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OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Primitive Methodist Church,

CANADA,

HELD AT VICTORIA SQUARE, MARKHAM,

On the 15th April, 1859, and following days.

By Order of the Conference.

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According to appointment of the Conference, held in Alice-St. Church, Toronto, the Conference assembled; and after devotional exercises conducted by the ex-President, proceeded to the transaction of business.

JOHN LACEY, PRESIDENT.

TIMOTHY NATTRASS, SECRETARY.

Question 1. *Who compose the present Conference ?*

Answer. Thomas Crompton, *General Com. Delegate.*

Robert Boyle, *English Representative.*

John Davison, *General Missionary Secretary.*

William Rowe, *Agent of Friendly Society.*

Robert Walker, *General Treasurer.*

Also Delegates appointed by District Meetings :

TORONTO—John Lacey, James Edgar, Joseph Simpson, John Nattrass, Henry Jennings, Fred. Lill, Roland Ward, Joseph Kent, G. Wright, Robert Ward, Isaac Wilson, Jos. Baldwin.

HAMILTON—Thomas Adams, Timothy Nattrass, J. R. Swift, Thomas Dudley, William Lawson, Wm. Marshall, Wm. Wade, Wm. Ascomb, Thomas Pasmore, C. Cousens, John Dixon, W. P. Lacey.

Q. 2. *What Minister is taken into the Annual List ?*

A. Robert Stephenson.

Q. 3. *What Preachers remain on trial ?*

A. William Cook, who has travelled four years.

W. Bee & J. Smith, who have travelled three years.

W. Clayton & G. Watson, who have travelled 2 yrs.

M. H. Mathews, who has travelled one year.

Q. 4. *What Preachers have ceased to travel ?*

A. Matthew Gray, J. Houldershaw.

Q. 5. *What Preachers are received on pledge ?*

A. Wm. Herridge, J. Cheetham, S. P. Lacey, W. S. Hughan, J. Frankish.

Q. 6. *How are the Ministers stationed for the ensuing year ?*

A. In the following order :—

Rev. J. Davison, }
Rev. J. Edgar, } *Editors.*

Rev. J. Lacey, *President.*

Rev. T. Natrass, *Secretary.*

Rev. J. Davison, *Miss. Secretary & Book Steward.*

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto—J. Edgar, Wm. Herridge.

Markham—J. Garner, R. Stephenson.

Darlington—One to be obtained.

Scarboro—G. Wood, W. H. Matthews first six months,
W. Frankish last six months.

Reach—J. Simpson, W. Frankish first six months, W.
H. Matthews last six months.

Kingston—J. Natrass, W. Gledhill.

Portland—J. Milner, W. Cook.

Napanee—J. Markham.

J. Garner, G.C.D.

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Brampton—R. Boyle.

Etobicoke—T. Crompton, W. Lyle, & W. Jolley, Sup.

Albion—R. Cade.

Laskay—J. Lacey, W. Clayton.

Orangeville—J. Clark.

Guelph—T. Adams.

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Peel & Wellesley—W. Lomas, J. Towler, Sup.

Brant—I. Rider.

Osprey—T. Foster.

Minto—W. H. Moodv.

J. Lacey, G.C.D.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton—J. R. Swift.

Walpole—R. Paul.

Galt and Blenheim—T. Natrass.

Brantford & Paris—W. Newton, one to be obtained.

London—W. Rowe, J. Smith.

Bosanquet—G. Watson.

Walsing' an—F. Dudley.

Grand River—W. Bee.

M'gillivray—S. P. Lacey.

Stratford—W. S. Hughan.

R. Paul, G.C.D.

Increase of Members for the year,	439
„ Local Preachers,	15
„ Class Leaders,	19
„ Chapels,	3
„ Other Places	11
„ Sabbath Scholars,	557
„ Sunday Schools,	7
„ Teachers,	71

Rev. W. Antliff, Thos. Gibson, and R. Cook, *Principal Delegates*; Rev. J. Petty, Jos. Fawcett, A. McCree, *Vice-Delegates*, are chosen to be the Representatives of the Canadian, to the next English Conference.

Q. 7. *What are the Statistics for the present year?*

A. For the Statistical view of the Primitive Methodist Connection in Canada see next page.

Tabular View of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.

For the Year ending April 20th, 1859.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.			Increase.	Decrease.	Received from other Stations.	Received from Abroad.	Deaths.	Fallen.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Chapels.	Other Preaching Places.	Parsonages.	Sabbath School.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Conference		Relief	
	Approv d.	On Trial.	Total.															Fund.	Fund.		
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Toronto	195	20	215	1	...	2	...	5	35	13	12	3	3	85	363	9	75	9	75
Etobicoke	255	65	320	10	...	4	2	1	18	21	14	13	3	1	6	44	269	12	75	12	75
Markham	237	68	325	50	...	2	...	...	30	19	17	8	8	...	4	44	203	11	85	11	85
Darlington	142	...	142	...	30	...	2	3	13	11	7	4	6	...	2	16	50	7	10	7	10
Albion	20	19	275	65	...	4	2	2	7	15	10	7	6	1	2	12	55	10	30	10	25
Scarboro'	10	24	124	17	...	7	3	2	11	7	7	5	3	1	3	29	110	5	00	5	00
Laskay	2	5	56	261	10	...	...	2	34	17	14	4	12	...	2	12	80	10	25	10	25
Reach	195	44	239	14	...	2	...	3	21	8	11	4	7	1	3	24	250	9	75	9	75
Kingston	1	0	27	127	5	...	...	4	9	5	5	1	9	...	2	13	70	5	00	5	00
Portland	197	9	206	2	...	2	...	...	14	2	9	2	9	1	...	...	...	1	40	1	40
Napanee	70	...	80	5	...	...	...	1	6	2	6	...	9	...	...	...	...	1	00	1	00
Oprey	49	11	60	24	...	1	...	...	9	8	4	...	13	...	1	8	30	2	45	2	45
Brampton	160	4	164	17	...	4	...	1	...	8	10	6	4	...	1	16	159	8	00	8	00
Hamilton	45	...	4	...	6	5	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	1	3	9	75	2	25	2	25
Walpole & Grand R	157	27	184	6	...	...	...	1	13	10	9	4	11	1	...	...	...	3	85	3	85
Galt and Blenheim	66	32	97	14	...	...	...	1	3	5	3	5	2	...	1	10	70	3	30	3	30
Guelph	54	36	84	26	...	...	...	1	6	9	5	2	6	...	2	15	66	2	50	2	50
Orangeville	109	4	113	10	...	2	...	1	11	6	5	4	3	...	4	23	174	...	...	3	86
Peel and Wellesley	159	24	183	25	...	2	...	...	46	17	11	4	14	1	2	19	92	8	00	8	00
London	100	28	128	6	...	...	3	1	14	13	8	...	9	...	1	8	37	5	00	5	00
Bramford and Paris	108	35	143	35	...	...	...	...	12	8	7	4	3	...	2	10	86	5	40	5	40
Brant	31	16	47	...	4	...	...	...	3	5	3	...	8	1	...	...	...	1	55	1	55
Walsingham	34	2	36	4	...	...	...	1	6	4	3	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	70	1	70
Bosanquet	2	2	18	28	...	...	...	2	6	4	8	1	9	...	...	...	...	4	00	4	00
McGilvray	56	44	100	10	...	24	...	...	7	1	5	...	6	...	2	13	110	2	80	2	80
Statford	27	4	31	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals in 1859 ..	147	691	3838	491	50	61	13	32	347	229	196	72	169	9	44	410	2392	134	95	138	76
Totals in 1858 ...	3017	38	3399	385	89	43	40	17	291	214	177	79	178	10	39	339	1835	149	50	149	50
Increase	130	309	439	106	...	18	...	15	56	15	19	3	11	...	5	71	557	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease .....	...	...	...	...	49	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	55	10	74

Q. 8. Who compose the Committees ?

A. (1) GENERAL COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, R. Boyle, J. Edgar, J. Garner, Thomas Crompton, J. Natrass, T. Adams, R. Cade, Wm. Rowe, J. R. Swift, R. Paul, W. Lawson, R. Walker, J. Kent, R. Sargent, J. Ellerby, C. D. Maginn, W. Marshall, R. Ward, W. P. Lacey, T. Cook, J. Baldwin, W. Wade, C. Lane, J. Lawson, Wm. Lawson ; J. Davison, *Secretary*.

Meetings to be held in the Mission Office, Toronto, at 1 p.m. on second Thursday in July, October, January, and the day prior to next Conference, at 9 a.m.

(2) GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

This Committee shall be the same as the General Committee. Its meetings shall be held at the same times and places. All the Missionaries are required to send their Quarterly Reports to the Secretary, at the Mission Office, Toronto, *one week, at least* before the time of holding the Quarterly Meetings of the Committee.

(3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive of the two above-named Committees shall be composed of the following persons :—President and Secretary of Conference, J. Edgar, R. Walker, T. Crompton, W. Lawson, R. Sargent, J. Kent ; J. Davison, *Secretary*.

(4) DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Toronto—J. Edgar, R. Walker, W. Daniels, T. Lawson ; J. Davison, *Secretary*.

Brampton—J. Elliott, Wm. Marshall, W. P. Lacey, L. Walker, J. Lacey ; R. Boyle, *Secretary*.

Hamilton—Wm. Trebilecock, G. Walker, W. Wade, W. Rowe, *Secretary*.

- (5.) PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.—President and Secretary, T. Crompton, J. Edgar, W. Lawson, R. Walker; J. Davison, *Secretary*.
- (6.) BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE.—The same as the Executive.
- (7.) CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.—The same as the Executive.
- (8.) PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.—President and Secretary, General Committee Delegates to next Conference, and General Missionary Secretary.
- (9.) SUPERNUMERY FUND COMMITTEE.—J. Lacey, T. Adams, W. Rowse, W. Lawson, R. Walker.
- Q. 9. *When and where shall the next Annual Meeting of the Ministers Association be held?*
- A. At Ebenezer Chapel, Etobicoke, on Wednesday prior to Conference, at 9 a.m.; and a Half-yearly Meeting at Toronto, on the day before October Missionary Committee Meeting.
- Q. 10. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*
- A. At Ebenezer Chapel, Etobicoke, the second Friday after District Meetings. J. Lacey, G. C. Delegate. The following persons are Members of the next Conference:—J. Lacey, as General Committee Delegate; T. Natrass, English Representative; T. Adams, Friendly Society Agent; R. Walker, Treasurer; J. Davison, Secretary.
- Q. 11. *When and where shall the next District Meetings be held, and by which of the General Committee Delegates shall each be attended?*
- A. *Toronto*—First Wednesday in April, in Zion Chapel, Scarborough. J. Garner, G.C.D.
Brampton—At the same time, in Brampton. J. Lacey, G.C.D.

Hamilton—At the same time, in London. R. Paul,
G.C.D.

Q. 12. *What are the further Regulations of Conference?*

- A. (1.) That the Conference *earnestly* desire the Stations to conform to Rule, in recording their Connexional property. Forms to be filled up for this *necessary* purpose may be had at the Book Room; and they will be sent by Book parcels.
- (2.) That we record our gratitude to God for an *increase* of 439 Members, 15 Local Preachers; 19 Class Leaders; 3 Chapels and 11 other places; 7 Sunday Schools; 71 Teachers; and 557 Scholars, *for the year*.

CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.

- (3.) That this Conference especially calls the attention of each Superintendent on a Station to extend the circulation of our Connexional paper, encouraged as we are by the success and usefulness with which it has been attended during the past year. Also, our Lay Brethren are earnestly desired to use their influence, and obtain fresh subscribers.
- (4.) That the Representation from each District to the ensuing Conference shall be four Minister Delegates and eight Laymen.
- (5.) That all our Ministers on probation shall be expected to read the Consolidated Rules once a year, and all Minutes passed since 1849, until our Canadian Discipline shall be published.
- (6.) That at each District Meeting it be determined what exchanges may be necessary, in order to meet the difficulties of stationing.
- (7.) That with a view to encourage the Missions, &c., the General Committee arrange for the Superin-

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tendent of Brampton to visit Orangeville ; London to visit Bosanquet and MacGillivray ; and Peel and Wellesley to visit Minto, once a quarter, if practicable.

CHURCH ASSISTANT FUND.

- (8.) That such a Fund shall be formed. President and Secretary and a Committee of five be appointed by next Conference to manage the Fund. That a Collection be made second quarter of this Confidential year, and, with donations that may be received, paid over to the General Treasurer, as soon as possible in the present year. Wm. Rowe, Secretary.
- (9.) That in addition to the questions recorded on pages 70 and 71 in Consolidated Minutes, "Have you a *thorough* knowledge of English Grammar?" the following be appended:—"Can you *write* a *good* and an *INTELLIGIBLE* hand?"
- (10.) That young persons, when they give *evidence* of real piety, shall be acknowledged as Members of the Church, when they have attained the age of ten years.
- (11.) That in electing T. P. Delegates to Conference, they shall be chosen from those who have been Superintendents ; and two of them from those who have been elected before.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

- (12.) J. Edgar, J. Garner,, for Toronto District.
T. Crompton, R. Boyle, J. Lacey, for Brampton District.
W. Rowe, T. Natrass, J. Swift, for Hamilton District.
- (13.) That Preachers changing Stations shall leave old ones on May 16th, and be on new ones May 29th.

CHILDREN'S FUND.

(14.) That the Scale of Contributions from the Stations to the Children's Fund shall be as follows:—

Toronto.....	\$100 00	Walpole	\$24 00
Etobicoke	72 00	Grand River	28 00
Markham.....	72 00	Brant	24 00
Darlington	36 00	MacGillivray	28 00
Albion	52 00	Walsingham	24 00
Scarboro	52 00	Brantford & Paris	46 00
Laskay	52 00	London	44 00
Reach	48 00	Bosanquet	32 00
Kingston	54 00	Guelph	40 00
Portland	54 00	Orangeville	32 00
Napanee	36 00	Peel & Wellesley	36 00
Osprey	28 00	Minto	20 00
Brampton	64 00	Stratford	16 00
Hamilton	36 00	Galt & Blenheim.	44 00

GRANTS TO MISSION STATIONS.

(15.) That the following be the Scale of Grants to Mission Stations:—

Kingston	\$320 00	Brant	\$160 00
Portland.....	30 00	Walsingham	180 00
Napanee	250 00	Bosanquet	180 00
Osprey	240 00	Walpole.....	140 00
Galt & Blenheim	240 00	Grand River	132 00
Guelph	210 00	Orangeville	240 00
Peel & Wellesley	160 00	London	300 00
Minto	100 00	MacGillivray	80 00
Brantford & Paris	560 00	Stratford	120 00

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS.

(16.) That providing it can be shown that any Deputation neglects his Conference appointment for Missionary Meetings, he shall be fined \$2 forthwith.

(17.) That the following Brethren be Members of the Jubilee Committee, to carry out the Regulations of the English Conference in relation to the Connexional Jubilee of 1860:— President and Secre-

THE CONFERENCE FUND.

For the year ending April 20th, 1859.

Dr.		Cr.	
Balance on hand	\$33 00	By Cash G.Com. Delegation to Dartington Circuit ..	\$3 66
Cash from Toro to District	80 5	" King ton Del. to Dist. M.	10 60
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		" Conference Minutes and District Book-Binding	17 69
		" Travelling Expenses to Executive Meetings...	3 50
		" Trav'g Exp. Delegates to Conference	107 67
		" balance	13 71
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THE BOOK ROOM.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Goods Sold	\$1:85 21	By Cash on Account	\$:248 56
(To be balanced and Audited in March, 1860.)			

THE CHRISTIAN JOURNAL FUND.

(To be balanced and Audited in July, when its Fiscal year will close.)

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

For the year ending April 20th, 1859.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Cash from Circuits and Missions	\$ 97 81	By Cash paid on account .	\$:155 60
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THE MISSIONARY FUND.

(See the Annual Missionary Report now publishing.)

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

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We, your Ministers and Representatives, in Conference assembled, beg to assure you there is no duty we more willingly and pleasantly discharge than that of addressing to you our yearly epistle. From the position we occupy, and the intimate relation we sustain to you, we cannot but feel deeply interested in your spiritual state, and cherish an ardent solicitude for your increasing prosperity. It will be our constant effort to labour for your advancement in the divine life, and the furtherance of your joy in Christ the Lord. We are the more encouraged to do this from the inspired assurance, "our labour shall not be in vain;" and from the success with which the Head of the Church has blessed our labours in the past year: four hundred and thirty-nine precious souls have been added to our number, over and above supplying the deductions occasioned by deaths, removals, and declensions in piety. This fact is a cause of deepest gratitude to us, and should operate as an incentive to increased devotedness in the holy work of saving souls.

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But this increase to the number of our membership is not our only cause of thankfulness: we are warranted to believe, from our intercourse with you as pastors, that many of you are striving to be freed from the power and influence of sin: to have the love of it in the heart entirely crushed and destroyed, and to be made complete in Christ: and this, dearly beloved, is your glorious privilege: for this were you called of God: for this have you received the witness of the Holy Spirit: and this is the great qualification for usefulness among your fellow-men. To maintain this spiritual life, and to grow daily in it, must be the prevailing desire of your heart and effort of your life. You must exercise an utter abnegation of self: strive against all fleshly lusts that war against the soul: mortify the deeds of the body: and avoid the very appearance of evil. Attendance upon the means of grace will greatly aid you in your observance of these precepts: not only the public means, such as the ministration of the Word, but those more private means, with which, as a Church, we are so greatly favoured, such as *divine worship in our families; class and prayer meetings; the devotional reading of the Holy Scriptures; and closet prayer.*

We take this opportunity of reminding you of the importance and necessity of greater attention being paid to the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism: our religious experience is defective when either of these is slighted or neglected. As members of the mystical body of Christ, we should cheerfully and gratefully embrace every opportunity of showing our love for Him who has said of His Supper, "This do in remembrance of me;" and as Christian parents, desiring the spiritual happiness of our children, we should

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at an early age unite them to the Church by that rite which the *Church's Head* has ordained; and as they advance in years throw around them all those Christian influences that will exert a restraining power over their thoughts and actions, and eventually lead them to the Saviour and Heaven.

We feel it our duty to call on you to take a most determined stand against that great evil which heavily afflicts our fellow-men, viz., the use of intoxicating liquors; and to use all legal measures to procure the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of such liquors in this Province; and we would earnestly recommend you to form in each Church a Temperance Society, and, by uniting yourselves with it, bear your protest against *the evil* of the age.

It gives us great pleasure to state, our Mission work is progressing: since our last assembling in Conference new Stations have been taken up, and Ministers sent unto them. This circumstance has required an increased expenditure of our Mission Fund, and makes it necessary that that fund should be liberally sustained. Owing to the failure, in great measure, of the harvest of last year, the state of the fund is such as to cause anxious solicitude. We know that we have only to mention this, to insure those of you whom God has blessed with the good things of this life to render, by your liberal contributions, that support which the importance of the fund, and the number deriving assistance from it, demand.

There is another topic on which we would address you for a moment or two. At our last Confer-

ence we decided to publish a Religious Paper, to be called "The Christian Journal." That paper has been in existence nearly a year, and the success which has crowned its publication has exceeded our warmest expectations : still we are anxious that the number of its subscribers should be considerably augmented, that its interest and efficiency may not only be sustained, but increased. Our desire is to make it a truly *safe, useful, and attractive family paper*. No family in our membership should be without it, and *heads* of families should see that it regularly pays its visits to their dwellings: it is their duty to provide those who are subject to them with reading that will preserve their morals, elevate their minds, and refine their tastes ; and, without desiring to be uncharitable, we must say, these are not objects aimed at by many of the newspapers of the day. We greatly fear the innocence and purity of the family cannot be maintained when such papers as are filled with disgusting and sickening accounts of crime, dishonor, and disgrace are alone read. We would also strongly urge upon you to purchase any religious books you may need at our Book Room, where our obliging Book Steward will do his best to suit you, and where, too, you will find works of an unexceptionable character.

And now, dear brethren, we go forth to the different spheres of labour appointed us : we trust we shall have your prayers, sympathies, and hearty co-operation : without these, our efforts to do good will be comparatively powerless. You are called to be co-workers with us : endeavour to feel your responsibilities: do not forget that opportunities for usefulness are constantly increasing, and we shall not be held guiltless

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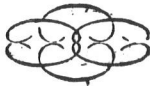
if we do not embrace them. May the year we now enter on witness large accessions to our Zion! Will it be presumptuous for us to labour for a *thousand* increase to our membership this year? Aim high; expect great things, and God will bless accordingly. Let us constantly remember, eternity is before us; and therefore be "steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. Finally, brethren, farewell."

Signed by Order,

And on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN LACEY, PRESIDENT.

TIMOTHY NATTRASS, SECRETARY.



Address of the Canadian Conference

Of the Primitive Methodist Church,

TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

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DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through God the Father, Son, and Spirit.

Another Conference year, with all its vicissitudes, hopes, and fears, has passed away, since we had the pleasure of addressing to you our annual letter from this far-off field of labour. We are glad to hear of your success in the Master's work; and still pray for your prosperity and increase in all that concerns the interests of our Zion. The Lord of the harvest has wonderfully owned your labours in our Father Land; and likewise granted considerable success to your Missionary allies in America, Australia, and other places whither you have sent them; which consideration affords great cause for gratitude and humility. In this great work of the world's conversion we are inseparably one. Our temptations are one: our trials are one: our fears are one: our hopes are one: our enemy is one: our prospects are one: and above all, and in all, and through all, the Captain of our salvation is one.

It affords us unspeakable pleasure to be able to inform you of our prosperity in this land of all nations, where even many things are against us, as a Religious

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Community. Nearly all other Religious Societies in this country have some Literary Institution, in which young men are being trained for their ministry. Our defect in this matter we have felt, and do feel, as the age becomes literary in its character. We are now trying to remedy this evil, by subjecting our young men to a course of studies, comprising English Grammar, Theology, Church History, Universal History, Logic, Natural Philosophy, and above all, a prayerful study of the Bible, as the best means of enlightning and convincing sinners.

Another difficulty in our way, and one not easily overcome by us, is the large salaries held out to Ministers by other and wealthier Societies. This has greatly militated against our interest in this country, by preventing young men of education and talent, who are somewhat influenced by considerations connected with this life, from entering our ministry; and in inducing some ministers, of a similar turn of mind, who have been engaged in our work, to leave us, and to seek a wealthier and more comfortable home elsewhere.

The want of our Ministry, in this country, is a large accession of self-sacrificing, deeply pious, devoted, and intelligent men: men in whom our present ministerial staff can confide. Such an accession, dear Fathers and Brethren, would greatly assist us in this country of toil.

It is known to you, also, that the Canadas have been, and still are labouring under great commercial pressure. The agricultural department, which after all must be acknowledged as the stamina of this Continent's financial prosperity, has been exceedingly slender dur-

ing the last two years, not averaging in some districts more than one-third the regular returns. Our poor Circuits and weaker Mission Stations have felt this to a very great extent, and many of our Ministers, because of it, have suffered exceedingly, beyond that of former years.

Your increased grant to our Missionary revenue has done good service: were it not for it, some of our Mission Stations must of necessity have been abandoned. Dear Fathers and Brethren, we stand or fall as you sympathize with us: we are thankful for past kindness, and hope you will continue your favours in the future, even on a still more enlarged scale; as we are convinced that not one of your Mission Stations stand in more need of your financial support at the present time than the Canadas do.

Notwithstanding the difficulties against which we have had to contend, our last Conference reports the largest increase we remember to have had in this country during any former year of our experience. You will be pleased to learn, that after making up for deaths, removals, &c., which amounted to some hundreds, we report a nett increase of 439. To the great Head of the Church we will ascribe everlasting praise.

We feel grateful for the very courteous and Christian manner in which our Deputation were received by you, at your last Annual Conference; and gladly assure you, that if you should at any time appoint a Deputation from your Conference to visit us in this country, we will do the best in our power to make your Deputation welcome and comfortable.

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The appointment of our Missionary Secretary and Book Steward answers well. "The Christian Journal," our periodical in this country, and edited by Bros. Davison and Edgar, has during the last year given great satisfaction, and is now of great importance to our Church; so much so, that our people say we cannot do without it. We regret to state that one of our laborious Missionaries, Mr. Matthew Grey, has had to retire from the active and regular work of the Ministry, in consequence of physical prostration; nevertheless, we hope his useful life will be long spared, and that yet, through his instrumentality, many souls may be born for Christ.

Our Conference was held at Victoria Square, in the Township of Markham, and was said to be the best Conference held by us in this country: the Brethren generally seemed to have one object in view, the glory of God in the salvation of sinners.

Dear Fathers and Brethren, we ask an interest in your prayers. Pray that God may increase us a thousand fold. Our prayers shall ascend to the Throne of Grace on your behalf, that you also may increase in every good word and work: that you may finish your course with joy, and stand in your lot at the end of the days.

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

We are yours fraternally,

JOHN LACEY, PRESIDENT.

TIMOTHY NATTRASS, SECRETARY.

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