McKeown, "	24.33
" J. Prince, "	21.50
" G. M. Barratt, "	6.10

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QUESTION XII.

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

ANSWER.

1. The Conference is pained to observe that whilst several of its Ministers have recently been compelled by the failure of their health to become Supernumeraries, and consequently claimants on the income of this Fund; the sums reported from the Circuits are below the amount raised by them in the year

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preceding, and the whole is greatly below the originally estimated, and very moderate contribution of an average of ten cents per member.

2. The Conference invites the attention of the members of the Church generally to this fact, and of the Superintendents, who are directed not only to make the required Public Collections, and the personal application to the members of classes for contributions—but also to carry out our rules for securing an income to this Fund, so considerably and earnestly, that the amount raised during the next year, and in subsequent years, may become commensurate with the increasing claims upon its income which must inevitably occur.

3. The Conference observes further, that during the year, no special donation to this fund has been made, perhaps because that form of liberality may not have been the subject of remark to our kind and able people, who, we are sure, have no disposition to forget the Ministers who have worn themselves out in the service of Christ and His Church.

4. The Conference resolves that for the future administration of this Fund, the following shall be the Standing

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(1.) THE Committee shall consist of the President, the Co-Delegate, and the Secretary of the Conference, six other ministers and six lay gentlemen, to be appointed annually by the Conference, one of the Members of the Committee so appointed, being designated to the office of Secretary, and two,—one Minister and one lay gentleman,—to that of Treasurers of this Fund.

(2.) Every member of this Conference, not being a Supernumerary, and who is not connected with the Annuitant Society of the Parent Conference, shall be *required* to pay a subscription of ten dollars, N. S. Currency, annually, in advance, at the time of the District Meetings.

(3.) Preachers on Trial may pay the Annual Subscriptions for the period of their probation, either in advance from year to year, or by an equivalent payment in one sum at the expiration of their probation

(4.) Each Circuit shall be considered as responsible for a yearly sum, equal at the least, on a general average of all the Societies included within that Circuit, to sixpence (ten cents) per member; the number of the members being taken in all

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(5.) Every Minister shall, at the renewal of the Society Ticket during the September visitation, fully explain to the members the nature and reasonableness of the claims of this Fund upon the justice and liberality of our Church. He shall then enter in the Class Book the individual annual subscriptions, which are to be paid before the ensuing District Meeting.

(6.) An Annual public collection in aid of this Fund shall be made in all our Chapels and other preaching places in the month of December.

(7.) Applications shall be made to our friends in each Circuit for Subscriptions and Donations in aid of this Fund.

(8.) The CAPITAL STOCK of this Fund shall consist of the amount of all monies received by the Treasurers from time to time until the Conference of 1863; and this shall be increased by the addition of all sums which may be received as legacies from time to time, or subscriptions under the 3rd and 11th Rules, and the excess of *current income* above current claims in each succeeding year.

(9.) The CURRENT INCOME of the Fund available for the payment of Annual claims for each year, shall, until the Conference of 1870, be the monies collected under the 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Rules, and subsequently to that period, in addition, the interest received on the amount of the Capital Stock invested.

(10.) Any Minister being a Member of this Fund, shall, upon becoming a Supernumerary, at or after the Conference of 1863, have a claim upon the *current income* of the Fund, so long as he shall remain a Supernumerary in connection with the Conference—for an annuity equal to the sum of all the Annual Subscriptions of ten dollars each—which he shall have previously paid to the Fund;—and a widow of any Minister having been a member of this Fund, at or after the Conference of 1863, shall, so long as she shall remain his widow, have a claim upon the *current income* for an annuity equal to one-half the sum of such Subscriptions which her deceased husband may have paid. Provided, however, that if the wife of any Member of the Fund shall die, and he should marry again, he must, in order to entitle his new wife to such annuity, pay ten dollars a year additional for each year of his connexion with this Fund previous to his marriage, otherwise her claim shall be considered as commencing only at the time of her marriage. And provided always that when in any year the *current income* shall be insufficient to meet the claims of that

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(11.) Any Minister, upon being received from any affiliated or other Conference or section of the Christian Church, and to whom a standing may be assigned among us as having travelled any number of years prior to such reception, may obtain a standing in connexion with this Fund for such previous years by paying, in addition to the Annual Subscription of ten dollars, a *bonus* of ten dollars for each such year's privilege.

(12.) Any person having been a Member of this Fund, who shall cease to be connected with the Conference, may bere paid the sum of his Annual Subscriptions of ten dollars each, whenever, subsequent to such disconnection, there shall be in the Treasury of the Fund a sufficient sum arising from payments under the 3rd and 11th Rules, or an excess of *current income* above the amount of claims under the 10th Rule, but *not* from the *Capital Stock* which may have been previously accumulated.

(13.) It shall be the imperative duty of each Chairman of a District to earnestly endeavour to secure the due observance of the Rules of this Fund throughout his District, by calling special attention to them at the September or Financial District Meeting; by particularly enquiring at the Regular District Meeting whether proper attention has been paid on each Circuit to the interests of the Fund, especially in regard to the 5th and 6th Rules; and by reporting to the Conference if any Preacher, Superintendent or other, is unfaithful in this respect. It shall be his duty, also, to see that all the money collected in his District is paid to the Treasurers of the Fund, with a particular account of the sources whence obtained, at least one day before the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee in each year.

(14.) A particular account of the state of the Fund in regard to the amount of the Capital Stock, Current Income, and Expenditure, &c., &c., shall be prepared under the direction of the Committee, and presented annually to the Conference.

(15.) No alteration shall be made in the Rules of this Fund until after notice of such proposed change shall have stood one year on the Journal of the Conference, and shall have been reported by the Committee, and not then, unless concurred in by a two-thirds vote of all the Members of this Fund then present.

QUESTION XIII.

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

ANSWER.

1. That the Conference contemplates, with much gratification any indications of prosperity in the working of our Book Establishment, and being more deeply than ever convinced of the desirableness and importance of a more extensive diffusion of our incomparable Wesleyan Literature, together with other various productions of a healthy Press throughout these Lower Provinces, confidently relies upon the cordial and assiduous co-operation of each of its members, and of the Wesleyan Public generally, in securing the accomplishment of this object.

2. That whilst the Conference regards the increased circulation of the *Provincial Wesleyan* during the past year as affording encouraging evidence of its efficiency and growing popularity as the Organ of our Church; it, at the same time, deeply regrets to observe the delinquency of a large number of the subscribers in the payment of their subscriptions, and feels the absolute necessity of the utmost exertion on the part of our Ministers to collect the arrears on their respective Circuits at as early a date as possible, and would most earnestly recommend that in future, in every practicable instance, the subscribers be induced to pay their Annual subscriptions during the early part of the year.

3. That the Conference, entertaining a high estimate of the devotion, zeal and talents, which have been displayed by the Book Steward and Editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, the Rev. John McMurray, during the past year, in the discharge of the onerous and responsible duties of his position—tenders to him the expression of its most cordial thanks, and would assure him of the warmest sympathy of his brethren in his indefatigable efforts to promote the success of that department of the great interests of the Conference more especially confided to his care.

QUESTION XIV.

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

ANSWER.

The Conference regrets to observe that while there has been an increase of Ministerial subscriptions, the amount

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collected upon the several Circuits since 1858, has been, considerably less than that realized from the same source prior to that period; and in view of this circumstance and the probable rapid increase of claimants, the following resolutions are adopted, viz. :

1. That those members of the Fund who do not expect to derive benefit from it in the education of their children, shall pay \$2 annually. That those who do anticipate to have claims upon this Fund shall pay an annual subscription of \$3; and that those who may be actually receiving from it, shall pay \$4 per annum.
2. That the attention of our people be especially called to this Fund, and that its claims upon their generous support be affectionately and strongly urged in all our congregations.
3. That the disbursement of this Fund shall be postponed until the Conference of 1865.

QUESTION XV.

What are the resolutions of the Conference with reference to the Children's Fund?

ANSWER.

1. That John Starr, Esq., and the Rev. James Taylor are requested to act as General Treasurers of this Fund for the ensuing year; and the Rev. Duncan D. Currie as General Secretary.
2. In accordance with the standing rule, which makes provision towards the support of the children of our Ministers, from a certain rate of contributions in proportion to the number in Society; it is agreed that for the ensuing year SEVENTY-EIGHT members shall provide the allowance for one child. The following statement has accordingly been drawn up, determining the number of children's allowances to be allotted at the Financial District Meetings to the Circuits, according to rule:—

Districts.	Members.	Children.
Halifax, 1713 }		22
Bermuda, 520 }	2233	63
St. John,	1760	22
Truro,	1446	16

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Districts.	Members.	Children.
P. E. Island,	1205	15½
Fredericton,	1210	15½
Sackville,	1419	18
Annapolis,	1498	19
Liverpool,	1102	14
Newfoundland,	3231	41½
	15,104	192½

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

QUESTION XVI.

What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting our Sabbath Schools?

ANSWER.

1. The Conference gratefully acknowledges the more than ordinary increase with which it has pleased the Head of the Church to bless our Sabbath Schools,—about 2000 scholars having been added to these nurseries of the Church during the past year, and earnestly commends the continued and zealous efforts of our adherents, for the still greater prosperity and spiritual efficiency of these important institutions.

Districts.	Schools.	Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Halifax	33	336	998	1211	2209
St. John	23	215	861	1046	1907
Truro	18	61	271	281	552
P. E. Island	20	126	491	559	1050
Fredericton	17	127	378	462	840
Sackville	34	189	574	585	1159
Annapolis	25	152	534	522	1056
Liverpool	18	139	386	455	841
Newfoundland	45	329	1389	1523	2912
	234	1674	5882	6644	12526

QUESTION XVII.

What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Parsonage Aid Fund?

ANSWER.

1. The Conference recommends that the Rules for the formation and constitution of this Fund, as printed in the Minutes of 1862, continue in force.

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2. In order to accomplish the intentions of Conference in the formation of this Fund, and to ensure uniformity of action in the distribution of grants, the following regulations are adopted :—

1st. That in every case where a grant is sought to be obtained from this Fund, it must appear, that, with the assistance of the grant, the property shall be entirely free from the burden of any debt.

2nd. Every application for aid from this Fund must receive the sanction of the District Meetings, either Financial or regular, before it can be considered by the Committee.

3. Full and definite particulars must in every case be furnished to the Committee, whether the effort be for the erection of new premises, the purchase of buildings already erected, or the liquidation of debts.

4. The Treasurer of this Fund shall not pay the amounts which may be granted in aid of local efforts, until he shall have received satisfactory evidence upon the following points :

(1.) That the title of the property is valid, and that the deed is executed upon the Connexional plan. (2.) That the whole of the sums subscribed on the Circuit are available, and secured so as to relieve the Circuit account from any charge for rent or interest. (3.) A Certificate from the Registrar of Deeds must be forwarded, stating that the Connexional Deed is recorded, and that the property is free from all encumbrance, whether by way of Mortgage, Judgment, Widow's Thirds or otherwise.

QUESTION XVIII.

What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the Mount Allison Educational Institutions ?

ANSWER.

I.—RESPECTING THE ACADEMIES.

1. The best thanks of the Conference are due to the Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., for his continued, highly acceptable, and successful devotion to all the interests of the Institution, as well Financial as Educational, especially of the Branch for Males, which, by the Divine blessing, continues in a state of the most satisfactory efficiency.

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2. The Conference also presents its cordial thanks to the Rev. J. Allison, A.M., Principal of the Branch for Ladies, and to Mrs. J. Allison, A.M., Chief Preceptress, for their zealous and incessant toil in the duties of their own department of the Academy; and the Conference hopes that the benefit sought for the health of Mrs. Allison, by the extended Summer vacation, will, by the blessing of God, be fully realized, that she may resume her professional employments, at the time appointed, with perfectly recruited vigour.

3. This Conference rejoices in being able again to commend the Mount Allison Academies to the patronage of our own people, and to our fellow-colonists generally, as affording facilities for a first-class Academic Education, for the youth of both sexes, under decided Christian influences, which are at least equal to those offered by any other similar establishment in Eastern British America.

II.—THE COLLEGE.

1. That, from the reports submitted, the Conference learns with peculiar pleasure that the arrangements made last year for the establishment of a College proper at Mount Allison have been so entirely successful, and that a work of so much importance has been commenced so auspiciously, confirming the hope that the continued blessing of Divine Providence may be confidently looked for in its zealous prosecution.

2. That, in the estimation of the Conference, this Institution, with commodious edifice, efficient Faculty, well arranged Curriculum, &c., is already entitled to take rank with the best Collegiate Institutions of the Provinces, and worthy of the confidence and patronage of the public.

3. That the Conference would earnestly recommend to the considerate attention of our numerous benevolent friends, this Collegiate Institution of our Provincial Methodism, as being highly deserving of aid by Donations, Bequests, the founding of Professorships and Scholarships, &c., in order to give greater permanency and efficiency to this important department of our Connexional work.

III.—THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

1. That the report of the Ex-President respecting the general deportment, the diligence and success in their course

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of preparatory study, and the Ministerial promise of the young Brethren, who have been under his charge as Theological Students during the past year, is highly satisfactory to the Conference.

2. That the Conference rejoices to learn that our beloved President, the Professor of Theology, is prepared, after a year's absence from Sackville, to resume the office to which it is believed he has been designated, not only by the choice of his brethren, but also and especially by the Head of the Church.

3. That the Conference regrets to learn that the income from the endowment Fund yet falls short of the amount which is necessary for the comfortable maintenance of this important portion of our educational work, and therefore trusts that those friends throughout the bounds of the Conference, who have not yet paid the sums which they had promised to contribute to this Fund, will hasten to pay their subscriptions; and that other subscriptions needed to bring up the Fund to the amount originally contemplated, may be speedily obtained.

4. The Conference regards it as of primary importance to the continued prosperity of our section of the Christian Church in Eastern British America, that the efficiency of its Ministry should be fully maintained, and it is therefore resolved, in order to guard against the introduction into our work of any person not in all respects suitable as a Candidate for this Ministry, that a Committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly examine all the Candidates recommended by the Districts, and to report minutely to the Conference the result of such examination.

5. The Chairman of each District is required at the time of the Financial District Meeting, to make suitable arrangements for the examination of the young men at the ensuing District Meeting, and in order to direct more fully the studies of the young Ministers, as well also to provide for more thorough annual Examination during the four years of their probation, the Conference adopts the following course of reading and study:—

Works upon which Examination will be based.

Books suggested for Reading and Study.

FIRST YEAR.

Wesley's Notes, Matt.—Mark.
 Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 40.
 Fletcher's Appeal.
 Locke's Theology, chapters 1—8.
 Watson's Life of Wesley, &c.
 Wayland's Moral Philosophy, 1st part.
 Ripley's Sacred Rhetoric.

Benson's Commentary (new test.)
 Todd's Student's Manual.
 Dr. Hannah's Let'r to junior P's.
 Smith's Patriarchal Age.
 Kurtz's Sacred History.
 Jackson's Lives of early M. Preachers.
 Watson's Benson's and Clarke's Sermons.

SECOND YEAR.

Wesley's Notes—Luke, John, Acts.
 Wesley's Sermons.
 Fletcher's Checks.
 Locke's Theology, to the end.
 Grindrod's Compendium, 1st part.
 Watson's Institutes, 1st part.
 Wayland, 2nd part.

Kurtz's Church History.
 Benson's Com. (on Old Test.)
 Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
 Dixon on Methodism.
 Pearson on Infidelity.
 Russell's Pulpit Elocution.
 Burnett on 39 Articles.
 Smith's Hebrew People.
 Rollin's Ancient History.
 Newton on the Prophecies.
 Harris' Great Commission.

THIRD YEAR.

Wesley's Notes—Romans to Galatians.
 Wesley's Appeals.
 Bunting Serm. on Justification.
 Watson's Inst. 2nd part.
 Grindrod's Comp. to the end.
 Smith's History of Methodism, vol. 1.

Watson's Exposition.
 Paley's Natural Theology, Evidences and Horæ Paulinæ.
 Angus's Bible Hand Book.
 Powell's Apostolical Succession.
 Stevens' Hist. of Methodism.
 Smith's Gentile Nations.
 Hibbard on Baptism.
 Angus' Hand Book of English Language.

FOURTH YEAR.

Wesley's Notes—Eph. to Rev.
 Wesley—Original Sin and Christian Perfection.
 Watson's Institutes, parts 3 & 4.
 Pearson on the Creed.
 Butler's Analogy.
 Smith's History of Methodism—to the end.

Smith's Harmony of dispensations
 Trench on the Miracles.
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CONTINGENT AND HOME MISSION FUND.

QUESTION XIX.

What are the resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Contingent and Home Mission Fund?

ANSWER.

1. That the Conference calls the attention of the members of our Church and Congregations to the yearly increasing deficiencies on many of the Circuits, (amounting this year alone, after the grants from this Fund have been accounted for, to nearly \$6000), bringing the Ministers appointed to those Circuits into embarrassment in their pecuniary circumstances. The Conference would affectionately appeal to the friends of Methodism on behalf of this Fund, which aims at relieving the dependent Circuits, and sustaining such fields of labor as may be opened and required as Home Missions, and also designed to meet those cases of affliction which, year after year, calls for sympathy and aid, hoping that the income of the Fund may be greatly increased the ensuing year.

2. The Conference urges upon all its Ministers the duty of giving strict attention to the adopted rules for securing the current income, as printed in the Minutes of 1856—57; and that they also bring the foregoing Resolution before the serious consideration of the Church, that the important objects contemplated may be secured to a much greater extent than they have been hitherto, or possibly can be, without the increased liberality of its friends to augment its receipts.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

QUESTION XX.

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

ANSWER.

I.—MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

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

Rev. J. Lathern, *Sec'y.*

Rev. W. McCarty,

“ C. Stewart, } *Treas'rs.*

“ R. E. Crane,

G. H. Starr, Esq., }

Hon. J. H. Anderson, *Halifax*,
 Richard Smith, Esq., *Maitland*,
 Aaron Eaton, Esq., *St. John*,
 Geo. P. Sancton, Esq., "
 S. Rettie, Esq., *Truro*,
 R. Brecken, Esq., *Charlottetown*,
 Hon. C. Young, LL. D., "
 Hon. Judge Wilmot, *Fredericton*,
 M. Wood, Esq., *Sackville*,
 W. K. Dudman, Esq., *Yarnouth*,
 A. Henderson, Esq., *Annapolis*,
 Zachariah Chipman, Esq., *St. Stephen's*,
 J. J. Rogerson, Esq., *St. John's, N. F.*,
 Hon. E. White, "
 Thomas S. Tuzo, Esq., *Bermuda*.

II.—BOOK COMMITTEE.

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

Rev. James England, *Sec'y.*, Rev. J. S. Addy,
 William Wilson, Thos. Smith,
 Henry Daniel, Jas. Buckley,
 J. G. Hennigar, Jas. England,
 Wm. Smithson, Jos. Hart,
 Ingham Sutcliffe, S. W. Sprague,

Rev. G. O. Heustis,

EXECUTIVE BOOK COMMITTEE.

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., Rev. J. Lathern.

III—SUPERNUMERARY FUND COMMITTEE.

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

Rev. E. Botterell, *Sec'y.*, Rev. C. Lockhart,
 Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., } *Treas.* R. A. Temple,
 Aaron Eaton, Esq., } G. S. Milligan, A.M.
 Rev. J. S. Peach, H. McKeown,
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 Hon. J. H. Anderson, "
 E. E. Lockhart, Esq., *St. John*,
 Joseph Prichard, Esq., "
 R. Brecken, Esq., *Charlottetown*.

IV.—CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

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

Hon. J. H. Anderson, }
 Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., } *Treasurers*.
 Rev. J. Taylor, *Secretary*.

V.—CHURCH PROPERTY AND PARSONAGE FUND COMMITTEE.

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

Rev. G. Butcher, <i>Sec'y.</i> ,	Rev. A. M. DesBrisay,
H. Pickard, D. D.,	G. M. Barratt,
E. Botterell,	John Humphrey, Esq.,
J. Allison, A. M.,	Martin Trueman, Esq.,
C. Stewart,	James George, Esq.,
Charles Dickson, Esq.,	A. P. Bradley, Esq.

VI.—SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCUITS.

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

Rev. Dr. Pickard,	Rev. H. Daniel.
E. Botterell,	J. England,
J. Taylor,	T. Angwin.
Rev. John S. Addy.	

VII.—EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR MINISTERS' CHILDREN.

Rev. H. Pope, jr., <i>Secy.</i>	Rev. R. A. Temple,
O. Stewart, } <i>Treas.</i>	A. B. Black,
J. Fraser, Esq., }	D. D. Currie.
Rev. J. Taylor,	J. Lathern,

VIII.—SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Brettle,	Rev. J. V. Jost,
R. Weddall,	J. L. Sponagle,
R. Smith,	C. Lockbart,
F. W. Moore,	R. Tweedy.

IX.—BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SACKVILLE INSTITUTIONS.

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

Rev. H. Pickard, D.D.	Mariner Wood, Esq.
J. Allison, M.A.,	Henry B. Allison, Esq.
E. Botterell,	Stephen Fulton, Esq.
J. R. Narraway, A.M.,	W. H. Harrison, Esq.
John Brewster,	John Starr, Esq.
C. Stewart,	Hon. C. Young, L.L.D.
A. R. McLellan, Esq., M.P.P.	

X.—THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

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

Rev. C. Stewart,	} <i>Treas.</i>	Rev. E. Botterell,
G. R. Anderson,		J. Allison, A.M.,
Rev. M. Richey, D.D.,		G. S. Milligan, A.M.,
Rev. G. M. Barratt.		A. M. DesBrisay,
J. Lathern,		Thomas Angwin.
Rev. D. D. Currie.		

XI.—THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The President, Ex-President, Rev. E. Botterell, Rev. J. Allison, A. M., Rev. G. S. Milligan, A. M.

XII.—COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED BY THE DISTRICT MEETINGS.

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

Rev. R. A. Temple, <i>Sec'y.</i> ,	Rev. E. Botterell,
M. Richey, D.D.,	William Wilson,
Jas. England,	H. Daniel,
A. B. Black,	G. Johnson,
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XIII.—COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE TRAVELLING
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Revds. J. McMurray, E. Botterell, H. McKeown, J. England, and J. Brewster.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

I.—THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT, &c.

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, the Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., for the kindness, fidelity and efficiency which have marked the discharge of his onerous duties as President during the past year. The Conference begs to assure Dr. Pickard that he lives in the affections of his brethren, and their prayer is, that he may long be spared to fill positions of usefulness in the Connexion.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, D.D., late Co-Delegate, for his assistance and valuable services during the past year.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Secretary, the Rev. John McMurray, for his services the past year, and also to the Rev. B. A. Temple, Journal Secretary, and the Rev'ds. A. M. Desbrisay and Duncan D. Currie, Assistant Secretaries, and to the Conference Letter-Writers.

That the Conference gratefully appreciates the kindness and hospitality of the numerous friends in Charlottetown, shown by them to the Ministers during this Session, and that the same be appropriately expressed from the Pulpit of our Church, in this City, on Sabbath next.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. John Brewster, Superintendent of this Circuit, for his great kindness in providing comfortable accommodations for the Ministers attending this Conference.

II.—SUPERNUMERARIES, &c.

The Conference cannot allow the retirement of the Rev. J. Snowball, who has travelled forty-four years—the Rev. M. Pickles, who has travelled thirty-six years—the Rev. F. Smallwood, who has travelled twenty-six years, and of Rev. W. T. Carly, who has travelled twenty-nine years, to a Supernu-

merary relation, without tendering its deep sympathy with them on their taking this position, and at the same time expressing devout gratitude to God, by whose grace, through lengthened years of laborious service, they have maintained an unblemished reputation, and that through all they have been esteemed by our Church, in these Provinces, to be good Ministers of Jesus Christ. The Conference prays that these honoured servants of Christ may, through the remnant of their days, experience the richest consolations of Divine grace, and may at length close their useful lives in holy triumph.

QUESTION XX.

When and where shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

On the fourth Wednesday in June, A. D., 1864, at Sackville, New Brunswick.

STANDING ORDERS.

I.—DISTRICT MINUTES.

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

II.—QUARTERLY SCHEDULES.

Resolved,—That the practice of our Connexion in England respecting Quarterly Schedules of the state of every Class and Society upon the several Circuits, be adopted by this

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Conference, and that the Schedules, duly filled up, shall be annually produced in the District Meetings, to be examined and considered.

III.—PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

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

IV.—CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED.

Each District Chairman is required to instruct young men recommended by his District Meeting as probationers for our work, to attend the Meeting of the Committee for the examination of Candidates.

V.—MISSIONARY LISTS.

That each Superintendent shall be required to present at the Annual District Meeting, prepared on foolscap paper, and made up in Nova Scotia decimal currency, a perfect list of all Missionary Monies collected on his circuit; and each Chairman is required to present such lists, in a state ready for publication in the Missionary Report, to the Missionary Secretary, on the day previous to the meeting of the Missionary Committee.

TIME FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

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

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ORDER OF COMMITTEES FOR 1864.

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

1. *Committee for examination of Candidates*—Wednesday, June 19th, at 9 o'clock, a. m.
2. *Stationing Committee*—Thursday, June 20th, at 9, a. m.
3. *Book Committee*—Friday, June 21st, at 9, a. m.
4. *Board of Trustees of Mount Allison Institutions*—Saturday, June 22nd, at 9, a. m.
5. *Auxiliary Missionary Committee*—Saturday, June 22nd, at 7, p. m.
6. *Theological Institution Committee*—Monday, June 24th, at 9, a. m.
7. *Supernumerary Fund Committee*—Monday, at 3, p. m.
8. *Parsonage Aid and Church Property Committee*—Monday, June 24th, at 7, p. m.
9. *Contingent Fund Committee*—Tuesday, June 25th, at 9, a. m.
10. *Committee on Classification of Circuits*—Tuesday, June 25th, at 7, p. m.

N. B.—1. The Secretaries of the several Funds are directed to meet in Sackville on Thursday, June 20, for the purpose of preparing for their several Committees the accounts of their several departments.

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

3. *Special Notice to Chairmen of Districts.*—They are particularly required to bring, in time for the meeting of the Secretaries of the several Funds, on Thursday, June 20, the necessary copies of the District Minutes, the Circuit Accounts of each Circuit in their respective Districts, and the Minutes of the Financial District Meetings.

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THE PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

As Pastors and Teachers, we greet you in the Lord; giving thanks to God who hath called us to be his people who were not a people. "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Deeply solicitous for the interests of truth and holiness in our sin-smitten world, we earnestly desire that every one of you, with ourselves, may walk worthy of God, who hath called us unto his kingdom and glory. "For this cause, also, thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men; but as it is in truth the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." Appreciate highly the preaching of the Divine word. As frequently as possible be found in the house of God. Here expect the unction of the Holy One, who will guide you into all truth, and remember that the truth essential to salvation is found alone in the sacred scriptures. From no other source can we learn the nature of sin and the way of salvation. Have faith in God's Book. The strongest evidence possible of the Divinity of the Bible is found in the hearts of those who have realized by blessed experience, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Keep yourselves in the love of God, and all the wily efforts of the great deceiver and his agents—false teachers—will not be able to move you away from the hope of the gospel. No dangerous errors will find a lodgment in your intellect while the heart is established with grace.

As ye have thus received the "Engrafted word which is able to save your souls," see that it "dwell in you richly in all wisdom." But be ye *doers* of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." All saving truth is practical in its tendency. It is not written, "Happy are ye if ye know these things," but, "if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Knowledge must not supplant duty. Nor can profession and resolves supply its place. Individual duty must be performed, or the work of grace will not advance. One of the leading features of God's peculiar people is their good works. Not only to his sent servants, but to every child in his family, the Great Master enjoins, "Go work to day in my vineyard." Yes, to day. Oh, how valuable our present privileges and opportunities! But how affecting the admonitory words of Jesus. "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work."

Brethren, "let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." But in order that you may, with cheerfulness and diligence perform your duty, you must enjoy the favor of our Heavenly Father. Unless the love of Christ constrain us, we shall certainly live to ourselves—

"Tis love that makes our willing feet
In swift obedience move."

Take care to cherish the influences of the Holy Spirit. Always kindly entertain the heavenly Guest, and he will abide with you forever. Then will the flame of love burn on the altar of our hearts with inextinguishable blaze. Then will the commandments of God not be grievous, and the duties of religion no longer be irksome. All will be done as to the Lord and not to men. We need scarcely remind you that the field is large, and the necessity for labor imperative. In the family, the neighborhood in which you reside, and in the Church, you can surely find your place and proper work. Let us call your special attention to the solemn responsibilities associated with domestic life. Does God entrust you with beings destined to an immortal existence, who must receive their impressions, for good or evil from you? Oh how anxious should you be to have them brought up in the nurture and discipline of the Lord.

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Bring them early to God's house, as the parents of Jesus brought Him to the temple. There publicly offer them to God in that solemn ordinance which recognizes them as heirs of the blessings of the covenant of grace.—Surely they are as eligible for the seal of the righteousness of faith, as were infants in former days. The Church of God has never been without the "little ones." They were regarded by the great Head of the Church, with peculiar interest, in that important period when he remodeled and enlarged his Church, with all the plenitude of gospel blessings.

But this is the easiest part of your duty to your children. By word and deed let them discover that you believe in the doctrines of the Scriptures, and that you are in earnest in religious matters. Plead in prayer, while gathered around the family altar, that blessed promise, "I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring." Would you be useful in your day to those around you? Be consistent in your profession of religion. Ponder deeply the solemn words of the Lord Jesus to his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The line of distinction must be visible, between the Church and the world. But, alas, too many professors of religion, seem disposed to disregard the emphatic requirement of the Gospel, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." We should remember that although Christianity has greatly influenced mind and manners in this country, Satan is not yet bound, but is endeavoring with great success to nullify the influence of the Church for good by artfully introducing the spirit, maxims and customs of the world. Be on your guard, ye followers of the Lamb, make no unholy alliances; the friends of the world are yet the enemies of God, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

In the Church be found in your place, not merely when the word is proclaimed, but in the *prayer meeting*. There rally around us, instead of taking those seats which are as far away as possible. Cheer the hearts of your class-leaders by a faithful attendance at Class-Meeting. Willing absence from this means of grace, peculiar to us, but which God has

graciously owned, is a manifest indication of spiritual de-
 clension. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to
 another, and they shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day
 when I make up my jewels."

We are grieved to know that some of you neglect, or hesitate
 to obey our Lord's last command. We would earnestly exhort
 you, to yield to the tempter no longer, but hasten, in humility to
 unite with your brethren, in showing forth the Lord's death, "till
 He come." While you love and reverence the Sabbath, God's
 first institution, and regard it as binding upon man to the end
 of time; seek also the grace that will enable you to observe
 the day as to the Lord; then will it prove, as designed by its
 author, refreshing to soul and body. Let the Sabbath School
 have a large share of your attention; forward its interests in
 every possible way. Be not discouraged because fruit is not
 apparent. You work for God. Behold the husbandman waiteth
 for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience
 for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain. Read and
 study the sacred page in order to ascertain the will of God,
 respecting the use of earthly property. How small a proportion
 of what God allows us to accumulate, do we return to him as
 a thank offering, while many of his servants are straitened in
 their circumstances, and various departments of his cause are in
 a languishing condition? It is enough to make us blush to read
 of the offerings of saints of old, to the cause of God. Shall we
 with all our additional light and privileges, give less of our
 income to the Most High? God forbid. Resolve at once to
 find out your duty, and hasten to perform it with sincerity and
 pleasure.

"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing
 if we shall reap your carnal things?" And while you sustain
 those who labour among you, and are over you in the Lord,
 forget not those who toil in the regions beyond; cultivate a
 missionary spirit. Here you will find room for many precious
 gifts, withhold not your sons and daughters, money or prayers
 from this God-like enterprise. Have a share in every moral
 and religious movement, to benefit our race. Encourage the
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for personal or family use may be obtained at a cheap rate, at our excellent Book-Room, in Halifax. The *Provincial Wesleyan* we also heartily recommend as a choice family paper. Not a family should be without it. We would also remind you of that important rule of our Society, "Neither buying, selling or drinking spirituous liquors, unless in cases of extreme necessity. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." The decrease of members in Society during the year is a matter of deep humiliation before God. While we, as ministers, resolve afresh "that we will give ourselves *continually to prayer*, and to the ministry of the word," we ask you to bow with us before the mercy seat, and earnestly implore that the Holy Spirit may be poured out, in copious effusions upon every circuit throughout the Conference. We would not be unmindful, of those gracious visitations, which have reached some circuits, and which have enabled us to report with gratitude the number of 2000 on trial. We ask your continued sympathies and prayers; our interests are interwoven with yours. For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. The very sudden removal of our beloved Bro. the Rev. Wm. Smith, of sainted memory, from our midst, calls loudly upon us to be up and doing, waiting for the coming of our Lord. Many of you were brought to God through his instrumentality. May the answer to his fervent prayers, long since presented to God, be vouchsafed to the Church of Christ." "Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you, at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference.

CHAS. DEWOLFE, D. D., *President,*

JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary.*

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 3, 1863.

THE ANSWER

OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.—1862.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :

We have received with lively satisfaction and thankfulness your Annual Address, and have also welcomed with fraternal cordiality the Rev. HUMPHREY PICKARD, D.D., and the Rev. CHAS. CHURCHILL, M.A., your able and respected representatives; together with the Rev. JAMES ENGLAND, whom you have introduced to us. We trust that they will communicate to you, on their return, such tidings of our unity, and of the prosperity of the work of God among us, as will gladden your hearts, and enable you to join with us in ascriptions of gratitude and praise to God.

We have, indeed, much to be thankful for. On every hand we witness enlargement of our means and openings for usefulness; and though our numerical increase is not so great as we could have wished, and not by any means proportionable to the amount of agency we employ, we cannot but hope that faith and prayer will bring down the blessing of God upon our efforts. We have need to bear in mind ourselves, and to impress upon all our people, that the great business of Methodism, to which everything is to be subordinated, is to save the souls of men.

We sympathize with you in the difficulties which attend the carrying on of the great work of God in your extensive and interesting country. We counsel you to grapple with those difficulties in the same spirit which characterized our fathers in this land, and which, by the blessing of God, had such a glorious issue. Faith in God, confidence in the power and adaptation of

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the Gospel, and a determination to use all available means within your reach, in dependence upon Divine aid, will assuredly prove successful.

We venture, moreover, to express our trust that you have passed the extreme point of your trials; and that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, in the development of the rich natural resources of your country, and in the creation of more favorable external conditions, you will find both greater materials of usefulness, and means to make them available.

In the meanwhile you cannot do better than maintain your existing educational and evangelical agencies, which the Great Head of the Church has already blessed so richly, and which have in them the promise of much greater blessing.

We regret that, in consequence of the urgent demand for laborers in the work of the Circuits, you are able to give so restricted an application to the means of theological training for your Ministers. It cannot be too strongly laid down as a principle for the government of the Christian Church, that a well-instructed ministry alone can be expected to be a permanently efficient ministry. The more extensively, by means of the circulation of Christian literature and the increase of general education, the people at large are elevated and improved, the more necessary it is that a corresponding improvement should take place in the intellectual and literary qualifications of the ministry.

We earnestly exhort you, under all difficulties, to abide in the old paths; to endeavor, by the use of our long-tried and approved means of grace, to keep alive spiritual religion in the hearts of the members; and to encourage them in all well-directed efforts of an ardent and aggressive Christian zeal. Such a zeal, seconded by a conspicuous and self-denying exercise of Christian virtues and graces, will tell mightily on the enlargement of the Christian church, and upon the conversion of the world. A church which, though it may be small in numbers, is compact in its unity, decided in its resolves, and energetic in its activities, cannot fail to answer the design of Christ, and to distinguish itself in his service. In particular, such a church will never lack a succession of faithful men, in whom the flame

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It cannot but be matter of encouragement to you to reflect, that though, as regards your own ecclesiastical organization, you may as yet be small and comparatively feeble, you form a part of a great religious body, which stands out foremost amongst the hosts of the church militant; which is in actual conflict with the prince of darkness throughout the world, to a greater extent than any other Christian community; and which, if not everywhere equally successful, is still collectively advancing, by sure and steady marches, to still wider conquests. Throughout this extended body there thrills the impulse of one great evangelical motive—there exists a most deep, intimate, and practical sympathy, the effect of which is felt by the most disheartened, and is of itself a power to inspirit and sustain, such as few Christian churches can command.

We therefore desire to encourage you still to labor on in hope, while we assure you of our confidence and brotherly affection. We have cause of encouragement, above all, in the assurance of the Divine sympathy, and the all-powerful help of the great Head of the church, who will be *with us and for us*, in proportion as we are decidedly and avowedly on His side; and we would take for our common direction and comfort the conjoined precept and promise, "Be not weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

We have received among us as a fellow-labourer, with respect and affection, the Rev. Charles Churchill, M. A.; who, we hope, may be rendered as useful here as he has been with you. And we appoint as your next President the Rev. Charles DeWolfe, D. D., and, as Co-Delegate, the Rev. Thomas H. Davies.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

CHARLES PREST, *President*,

JOHN FARRAR, *Secretary*.

Cambarne, August 9th, 1862.

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OF THE

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

REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—

Assembled in our Annual Conference, it is our pleasing duty to convey to you the assurance of filial affection and reverential regard which we cherish toward the parent body.

In the relation we sustain to you, we need not say with what satisfaction we have treasured up the affectionate and judicious counsels, embodied in your reply to our last Address. The names of your honoured men are with us as household words; and, in days of feebleness and trial, it is a source of strength and encouragement that, in ecclesiastical organization, we occupy no isolated position, but form part of that great section of Christ's militant Church which He has signally honoured and blessed.

The communications of the Rev. Dr. Pickard and the Rev. James England, our representatives in your last Conference, have gladdened our hearts. The unity and harmony which prevail among you, the evangelical character of your agencies—the increase of your membership, the efficiency of your Educational Institutions, the extension of your missions at home and abroad, and the consolidation of your various interests,—give evidence of prosperity and progress, in which we truly rejoice.

To us, the year has been one of more than ordinary anxiety. The numerical returns of the last Conference were the subject of careful and conscientious inquiry, and the occasion of earnest and prayerful resolve. Along our rocky coasts, in sparsely-

settled localities, in the woods, and in the wilderness, as well as in towns, villages, and populous districts,—in cabins and school-houses, as well as in commodious and sacred edifices,—we have been carrying out our great commission, and seeking to save and gather into the fold of Christ the wandering souls of men.

The apparent results of these efforts have not been in proportion to our agencies or anticipations. We have been favoured in some parts of our work with outpourings of the Spirit of God; our congregations have been generally increasing; some two thousand persons have been received on probation for church-fellowship; and notwithstanding the discouragements arising from severe financial pressure, many departments of our work have been sustained and strengthened; yet we have, to our sorrow, to report the loss of more than three hundred names from the roll of our membership.

Though happily exempted from the direst and most disastrous effects of the war, which, "with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood," is still dividing and desolating the neighbouring Republic; yet the surgings of that unmeasured calamity have swept over our shores, and have seriously interfered with the prosperity of our work.

We have been humbled in view of the past; but, "as we have received mercy, we faint not." We have undiminished confidence in the faithfulness of the Redeemer, in the efficacy of prayer, in the power of the Cross, in the coming of the Holy Ghost, and in the suitability and sufficiency of our agencies and appliances.

One venerable minister, William Smith, has, during the year, passed from the militant to the triumphant Church. He was distinguished by theological attainments of no ordinary kind, by able and affectionate ministrations, by pastoral fidelity, and by earnest wrestlings with the Angel of the Covenant. He was a good man, and his praise is in all the Churches.

We regret that several of our beloved fathers and brethren are compelled to retire from the active work. We desire, on their behalf, the richest consolations of the Holy Spirit, and trust that as, with diminished strength, they seek, in a more secluded sphere, to fulfil the ministry which they have received from the Lord Jesus, their efforts may be crowned with abundant success.

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The exigencies of our work have led us, in times past, to open the door widely for admission to our ranks; but with an increasing conviction of the imperative necessity of an intelligent and educated ministry, to meet the requirements of the age, we have adopted more stringent regulations for the reception of probationers, and have resolved to extend to them, as far as possible, the advantage of theological training, under the care of our esteemed President and Professor of Theology.

The Mount Allison Wesleyan College, auspiciously inaugurated, has been, during the year, in successful operation, and gives promise of occupying permanent rank among the most honoured Collegiate Institutions of this Continent.

Our present Conferential Session, which has been marked by great harmony, has been rendered unusually interesting, in consequence of the simultaneous meeting of the Representatives of three ecclesiastical bodies in this city, affording opportunity of fraternal greetings, and hallowed interchange of sympathies, in impressive illustration of the unity for which the Redeemer prayed;—"That they all may be one; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

We have shared in the national joy, occasioned by the auspicious marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and have embraced the first opportunity, in our collective capacity, of presenting an Address of gratulation through His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony.

We request the Rev. W. B. Boyce to act as our Representative in the British Conference, and with him we associate the Rev. James Narraway, A.M., and the Rev. Professor Allison, of the Sackville Institution, should they be in attendance at the Conference.

We have nominated the Rev. T. H. Davies as President, and the Rev. Edmund Botterell as Co-Delegate, for the next year.

We remain, Rev'd. and Dear Fathers and Brethren, yours, in the bonds of the everlasting gospel.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

CHAS. DEWOLFFE, D. D., *President*,
JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary*.

Charlottetown, July 3, 1863.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST
 OF THE
MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL
 IN CONNEXION WITH
THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST
CHURCH OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

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

	Yrs.		Yrs.
1836 Addy, J. S., <i>Halifax, N. S.</i>	3	1859 Coffin, Jos. S., <i>Liverpool, N. S.</i>	1
1856 Alcorn, Wm., <i>Baie de Verte, N.B.</i>	1	1862 Colpitts, Wesley, <i>Horton, N. S.</i>	2
1862 Allen, J. S., <i>Green's Pond, N.F.</i>	2	1855 Comben, Charles, <i>Bonavista, N. F.</i>	1
1840 Allen, Wm., (Sup'y.) <i>Moncton, N.B.</i>		1880 Colter, John J., <i>Burton, N.B.</i>	1
1843 Allison, John, A.M., PRINCIPAL FEMALE BRANCH, <i>Mount Allison Institution.</i>		1861 Cowperthwaite, H. P., <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	1
1831 Angwin, Thomas, <i>Mill Town, N. B.</i>	2	1846 Crane, Robt. E., <i>Wallace, N.S.</i>	2
1862 Angwin, Joseph G., <i>Dartmouth, N. B.</i>	1	1853 Currie, D. D., <i>Sussex Vale, N.B.</i>	2
1837 Barratt, G. M., <i>Moncton, N. B.</i>	2	1830 Daniel, Henry, <i>Horton, N. S.</i>	2
1828 Bent, Jos. F., (Sup'y.) <i>Wilmot, N. S.</i>		1824 Davies, T. H., <i>Bridgetown, N. S.</i>	3
1861 Bigney, John Geo., <i>Murray Harbour, P. E. I.</i>	1	1868 Deinstadt, Thos. J., <i>Sheffield, N.B.</i>	1
1851 Black, A. B., <i>Tyuro, N. S.</i>	1	1852 DesBrisay, A.M., <i>Amherst, N.S.</i>	2
1834 Botterell, Edmund, <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	1	1837 DeWolfe, Charles, D. D., PRESIDENT, THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR, <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>	
1848 Brettie, Elias, <i>Barrington, N.S.</i>	1	1855 Dove, Jas., <i>Harbor Grace, N.F.</i>	1
1845 Brewster, John, <i>Charlottetown, P. E. I.</i>	2	1858 Duncan, Robt., <i>Bermuda,</i>	1
1857 Brown, W. C., <i>Farmouth, N. S.</i>	1	1857 Duke, J. A., <i>Twillingate, N.F.</i>	1
1826 Brownell, John B., (Sup'y.), <i>St. John, N. B.</i>		1862 Dutcher, C. W. T., <i>Digby Neck, N. S.</i>	1
1836 Buckley, Jas., <i>Lunenburg, N.S.</i>	1	1837 England, Jas., <i>Windsor, N. S.</i>	1
1853 Burns, Jas., <i>Shelburne, N. S.</i>	1	1850 Evans, Edwin, <i>Souris, P. E. I.</i>	1
1856 Butcher, Geo., <i>Dorchester, &c., N. B.</i>	2	1856 Fox, Thomas, <i>Fogo, &c., N. F.</i>	2
1834 Cardy, W. T., (Sup'y.) <i>Sackville, N. B.</i>		1860 Gaetz, Joseph, <i>Trinity, N. F.</i>	2
1836 Cassidy, J., <i>Albion Mines, N. S.</i>	4	1861 Gaetz, Leonard, <i>Kingston, King's Co. N. B.</i>	1
1857 Chapman, Douglas, <i>Ritchibucto, N. B.</i>	3	1862 Gray, Andrew, <i>Lunenburg, N. S.</i>	2
1863 Clark, Jno. A.B., <i>Pugwash, N.S.</i>	1	1830 Goodison, Jno., <i>Carbonear, N.F.</i>	2
		1854 Harris, Thomas, <i>Brigus, N. F.</i>	3
		1861 Harrison, Geo., <i>Nashuaak, N.B.</i>	1
		1861 Harrison, F., <i>Bermuda.</i>	2
		1853 Hart, Jos., <i>Liverpool, N. S.</i>	2
		1860 Hart, James R., <i>Upham, N. B.</i>	3
		1860 Hart Thos. D., <i>Channah, N. F.</i>	2

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1802 Humeon, J. B., <i>Guyaboro'</i> , N.S.	2	P. E. I.	1
1826 Hennigan, J. G., <i>Cornwallis</i> , E.,		1859 Pratt, Riehd., <i>West Cape</i> , P.E.I.	2
N. S.	2	1852 Prestwood, P., <i>St. John's</i> , N. F.	1
1857 Howie, John, <i>Ship Harbor</i> , C.B.	2	1856 Prince, J., <i>Farmouth</i> , N. S.	1
1846 Huestis, G. O., <i>Fredericton</i> , N.B.	1	1857 Read, J., <i>Furrsboro'</i> , N. S.	1
1858 Huestis, S. F., <i>Jacksonville</i> , N.B.	2	1821 Richey, Matt., D. D., <i>St. John</i> ,	
1856 Humphrey, S., A. B., (Sup'y.)		South, N. B.	3
<i>Moncton</i> , N. B.		1862 Rogers, Jabez, <i>Bonavista</i> , N. F.	2
1830 Johnson George, <i>Petite Riviere</i> ,		1858 Ryan, Wm., <i>Foucal</i> , P. E. I.	1
N. S.	2	1858 Scott, D. B., <i>Greenwich</i> , N. B.	1
1859 Johnson Rd., <i>Kempt</i> , N. S.	1	1860 Shenton, Job., <i>Carlton</i> , N. B.	1
1861 Johnson, J., <i>Guyaboro'</i> , N. S.	1	1828 Suenstone, W. E., <i>Island Cove</i> ,	
1860 Johnson, B. J., <i>Coersdale</i> , N.B.	1	N. F.	1
1863 Jost, Cranwick, A. B. Syd'y, C.B.	1	1837 Smallwood, F. (Sup'y.), <i>Wind-</i>	
1837 Jost, J. V., <i>Cornwall</i> , P. E. I.	2	sor, N. S.	
1861 Ladner, C., <i>St. John's</i> , N. F.	1	1861 Slackford, F., <i>Furrsboro'</i> , N. S.	1
1855 Lathern, J., <i>Halifax</i> , N. S.	2	1834 Smith, Thos., <i>Mill Village</i> , N. S.	1
1863 LeLacheur, Dav., <i>Andover</i> , N.B.	1	1842 Smith, Rd., <i>Cornwallis W.</i> , N. S.	2
1843 Lockhart, C., <i>Annapolis</i> , N. S.	2	1857 Smith, T. W., <i>Gagetown</i> , N. B.	1
1845 McCarty, Wm., <i>Aylesford</i> , N. S.	2	1860 Smith, R. M., <i>Institution</i> ,	
1853 McKeown, H., <i>St. John</i> , West,		1825 Smithson, Wm., <i>Newport</i> , N. S.	2
N. B.	2	1819 Snowball, J. (Sup'y.), <i>Sackville</i> ,	
1834 McMurray, Jno., BOOK STEWARD		N. B.	
AND EDITOR, <i>Halifax</i> , N. S.	2	1852 Sponagle, J. L., <i>River Philip</i> ,	
1828 McNutt, A., (Sup'y.) <i>Halifax</i> ,		N. S.	2
N. S.		1838 Sprague, S. W., <i>Bedeque</i> , P. E. I.	2
1818 Marshall, Jno., (Sup'y.) <i>Lunen-</i>		1852 Stewart, Charles, <i>Point-de-Bute</i> ,	
burg, N. S.	1	N. B.	1
1861 Martin, S. B., <i>New Germany</i> ,	1	1813 Strong, J. B. (Sup'y.) <i>Bedeque</i> ,	
N. S.		P. E. I.	
1854 Milligan, G. S., A. M., <i>Sackville</i> ,		1831 Sutcliffe, Ing., <i>Portland</i> , N. B.	1
N. B.		1837 Sutcliffe, Jos., <i>Hants Harbor</i> ,	
1817 Miller, George, (Sup'y.) <i>Bridge-</i>		N. F.	2
town, N. S.		1846 Taylor, James, <i>Digby</i> , N. S.	2
1851 Moore, F. W., <i>St. Andrew's</i> , N.B.	1	1862 Taylor, Robert, <i>Musquodoboit</i>	
1841 Merton, B., <i>Sydney</i> , C. B.	1	Harbor, N. S.	1
1861 Mosher, J. A., <i>Grand Lake</i> , N.B.	2	1856 Teed, S. T., <i>Burin</i> , N. F.	1
1841 Narraway, J. R., A.M., <i>St. John</i> ,		1820 Temple, Wm. (Sup'y.) <i>St. John</i> ,	
South, N. B.	2	N. B.	
1856 Nicolson, A. W., <i>St. John</i> , South,		1849 Temple, R. A., <i>St. Stephen's</i> ,	
N. B.	2	N. B.	2
1822 Nightingale, A., (Sup'ry.) <i>St.</i>		1858 Teesdale, J. J., <i>Middle Musquo-</i>	
<i>John's</i> , N. F.		doboit, N. S.	2
1863 Parker, I. N., <i>Dalhousie</i> , N. B.	1	1860 Turner, A.W., <i>Exploits</i> , &c. N. F.	2
1853 Payson, G. B., <i>St. David's</i> , N. B.	2	1850 Tuttle, G. W., <i>Guyaboro'</i> , N. S.	2
1840 Peach, J. S., <i>Black Head</i> , N. F.	1	1858 Tuttle, A. S., <i>Florenceville</i> , N. B.	2
1862 Percival, W. W., <i>Bermuda</i> ,		1856 Thurlow, I., <i>Fort Mouton</i> , N. S.	2
N. B.	2	1851 Tweedy, Wm., <i>River John</i> , N. S.	3
1856 Perkins, W. W., <i>Miramichi</i> ,		1853 Tweedy, R., <i>Bathurst</i> , N. B.	1
N. B.	2	1855 Tweedy, J., <i>Sheffield</i> , N. B.	1
1851 Phinney, J. S., <i>Grand Bank</i> ,		1858 Waterhouse, J., <i>Old Perlican</i> ,	
N. F.	1	N. F.	2
1837 Pickard, H., D. D., Principal of		1857 Wasson, R., <i>Annapolis</i> , N. S.	1
<i>Mt. Allison Institution</i> .		1839 Weddall, R., <i>Wilmot</i> , N. S.	1
1827 Pickles, M. (Sup'y.), <i>Sackville</i> ,		1820 Wilson, Wm., <i>Woodstock</i> , N. B.	2
N. B.		1859 Wilson, R., <i>Hopewell</i> , N. B.	1
1863 Pike, John M., <i>Petites</i> , N. F.	1	1856 Winterbotham, J., <i>Carbonear</i> ,	
1862 Pitblado, C. B., <i>Kingsclear</i> , N.B.	1	N. F.	1
1814 Pope, Hy. (Sup'y.) <i>Halifax</i> , N.S.			

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burg, N. S. 2
near, N. F. 2
rus, N. F. 3
waak, N. B. 1
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