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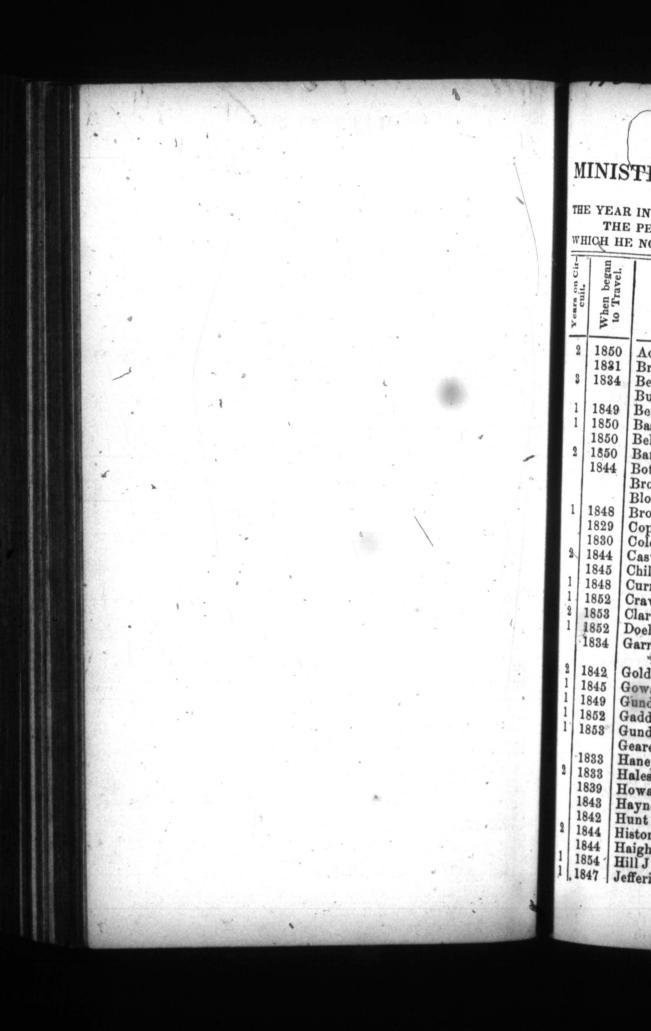
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	1833	Geare J., Local Elder, Dunham, Dunham Flates P.O., C.E.		
2	1833	Haney J., Local Elder.		
	1839	Hales J., Drummond, Ennisville P. O., C.W.		
	1843	Howard T. T., Toronto P. O., C.W. Havnes T., super W. C.W.		
	1842	Haynes T., super., Wel. Canal, St. Catharines P.O., C.W. Hunt F., Bolton, Georgeville P. O. C. F.		
2	1844	Hunt F., Bolton, Georgeville P. O., C. E. Histon J., Prince Edward Did. Did. C. E.		
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1	1854	Haigh B., Waterford, Waterford P. O., C.W. Hill J., Ancaster, Waterdown P. O., C.W.		
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RESIDENCES OF MINISTERS.

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Years on Cir- cuit.	When began to Travel.	MINISTERS AND THEIR RESIDENCES.	
1	1853	Johnston R., Trafalgar, Hornby P. O., C.W.	
		Kimball H. M., Local Elder, Dunham, Dunham Flates P. O., C. E.	
1	1849	Kershaw J. B., Cowansville P. O., C. E.	1.1
2	1852	Langford G., Caledon, Erin P. O., C.W.	
2	1831	McClure W., Hamilton, Hamilton P.O., Box 511.	Accordin
		Martin W., Local Elder, Nassagaweya, Nassagaweya	Tem
	~	P. O., C. W.	
4	-	Marshal J., Local Elder, Elizabethtown, North Augusta P. O., C. W.	Cont
1	1850	McAllister J., Waterloo, New Hope P. O., C.W.	
2	1853	Miller J. A., Scott Mission, Uxbridge P. O., C.W.	
1	1854	Maguire J., super., Howard, Morpeth P. O., C.W.	Who
1		Ogden T., Potton, Mansonville P. O, C. E.	
	1850	Oates J., super.	
4.4	1841	Powers F. E., super, Dunham, Cowansville P. O., C. E.	
2	1847	Preston W., London North, Elginfield P. O., C.W.	
	1830	Robinson J. H., General Superintendent of the Mission, Toronto P. O., C. W.	London,
in the second	1830	Reid J., Local Elder, Caledon.	Waterfor
• 1	1837	Rump T., Norwich, Tilsonburgh P. O., C.W.	St. Thom
	1840	Robinson W., Manvers, Lifford P. O., C.W.	
1	1846	Rolston D. D., Elizabethtown, North Augusta P.O., C.W.	Norwich, .
2	1846	Reid T., Crosby, Beverly P. O., Bastard.	Malahide,
	1000	Ramage, super., Waterford, Simcoe P. O., C.W.	Howard,
2	1829	Shilton J., Aurther, Mount Forrest P. O., Arthur.	
4 .	1830	Sheldon, Local Elder.	London No
1	1841	Simpson J., Trafalgar, Hornby P. O., C.W.	Blanchard
2	1850	Savage D., London, London P. O., C.W.	Goderich M
2	1850	Shaw J., Barton, Box 460 Hamilton P. O., C.W.	
1	1853	Smith A., Local Elder. Scott J., Prince Edward, Picton P. O., C.W.	Ekfrid,
1	1853	Tindal W. Yorkville, Yorkville P. O., C.W.	
2	1852	Vining J. Camaa Caynga P.O. CW	10 Mar 10
-	1833	Vining J., Cayuga, Cayuga P. O., C.W. Warren J., super., Portland P. O., Bastard.	Hamilton
1	1834	Wilkinson J., Cavan, Cavan P. O., C.W.	Ancasta
î	1843	Wilkinson H., Malahide, Vienna P. O., C.W.	Ancaster,
î	1843	Weaver G, Blanshard, St. Mary's P. O., C.W.	Welland Ca
î	1844	Williams E., Welland Canal, St. Catharines P. O., C.W.	Barton,
1 2 1	1849	Watts J. C., Nassagaweya, Nassagaweya P.O., C.W.	Nasea
ī	1850	Wright A., Newcastle, Cobourg P. O., C.W.	Nassagawey
	1850	Witcombe O.	Waterloo,
1	1853	Webb W., Manvers, Lifford P.O., C.W.	Cayuga,
		Lake Erie Mission, Dunnville P. O., Haldimand.	Lake Erie

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According to appointment of the Annual Conference, held in Temperance Street Church, Toronto, June 1st, 1853, the Conference met in the Main Street Church, Hamilton, June 7th, 1854.

QUESTION I.

Who compose the present Conference?

ANSWER.

LONDON DISTRICT.

London,	D
Waterford,	- David Savage, W. Darvil.
Waterford,	- James Bell, John Eady.
Norwich,	. James Bell, John Eady. . N. C. Gowan, Thomas Hewes.
Malahide,	E. F. Brown.
Howard,	 B. Haigh, E. F. Brown. E. Williams, Andrew Ostrander, H. Wilkinson, W. Latimer.
London North,	W. D. Wilkinson, W. Latimer.
Blanchard,	W. Preston, Anthony Hewes.
Goderich Mission,	
Ekfrid,	L. U. Adkins.
	J. Lawlor.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Maintition W. McClure, Michael Aikman. Ancaster, J. B: Kershaw, B. Vansicklø Welland Canal, D. Bettes, William Gregory. Barton, J. Shaw, A. Neff. Nassagaweya, J. C. Watts, J acob Chapman. Waterloo, George Clemmins. Cayuga,	
Lake Erie Mission, F. G. Weaver, G. Brown.	

OWEN SOUN	D DISTRICT.
Arthur,	John Shilton, William Bunston.
Durham,	
Sydenham,	J. Baskerville, W. Williams.
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TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto,	T. Goldsmith, W. Sharpe.
Yorkville,	J. McAllister, J. Dobson.
Trafalgar,	T. M. Jefferies, S. D. Kenney
Caledon,	G. Langford, J. Hall.
Whitchurch,	J. Caswell, A. Jakeway.
Brock,	C. Curry, R. B. Way.
Scott Mission,	J. A. Miller.

CAVAN DISTRICT.

Cavan,	W/Gundy, W. Berry.
Manvers	W. Robinson, M. McAllister.
Newcastle,	J. Wilkinson, J. Brisbain.
Prince Edward,	J. Histon, W. O. Conger.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

Lansdown,	W. Barnett, J. Stewart.
Elizabeth Town,	J. Simpson, J. Hill.
Oxford	D. D. Rolston, R. Metcalf.
Crosby,	T. Reid, J. Graham.
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EASTERN DISTRICT.

Represented by Letter,

OFFICERS OF THE CONNEXION.

REV. J. H. ROBINSON,	General Superintendent.
Mr. T. LOTTRIDGE,	Treasurer.
" R. H. BRETT,	Financial Secretary.
REV. T. T. HOWARD,	Mission Secretary.

The follow in Conference present :---

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The following brethren, being Elders, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but, with the exception of W. Martin, were not

R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, R. Garry, J. Gear, T. Haney, H. M. Kimball, T. Marshall, W. Martin, J. sheldon and A. Smith.

Question II. Have the characters of the Ministers been examined?

Answer. They have, according to rule.

Question III. What preachers have been received into full connexion ?

Answer. T. O. Adkins, J. Baskerville, J. Shaw, W. Barnett, D. Savage, J. McAllister, D. Bettes,* and O. Whitcomb. Question IV. Who have been ordained Elders? Answer.

J. McAllister, J. Vining.

Question V. Who remain on trial? Answer.

J. Oates, B. P. Brown, A. Wright, (who have travelled four years); John Bell, (who has travelled three years); J. Vining, J. Crawford, J. Doel, G. Langford and J. Gaddis, (who have travelled two years); W. Webb, R. Johnston, J. Scott, W. Tindall, A. Clarke, S. Gundy, J. A. Miller, (who have travelled

Question VI. Who is received on trial? Answer. J. Hill.

Question VII. Who have located for the next year? Answer. W. Robinson, J. Oates, B. Haigh, J. C. Warren. Question VIII. Who has desisted ? Answer. L. P. Adams.

Question IX. Who has died during the year? Answer. J. Sheldon.

Question X. How are the preachers stationed this year? Answer. In the following order :-

*Brother Bettes was received last year, but, by mistake, his name was continued among the probationers.

LONDON DISTRICT.

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London,	Southampton
Waterford, James Bell, one to be sent, W.	
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Malahide,	Yorkville,
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Howard,	Whitchurch
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Jefferies, under direction of the	Scott Mission,.
Annual Committee.	
J. H. Robinson, Chairman.	×
HAMILTON DISTRICT.	Canan
Hamilton, William McClure, J. Brennan,	Cavan,
	Manvers,
Ancaster,	Nernogatla
Supernumerary.	Newcastle,
Welland Canal, E. Williams, F. Haynes, Sup.	Prince Elan
Welland Canal, James Shaw, C. Childs, W. Barton, Bothwell, Supernumeraries.	Prince Edward,
Nassagaweya, J. C. Watts.	
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J. Simpson, R. Johnston, T. T.
Brock, G. Langford, one to be sent. Scott Mission. N. C. Gowan.
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J. Caswell.
Thomas Goldsmith, Chairman.
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JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.
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J. Hales, Chairman.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Stanstead,	
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Bolton,	F. Hunt.
Dunham,	O. Whitcomb, subject to the approval of the district meeting.
Henrysburgh,	
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Potton,..... T. Ogden. J. B. Kershaw, Chairman.

Brother Kershaw goes to the Eastern District, under the supervision of the Annual Committee. He is to call a district meeting immediately, and fix, in conjunction with the brethren on the District, both his own appiontment and theirs'; and as soon as possible report to the Committee on this and all other matters requiring attention.

The General Superintendent takes the London Station, with the understanding that he is to call for the assistance of brethren McClure and Coldsmith, for probably six weeks or two months, in supplying London, till he can prepare the way for taking the Station.

Brother William Robinson is to attend the quarterly meetings of the Manvers and Newcastle Circuits and administer ordinances.



CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

J. H. ROBINSON,	General Superintendent.
W. McClure,	Assistant do.
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R. H. BRETT,	
M. AIKMAN,	

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Howard
London
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RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

1. That the Rev. T. Goldsmith preside over the deliberations of this Conference.

2. That Michael Aikman, Esq., be the Secretary of Conference.

3. That the Rev. David Savage be the Recording Secretary.

4. That the Rev. J. C. Watts be the Conference Reporter.

5. That in the election of President of Conference, the rule shall be, that no person shall be eligible to the Chair who has not a majority of all the votes present, in favor of his appointment; when the ballots come in, if no one has a majority of all the votes present, the two highest on the list shall be taken and balloted for again.

6. That in case any of our probationers fall sick and desire to locate on that account, and should it appear expedient to the Conference to grant their request, their names shall not appear on our Minutes, in that relation, for more than two years; but, should a brother under these circumstances afterwards be accepted as a probationer, the time he travelled previously shall be reckoned as a part of his probation.

7. That a number of colored people in Colchester having proposed to be recognized by our Connexion, and the Conference having heard the report of the Rev. H. Wilkinson, who has visited them, resolved that this Conference feels a deep sympathy with the colored race, and are anxious to do all in their power to spread the Gospel among them, and the Conference remits the consideration of this question to the Stationing Committee, to make the best arrangement in their power, and that if they judge it expedient to employ an agency among them, for the following year, $\pounds 25$ of our Mission Funds be placed at their disposal.

8. That the Nassagaweya Circuit be divided into two Circuits, to be called the Nassagaweya and Waterloo Circuits The Nassagaweya Circuit to have a married preacher, and the Waterloo Cir Waterloo Cir Guelph, and th

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Waterloo Circuit a single ordained preacher, if possible. The Waterloo Circuit to comprise all the appointments south of Guelph, and the Nassagaweya all the other appointments.

9. That the St. Thomas Circuit be divided, and that St. Thomas, South Yarmouth, Salt Creek, Town Line, Five Stakes, the Gore and the White Chapel, form the St. Thomas Circuit; and that Ekfrid, Adelaide and Hunt's School-house form the Ekfrid Circuit.

10. That the Newcastle Circuit remain as it is, with the exception of Percy, which shall be given up.

11. That Sydenham Circuit be divided, to be called the Sydenham and Southampton Circuits. Sydenham to comprise all appointments in Aran, and any new appointments that may be added; the Sydenham Circuit all the rest.

12. That the Rev. J. H. Robinson, J. Casswell and W. Robinson, with Messrs. W. Latimer and J. Graham, be Stationing Committee.

13. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Toronto Circuit, for its commendable conduct in returning the grant made to it, and the Conference would be glad to see this example imitated by other Circuits.

14. That supplies called out under the cognizance of the Annual_Committee, and who may afterwards be received into our ministry, shall be considered as having travelled one year, provided they have served as supplies for nine months.

15. That the Conference deeply sympathises with brother Maguire in his sickness, and referring his case to the Annual Committee for the coming year, grants him the sum of £10 to assist him in his sickness.

16. That the Conference highly estimating as it does the character of our former General Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Crofts, most deeply sympathises with him in the painful bereavement he has been called, in the order of Divine Providence, to sustain, in the removal of his beloved partner by death, and trusts that the consolations of the Gospel, in connection with the consciousness of her happy death, will support him in the trying circumstances in which he is placed.

17. That the Conference deeply sympathising with brother Childs, in his protracted affliction, cordially gives material expression to this sentiment, by granting to him $\pounds 25$ for the ensuing year.

18. That in consequence of the ill health of brother Oates, at his own request he be allowed to retire from the ministerial life for one year.

19. That brother Bursall's name be placed on the list of supernumeraries at his own request.

20. That it be considered the duty of the Chairmen of Districts to inform all their ministerial brethren of the time and place of holding each district meeting.

21. That in future any minister in charge of a Circuit, who shall neglect to hold missionary meetings on his Circuit or to attend his own missionary appointments during the year, shall not be entitled to any grant from the Mission Fund, for himself, on the Circuit which he may be sent.

22. That in future it shall be the duty of each preacher in charge of a circuit or station, to give at least ten days' notice (post paid) to the superintendent preacher of the circuit or station where the Conference is to be held, of the number and names of the parties who intend going to the Conference from their respective circuits.

23. That brother William Robinson's request to locate for the next year, be granted, and that the Manvers Circuit be recommended to avail itself of his labors, in any way that may be mutually convenient.

24. That the Conference, after hearing the statements and propositions of Mr. Barnum, desires to express its fraternal feelings towards other branches of the Methodist Church, and should they manifest a disposition to unite, as recommended, determines to co-operate with them to secure an object so desirable.

25. That the surplus funds (if any there should be) be divided into three parts, one-third to be given to the Beneficent Fund one-third to the Chapel Fund, and the remaining third to make up deficiences.

26. That each preacher in charge of a Circuit shall, in future, bring and present to the Annual Conference, a regula list of names and numbers of members on their respective circuits and hand it in on the first day of Conference, that the Minister

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27. That the Conference particularly requests those Parents connected with our societies, to use all proper means to cause their children to attend, not only our public means of grace, but also cur social means, such as prayer meetings, Sabbath schools, &c.

28. That our Mission in the Eastern District be sustained, and that a Minister from the Western part of our work be sent.

29. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. J. H. Robinson, for the publication and able Editorship of the Evangelical Witness,' and that it be recognized as the organ of our Connexion ; feeling convinced that its continuance will be greatly promotive of the best interests of our Church in this province, and that brother Robinson be respectfully requested to continue his services as Editor, with a grant of £25 to him, for massistant, commencing from the present Conference.

30. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Richard Barford, Esq., of London, England, for a generous constion of ninety-five pounds, sterling, to our Chapel fund.

31. That the thanks of the Conferencee be presented to Job Meigh, Esq., of Ash Hall, Staffordshire, for his generous donaion of fifty pounds, sterling, to be used by the General Superinandent as he may think proper, in aid of our operations in this country.

32. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to M. Schofield, Esq., of Durham, for his generous donation of a own lot in Fergus, to aid in the erection of Chapels in the Owen would District.

33. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. boke, of Bolton, Lancashire, for a donation of four pounds, trling, to be appropriated to the erection of a chapel in linville.

34. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the becutors of the late Isaac Sours, Esq., of Galt, for the remitnce of the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven pounds one illing and eleven pence, being part of the legacy left to gur onnexion by Mr. Sours, and the Conference would take this portunity of expressing its sense of the prompt and honorable amer in which this business has been attended to.

35. That the chapel Committee be composed of Messrs. Sharpe, Blake, Brett and Aikman, with the General and Assistant Superintendents and the President, and that the Rev. J. H. Robinson be appointed Treasurer and Secretary.

36. That brother Savage write the English address, and brother McClure the address to the Canada connexion next year.

37. That as some misapprehension exists as to the meaning of the words "Leaders' Meeting" in clause 4, section 4, page 21 of our Discipline, the Conference declares that such meeting, for the purposes contemplated in said clause of Discipline, is a meeting of Leaders in each particular society, and not of the whole of the Leaders in the Circuit.

38. That as to the trial of accused laymen provided for by clause 4, section 4, page 21 of Discipline, the clause be altered as follows: —" But should the accused object to this mode of trial he may be tried by a committee of five persons, two to be chosen by the accused, two by the accuser. or accusers, and the fifth by the executive preacher. But if the executive preacher be a party implicated, then the chairman of the district shall choose the fifth member; and if the chairman of the district is himself implicated, then, the next oldest preacher in the district shall make the choice."

39. That the Missionary Committee for the following year be the Rev. J. H. Robinson, W. McClure, T. Goldsmith and J. B. Kershaw; with Messrs. Aikman, Sharpe, Darvil, Chapman and Latimer; and that the Rev. J. H. Robinson be Chairman, and Michael Aikman, Esq., Secretary.

40. That the question of the Clergy Reserves being still unsettled and the occasion of protracted controversy in the Province, and there being much misapprehension throughout the entire community as to the position of several of the Christian churches on the matter, this Conference avails itself of the opportunity of expressing its decided disapprobation of any division of these funds among the religious bodies; on the contrary, it desires an absolute and entire secularization.

41. That the Report of the Committee appointed by the London District Meeting to attend the May Quarterly Meeting of the St. Thomas Circuit, and to enquire into certain matters of complaint by members of said Circuit, be received and

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42. That the Conference deeply regretting the fearful spread of intemperance, again repeats its decided conviction that no measure short of a Prohibitory Liquor Law will meet the exigencies of the case.

43. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Philip St. John, jr., Esq., for his donation of an acre and a half of land for a parsonage site in the Township of Brock.

44. That the Rev. Thos. Goldsmith preach the Ordination Sermon next year.

45. That the Conference expresses its grief that in a country where liberal principles and free institutions prevail so generally as in the neighbouring republic, that Slavery, as a system, continues to be supported, and especially regrets that many portions of the professed church of Christ lend their countenance and aid to the perpetuation and extension of this fearful evil.

46. That the Annual Committee for this year be the Revs. the President, W. McClure and J. H. Robinson, with Messrs. Brett and Aikman.

47. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to T. Lottridge, Esq., for his services as Treasurer during the past year, and that he be requested to accept the office for the ensuring year.

48. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to R. H. Brett for his services as Financial Secretary during the past year, and that he be requested to accept the office for the ensuing year.

49. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to our President for his efficient services in the chair.

50. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to our Secretaries for their services during the Conference.

51. That our next Conference be held in the Town of London, on the first Wednesday in June, 1855.

NOTE.—The Resolutions of the Beneficent Society are not entered in the Journal. It is stated that the Chairman of the Committee took them away under the impression that they were not needed for the Minutes. They will be published in the

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Having in the Providence of God been permitted to assemble in Conference, we present you our Annual Address.

Our Conference has been one of unusual interest and importance, Questions perplexing and important—calculated to elicit expression of opinions diversified and even conflicting, and calling into exercise Christian patience and forbearance—have occupied our attention; yet we are happy to state, that brotherly affection for each other, and intense solicitude for the Cause of God, have characterized our discussions. The decisions of our Conference have been, without exception, harmonious and in the main unanimous; and we pray that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may render them successful in promoting his glory.

The religious services of our Conference were seasons of refreshing to many souls. The word preached, and the ordinances administered were in power, and accompanied with gracious influences, and we hope and pray that the fruits of these services may be seen in a harvest of souls gathered into the Church during the year. Our brethren, both lay and ministerial, have been visited with a holy unction, and baptised into the pirit of love, and will, we hope, return to their several stations to devote themselves more fully to the work of God.

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You will perceive from the statistics of the Connexion that we have an increase in the number of our membership of 100; we regret that it is so small, and yet we thank God and take courage. We feel, Brethren, that we should enter into deep heart searching before God, and pray for an unction of the Holy Ghost to rest upon all our Ministers and Churches; then shall "the barren soil be rendered fruitful," "the former and the latter rains " shall come upon us: "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad, and the desert shall blossom as the rose," "the little one shall become a thousand and the small one a great nation."

We are happy in being able to report a large increase in our Mission Fund this year. This is as it should be. This has been the most favorable year, to most classes, in pecuniary matters that our country has ever known, and we do well to let our Christian liberality bear some proportion to the Divine benefaction we receive. Though much has been done during the past to extend our missionary subscription list, still, Brethren we are of opinion, that our resources are not even yet sufficiently developed. Let one and all put their hands to the work and we shall, with God's blessing, largely increase our Mission Fund during the ensuing year. And while on this subject, let us remind you of the claims which our Paternal and Beneficent Funds have upon your sympathies and liberalities. These cannot but commend themselves to your judgments, let them receive your hearty and liberal support.

You will also be glad to learn that something is being done in the way of erecting comfortable Parsonages for our Ministers. Let every Circuit see to it, that their Ministers are comfortably provided for in this respect, and that those Parsonages are secured to the Connexion by good Title Deeds.

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um of a Connnexion, and we commend it to your sympathy and support. Let every family in our Connexion be supplied with the "Evangelical Witness," and while it will do you and your families good, it will also be a source of future income to the funds of the Conmexion.

We would, dear Brethren, affectionately urge upon you punctuality and faithfulness in attending upon all our religious means. Make it a matter of *principle*, regularly to attend all for means of grace, especially our Class and Prayer Meetings. We Mave never known this to be neglected without bringing on spiritual declension,—your absence discourages your brethren, your Leader and your Minister, and cripples the Church in her efforts to save souls. Brethren, "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

And, brethren, permit us to "stir up your pure minds" on the subject of eminent holiness. The true secret of our power to do good, is holiness. We fear there are too many of us resting "in the principles of the doctrines of Christ and not going on to perfection." Brethren, God commands—" be ye holy for I am holy." Let us come up to the standard of Gospel requirements and seek the "sanctification of body, soul and wirit" unto God, "to be filled with all the fullness of God" -then shall our "peace flow as a river and our righteousness abound as the waves of the sea," and then others "seeing our good works, will glorify our Father which is in Heaven."

Our Stationing Committee have been seriously embarrassed from want of a sufficient number of Ministers to supply all the demands that are upon them. While we have received some additional probationers for our Ministry, some have been compelled, by affliction, to retire for the present from our ranks; and, at the same time, fresh applications from new and important places are reaching us for our Ministers and the establishment of our Church amongst them; and it is a matter of no ordinary

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grief to us, that for want of a sufficient number of Ministers, we have been compelled to decline openings that would have been important to us as a Connexion. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest."

And now, brethren, we commend to your cordial welcome and co-operation, the servants of God whom we have appointed to labour amongst you. Give them not only a generous pecuniary support, but also a hearty co-operation in carrying out the Discipline and promoting the spirituality of the church. As a connexion, we admit the laity into all our church courts, and we expect your sympathy and support in all our official duties. Hold up the hands of your Ministers, and sustain them by your prayers, your labours, and your liberalities, and God will bless your united labours to promote his glory.

Finally, brethren, 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 amongst all them that are sanctified.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

T. GOLDSMITH, President.

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The pleasing custom of annually addressing you, which Christian courtesy dictates and Christian love prompts, we gladly perpetuate. It is to be hoped that this fraternal recognition may never become a mere matter of conferential form or venerated usage, but that it will ever be, as in the past, a link of warmest attachment, a pledge of Christian fellowship, and an mcentive to faithfulness, co-operation, and full consideration in the best of all causes—the salvation of the human family through the blood of the Lamb.

The Great Redeemer hath said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." This trait of discipleship we have. We enjoy and delight in "endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit," not only amongst ourselves, but with you, the parent community, beyond the vast Atlantic. Oceans may roll between the children of God, but cambot prevent "the communion of spirits." That indissoluble te.

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constrains us sweetly to sympathise with you. We weep, when you have cause to weep: we rejoice, when the smile of our Heavenly Father inspires your hearts with joy. The gradual extension of our cause in England, through Home and Missionary efforts, liquidation of chapel debts, special services for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is a pleasing feature in the news we hear of you. To God be all the glory. It is his love shed abroad in the hearts of his people, that constrains them to enlarged liberality, agonising prayer, and soul-saving enterprise; and it is His power which worketh in and through them mightily, which discomfits Satan, and achieves the glorious triumphs of the Cross. One in principles, in faith, in object, in heart, and best of all, one in Christ; we hail your progress, material or spiritual, with gratitude and delight, and earnestly pray "that ye may become a thousand times as many more as ye are."

In this land of increasing interest and importance-the land of our toils and triumphs-the liberal principles of our church, congenial alike to the spirit of the people and to the spirit of Christianity, are rapidly spreading. Kindred communitiesthe Primitive Methodists and Bible Christians-aid us in this great work: whilst we rejoice in the indisputable fact that there is not a single Christian church around us, however despotic it polity theoretically, but is thoroughly leavened with these Scrip tural principles, and practically liberalised. The Church of England in this land has its conventions, in which the elerg and laity are associated. Even in the Church of Rome, the great bulwark of ecclesiastical tyranny, their bishops on this continent find it impossible to wrest church property out of th hands of lay-trustees, to repress the strugglings of liberty, or drown the voice of a free people. The Spirit of God is work ing, and "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

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in full connexion, and an addition of 100 to our members on probation,—being a total increase of 259.

Much has also been done towards the consolidation of our community in this Province. Our ministry is increasingly respectable, talented and earnest; our membership loyal and multiplying. Chapels and parsonages are in course of erection on many of our circuits, and the Christian benevolence of our people is rapidly developing.

We have been much encouraged in our efforts by the munificent liberality of our friends, Richd. Barford, Esq., of London; Job Meigh, Esq., of Staffordshire ; and Thos. Firth and Sons, of Sheffield,--who have given £95, £50, and £100, sterling, respectively for chapels and parsonages in Canada. We present our most grateful acknowledgments to those kind brethren, praying that God may abundantly reward them with the richer blessings of his grace. The labours of our beloved General Superintendent, the Rev. J, H. Robinson, in the general work, and in the establishment of a Connexional periodical by him, and since conducted by his able editorship, have been of incalculable service to us. Our Assistant Superintendent enjoys our affectionate confidence, and his services are highly beneficial. But the best of all is, God is with us. we are prospering numerically, financially, and spiritually. And Through his blessing we are still labouring and praying, believing and hoping for highter days, and tenfold success. Our great want is the Holy Ghost. O may God in answer to ten thousand prayers bless you and us with a Pentecostal baptism, that the coming year may be one remarkably distinguished by a glorious ingathering f precious souls to the fold of the Great Shepherd. Our Conference has been characterised on the whole by great

manimity. There has been a happy combination of warmth nd meekness, faithfulness and patience in all its discussions. love to the brethren has been delightfully exemplified the

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whole of the session. It augurs well for our future prosperity, that the number of ministers enjoying or earnestly seeking the attainment of perfect love is steadily increasing. O may the time speedily arrive when all shall be "men full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

We believe this to be the great essential in the churches at the present day. The tone of piety must be deepened in the memberships. The standard of holiness must be exalted in the ministry. Then would the church be mighty as of old, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

All the world is in commotion in the present age. Mighty revolutions are taking place. Awakening myriads are crying " Come and help us." Devoted Missionaries, overwhelmed with toils, are appealing with thrilling earnestness to the church .--Oh ! let us arise; and equipped with the whole armour of God, and fired with a quenchless zeal to rescue souls from eternal ruin, let us "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." We need a much larger infusion of the Missionary spirit in our churches. It is a lamentable fact that Methodism, as a whole, is on the decline in England; and why? Answers may be sought in the paralysing effect of despotic policies, or the ruinous influence of recent agitations, but we fear the great reason is, the loss of the Methodistic, or rather the Evangelic spirit. The word of God does not say, "Where Liberty is, there is the Spirit," but, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty ": yes, and prosperity too. We may have liberty and glory in it ;--we may have, in addition, wealth, talent and skill, but unless we have "the Holy Ghost," our efforts will be powerless and futile. This is so trite a religious truth, that it is universally acknowledged, but we fail to realize its vast importance. Whilst we prize a liberal polity, let us pray for the Spirit, remembering that "our sufficiency is of God," and of God alone.

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We also feel more deeply conscious than ever, that one of the greatest wants of the age is Christian union. We deplore the numerous and lamentable divisions in the church at the pre-As the result, the energies of half-a-dozen ministers sent day. of different churches are wasted in a neighborhood, where one man, doing the work of an evangelist, would be sufficient. In the midst of a spare population, we feel this evil more than you will. Probably there will be a diversity in the formulas of religious belief and church order till we meet around the throne of the God of truth; but are there not many churches closely approximating in doctrine and polity, and therefore criminally separate ? Does not this occasion much unhallowed competition and strife? Does it not weaken our strength, and cause the Papist and the Infidel to triumph? Would not several of the Methodist communities be stronger, more prosperous, and better every way, if united? Do not our divisions grieve the Holy Spirit of our God? May God teach us the good and right way, and hasten the time when there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

THOS. GOLDSMITH, Chairman.

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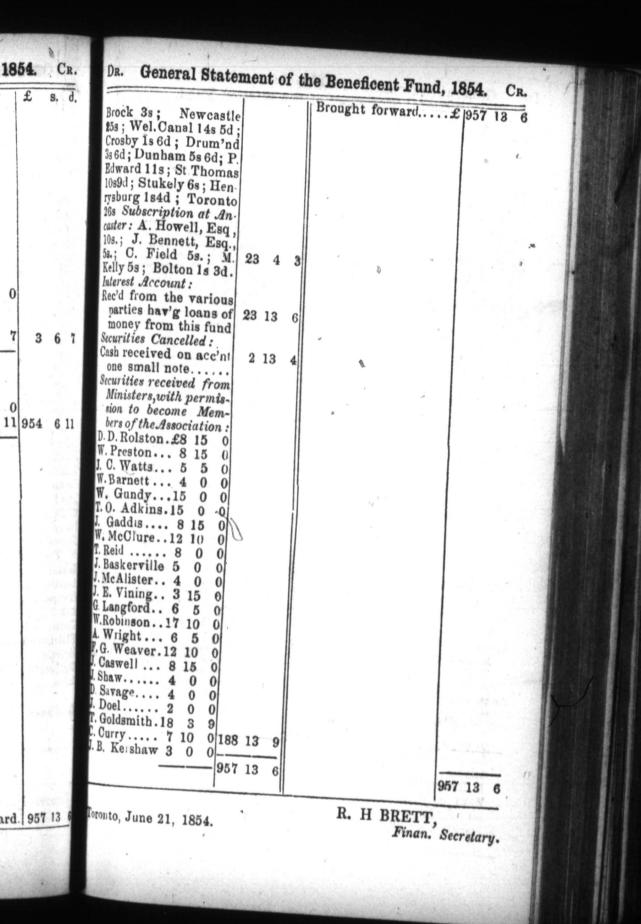
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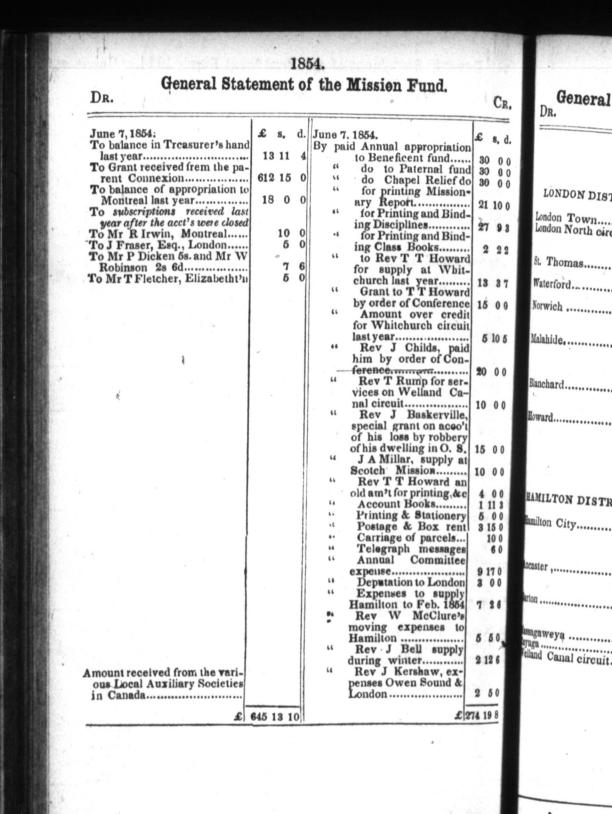
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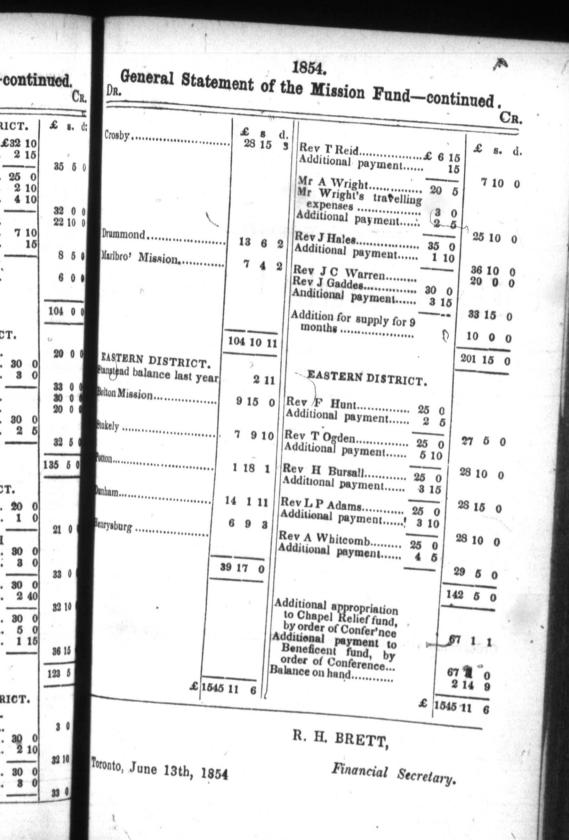
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