

# MINUTES

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION

OF THE

MANITOBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF

The Methodist Church,

HELD IN ZION METHODIST CHURCH, WINNIPEG, FROM JUNE 11TH  
TO JUNE 16TH, 1885.



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*GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS:*

REVS. A. CARMAN, D.D., AND JOHN A. WILLIAMS, D.D.

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REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH.

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**MANITOBA CONFERENCE**  
 OF  
 THE METHODIST CHURCH,

WAS CONVENED IN THE ZION METHODIST CHURCH, WINNIPEG, THURSDAY,  
 JUNE 11TH, 1885.

**SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.**

YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1884	Brandon .....	Rev. E. A. Stafford, M.A., LL.B.	Rev. Thos. Argue.
1885	Winnipeg .....	Rev. James Woodsworth.....	Rev. A. Stewart, B.D.

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## OF THE

# MANITOBA CONFERENCE,

HELD IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, MAN.,  
JUNE, 1885.

THE SECOND SESSION of the MANITOBA CONFERENCE of the Methodist Church was opened in Zion Methodist Church, Winnipeg, on Thursday, June 11th, 1885, at 9 o'clock a.m.

The General Superintendent, Rev. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, D.D., occupied the chair.

The Rev. T. ARGUE read the 62nd chapter of Isaiah and the 3rd chapter of Ephesians.

The 753rd hymn was sung, and Revs. J. M. HARRISON and JAMES WOODSWORTH led the Conference in prayer.

### LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
D. D. Aitken .....	Winnipeg.
G. H. Campbell .....	"
F. C. Shipp .....	"
Hon. J. C. Aikens .....	"
W. W. Banning .....	"
S. R. Parsons .....	"
J. B. Somerset .....	"
W. L. Hutton .....	"
W. M. McKechnie .....	"
W. C. Hodgson .....	"
G. H. Hutchinson .....	Emerson.
George Agnew .....	Dominion City.
Martin Shipley .....	Stonewall.
D. W. Barker .....	Morris.
W. A. Prest .....	Portage la Prairie.
Hugh Harley .....	"
John Orr .....	"

SECRETARY.

Rev. Thos. Argue.

Rev. A. Stewart, B.D.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
M. H. Fieldhouse .....	Neepawa.
Wm. Taylor .....	Baie St. Paul.
H. Rose .....	Minnedosa.
G. W. Beynon .....	"
M. E. Boughton .....	Arden.
W. Gowler .....	High Bluff.
J. W. Dunn .....	Carman.
E. Washington .....	Morden.
F. Bolton .....	Calf Mountain.
E. Wilson .....	Kingsley.
R. Miller .....	Ruttanville.
J. Ellis .....	Crystal City.
J. Playfair .....	Otenaw.
Samuel Oke .....	Fairburn.
H. Collins .....	Archibald.
James Wightman .....	Deloraine.
David McGowan .....	Cartwright.
Hon. J. W. Sifton .....	Brandon.
Geo. Brownridge .....	Orwold.
Silvester Sparrow .....	Viriden.
H. W. Todd .....	Griswold.
J. Elliott .....	Souris City.
A. Speers .....	Griswold.
Wm. Cottingham .....	Rapid City.
James Leeson .....	Brandon.
A. M. Peterson .....	"
J. W. Anderson .....	"
Wm. Watson .....	Dalesborough.
George Huston .....	Newdale.
John Shepard .....	Birtle.
John Crawford .....	"
C. Sifton .....	Brandon.
Thomas Correll .....	
John Benson .....	
W. H. Thompson .....	
C. A. Archibald .....	Broadview.
Thomas Evans .....	"

After calling the roll, the Conference proceeded to elect its President, whereupon the Rev. JAMES WOODSWORTH was declared duly elected.

Rev. A. STEWART, B.D., was elected Secretary.

On the nomination of the SECRETARY, Rev. THOMAS ARGUE, Rev. W. W. COLPITTS and S. R. PARSONS, Esq., were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. G. K. ADAMS, Journal Secretary.

Rev. T. E. MORDEN, B.A., was appointed Reporter for the *Christian Guardian*, and Rev. J. F. BETTS for the *Wesleyan*.

On motion, the PRESIDENT was authorized to nominate a Committee to select the Standing Committees of the Conference.

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**QUESTION.—What Ministers have been transferred to or from this Conference?**

ANSWER :

(a) From this Conference—

James Turner.  
D. S. Houck.  
W. W. Andrews.

E. A. Stafford.

C. Ladner.  
J. E. Hunter.  
George Young, D.D.

(b) To this Conference—

A. Langford.  
John Dyke.  
W. Pimlott.

C. Teeter.  
John Pooley.  
Wm. Elliott, B.A.

**QUESTION.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Probationers?**

ANSWER.—They were examined one by one.

**QUESTION.—What Probationers for our Ministry are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?**

ANSWER.—None.

**QUESTION.—What Probationers for the Ministry remain on Trial?**

(a) Who are the Probationers of Three Years?

ANSWER.—Wm. H. Buckler, Daniel McGregor, George H. Long.

**QUESTION.—Who are the Probationers of Two Years?**

ANSWER.—George Hanna, John Nelson, J. B. Powell.

**QUESTION.—Who are the Probationers of One Year?**

ANSWER.—E. B. Glass, E. R. Steinhauer.

**QUESTION.—What candidates for our Ministry are now received on Trial?**

ANSWER.—Wm. Rogers, who has travelled two years, which time will be allowed when his studies are completed; J. J. Edwards, Frederick W. Straw (who is given one year's standing), Walter A. Cook.

**QUESTION.—Who are the Superannuated Ministers?**

ANSWER.—Wm. J. Hewitt (who is allowed to reside outside the boundaries of the Conference), Robert Loughhead, C. S. Willis.

**QUESTION.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?**

ANSWER.—T. L. Helliwell, T. E. Morden, B.A., John Greenway, Jos. Rawson, N. D. Peters, G. Roddick.

QUESTION.—What persons who were in full connexion with the Conference now cease to be recognized as Ministers among us?

ANSWER.—W. R. Morrison and Charles Meyers, both of whom have withdrawn.

QUESTION.—What Ministers or Probationers for the Ministry have died during the year?

ANSWER.—W. T. Dyer, H. B. Steinhauer.

QUESTION.—What Probationers for the Ministry are recommended to attend college?

ANSWER.—W. H. Buckler, Daniel McGregor, George H. Long.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The President of Conference.	Hon. J. W. Sifton.
Rev. E. A. Stafford.	W. Hutton.
“ A. Stewart.	M. H. Fieldhouse.
“ J. F. Betts.	John Elson.
“ W. Halstead.	G. H. Campbell.
“ J. Dyke.	Wm. McKechnie.

QUESTION.—Who compose the several Committees?

1. THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

The Chairmen of Districts and the following District Representatives :

Winnipeg .....	W. L. Rutledge.
Portage la Prairie .....	B. Franklin.
Pembina and Turtle Mountain .....	W. W. Colpitts.
Brandon .....	J. M. Harrison.
Regina .....	Thomas Lawson.
Saskatchewan .....	W. Bridgeman.

J. Dyke, the Superintendent *pro tem* of the Saskatchewan District, in the absence of the Rev. John McDougall.

2. SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Winnipeg .....	F. M. Finn.
Portage la Prairie .....	A. J. Barltrop.
Pembina and Turtle Mountain .....	P. W. Davies.
Brandon .....	G. K. Adams.
Regina .....	J. H. L. Joslyn.
Saskatchewan .....	J. Dyke.

3. PASTORAL ADDRESS FOR 1886.

Thomas Argue.	W. L. Rutledge.
	T. B. Wilson.

4. MEMORIALS.

W. W. Colpitts.	William L. Hutton.
J. H. Ruttan.	J. W. Sifton.
	Caleb Parker.

J. M. Harrison  
J. H. L. Joslyn  
W. H. Spence

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The President

A. Gordon.  
A. B. Hames.  
T. Lawson.  
H. Kenner.  
J. Dyke.

F. M. Finn.  
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John Orr.  
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## 5. STATISTICS.

J. M. Harrison.		W. A. Prest.
J. H. L. Joslyn.		M. A. Fieldhouse.
W. H. Spence.		C. Sifton.
F. Boulton.		

## 6. TEMPERANCE.

J. W. Sifton.		E. A. Stafford.
D. D. Aitken.		George Daniel.
F. C. Shipp.		C. Crichton.
M. E. Boughton.		W. Bridgeman.
J. Elliott.		

## 7. CREDENTIALS.

The President.		G. H. Campbell.
J. F. Betts.		

## 8. CONTINGENT FUND.

A. Gordon.		W. W. Banning.
A. B. Hames.		J. Elson.
T. Lawson.		William Taylor.
H. Kenner.		J. Leeson.
J. Dyke.		E. B. Evans.
S. R. Parsons.		

## 9. CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

F. M. Finn.		P. W. Davies.
A. H. Anderson.		J. Pooley.
I. N. Robinson,		J. Dyke.

## 10. CHILDREN'S FUND.

## The Financial Secretaries.

John Orr.		D. W. Barker.
J. Shepherd.		G. Brownridge.
William Gowler.		W. McKechnie.

## 11. EDUCATIONAL.

The President.		Hon. J. C. Aikens, <i>Lieut. Gov.</i>
Alexander Langford.		J. B. Somerset, <i>Sup't of Educ'n.</i>
B. Franklin, B.A.		C. Sifton, M.A.
J. F. Betts.		T. B. Beynon, B.A.
A. Stewart, B.D.		G. H. Campbell.
J. M. Harrison.		M. H. Fieldhouse.

## 12. STATE OF THE WORK.

W. L. Rutledge.		D. D. Aitken.
Enos Langford.		A. J. Barltrop.
C. Parker.		W. Halstead.
Thomas Lawson.		G. W. Beynon.

## 13. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President of Conference.		Rev. J. M. Harrison.
The Superintendents of Districts.		“ Thomas Argue.
Rev. A. Langford.		“ J. H. Ruttan.

## 14. TO ARRANGE FOR CONFERENCE SERVICES FOR 1886.

Rev. A. Langford.	Messrs. J. B. Somerset.
“ J. F. Betts.	“ W. L. Hutton.
“ George Daniel.	“ Wm. McKechnie.

## 15. TREASURERS OF THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

General Conference Fund.....	Rev. J. F. Betts.
Contingent Fund .....	Rev. A. B. Hames.
Educational Fund .....	B. Franklin, B.A.
Superannuation Fund .....	The General Treasurer.
Sabbath-School Fund ..	J. Dyke.

## 16. MEMBER OF GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. J. F. Betts.

## 17. MEMBERS OF TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

President of Conference.	Rev. Thomas Argue.
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 OBITUARIES.
 

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## H. B. STEINHAUER.

In the early days of Protestant Missionary work amongst the Indian tribes in Canada, the Rev. William Case, the father of Methodist Indian Missions, sought out amongst the Ojibway Indians a native youth who was destined to do a noble work amongst the Crees in the great North-West. Through the influence of this illustrious Indian Missionary, this Ojibway lad was educated in the United States at the expense of a Christian family residing there, and from whom he received the name by which he was best known amongst us. After this he was introduced to the early settlers and native tribes of Canada as Henry B. Steinhauer. In 1840 he was a member of that eminent band of Methodist pioneers who went out to explore the hidden wilds of the Hudson Bay Territory, under the Superintendency of the Rev. James Evans. He laboured intensely as teacher and missionary on several stations amongst the Crees. He endured hardships without murmuring as a faithful pioneer of the Cross. Under the shade of many a forest tree he taught the red men the principles of truth and righteousness, and impressed deeply upon their minds the duty of loyalty to the Government in peace and war.

The influences emanating from his work spread far and wide. The Christian red men of the forest carried the seeds of truth to their brethren, and around many a camp-fire the songs of Methodist Christianity, which were taught them by Evans, Rundle, Woolsey and Steinhauer, were sung with a holy enthusiasm that engendered love to God and man.

The blessings of civilization followed as the result of his labours. Amongst his flock the horrible practices of Indian warfare came to an end, the heathen sacrifices were no longer performed, and the incantations of the medicine men lost their power. In their stead there sprang up genuine morality, love for peace, and an abiding trust in God. He has left behind him a lasting monument of his energy and ability as an Indian scholar in the translation of parts of the Bible into the Cree language. He translated the Old Testament from Job to Malachi inclusive, and the New Testament from the end of the Acts of the Apostles. He loved his work and he honoured it. An unobtrusive piety adorned

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his life. In the kind providence of God, ere the war-whoop sounded in the land of his toil and the sod was stained with the blood of our loved ones, he was permitted to rest in peace.

The Bible in the Cree syllabic will go down as an heirloom to Indian Methodism, and the labours of our departed brother will prove a strong incentive to renewed zeal, while it will be one of the grandest agencies towards the true solution of the Indian problem.

He has gone from the land of toil and strife, gone to the land of rest and peace.

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#### W. T. DYER.

Bro. Dyer was born in Cornwall, Eng., on the 1st of March, 1849. His father died when he was five years of age, and he was thus left to the care of a pious mother, who, from his earliest recollections, led him to the class and prayer meetings of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was converted when seventeen years of age, and at once started to work in the Sabbath-school. He was soon called upon to preach; but, disliking it, left England and came to Canada in his twenty-first year in order to escape it. So determined was he not to preach that although he always attended the public and private means of grace of the Methodist Church, he invariably left as soon as the service was over, as quickly and quietly as possible. While attending High School at Oakwood, in 1873, preparing himself for public teaching, he was surprised by receiving a telegram from Rev. William Burns, who was attending Conference in Toronto, asking if he would take circuit work. After asking Divine guidance, he sent back the answer, "If wanted." He was sent to labour in the Peterborough District, and after spending three years in this District was allowed to go to the Theological School in Montreal for two years. He then came, in 1878, to Manitoba, being stationed at Rockwood. Spending here the full ministerial term, he was next stationed at Rapid City. Remaining in the place for three years, he was sent by the Conference of 1884 to Chater, in the Brandon District. Labouring on his last field for eight months, he was stricken down with congestion of the brain, and after suffering severely for several weeks passed away to his eternal reward on the first day of April, 1885. His last words were, "I love Jesus and Jesus loves me." Bro. Dyer was one of the most unselfish, devoted and indefatigable men that ever entered the ministerial ranks. We shall miss him, but are comforted with the thought that he has gone to join the ranks of those who worship God in heaven, and that we shall soon greet him in that place where all the ship's company meet to praise God forever.

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#### MINISTER RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER CHURCH.

The resolution of the Portage la Prairie District, recommending the reception of Bro. William Kinley into our work, was adopted by the Conference, he having travelled for twelve years in the late Bible Christian Church.

QUESTION.—How are the Ministers and Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

J. WOODSWORTH, PRESIDENT.

A. STEWART, B.D., SECRETARY.

### I. WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

1. WINNIPEG (Grace Church)—A. Langford; W. J. Hewitt, Superannuated; T. L. Helliwell, Supernumerary.
2. WINNIPEG (Zion Church)—J. F. Betts; T. G. Morden, B.A., Supernumerary.
3. WINNIPEG (Wesley Church)—George Daniel.
4. EMERSON—J. M. Harrison.
5. DOMINION CITY—R. B. Laidley.
6. MORRIS—F. M. Finn.
7. STONEWALL—J. A. Jackson.
8. RAT PORTAGE—W. H. Spence.
9. SELKIRK—W. H. Buckler.
10. PLYMPTON—A. D. Wheeler.
11. FISHER RIVER—A. W. Ross.
12. BEREN'S RIVER—Enos Langford.
13. NORWAY HOUSE—John Semmens.
14. OXFORD HOUSE—To be supplied.
15. NELSON RIVER—To be supplied.

J. F. BETTS, *Supt. of Dist.*

J. M. HARRISON, *Fin. Sec'y.*

### II. PEMBINA AND TURTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

16. CARMAN—T. Argue, Fred W. Straw.
17. MORDEN—W. W. Colpitts, B.Sc.
18. ALEXANDRIA—S. E. Colwill.
19. MANITOU—A. Gordon; one to be sent to reside at Norquay.
20. SNOWFLAKE—A. H. Anderson.
21. CRYSTAL CITY—C. Crichton; J. Greenway, Supernumerary.
22. OTENAW—James Hoskins.
23. CARTWRIGHT—J. Elliott.

24. OAK LAKE—W.
25. TURTLE MOUNTAIN—
26. CYPRESS RIVER—  
W. Rogers, left  
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27. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE—
28. HIGH BLUFF—
29. MEADOW LEAF—
30. GLADSTONE—W.
31. NEEPAWA—J. M.
32. MINNEDOSA—W.
33. CARBERRY—J.
34. MCGREGOR—O.  
Prospect.
35. BURNSIDE AND  
J. E. Allen, left

36. BRANDON—Jam
37. CHATER—P. W.
38. RAPID CITY AND
39. BEULAH—G. H.  
numerary.
40. BIRTLE—T. B.
41. ROSSBURN—T. C.
42. SHELL RIVER—
43. MOOSOMIN—M.
44. MOOSE MOUNTAIN
45. VIRDEN—T. B.
46. GRISWOLD AND
47. PLUM CREEK AND
48. ANTLERS—One t
49. SOURIS CITY AND  
Supernumerary

24. OAK LAKE—W. Elliott, B.A. (Killarney).  
 25. TURTLE MOUNTAIN—A. Stewart, B.D. (Deloraine); one to be sent.  
 26. CYPRESS RIVER—John Peters.  
 W. Rogers, left without an appointment for one year at his own request on account of ill health.

A. STEWART, B.D., *Supt. of Dist.*  
 W. W. COLPITTS, B.Sc., *Fin. Sec'y.*

### III. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

27. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE—W. L. Rutledge.  
 28. HIGH BLUFF—A. B. Hames.  
 29. MEADOW LEA—John H. Ruttan.  
 30. GLADSTONE—W. Kinley.  
 31. NEEPAWA—J. N. Robinson.  
 32. MINNEDOSA—W. Halstead; Robert Loughead, Superannuated.  
 33. CARBERRY—J. W. Bell, B.D.  
 34. MCGREGOR—One to be sent, under Superintendent of Burnside and Prospect.  
 35. BURNSIDE AND PROSPECT (Portage la Prairie)—B. Franklin, B.A.  
 J. E. Allen, left without an appointment at his own request.

W. L. RUTLEDGE, *Supt. of Dist.*  
 A. B. HAMES, *Fin. Sec'y.*

### IV. BRANDON DISTRICT.

36. BRANDON—James Woodsworth; C. Ladner, Superannuated.  
 37. CHATER—P. W. Davies..  
 38. RAPID CITY AND OAK RIVER—W. Pimlot.  
 39. BEULAH—G. H. Long, under Superintendent of Birtle; J. Rawson, Supernumerary.  
 40. BIRTLE—T. B. Wilson.  
 41. ROSSBURN—T. C. Buchanan.  
 42. SHELL RIVER—H. Kenner.  
 43. MOOSOMIN—M. Dimmick; one to be sent.  
 44. MOOSE MOUNTAIN—W. G. Wilson.  
 45. VIRDEN—T. B. Beynon, B.A.; N. D. Peters, Supernumerary.  
 46. GRISWOLD AND ALEXANDER—A. J. Barltrop, George Hanna.  
 47. PLUM CREEK AND SOURIS RIVER—Caleb Parker, J. J. Edwards.  
 48. ANTLERS—One to be sent.  
 49. SOURIS CITY AND MILFORD—G. K. Adams, J. B. Powell; G. Roddick, Supernumerary.

J. WOODSWORTH, *Supt. of Dist.*  
 G. K. ADAMS, *Fin. Sec'y.*

V. REGINA DISTRICT.

- 50. REGINA—J. Pooley.
- 51. WASCANA—W. A. Cook, to exchange regularly with Superintendent of Regina.
- 52. QU'APPELLE—Thomas Lawson.
- 53. FORT QU'APPELLE AND P. M. COLONY—Oliver Darwin, under Superintendent of Qu'Appelle; C. S. Willis, Superannuated.
- 54. WOLSELEY AND PHEASANT PLAINS—One to be sent under Superintendent of Broadview.
- 55. BROADVIEW—J. H. L. Joslyn.
- 56. CRESCENT LAKE AND YORK COLONY—One to be sent.
- 57. MOOSE JAW—Clement Williams.
- 58. SASKATOON—One wanted.
- 59. PRINCE ALBERT—Daniel McGregor.
- 60. BATTLEFORD—One wanted.

T. LAWSON, *Supt. of Dist.*  
 J. H. L. JOSLYN, *Fin. Sec'y.*

VI. SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

- 61. SLAVE LAKE—E. R. Steinhauer.
- 62. WHITE FISH LAKE—Orrin German.
- 63. VICTORIA—James A. McLachlan.
- 64. EDMONTON—J. H. Howard.
- 65. BATTLE RIVER—E. B. Glass, B.A., under Superintendent of District.
- 66. WOODVILLE—John Nelson (Battle River Crossing), under Superintendent of District.
- 67. MORLEY—John McDougall.
- 68. CALGARY—J. Dyke.
- 69. SARCEE INDIANS—One wanted.
- 70. BLACKFOOT CROSSING—One wanted.
- 71. FORT MCLEOD—One to be sent.
- 72. BLOOD INDIANS—John McLean, B.A. (Fort McLeod).
- 73. MEDICINE HAT—Wellington Bridgeman.
- 74. MAPLE CREEK—C. Teeter.

JOHN MCDUGALL, *Supt. of Dist.*  
 JOHN MCLEAN, B.A., *Fin. Sec'y.*

QUESTION.—What is  
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Winnipeg—Grace Church .....	
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Winnipeg—Wesley Church .....	
Emerson .....	
Dominion City .....	
Morris .....	
Stonewall .....	
Rat Portage .....	
Selkirk .....	
Plympton .....	
Fisher River .....	
Beren's River .....	
Norway House .....	
Oxford House .....	
Nelson River .....	
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High Bluff .....	
Meadow Lea .....	
Gladstone .....	
Neepawa .....	
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Carberry .....	
Burnside and Prospect .....	
McGregor .....	
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Rapid City .....	
Oak River .....	
Beulah .....	
Birtle .....	
Rosburn .....	
Shell River .....	
Moosomin .....	
Moose Mountain .....	
Virden .....	
Griswold and Alexander .....	
Plum Creek and Souris River .....	
Antlers .....	
Souris City and Milford .....	
Total .....	

QUESTION.—What is the number of our Church Members, and of those on trial, and what are the Statistics of our Sunday Schools?

1. THE WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MEMBERSHIP, ETC.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	On Trial.	Full Members.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Stewards & Repre'tives.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
Winnipeg—Grace Church .....	..	280	280	9	6	15	23	13	..	3	37	417
Winnipeg—Zion Church .....	5	248	253	8	8	13	96	..	41	2	51	518
Winnipeg—Wesley Church .....	25	110	135	2	3	13	12	7	5	1	20	165
Emerson .....	..	25	25	1	..	14	8	3	2	1	5	47
Dominion City .....	7	67	74	2	2	13	2	2	1	4	18	76
Morris .....	7	67	74	3	4	7	11	1	4	1	7	25
Stonewall .....	3	49	52	2	2	8	13	2	3	..	..	..
Rat Portage .....	..	..	17	..	1	13	6	6	2	1	6	27
Selkirk .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plympton .....	..	44	44	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fisher River .....	6	118	124	2	6	14	24	2	10	1	7	78
Beren's River .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway House .....	..	210	210	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oxford House .....	..	50	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson River .....	..	75	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1353</b>

2. THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

Portage la Prairie.....	2	83	85	1	2	12	13	6	8	1	18	165
High Bluff .....	21	65	86	..	4	8	4	5	3	2	12	35
Meadow Lea .....	..	70	70	1	2	12	7	1	7	1	6	48
Cladstone .....	5	50	55	3	3	12	8	..	..	1	5	39
Neepawa .....	30	65	95	2	4	15	16	4	3	2	11	73
Do. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minnedosa .....	..	60	60	3	1	8	5	4	2	1	5	37
Carberry .....	3	71	74	..	3	8	21	9	3	3	23	92
Burnside and Prospect .....	2	16	18	1	..	3	6	..	2	2	11	107
McGregor .....	6	46	52	2	3	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>596</b>

3. THE BRANDON DISTRICT.

Brandon .....	30	146	176	5	3	16	13	16	11	1	18	150
Elton and Brandon North.....	..	66	66	2	2	8	4	2	1	2	..	..
Rapid City .....	1	37	38	..	1	9	4	8	4	1	7	35
Oak River .....	..	35	35	1	..	6	8	4	3	..	..	..
Beulah .....	..	46	46	..	..	8	4	3	1	..	..	..
Birtle .....	..	39	39	2	..	8	6	5	1	..	..	..
Rosburn .....	..	47	47	2	3	7	..	..	2	..	..	..
Shell River.....	..	36	36	1	1	..	9	4	1	..	..	..
Moosomin .....	1	36	37	..	3	20	3	6	..	..	..	..
Moose Mountain .....	6	50	56	..	6	6	7	4	2	2	10	37
Virden .....	1	43	44	2	1	8	3	1	1	..	..	..
Griswold and Alexander.....	52	90	142	3	4	7	..	..	1	3	17	65
Plum Creek and Souris River .....	16	110	126	2	5	20	20	..	6	6	23	162
Antlers .....	..	30	30	..	1	5	10	3	2	..	..	..
Souris City and Milford.....	3	107	110	4	2	14	14	6	4	2	8	57
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>506</b>

4. THE REGINA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MEMBERSHIP, ETC.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	On Trial.	Full Members.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Stewards & Representatives.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
Regina .....	8	25	33	2	1	7	..	1	..	1	10	46
Wascana .....	7	33	40	2	3	6	5	1	..	2	6	29
Qu'Appelle .....	25	83	108	1	3	11	12	4	3	3	19	75
Wolseley .....	9	21	30	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
P. M. Colony .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Broadview .....	7	35	42	3	3	9	1	6	1	2	6	40
Crescent City .....	..	45	45	3	3	8	2	2	1	..	..	..
Moosejaw .....	..	20	20	..	..	3	3	1	1	..	..	..
Saskatoon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Albert .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Battleford .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	56	262	318	13	15	49	23	15	6	8	41	190

5. THE PEMBINA AND TURTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

Carman .....	50	174	224	4	3	14	15	6	2	3	18	136
Nelson .....	..	21	21	..	..	11	3	5	2	..	..	..
Alexandria .....	2	30	32	..	1	7	1	1	..	3	14	104
Manitou .....	22	89	111	5	4	10	7	1	2	3	18	132
Snowflake .....	..	77	77	2	3	11	6	3	1	3	11	67
Crystal City .....	21	53	74	..	3	7	2	2	3	4	22	118
Otenaw .....	12	48	60	1	1	5	15	5	..	1	4	20
Cartwright .....	10	50	60	3	3	11	25	7	1	..	..	..
Turtle Mountain .....	7	64	71	..	5	13	14	8	1	..	..	..
Cypress River .....	1	30	31	..	..	6	25	6	3	..	..	..
Total.....	125	636	761	15	23	95	113	44	15	17	87	567

6. THE SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

Calgary .....	3	28	31	..	..	..	3	2	5	..	..	..
Medicine Hat .....	..	20	20	..	..	..	4	2	4	1	7	54
Fort McLeod .....	2	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Slave Lake .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
White Fish Lake .....	..	..	123	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Victoria .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edmonton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Battle River .....	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodville .....	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Morley .....	..	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarcee Indians .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Blackfoot Crossing .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Blood Indians .....	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	5	52	406	..	..	..	7	4	9	1	7	94

RECAPITULATION.

Winnipeg District.....	53	1343	1413	29	33	117	195	36	79	14	151	1353
Portage la Prairie District.....	69	526	575	10	22	89	*80	29	28	13	91	596
Brandon District.....	110	918	1028	24	32	142	105	62	40	17	88	506
Regina District.....	56	262	318	13	15	49	23	15	6	8	41	190
Pembina & Turtle Mountain District.....	125	636	761	15	23	95	113	44	15	17	87	567
Saskatchewan District.....	5	52	406	..	..	..	7	4	9	..	..	..
Total.....	418	3737	4501	91	125	492	523	190	177	69	458	3212

QUESTION.—V  
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Winnipeg—Grace Church  
Winnipeg—Zion Church  
Winnipeg—Wesley Church  
Emerson .....

Portage la Prairie .....

Brandon .....



QUESTION.—What is the amount received for the several Connexional Funds.

1. THE WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.						Totals.
	Continent Fund.	Educational Fund.	Sunday School Fund.	General Conf'ce Fund.	Super'd Minis'rs Fund.	Missionary Fund.	
Winnipeg—Grace Church.....	\$33 00	\$51 60	\$10 00	\$47 35	\$152 00	\$1132 80	\$1426 75
Winnipeg—Zion Church.....	16 00	11 00	3 00	3 00	70 00	150 00	258 00
Winnipeg—Wesley Church.....	13 25	5 25	4 10	5 50	7 15	67 15	102 40
Emerson.....	1 00	2 00	0 50	....	8 00	19 15	30 65
Dominion City.....	1 50	1 75	....	....	10 00	....	13 25
Morris.....	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	10 00	27 00	44 50
Stonewall.....	2 25	1 85	9 80	2 50	10 00	....	17 40
Rat Portage.....	0 35	1 50	0 80	0 75	4 00	2 50	9 90
Selkirk.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Plympton.....	4 60	3 45	....	5 25	10 00	14 00	37 30
Fisher River.....	....	....	....	....	....	33 87	33 87
Beren's River.....	....	....	....	....	12 00	55 50	67 50
Oxford House.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Nelson River.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Norway House.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	\$73 95	\$80 40	\$20 70	\$71 35	\$293 15	\$1505 97	\$2041 52

2. THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

Portage la Prairie.....	\$4 60	\$4 25	\$2 00	\$4 30	\$20 35	\$81 10	\$116 60
High Bluff.....	2 75	2 05	0 85	3 00	7 00	47 46	63 11
Meadow Lea.....	0 95	1 05	....	1 00	4 60	150 45	158 05
Gladstone.....	1 90	2 00	1 50	1 85	3 00	60 35	70 60
Neepawa.....	9 46	3 85	....	4 35	10 00	43 40	71 06
Minnedosa.....	2 00	1 00	0 85	1 15	5 85	21 36	32 21
Carberry.....	3 25	2 15	1 27	1 23	8 00	62 00	77 90
McGregor.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Burnside and Prospect.....	1 90	3 65	....	2 00	7 00	61 20	75 75
Total.....	\$26 81	\$20 00	\$6 47	\$18 88	\$65 80	\$527 32	\$665 28

3. THE BRANDON DISTRICT.

Brandon.....	\$9 00	\$12 00	\$1 00	\$29 45	\$30 00	\$99 05	\$180 50
Elton and Brandon North.....	....	....	....	....	6 25	8 10	14 35
Rapid City.....	0 75	0 50	....	1 80	7 00	43 00	53 05
Oak River and Shoal Lake.....	....	....	....	....	4 00	5 85	9 85
Beulah.....	....	....	....	....	4 00	26 12	30 12
Birtle.....	1 25	....	....	....	6 00	18 35	25 60
Rosburn.....	0 80	1 25	....	....	3 00	9 60	14 65
Shell River.....	....	....	....	....	1 00	25 95	26 95
Moosomin.....	1 05	1 10	....	1 00	5 25	26 00	34 40
Moose Mountain.....	2 75	3 22	2 75	1 00	3 02	31 50	44 24
Virten.....	0 80	1 10	....	2 00	7 00	21 60	32 50
Griswold and Alexander.....	2 75	2 00	....	....	5 00	8 85	18 60
Plum Creek and Souris River.....	9 56	8 46	2 00	9 36	9 35	78 80	117 53
Antlers.....	....	....	....	....	4 30	20 15	24 45
Souris City and Milford.....	2 50	2 00	0 75	1 00	9 00	31 62	46 87
Total.....	\$31 21	\$31 63	\$6 50	\$45 61	\$104 17	\$454 54	\$673 66

4. THE REGINA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.						Total.
	Contingent Fund.	Educational Fund.	Sunday School Fund.	General Conf'ce Fund.	Super'd Minis'rs Fund.	Missionary Fund.	
Regina .....	\$0 65	\$1 00	\$1 00	....	4 00	\$12 00	\$18 65
Wascana .....	....	....	....	....	3 55	3 95	7 50
Qu'Appelle .....	2 50	2 50	1 25	\$2 00	10 85	32 95	52 05
Broadview .....	4 00	2 00	0 50	2 60	6 50	21 30	36 90
Wolseley .....	....	....	....	....	....	6 10	6 10
P. M. Colony .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Crescent City .....	....	....	....	....	....	3 85	3 85
Moosejaw .....	1 50	1 50	....	....	1 00	3 00	7 00
Prince Albert .....	....	....	....	....	....	5 00	5 00
Battleford .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8 65</b>	<b>\$7 00</b>	<b>\$2 75</b>	<b>\$4 60</b>	<b>\$25 90</b>	<b>\$88 15</b>	<b>\$137 05</b>

5. THE PEMBINA AND TURTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

Carman .....	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$6 00	\$13 00	\$25 00	\$56 00
Nelson .....	1 25	0 65	....	1 20	6 00	7 45	16 55
Alexandria .....	0 75	1 00	....	....	6 00	10 00	17 75
Manitou .....	4 00	5 00	2 30	2 25	10 00	58 51	82 06
Snowflake .....	2 08	4 00	2 17	3 37	7 00	84 00	102 62
Crystal City .....	3 00	4 40	1 00	2 65	8 00	86 85	105 90
Otenaw .....	2 00	....	....	....	5 00	40 40	47 40
Cartwright .....	....	1 00	....	....	7 00	45 00	53 00
Turtle Mountain .....	2 15	2 00	....	0 81	9 00	65 90	79 86
Cypress River .....	2 00	1 50	....	....	5 00	20 00	28 50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$22 23</b>	<b>\$24 55</b>	<b>\$7 47</b>	<b>\$16 28</b>	<b>\$76 00</b>	<b>\$443 11</b>	<b>\$589 64</b>

6. THE SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

Medicine Hat .....	\$2 10	\$1 75	\$1 50	\$1 50	\$3 00	\$55 45	\$65 30
Calgary .....	2 25	1 00	1 25	2 00	3 40	89 25	99 15
Edmonton .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
McLeod .....	....	....	....	....	....	9 00	9 00
Slave Lake .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Whitefish Lake .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Victoria .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Battle River .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Woodville .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Morley .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sarcee Indians .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Blackfoot Crossing .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Blood Indians .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4 35</b>	<b>\$2 75</b>	<b>\$2 75</b>	<b>\$3 50</b>	<b>\$6 40</b>	<b>\$153 70</b>	<b>\$173 45</b>

RECAPITULATION.

Winnipeg District .....	\$73 95	\$80 40	\$20 70	\$71 35	\$282 65	\$1469 17	\$1998 22
Portage la Prairie District .....	26 81	20 00	6 47	18 88	65 80	527 32	665 28
Brandon District .....	31 21	31 63	6 50	45 61	104 17	454 54	673 06
Regina District .....	8 65	7 00	2 75	4 60	25 90	88 15	137 05
Pembina and Turtle Mountain District .....	22 23	24 55	7 47	16 28	76 00	443 11	589 64
Saskatchewan District .....	4 35	2 75	2 75	3 50	6 40	153 70	173 45
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$167 20</b>	<b>\$166 33</b>	<b>\$46 64</b>	<b>\$160 22</b>	<b>\$560 92</b>	<b>\$3085 99</b>	<b>\$4187 30</b>

CIRCUIT OR MISSION.

Winnipeg—Grace Church .....	....
Winnipeg—Zion Church .....	....
Winnipeg—Wesley Church .....	....
Emerson .....	....
Dominion City .....	....
Morris .....	....
Stonewall .....	....
Rat Portage .....	....
Selkirk .....	....
Plympton .....	....
Fisher River .....	....
Beren's River .....	....
Norway House .....	....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>....</b>

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Portage la Prairie .....	....
High Bluff .....	....
Meadow Lea .....	....
Gladstone .....	....
Neepawa .....	....
Do. .....	....
Minnedosa .....	....
Carberry .....	....
Burnside and Prospect .....	....
McGregor .....	....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>....</b>

3.

Brandon .....	....
Elton and Brandon North .....	....
Rapid City .....	....
Oak River .....	....
Beulah .....	....
Birtle .....	....
Rosburn .....	....
Shell River .....	....
Moosomin .....	....
Moose Mountain .....	....
Virten .....	....
Griswold and Alexander .....	....
Plum Creek and Souris River .....	....
Antlers .....	....
Souris City and Milford .....	....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>....</b>

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

1. THE WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT OR MISSION.	SALARY, BOARD, AND FUEL.	CIRCUIT DEFICIENCY.	APPROPRIATION FROM FUNDS.		RENT.	REMOVAL.	TOTAL RECEIVED.	NET DEFICIENCY.
			Contin- gent.	Mission- ary.				
Winnipeg—Grace Church .....	\$3000 00	....	....	....	....	....	\$3000 00	....
Winnipeg—Zion Church.....	1856 00	....	....	....	....	....	1856 00	....
Winnipeg—Wesley Church.....	1000 00	....	....	....	....	....	1000 00	....
Emerson .....	381 00	\$419 00	....	\$344 00	....	....	725 00	\$75 00
Dominion City .....	199 22	469 78	....	129 00	....	....	376 22	340 70
Morris .....	127 00	873 00	....	253 00	....	....	380 00	620 00
Stonewall .....	236 00	434 00	....	210 00	....	....	446 00	224 00
Rat Portage.....	413 00	187 00	....	77 00	....	....	490 00	110 00
Selkirk.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Plympton.....	320 00	300 00	....	238 00	....	....	558 00	112 00
Fisher River .....	....	....	....	900 00	....	....	900 00	....
Beren's River.....	....	....	....	900 00	....	....	900 00	....
Norway House .....	....	....	....	950 00	....	....	950 00	....
Total.....	\$7530 22	\$2682 78	....	\$4001 00	....	..	\$11581 22	\$1481 70

2. THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

Portage la Prairie .....	\$1100 00	\$100 00	....	....	....	....	\$1100 00	\$100 00
High Bluff .....	330 00	445 00	....	\$147 00	....	....	477 00	298 00
Meadow Lea .....	147 65	737 35	....	287 00	....	....	434 65	450 35
Gladstone.....	150 00	625 00	....	423 00	....	....	453 00	197 00
Neepawa .....	537 86	368 14	....	125 00	....	....	537 86	243 14
Do. ....	263 24	144 76	....	....	....	....	263 24	144 76
Minnedosa .....	310 00	160 00	....	50 00	....	....	360 00	111 00
Carberry .....	455 00	325 00	....	55 00	....	....	410 00	270 00
Burnside and Prospect.....	335 00	450 00	....	231 00	....	....	391 00	219 00
McGregor.....	108 00	....	....	131 00	....	....	239 00	....
Total.....	\$3736 75	\$3355 25	....	\$1454 00	....	..	\$4665 75	\$2033 25

3. THE BRANDON DISTRICT.

Brandon .....	\$1000 00	....	....	....	....	....	\$1000 00	....
Elton and Brandon North.....	283 00	\$847 00	....	\$368 00	....	....	651 00	\$479 00
Rapid City .....	190 00	590 00	....	236 00	....	....	426 00	354 00
Oak River.....	68 85	430 50	....	47 00	....	....	115 85	314 75
Beulah .....	140 42	614 58	....	260 00	....	....	442 00	354 58
Birtle.....	155 00	585 00	....	187 00	....	....	452 00	398 00
Rosburn .....	115 13	249 87	....	116 00	....	....	231 13	143 87
Shell River.....	....	817 05	....	481 00	....	....	481 00	365 05
Moosomin.....	11 08	778 92	....	330 00	....	....	341 00	448 92
Moose Mountain.....	78 16	686 84	....	400 00	....	....	478 16	286 84
Virden.....	130 00	420 00	....	5 00	....	....	135 00	415 00
Griswold and Alexander .....	400 00	....	....	....	....	....	400 00	....
Plum Creek and Souris River ..	658 10	454 20	....	70 00	....	....	728 10	384 20
Antlers .....	84 80	636 00	....	350 00	....	....	434 80	225 20
Souris City and Milford.....	549 33	535 67	....	231 00	....	....	780 33	304 67
Total.....	\$3863 87	\$7645 63	....	\$3081 00	....	..	\$7096 37	\$4474 08

4. THE REGINA DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT OR MISSION.	SALARY, BOARD, AND FUEL.	CIRCUIT DEFICIENCY.	APPROPRIATION FROM FUNDS.		RENT.	REMOVAL.	TOTAL RECEIVED.	NET DEFICIENCY.
			Contin- gent.	Mission- ary.				
Regina.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Wascana.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Qu'Appelle.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Wolseley.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
P.M. Colony.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Broadview.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Crescent City.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Moosejaw.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Saskatoon.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Prince Albert.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
<b>Total.....</b>	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....

5. THE PEMBINA AND TURTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

Carman.....	\$304 00	....	....	\$125 00	\$60 00	\$74	\$929 00	\$261 00
Nelson.....	160 00	....	....	440 00	....	..	600 00	191 00
Alexandria.....	147 40	\$28 60	....	281 00	96 00	3	423 40	210 60
Manitou.....	340 85	70 15	....	313 00	90 00	10	653 00	452 05
Snowflake.....	227 09	....	....	343 00	....	28	570 09	269 91
Crystal City.....	327 80	42 20	....	100 00	60 00	37	427 80	177 20
Otenaw.....	156 37	....	....	60 00	....	..	196 37	158 03
Cartwright.....	145 00	50 00	....	515 00	75 00	..	660 00	419 00
Turtle Mountain.....	347 00	55 00	....	362 00	60 00	..	709 00	326 00
Cypress River.....	172 00	....	....	152 00	....	..	324 00	85 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2807 51</b>	<b>\$245 95</b>	....	<b>\$2691 00</b>	....	..	<b>\$5497 66</b>	<b>\$2545 39</b>

6. THE SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

Calgary.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Medicine Hat.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Fort McLeod.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
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RECAPITULATION.

Winnipeg District.....	\$7530 22	\$2682 78	....	\$4001 00	....	..	\$11581 22	\$1481 70
Portage la Prairie District.....	3736 75	3355 25	....	1454 00	....	..	4665 75	2038 25
Brandon District.....	3863 87	7645 63	....	3081 00	....	..	7096 37	4474 08
Regina District.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Pembina and Turtle Mountain District.....	2807 51	245 95	....	2691 00	....	..	5497 66	2545 39
Saskatchewan District.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>17938 35</b>	<b>13929 61</b>	....	<b>11227 00</b>	....	..	<b>\$28841 00</b>	<b>10634 42</b>

CIRCUIT OR MISSION.

Winnipeg—Grace Church.....	....
Winnipeg—Zion Church.....	....
Winnipeg—Wesley Chr'ch.....	....
Emerson.....	\$2
Dominion City.....	10
Morris.....	....
Stonewall.....	5
Rat Portage.....	....
Selkirk.....	....
Plympton.....	....
Fisher River.....	45
Beren's River.....	....
Norway House.....	....
Oxford House.....	....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$62</b>

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Portage la Prairie.....	....
High Bluff.....	....
Meadow Lea.....	\$5
Gladstone.....	....
Neepawa.....	5
Minnedosa.....	5
Carberry.....	5
McGregor.....	....
Burnside and Prospect.....	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$25</b>

Brandon.....	\$3
Elton and Brandon North.....	10
Rapid City.....	5
Oak River.....	10
Beulah.....	....
Birtle.....	5
Rosburn.....	5
Shell River.....	....
Moosomin.....	....
Moose Mountain.....	10
Virde.....	10
Griswold and Alexander.....	10
Plum Creek and Souris.....	12
Antlers.....	....
Souris City and Milford.....	10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$90</b>

CIRCUIT PURPOSES.

1. THE WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT OR MISSION.	Circuit Inci- dentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday- Schools.	All Other Purposes.	Total.
Winnipeg—Grace Church	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Winnipeg—Zion Church.	....	\$300 00	....	....	....	\$426 70	\$4467 40	\$5194 10
Winnipeg—Wesley Chr'ch	....	....	....	....	....	226 96	500 00	726 96
Emerson .....	\$2 00	....	....	\$75 00	\$6 00	46 89	109 50	239 39
Dominion City .....	10 00	22 00	\$60 00	13 00	....	28 00	171 00	304 00
Morris .....	....	80 00	75 00	50 00	10 00	17 00	50 00	282 00
Stonewall .....	5 00	80 00	65 00	....	10 00	25 00	130 00	315 00
Rat Portage .....	....	....	....	....	....	15 00	328 00	343 00
Selkirk .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Plympton .....	....	....	50 00	....	10 00	....	137 02	197 02
Fisher River .....	45 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	45 00
Beren's River .....	....	....	....	97 50	178 03	....	156 68	432 21
Norway House .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Oxford House .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$62 00</b>	<b>\$482 00</b>	<b>\$250 00</b>	<b>\$235 50</b>	<b>\$214 03</b>	<b>\$785 55</b>	<b>\$6049 60</b>	<b>\$8078 68</b>

2. THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

Portage la Prairie .....	....	....	....	....	....	\$205 00	\$1100 00	\$1305 00
High Bluff .....	....	....	\$50 00	....	....	....	975 00	1025 00
Meadow Lea .....	\$5 00	....	70 00	....	10 00	....	184 10	269 10
Gladstone .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	6 00	30 00	86 00
Neepawa .....	5 00	25 00	132 00	....	20 00	50 89	122 00	354 89
Minnedosa .....	5 00	....	60 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	418 00	513 00
Carberry .....	5 00	75 00	60 00	45 00	10 00	50 00	100 00	345 00
McGregor .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Burnside and Prospect...	5 00	....	50 00	....	10 00	60 82	170 00	295 82
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$25 00</b>	<b>\$100 00</b>	<b>\$472 00</b>	<b>\$55 00</b>	<b>\$55 00</b>	<b>\$387 71</b>	<b>\$3099 10</b>	<b>\$4193 81</b>

3. THE BRANDON DISTRICT.

Brandon .....	\$3 00	....	....	\$40 00	....	\$65 00	\$1665 00	\$1773 00
Elton and Brandon North	10 00	....	\$80 00	....	\$20 00	....	121 00	231 00
Rapid City .....	5 00	....	80 00	....	25 00	25 00	35 00	170 00
Oak River .....	10 00	....	60 00	....	15 00	....	129 60	214 60
Beulah .....	....	....	50 00	....	....	....	....	50 00
Birtle .....	5 00	....	80 00	....	30 00	....	165 00	280 00
Rosburn .....	5 00	....	80 00	....	15 00	....	2 50	102 50
Shell River .....	....	....	42 95	....	....	....	....	42 95
Moosomin .....	....	....	65 00	....	20 00	....	62 50	147 50
Moose Mountain .....	10 00	....	80 00	....	20 00	....	53 85	163 85
Virten .....	10 00	....	85 00	....	35 00	....	213 65	343 65
Griswold and Alexander..	10 00	....	40 00	....	12 00	....	66 20	128 20
Plum Creek and Souris...	12 70	....	160 00	....	40 00	50 05	185 88	448 63
Antlers .....	....	....	80 00	....	10 00	....	84 80	190 80
Souris City and Milford ..	10 00	....	125 00	....	30 00	30 00	282 00	477 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$90 70</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>\$1107 95</b>	<b>\$40 00</b>	<b>\$272 00</b>	<b>\$170 05</b>	<b>\$3066 98</b>	<b>\$4747 68</b>

## 4. THE REGINA DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT OR MISSION.	Circuit Inci- dentals.	House Rent.	Horse Keep.	Removal Ex- penses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday- Schools.	All other Purposes.	Total.
Regina .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
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Qu'Appelle .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Wolseley .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
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Crescent City .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Moosejaw .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Saskatoon .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Prince Albert .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Battleford .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

## 5. THE PEMBINA AND TURTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

Carman .....	\$20 00	....	\$120 00	....	\$10 00	\$71 00	\$735 00	\$956 00
Nelson .....	10 00	....	60 00	....	3 00	....	35 00	103 00
Alexandria .....	10 00	....	60 00	....	4 00	34 00	68 00	176 00
Manitou .....	20 00	....	120 00	....	4 00	95 82	470 00	709 82
Snowflake .....	10 00	....	60 00	....	5 00	17 87	232 80	325 67
Crystal City .....	15 00	....	60 00	....	5 00	50 00	60 00	190 00
Otenaw .....	6 00	....	56 00	....	10 00	....	....	72 00
Cartwright .....	11 00	....	120 00	....	25 00	....	....	156 00
Turtle Mountain .....	20 00	....	120 00	....	13 00	....	200 00	353 00
Cypress River .....	10 00	....	60 00	....	8 00	....	....	78 00
Total .....	\$132 00	....	\$836 00	....	\$87 00	\$268 69	\$1800 80	\$3124 49

## 6. THE SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

Calgary .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
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Fort McLeod .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Slave Lake .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
White Fish Lake .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Victoria .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edmonton .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Battle River .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
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Sarcee Indians .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Blackfoot Crossing .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Blood Indians .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
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## RECAPITULATION.

Winnipeg District .....	\$62 00	\$432 00	\$250 00	\$235 50	\$214 03	\$735 55	\$6049 60	\$8078 68
Portage " .....	25 00	100 00	472 00	55 00	55 00	337 71	3099 10	4193 81
Brandon " .....	90 70	....	1107 95	40 00	272 00	170 05	3066 98	4747 68
Regina " .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pembina & Turtle Mount'n District .....	132 00	....	836 00	....	87 00	268 69	1800 80	3124 49
Saskatchewan .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total .....	\$309 70	\$582 00	\$2665 95	\$330 50	\$628 05	\$1612 00	\$14016 48	\$20144 66

SUPP

Names of Ministers

Rev. E. A. Stafford.  
 " W. L. Routledge.  
 " George Daniel  
 " W. J. Hewitt.  
 " R. R. Laidley  
 " F. M. Finn ...  
 " J. A. Jackson.  
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 " A. W. Ross...  
 " E. Langford ..  
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 " Thos. Lawson.  
 " J. H. L. Joslyer

Rev. James Woodsw  
 " Arthur B. Ham  
 " John H. Ruttan  
 " Isaac N. Robin



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has pleasure in submitting the following encouraging report, as compared with the report of last year. The number of Schools last year was 63, this year 76: increase 13. The officers and teachers of 1884 numbered 355, this year 467: increase 112. The number of scholars last year was 2900, this year 3415: increase 515. The number of conversions last year was 141, this year 142: increase 1. The number of scholars who took the temperance pledge last year was 200, this year 853: increase 653. The amount contributed for Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund shows a decrease of \$12.67.

The amount raised for Missionary purposes is \$150.00, and for Sunday-school purposes, \$1,910.07.

Your Committee regrets to find that one-third of our Schools are without the publications of our Church, and strongly urges that, inasmuch as our Sunday-school literature is second to none, both in quality and price, all our Schools should patronize our own Book-Room. We also urge that our Sunday-schools be thoroughly instructed in our Catechism. There is more need than ever for us to hold fast the form of sound words. We rejoice that the subject of Temperance receives so much attention, and hope that still greater efforts will be made in that direction.

We also urge that, wherever possible, Methodist Sunday-schools be established, and that the Ministers on each Circuit give as much attention to the spiritual welfare of the young as possible.

F. M. FINN, *Chairman.*

J. DYKE, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee met according to appointment, and, after a careful consideration of the whole Temperance question, begs leave to submit the following report:

Believing that the time has come when, as a Church, we must speak out our sentiments on this question, even more boldly, if possible, than we have ever done in the past, and that in the coming struggle for prohibition we must summon to our aid our whole energies, and that henceforth we must pursue a firm, uncompromis-

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ing policy in attacking the foe intemperance, your Committee respectfully recommend,

*First*,—That every Minister and Probationer in the Manitoba Conference continue to urge upon all the people under his care the pressing necessity for strong and united action in this matter. Seeing we are approaching a grave crisis in the history of Temperance in this country, it earnestly recommends all the Ministers to press upon the attention of the people the importance of redoubling their efforts, so that the work may be pushed forward in every direction, and in every legitimate way.

That this may be done more effectually in the future, your Committee ventures the following suggestions:

(1) That all Superintendents hold Gospel Temperance Meetings once per quarter at each preaching appointment, if possible, at which meetings the pledge shall be circulated for signatures, and at one of which, during the year, a collection shall be taken up for the funds of the Society.

(2) That special prominence be given to this question in our Sabbath-school work, both in teaching and through the circulation of healthy Temperance literature.

(3) That every Minister of our Church throw the whole weight of his influence in favor of "The Canada Temperance Act of 1878" wherever it may be submitted for popular vote, also the important work of the Dominion Alliance in its endeavors to secure prohibitory legislation.

*Second*,—Your Committee desires to express its deep gratification at the noble results attending the labours of the Central Committee appointed by the Conference last year. The following returns have been made:

Number of Church members who have signed the pledge, 764.  
Number of non-members who have signed the pledge, 618. Number of S.-S. scholars who have signed the pledge, 853. Total, 2,235.  
Number of meetings held during the year, 98. Collections for Temperance purposes, \$54.40.

Gratifying though these results are, we venture to suggest that even more might be accomplished during the present year. We feel assured that larger results will certainly follow mightier and more persistent effort in this direction.

*Third*,—Your Committee desires to place on record its confidence in the "North-West Territories Act," together with the conviction that invaluable blessings have come to the people wherever it has been properly enforced. Nevertheless, with deep sorrow, it finds itself compelled to make the statement that those in authority, whose duty it is to enforce this Act, have been recreant to their trust.

Last year, a Committee was appointed to wait on Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney respecting this matter, but it cannot be said any improvement has been made in this direction.

*Fourth*,—Your Committee deploras the fact that efforts are now being put forth in certain directions for the establishment of breweries in the North-West Territories, and it strongly urges the Conference, as a body, to petition the Governor-in-Council that such demands be not complied with.

*Fifth*,—It also respectfully recommends that sacramental, or unfermented, wine be used in all our churches.

*Sixth*,—Your Committee has learned with astonishment and concern of the action of the Senate of Canada in amending the Scott Act so as to legalize the sale of beer and wine where the Act is in operation. We regard this amendment as practically neutralizing the Act, and as wholly destroying its value, and as calculated to discourage all further efforts in securing its adoption, and in enforcing it where already adopted; and we believe, with pain and alarm, that the grave body using its influence to carry this amendment into the statute book, intended to destroy the Scott Act. In view of the immense majorities that have declared in favour of this Act during the past year, we regard this effort of the Senate to defeat the aims of these majorities as a menace against the liberties of the people of Canada, being an intimation that the majority must submit to the convenience and desires of the minority. We do most firmly and earnestly protest against such a violation of the spirit of the principle of constitutional government, and hope and pray that the House of Commons will so wisely appreciate the gravity of the case as to withhold its sanction from this mutilation of a valuable Act. Your Committee further recommends that this protest be printed, and sent from this Conference to every member of the Senate and House of Commons now in session at Ottawa, and to the leading papers of the Dominion.

In conclusion, your present Committee is recommended as the Standing Central Committee for the present year, and that the President of Conference be Chairman.

J. W. SIFTON, *Chairman*.  
GEO. DANIEL, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following report of the Board of Examiners was adopted:  
The Examiners shall forward the manuscript questions to the Superintendents of Districts not later than the 1st day of March.

The Examinations shall be conducted within each District where there are Probationers, on the third Wednesday of April, by the Superintendent of the District and the members of the Examining Board resident within the District.

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Time shall be considered an element in the examinations, and in all cases where time is set by an Examiner, it shall be strictly adhered to.

The following shall constitute the Board of Examiners, with the work assigned them, for the ensuing year:

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Rev. JAMES WOODSWORTH, *Chairman*.

Rev. W. L. RUTLEDGE, *Secretary*.

#### PRELIMINARY COURSE.

1. *English Branches*:—  
English Grammar and Composition; Arithmetic and Geography.—Rev. J. M. Harrison.
2. *History*:—  
Ancient History (Schmitz); Modern History (Green's Short History of the English People); Biblical History, New Testament History (Dr. Smith's).—Rev. T. B. Beynon, B.A.
3. *Theology*:—  
Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash's Edition); Methodist Catechism, No. II.; Wesley on Christian Perfection.—Rev. Jas. Woodsworth.

#### I. FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Biblical Introduction*:—  
Angus' Hand-Book, Part I., Chap. I. to III. inclusive.—Rev. J. M. Harrison.
2. *Biblical History*:—  
Smith's Old Testament History.—Rev. T. Argue.
3. *Theology*:—  
Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash).—Rev. J. Woodsworth.  
Fletcher's Checks, I. to V.—Rev. J. F. Betts.
4. *Greek Grammar*:—  
(Harkness' Grammar).—Rev. T. E. Morden, B.A.

#### II. SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Hermeneutics*:—  
Angus' Hand-Book, Part I., Chaps. IV. and V.—Rev. J. F. Betts.
2. *Exegesis*:—  
Gospel of St. John in Greek, Chaps. I. to X. inclusive.—Rev. B. Franklin, B.A.
3. *Church History*:—  
Blackburn's History of the Christian Church.—Rev. A. Langford.
4. *Theology*:—  
Pope's Theology, Vol. I.—Rev. A. Stewart, B.D.
5. *Philosophy*:—  
Stewart's Outlines, with Supplement by McCosh.—Rev. J. W. Bell, B.D.

#### III. THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Exegesis*:—  
The Epistle to the Romans in Greek, Chaps. I. to XI. inclusive, with Beet's Commentary on Romans.—Rev. B. Franklin, B.A.

2. *Homiletics*:—

Kidder's Homiletics, and Blaikie's "For the Work of the Ministry."—  
Rev. T. Argue.

3. *Church History*:—

Stevens' History of Methodism to the Death of Wesley.—Rev. J.  
Woodsworth.

4. *Theology*:—

Pope's Theology, Vol. II.—Rev. A. Stewart, B.D.

5. *Rhetoric*:—

Bain's.—Rev. T. E. Morden, B.A.

## IV. FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

1. *Theology*:—

Pope's Theology, Vol. III.—Rev. A. Stewart, B.D.

2. *Apologetics*:—

Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences.—Rev. W. L. Rutledge.  
Diman's Theistic Argument.—Rev. W. L. Rutledge.

3. *Logic*:—

Milne's Elementary Notions of Logic.—Rev. W. W. Colpitts.  
Day's Praxis.—Rev. J. W. Bell, B.D.

4. *Metaphysics*:—

Murray's Hamilton—Rev. T. B. Beynon, B.A.

5. *Discipline of the Methodist Church*:—

—Rev. A. Langford.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S FUND.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the continu-  
ance of the Children's Fund on the basis of last year's report.

A. B. HAMES, *Chairman*.

D. W. BARKER, *Secretary*.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your Committee having enquired into the case of the Rev.  
W. J. Hewitt, finds that his health has been impaired in the  
itinerant service, and that he needs rest.

F. M. FINN, *Chairman*.

T. N. ROBINSON, *Secretary*.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your Committee rejoices that a review of the work of our Church in Manitoba and the North-West during the past year gives us the same comforting assurance enjoyed by our venerated founder, when he said, "The best of all is, God is with us." God has been with us, blessing us with His providential care and the joys of His salvation. Amidst the many labours and dangers of the past year, only two of our number have fallen under the hand of death. Bro. Steinhauer, the patriarch of our Indian work, and Bro. Dyer, one of our most laborious brethren in the white settlements. Yet in regard to these brethren, we sorrow not, as those who have no hope, for dying as well as living, their testimony for Christ has been to us an inspiration and a comfort. We rejoice to report also that as a Church God has given peace within our borders; we have dwelt together in unity. God has continued to bless our Church success, in that work in which she has ever most ardently desired and valued success—the work of winning souls to Christ. It is true our success has not been as great as we desired, but it has probably been as great as we were prepared to receive. In estimating our progress among the white population in Manitoba and the North-West, we must take into account the difficulties to be overcome. In many cases, long distances cause a waste of time and energy.

The rapid extension of our magnificent Canadian Pacific Railway has unavoidably tended to scatter thinly our emigrants over a vast area. Railway lands, Hudson Bay lands, school lands, assisted by the settlers' own fastidiousness in the matter of location, tend to the same evil, and make the results of the missionary's labour small, because his hearers are few. This isolation of families operates to produce indifference for the Sabbath and the public worship of God. We must also mention the financial depression of the past year as affecting our work unfavourably. The undue haste to be rich, indulged by some of our people, has led to entanglements which have paralyzed their spiritual energies; yet we notice with pleasure that our people generally are not illiberal. Our connexional and circuit funds have, according to their ability, been well supported. And God has blessed us with great spiritual blessings. We rejoice to find that our membership has been increased by twelve hundred souls. A considerable number of churches, parsonages, and sheds have been built, sites have been secured, mission premises have been improved, pastoral work has been very fully carried on. The preached Word has exerted its restraining and comforting influence in a very large degree.

In looking at our Indian work, we find that the boasted ties of confidence and good will so long existing between the white population and the various Indian tribes of the North-West have, in some districts, been rudely broken by designing men, and a ruinous

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rebellion has cast its lurid light over our peaceful land. This has created a prejudice in the public mind against the whole race, which may prove a great disaster to them for many years.

We praise God, however, that the Indians who have been under the training of the Methodist Church have, by their loyalty to law and order, done much to redeem the reputation of their race, and sustain the confidence of the Church in their ultimate elevation. In most instances, notwithstanding the rebellion, our Missionaries are able to report a good measure of prosperity. Mission premises have been improved. Buildings, necessary for the work, have been erected in some places. The good seed of religious and secular instruction, sown with care and prayer, has given encouraging signs of growth. In the far West, Bro. McLean's translation of the Gospels, and Bro. McDougall's Orphanage, are day-stars in the horizon of the Blood Indians and the Stonies. Thus, in spite of restless and seditious men; in spite of the abuse of the permit system; in spite of Romish influences; in spite of the inherited weaknesses of the Indians themselves, the work is going on, and the poor Indian is snatched as a brand from the burning.

The past year has witnessed a great advance in Temperance work. On many Circuits and Missions branches of the Methodist Temperance Society, organized at Brandon last year, have been formed, and work has been accomplished by this organization that could not be done by any other. We believe that by this means we shall hasten the day, so much prayed for by every true Methodist, when the liquor traffic shall be utterly prohibited.

We are glad to report unusual success in our Sabbath-school work. A large number of new Schools have been formed. The attendance at those previously reported has increased. Our people have given much more toward the support of Sunday-schools. Many scholars have been converted during the year. We trust the successes of the past year may lead to greater confidence and more earnest endeavor in this holy and all-important work, upon which the future well-being of our Church so much depends.

W. L. RUTLEDGE, *Chairman.*

A. J. BARLTROP, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH PROPERTY COMMITTEE OF THE  
MANITOBA METHODIST CONFERENCE, 1885.

Your Committee on Church Property begs to report as follows:  
Your Committee recommends,

1. That the consent of Conference be granted to the requests contained in the several resolutions forming respectively Schedules A B C and E, to this report, and referring respectively to the

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church properties situate at Winnipeg, Morris, Dominion City, and Manitou.

2. That the consent of Conference be granted to the Trustees of the Portage la Prairie church property, lately held in trust for the Methodist Church of Canada, to sell the property.

3. Regarding the request that the Conference give a power-of-attorney to one William Knox, to collect the rents accruing upon the church property at the Prince Albert Mission, your Committee is of the opinion that the Conference has no jurisdiction in the matter in question, and that the Rev. Dr. Young, the Trustee of the property mentioned, is the proper person to give the power-of-attorney asked for.

4. Your Committee would point out the fact that, although there is no local Act in the North-West Territories similar to the "Methodist Church Act, 1884," of this Province, there is ample provision made for those Territories by the Act of the Parliament of Canada, entitled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches therein named," being 47 Victoria, Chapter 106.

5. Your Committee strongly recommend that the Conference authorize the printing of 200 copies of the "Methodist Church Act, 1884," in pamphlet form, and also of 200 copies of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, 47 Vict. cap. 106, above referred to, for sale to the Ministers and Trustees within the bounds of the Conference.

6. Your Committee would draw the attention of the members of Conference to the following requirements in the management of our trusts:

(a) The Acts of Incorporation of the Methodist Church provide that the non-registration of a deed of conveyance executed before the passing of the Acts shall not render the same void, but likewise provide that registration shall be made in such cases within twelve months of the passing of the Acts, so that, while there is indemnity for past failures of registration, unregistered properties must henceforth stand in greater jeopardy.

(b) It is not required to register names of Trustees, or changes in Trust Boards, but it is required to keep full and exact record in Trustees' books.

(c) The Annual Conferences of this year will necessarily take steps preparatory to the Annual Conferences of 1886, to enable those bodies to meet the requirements of Discipline, page 58, paragraph 107, and page 140, paragraph 294, respecting statements, lists, descriptions, etc., of membership, property, institutions, etc., as called for from the several Annual Conferences by the General Conference.

All of which your Committee respectfully submits.

GEO. W. BEYNON, *Secretary.*

## SCHEDULE A.

The Committee appointed at the Special District Meeting, held in Brandon in June, 1883, met in Zion Church on the 8th of April, 1885, the Rev. E. A. Stafford in the chair. The Trustees of Zion and Bethel Churches being present, when it was *Resolved*, on motion of Rev. T. Argue and Brother Aitken: "That the Zion Church property be retained for the use of the united congregations of Zion and Bethel Churches, and that the consent of Conference be asked to allow them to sell the property owned by the Bethel Church Board, and apply the proceeds towards paying off the debt on Zion Church.

## SCHEDULE B.

"*Resolved*,—That the consent of Conference be requested to allow the Trustees of the parsonage and church properties at Morris, lately held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, to sell the Parsonage and Church building, and to apply the proceeds toward the payment of their present debt."

## SCHEDULE C.

"*Resolved*,—That the consent of Conference be requested to allow the Trustees of the church property at Dominion City, lately held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, to sell the church property, and to apply the proceeds toward the payment of the church debt."

## SCHEDULE D.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made in pursuance of an Act passed in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and entitled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada more freely to Manage and Dispose of Trust Properties."

Between the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, of the first part, and Samuel McIlvaine, George W. Bellamy, Thomas Logan, Thomas V. Kennedy, Geddes Thompson, William A. Prest, Robert Clutterham, John W. Jackson, Frank Harley, James H. Woodside, and Frederick S. Woolhouse.

Trustees of the Portage la Prairie Methodist Church of Canada of the second part:

Whereas the said Trustees hold under and by virtue of a deed by Revs. M. Fawcett and G. Young, to them as such Trustees as aforesaid, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, all and singular that parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the Town of Portage la Prairie, in the County of Portage la Prairie, and Province of Manitoba, and may be known and described as one acre

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and eighty-five hundredths of an acre, be the same more or less, composed of a portion of the south part of Lot Number Sixty-two, in the Parish of Portage la Prairie, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post planted on the line between Lot Sixty-one and Lot Sixty-two; and on the southern boundary of Saskatchewan Avenue, in the Town of Portage la Prairie. Thence south five degrees ten minutes, west following said line between said lots Sixty-one and Sixty-two ten chains to a point in line with the southern boundary of George Street, in Lot Sixty-one. Thence south eighty-five degrees thirty-five minutes, east one chain eighty-five links. Thence north five degrees ten minutes, east ten chains to Saskatchewan Avenue; thence north eighty-five degrees thirty-five minutes, west one chain eighty-five links to the place of beginning.

And whereas it is deemed necessary and useful by the said Trustees, for the purposes connected with the said Trust, to absolutely sell the said lands.

And whereas the said Conference have consented to such sale.

Now, it is hereby agreed between the parties hereunto as follows,—that is to say: The party of the first part hereby consents to the absolute sale of the said lands by the said parties of the second part, in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act.

In witness whereof the Secretary of the said Conference has hereunto set his hand and affixed the Seal of the said Conference, the twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (1882).

Signed and sealed in the presence of

R. A. WIDDOWSON.

S. J. HUNTER.

County of York, } I, Robert Andrew Widdowson, of the City of  
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and say:

1. That my name, place of residence, and addition are correctly set forth as above.

2. That I was present, and did see the execution of the within agreement by S. J. Hunter, Secretary of the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada; and that I am a subscribing witness to such execution; and that the said agreement was executed at said City of Toronto.

That I know the said party.

Sworn before me at Toronto, in the }  
County of York, this 27th day }  
of October, A.D., 1882. }

R. A. WIDDOWSON.

JNO. EDWD. ROSE, a Commissioner for taking Affidavits.

## SCHEDULE E.

*Resolved*,—That the consent of Conference be requested to allow the Trustees of the church property at Manitou, lately held in trust for the Methodist Church of Canada, to sell the same and to apply the proceeds in the purchase of other property in the southern part of the town of Manitou, whither the church and parsonage have been removed.

J. WOODSWORTH, *Chairman*.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee on Statistics beg leave to report that they have finished their labours, and have prepared from the papers and information at their disposal statements showing—

## 1. The membership of the Church and Sabbath-schools.

The total membership of the Church is .....	4501
Total membership previous year .....	3215
Increase .....	1286
The total membership of the Sabbath-schools is .....	3212
The total membership of the previous year was .....	2665
Increase .....	547

## 2. The amount raised in the several Districts in aid of the various Connexional Funds. The following is a brief summary of the same:—

Contingent Fund .....	\$167 20	Increase over last year	\$79 77
Educational Fund .. .. .	166 33	" " " "	20 45
Sunday-school Fund .....	46 64	" " " "	0 37
General Conference Fund..	160 22	" " " "	38 25
Superannuation Fund .....	560 92	" " " "	18 08
Missionary Fund .. .. .	3985 99	" " " "	2022 98
Total amount collected...	\$4187 30	Total increase.....	\$2179 90

3. The amount raised for ministerial support. That amount during the past year was \$20,325.93. Owing to the last year's statement being mingled with other figures, we are unable to make a comparison of this amount with the amount raised last year. In this connection your Committee recognize with concern the fact that many members of our Conference must have suffered very severely, inasmuch as the net deficiency under this head is \$12,181.84.

4. The amount raised for general circuit purposes. This amount during the past year was \$21,628.63. For the reason above stated your Committee are unable to make a comparison.

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5. Your Committee find that the returns made from the several Missions in reference to the various Connexional Funds are extremely incomplete and unsatisfactory. Your Committee further observe that there is one fund which, owing to regulations in force, is met of necessity, and this fund is found to be properly sustained and reported upon. Those funds, however, which are purely voluntary are in many instances entirely neglected. It is impossible to say with certainty, from the documents placed in the hands of the Committee, whether the people have been asked to contribute to these funds and have refused, or have not been asked at all. In some cases it would appear that no request for such contributions has been made. It may be well to add that the above state of affairs seems to obtain in many other places than those affected by the late troubles in the North-West.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. PREST, *Chairman.*  
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REPORT OF THE CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

The Committee met and organized. Rev. A. Gordon was appointed Chairman, and Rev. Thomas Lawson, Secretary.

The following statement was presented by the Treasurer:

Balance on hand .....	\$1 93
Collections—	
Winnipeg District .....	73 95
Portage la Prairie District .....	26 80
Pembina and Turtle Mountain District .....	22 23
Brandon District .....	22 21
Regina District .....	8 65
Saskatchewan District .....	4 35
Receipts from sale of Minutes of Conference .....	28 50
Zion Church Conference collections .....	47 20

The following accounts were presented and recommended to be paid:

Express charges and postage on Minutes .....	\$8 75
Book Room account (Schedules, etc.) .....	30 15
Secretary's expenses .....	1 50
Stationery, etc. ....	60
Sundry accounts presented by Rev. E. A. Stafford .....	6 36
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Printing first List of Stations .....	4 50
Bishop Engraving Co., Minutes of 1883 .....	37 60
Rev. T. B. Beynon's grant .....	15 00
Mrs. W. T. Dyer's grant .....	30 00

The resolution from the Brandon District in reference to Mrs. Dyer was submitted, and your Committee would recommend that while we cannot appropriate any grant from this fund to meet a deficiency arising from having practically abolished the Children's Fund, nevertheless, in the case of Mrs. Dyer we recommend the Conference to make her a grant of \$30 from the Contingent Fund.

In Bro. Beynon's claim for Circuit expenses, the Committee, by instruction of Conference, recommend its payment.

The Committee recommend Rev. A. B. Hames as Treasurer of the fund for the ensuing year.

The above report was adopted by Conference.

A. GORDON, *Chairman.*  
THOS. LAWSON, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MANITOBA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, WITH THE MINISTERS AND LAY MEMBERS IN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED:

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of the Superannuation Fund, and unanimously recommended to the Annual Conferences for their adoption, and for publication in the Minutes of the several Conferences:—

*Resolved*,—1st, That the names and addresses of the Treasurers of the Fund be published in the Minutes of each Annual Conference; the names and addresses of all Superannuated Ministers, and of all widows who are claimants on the Fund; and the names, and dates of birth, of all children of deceased Ministers whose widows are now claimants on the Fund (the children being under 16 years of age), be published in the Minutes of the Conferences to which they respectively belong.

2nd. That each Annual Conference forward to the Clerical Treasurer, through its Secretary, immediately at the close of the Conference, a certified copy of the tables containing the amounts raised for Ministerial Support and Connexional Collections on each Circuit and Mission throughout the bounds of their respective Conferences, omitting the Children's Fund, and any special collections that may be ordered by the authority of the Annual Conferences only; so that the Committee on Estimates and Apportionments may be able to prepare their report in time for the Financial District Meetings.

3rd. That all parties sending money to the Treasurer give a detailed statement of the amounts, so that he may know how to give due credit to the Circuit or Minister entitled to receive such credit.

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4th. That any changes made by the Financial District Meetings in the apportionments to Circuits or Missions be reported to the Treasurer, and that the Secretary of the Meeting furnish a complete list to the Clerical Treasurer of these apportionments, as finally passed by the District Meetings.

The Treasurer would particularly request that all parties holding moneys belonging to the Fund would forward promptly to him at the Mission Rooms, Toronto, all sums that may be in their hands, in accordance with the above resolutions.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Board of the Superannuation Fund of the Methodist Church.

JAMES GRAY, *Clerical Treasurer.*

I have requested Rev. James Woodsworth to act on my behalf in the Manitoba Conference in relation to the Fund.

JAMES GRAY, *Treasurer.*

### VOTES OF THANKS.

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Moved by Rev. T. Argue, seconded by Rev. G. K. Adams,—

1. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be presented to the choir of Zion Church for their faithfully attended and very efficient service at the public meetings throughout the Conference sessions.

2. That the best thanks of the Conference be given to the ministers and friends of this city who have so kindly entertained us in their homes, and that the pastors of the different churches present this resolution to their congregations.

3. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Canadian Pacific Railway and Manitoba & North-Western Railway authorities for granting reduced rates to the members of Conference.

Moved by Rev. J. H. Ruttan, seconded by Rev. G. Daniel, and,  
*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Brother Straw for his services in acting as postmaster.

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### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

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#### Settlers Troubled by Rebellion.

Moved by Rev. J. Dyke, seconded by Hon. J. W. Sifton,—  
That this Conference place on record its deep sympathy with those missionaries and their families who have suffered loss of property, been in danger of their lives, and otherwise distressed during the rebellion. And we further assure them that in the time of their greatest peril the entire Church was an unit in earnest supplication that our Heavenly Father would shield them from all harm.

#### Book-Room.

Moved by Hon. J. W. Sifton, seconded by G. W. Campbell, Esq.,—  
That we have heard with much gratification the statement made by the General Superintendent for the Book Steward, revealing the present healthy condition of the concern, and especially the fact that it has been able to pay out of its profits over \$4,000 to the Superannuated Preachers' Fund the present year. We congratulate the Book Steward on the success of his department, and promise him reasonable support and patronage in his important work.

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**Brother Bell.**

Moved by Rev. W. Halstead, seconded by Rev. J. F. Betts,—

That having heard of the severe domestic affliction through which Brother Bell is passing, we, the members of this Conference, desire to express our deep sympathy with him in this time of trial, and pray that the Good Shepherd may bestow sustaining and comforting grace.

**Ordination Sermon.**

On motion, it was resolved that the retiring President of the Conference shall preach the Ordination Sermon next Conference.

Moved by H. Harley, Esq., and seconded by Rev. W. Bridgeman,—

That we desire to express our brotherly sympathy with Rev. W. J. Hewitt, who has laboured in this country for several years, and who now has to retire from the active work through ill health. We hope he may soon be restored to health, and pray that the blessing of the Lord may be with him and his family wherever they may be located.

Moved by Rev. B. Franklin, seconded by Rev. H. W. Harrison,—

That the Conference memorialize the Central Board of the Educational Society to permit the amount of educational collection due from this Conference to the General Fund to be retained for the training of probationers for our ministry in this country.

**The General Superintendent.**

Moved by Clifford Sifton, Esq., seconded by Rev. Andrew Stewart, and adopted,—

That the members of this Conference desire to express the sincere pleasure which is occasioned to them by the presence in their midst, at this their third Annual Conference in Manitoba and the North-West, of the General Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

At this early stage in the history of the country it is important that the principles and practice of Methodism should be thoroughly inculcated and clearly understood and carried out, and to that end that the pastors, missionaries and laymen here assembled should have the advantage of the guidance and direction of some one whose knowledge and ability would qualify him to direct, while his eminence of character would receive at once the greatest respect and deference. Our General Superintendent has worthily supplied this want, and to him we fully, freely and cheerfully acknowledge our indebtedness.

In conclusion, the Conference wishes to express its earnest hope that the benefits arising from the wise counsel and ripe experience of Dr. Williams may long be enjoyed by the Church over which he presides.

**Gen. Middleton.**

Moved by James Doyle, seconded by James Lawson—

That as a Conference we deeply deplore the recent sad events in the North-West Territories, which has entailed the destruction of property, in many cases hindered the work of the missionaries, and incurred the loss of many precious lives.

And we also express our unbounded admiration for General Middleton and the officers and men under his command, who on the line of march, in the camps, and on the field of battle have shown such sterling qualities of courage and manliness, of which the entire Dominion is justly proud. We also earnestly pray that the God of all comfort may bestow His sweetest consolation upon the widow and orphan and all who have lost their loved ones in this terrible war.

Further, we also place on record our devout gratitude to Almighty God for the great success which has attended our arms in putting down the rebellion in the North-West.

Moved by A. Spiers, Esq., seconded by the Rev. W. J. Hewitt, and

*Resolved*,—That this Conference recognizes the great loss sustained through the death of its first General Superintendent during the past Conference year.

The late Reverend Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D., was one of the most distinguished men in the history of Canadian Methodism, of which, it may be truly said, a great part he was. In his early manhood his hand lay upon the forming Church in the Provinces that border on the Atlantic. His last pastoral charge was a leading Church in this city; and his thought was largely engaged in the formation of our Conference. No man could feel a more intense interest in the Missionary work in this western country than was cherished by him. Our wide field of action, and our men, had in him a warm and constant friend. He was a safe and helpful counsellor, and the work of his hand will abide on the pages of our Discipline, and in the impressions left by his strong personality upon the hearts of living men. The educational work of our Church is greatly indebted to him for its reputation and success. We remember, and shall cherish, the grand points in his stately character, and pray that we may emulate the clearness and steadiness of his aim, and the uniform consistency of his life.

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

Once more, assembled in our Annual Conference, we have the privilege of addressing you in words of fraternal greeting and affectionate counsel.

The Church of the living God is one body, but there are many members, with different functions. The pastoral office is entrusted with the weighty responsibility of the oversight of all; but we recognize equally the importance of the laity; and only by a harmonious union of the two, in pursuit of the highest moral and spiritual results, can the Christian Church fulfil the mission for which it was called into existence. Our Conference, as now constituted of equal numbers of ministers and laymen, is a striking example of the unity in sympathy and interest whereby a Church will grow strong for God, and true to its tremendous responsibility.

Our most marked peculiarity—the itinerant system—probably subjects the relations between ministers and people to a severer strain, at times, than is often felt where no such system prevails. The necessary breaking up of cherished associations, the parting with friends endeared by intimate intercourse under the most sacred and interesting circumstances of life, and then the admission of entire strangers into the same holy confidence, is alone a pretty severe tax to lay upon the best affections of human nature. Add to this, that it is not always easy to see that wisdom, justice, and kindness have prevailed in arranging the annual appointments of pastors. Genuine worth on the part of some ministers may appear to have been underestimated. The reputation and character built up by years of successful service to the Church establish claims which a stranger does not easily recognize. On the other hand,

many charges, considered independently of all others, might have been more efficiently provided for than is possible in a great connexion where the claims of each minister, and of each church, must be considered in some degree, at least, in competition with the claims of every other.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, both ministers and people cherish the itinerancy; and we are convinced that as strong a bond of affection subsists between the clerical and the lay elements of our Church as in any other communion. For this we are devoutly grateful to God; and in the hope that the same happy relations may ever abide, we commend the pastors who this year are going to new charges, to the sympathy and affection of their people. Receive them in the name of the Lord, and they will prove to you ministers of good, notwithstanding any feeling of uncertainty that may sometimes be felt as to the suitability of their appointment.

Though there has been no unseemly complaint, yet the hardships and privations of many of your ministers have been ample to justify their claim as genuine successors of the venerated founders of Methodism in America. In respect to inadequate support, long and sometimes perilous journeys, and exposures to the rigors of a severe climate, the heroic days of Methodism can furnish nothing grander than not a few facts in our history within this Conference during the past year. But we are not unmindful that many of you are also enduring privations equally severe in the new homes you are creating. You have shared your best with your ministers. They have gladly carried to you the message of the blessed Jesus, and have felt honoured of God in being partners for his sake with you in the hardships of your lot. Nor will they ever feel that it is too much for them to endure even as you endure. But in many parts of our wide territory there is a rapid advance toward a better condition of things. A few places will this year rise above a condition of dependence upon the Missionary Society. Every charge should look forward to this end, and labour for its attainment, as Providence favours with increasing worldly prosperity. You may be sure that there is no want of sympathy with the mission work in this country on the part of those in the east who liberally support the operations of the Missionary Society. The feeling still prevails there that money given to the support of missions here is a good investment in every light in which it may be viewed. If the grants made by the Society have been too small, it is not because anyone desires to cramp the work here; but the field over which the Society's operations are extended is a vast one. Under the pressure of our own wants we are in danger of forgetting the wants of others. In some parts of the east the claims of poverty cry as loudly as is possible in any part of our own territory. In

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the Province of Quebec, a few Protestants are everywhere overshadowed by the Roman Catholic Church. To neglect our own people there would be a crime against God and man. Our circuits there are largely dependent upon the missionary grant. Here the failure of our crop is a cause of wide-spread distress. A small catch of fish off the shores of Newfoundland, as was the case last year, reduces thousands of fishermen to the verge of starvation. The ministers of these hungry people depend for support upon the same Society which aids our work here. Its ability to render aid is limited by the measure of its income from the gifts of its friends. Nor would it be more able if it withdrew entirely from operations in the foreign field. The total amount expended in any one year in sustaining the Japan mission, if divided among the many domestic missions, would not afford any considerable relief, while the Church would be deprived of the stimulant to liberality which is found in that foreign mission. It brings more money into the Society's treasury than it takes out. The legitimate hope of relief for our missions in this country lies not in withdrawal from other fields, but in our ability, under the favour of Providence, to create wealth. Let us not lose confidence in the high destiny of this country, nor give way to undue discouragement, because we have difficulties actually no worse than have been endured by every other part of the Dominion in its earlier history.

One cause of pain to us is our inability to overtake all the people with missionary labours. This is not due to the want of the same spirit which prevailed in the Church when in Ontario the messenger of the Gospel found every settler's cabin; but to the fact that a wider territory is occupied here than has been opened up by the same number of people in any other part of the Dominion. To reach all requires a much greater effort and expenditure than was required at any previous time, or in any other place. We therefore ask your patient forbearance, and we will try, as soon as possible, to overtake all.

Our young Conference has received a solemn warning by two deaths during the past year, of ministers—one well advanced in years, and full of useful labours and their good fruits; the other falling in the commencement of life's summer, when the promise of a bright career before him was in full blossom; and also by the sudden death, in the full vigor of his manhood, of an influential lay delegate, on the Conference Sabbath. This new country is now consecrated to us by having opened its bosom to receive in sacred trust the dust of our departed brethren.

Our annual review at this Conference has been eminently satisfactory. The increase in our membership is, we think, unprecedented in the history of Canadian Methodism. We have added

exactly forty per cent. to the membership returned at the last Conference. This growth appears equally favourable if we consider it in relation to the number of labourers employed, being an increase of about 20 for each minister and probationer. For this token of the Divine favour let us be deeply humbled before God, and, giving Him all the praise, let us go forward looking to Him alone. The increased attendance at the public services is also full of encouragement.

We understand the hindrances which, in many parts of the country, render it impossible to bring the Sabbath-school and the Class-meeting to their highest efficiency. We therefore exhort you to diligently guard, at home, the moral and spiritual welfare of the children. Where attendance at the Sabbath-school is not possible, a couple of hours of each Sabbath may well be devoted to a Sabbath-school service at home. The children must not be allowed to drift. The careful study of the Word of God is the best preventive against loose notions in doctrine and practice. By some means, let us teach our children that the form of Christianity cherished by their fathers is adapted to their deepest necessities. Let them see that God has honoured it, and that we have faith in it.

For the Class-meeting we have no fear, so long as converting power attends the ministry of the Word. A true spiritual life demands fellowship. It is not absence, when necessary, from any stated ordinance, but the loss of love for it, that is to be dreaded. Great hindrances may prevent the observance of the means of grace, and yet the individual suffer no loss. If he cultivates intimacy with God by the study of the Word and secret prayer, keeping the heart aglow with fervent devotion, even his temporary privations will be turned into a blessing; but under these circumstances the Church, as a whole, suffers a loss of working influence. Individual members of the Church, devoted earnestly to God, and united in a strong attack upon the world, will soon bring all mankind to Christ.

We are happy, in addressing you, to be able to join in thanksgiving that the calamities which three months ago darkly threatened us, have been arrested. We have felt the terrible shock of war. Peaceful occupations have been interrupted. Many of you have been called to volunteer your services, and to risk your lives, in defence of the national authority. Some of your homes have been menaced and threatened with a visitation of the worst cruelties that savagery can invent. During this season of unrest and uncertainty as to what a day might bring forth, your regular duties have been greatly interrupted, and disadvantage and loss must be the result.

All who have been placed in such trying circumstances have received constantly the deepest sympathy of good men and women throughout the whole land, and all that prayer could do to help has

been done. When rebellion, so common in this country, has been a protracted Indian war, now seemed, now seemed, now seemed, results have been unprecedented: while and fatiguing necessity, and for deeds of a name which we thank God for the immunity from glorious results, favour of Divine person of our Sovereign as a result of the

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“ God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.”

We call your attention to some new phases of the Temperance question. As to the wisdom of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, our Church has had but one voice for many years. It has seemed equally clear that national prohibition is the only efficient remedy for all the evils that are let loose upon society by the liquor traffic. After years of moral suasion, some seven years ago the Dominion Parliament gave to the country a local option law, called the “Canada Temperance Act,” better known as the Scott Act. It was not regarded by temperance people as approaching perfection in prohibitory legislation, but as a step in the right direction. It has been submitted in 75 counties and cities, and has been carried by overwhelming majorities in 65 out of the 75 contests. The popular majority of all the votes polled is, at the present time, about 40,000. The law requires that when once the Act is enforced in any county, it shall have a fair trial for three years before it can be repealed. It had been adopted in the county of Halton, Ontario, and the enemies of it had secured the privilege of submitting a by-law for its repeal when it had been in operation only about two years. After using every effort, they were ignominiously defeated. They then boasted that they would leave the electors, and use their money at Ottawa. During the present session of Parliament, the Senate of Canada has amended the Act so as to allow the sale of wine and beer where it is in force. It is feared that this amendment will be accepted by the House of Commons.

We ask you to give your calm consideration to these facts. The amendment, if accepted by the House of Commons, will of course destroy the value of the Act. Under the names of beer and wine, every conceivable mixture and form under which alcohol can be drunk will be sold. We believe the members of the Senate who carried this amendment intended to destroy the Scott Act. We regard their action as showing a disposition to trifle with the rights of the majority. This majority is composed of the best people of Canada. They are the people who create, and do not destroy, the nation's wealth. This is not saying that all in the minority are bad. Such is not the fact. If legislators can be reckless of the rights of the people in regard to this Temperance Act, they will soon proceed to the same length in other things. By just such encroachments, when unresisted, the most violent tyrannies that afflicted other ages grew up.

Many good men feel that the time has come when allegiance to old political parties should be shaken off. The word "turncoat" must be redeemed from the traditional reproach that has been associated with it. Good men must learn to vote with one party now, and with another at another time, according as the moral questions involved may indicate. Prohibition is now one of the most prominent political questions before the public. It is also a moral question. Wise and good men in Canada feel that the time has come when all other party alliances should be broken, that a new, and pure, and strong party may arise in which sincere men, who believe in national prohibition, may unite and work together to secure such legislation as is due to the Temperance cause. Nothing less than this will lead the professional politician to regard the Temperance people as worthy of anything but contempt. So long as they can be regarded as sure for either of the old parties, their Temperance principles will carry no weight.

We commend this subject to your earnest and prayerful thought.

And now, brethren, we commend you to God, and the word of His grace, with earnest prayer that growing prosperity may crown your labours, and that every home may be bright and happy in the sunlight of our Heavenly Father's presence.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, *President.*

A. STEWART, *Secretary.*

WINNIPEG, June 15th, 1885.

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1875 Kenner, H. ....	Shell River .....	3
1882 Long, G. H. ....	Beulah .....	1
1875 Langford, E. ....	Beren's River .....	2
1875 Lawson, Thomas .....	Qu'Appelle .....	3
1880 Laidley, R. B. ....	Dominion City .....	2
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1871 Robinson, I. N. ....	Neepawa .....	3
1872 Ross, A. W. ....	Fisher River .....	6
1870 Rutledge, W. L. ....	Portage la Prairie .....	1
1859 Ruttan, J. H. ....	Meadow Lea .....	3
1883 Roddick, G., Sup'y .....	Souris City and Milford .....	
1884 Rogers, William .....	Crystal City .....	1
1871 Semmens, J. ....	Norway House .....	2
1875 Stewart, A., B.D. ....	Deloraine .....	1
1880 Spence, W. H. ....	Rat Portage .....	2
1884 Steinhauer, E. R. ....	Slave Lake .....	2
1879 Wheeler, A. D. ....	Plympton .....	1
1880 Williams, Clement .....	Moose Jaw .....	2
1874 Wilson, T. B. ....	Birtle .....	2
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STATUTES OF CANADA, 47 VIC. CAP. 106.

"An Act respecting the union of certain Methodist Churches therein named."

[Assented to 19th April, 1884.]

WHEREAS the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada and the Bible Christian Church of Canada have agreed to unite under the name of "The Methodist Church," on the basis of union adopted by the said four denominations, which said basis of union is set forth in Schedule A of this Act, and the rules, regulations and discipline also adopted by the said four denominations in a general convention or conference assembled at the City of Belleville, on the fifth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three; and whereas the said four denominations have, by petition, set forth that they are desirous of having the said union ratified, and that they may be incorporated under the name of "The Methodist Church," with power to hold all the property, real and personal, belonging to the said four denominations, upon the trusts and for the purposes hereinafter set out; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The Reverend Samuel Dwight Rice, D.D., President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, the Reverend Albert Carman, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Reverend J. Goodman, President of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, the Reverend W. Pascoe, President of the Bible Christian Church of Canada, and the Reverend Alexander Sutherland, D.D., Secretary of the Joint Committee on Union, and all members of the said general convention or conference, together with all other persons who now are ministers or members of any one of the said four denominations, or who under the said basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline, are now or may hereafter become members of the said Methodist Church, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Methodist Church."

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

2. The objects of the said Corporation are as set out in the said basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline.

Objects of Corporation.

3. All copies of the said basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline, or any amendments or alterations thereof published in any book of discipline or journal of conference under the direction or

Copies of certain documents to be evidence.

authority of the general conference of the said church, or a copy of any by-law or resolution of the said general conference, under the seal of the corporation, and signed by the Secretary, shall be *prima facie* evidence in all courts of the contents thereof.

Powers of Corporation as to real or personal estate now held by the four denominations.

4. All the estate, real and personal, belonging to, held in trust for or to the use of the said denominations or any of them, or belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any corporation under the government or control of any of the said four denominations, shall henceforth be held and vested in the said corporation and shall be used and administered for the benefit of the said Methodist Church.

Certain property vested in the corporation in trust.

5. All the property, real and personal, under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, held in trust for or to the use of any congregation, congregations, circuit, station or mission, of any of the said four denominations, is hereby vested in the said church, and shall be held for the use of such congregation or congregations, circuit, station or mission in connection with the said Methodist Church upon the trusts and subject to the provisions set forth in Schedule B of this Act; and all lands and premises acquired by or for the said corporation for a church, chapel, meeting house, parsonage, school building or burial ground in connection with any congregation or congregations, circuit, station or mission, shall be held, used and administered upon the said trusts, and the respective trustees thereof shall hold, use and administer the same in trust for the said corporation upon the trusts set forth in the said schedule.

Effect of Schedule B, as to interpretation of certain documents.

6. In any deed or conveyance to said trustees the form of words contained in column one of the said Schedule B, and distinguished by any number therein, shall be taken to be the equivalent to the form of words contained in column two of the said Schedule B and distinguished by the same number.

Appointment or removal of officers and servants and making or altering by-laws, etc.

7. Subject to the provision of the said basis of union, the said corporation may, from time to time, appoint and, as they see occasion, remove all officers, agents and servants, and, from time to time, make, alter or vary any by-laws, rules or regulations touching and concerning the time and place of holding meetings and notices thereof, and for the good ordering, discipline and government of the said church, and the performance of divine worship in any of the churches of the said corporation, and all matters respecting the same, and all other matters and things which to them seem good, fit and useful for the well ordering, governing and advancement of the said church.

Boards and committees for certain purposes.

8. The said corporation may appoint boards or committees composed of the members thereof, to take charge of or deal with and dispose of the respective funds, including book and publishing interests and other interests, belonging to the said church, as set out in their basis of union and in accordance therewith, and may establish such other funds as may be deemed expedient, and may appoint boards or committees of the members of the said corporation to take charge of, deal with and dispose of the said funds so formed, in accordance with the provisions of the said basis of union.

Gifts of real estate for the use of the corporation. Proviso: for alienation of

9. Subject to the provisions in section five hereinbefore contained, the said corporation may receive voluntary conveyances of, and may purchase, hold and convey such real estate as the purposes of the said corporation require: Provided that the corporation shall, within ten

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10. Subject to the provisions contained, the said corporation may receive any real estate in any last will and testament, always, that such trusts respecting devised property at the time of such devise situated, so far as

11. The said corporation may demise, let or lease tenements, hereditaments, purchased or granted, purchase for the said corporation for all purposes provided in proviso in section

12. The said corporation may in any way of loan or gift for the expenses and disbursements of colleges, schools or other institutions, and any committee having charge of any real or personal property assigned to the said corporation for the secure payment of any debt and may proceed in any way for the recovery of any debt or equity or otherwise to exercise the same powers as any individual person may exercise to enforce the payment of any debt as any individual person may exercise for that purpose.

13. The said corporation may invest any money upon the security of any municipal or public securities, or any other securities, may purchase and for that purpose may invest any moneys as are necessary for the purposes of investment of any body corporate or individual at any rate of interest, not exceeding the rate upon: Provided, however, that the same shall not be construed to limit the powers of the said corporation in respect of its capital or any other moneys of its corporate existence.

14. The said corporation may invest any sums of money for the benefit of any persons, as in the said Act, and any committee having charge of any such moneys may be required for the protection of the said general fund, hypothecate, or otherwise, any property held in trust for or sums of money s

years after its acquisition of any such real estate, sell or otherwise dispose of and alienate so much of such real estate as is not required for the use and occupation or other like purposes of the corporation.

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10. Subject to the provisions in the said section five hereinbefore contained, the said corporation shall be capable of taking, holding and receiving any real or personal estate by virtue of any devise contained in any last will and testament of any person whatever: Provided always, that such devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting devises of real estate to religious corporations in force at the time of such devise, in the Province in which such real estate is situated, so far as the same apply to the said corporation.

Real and personal estate may be acquired by bequest. Proviso: to be subject to certain rules of law.

11. The said corporation shall have authority to alienate, exchange, demise, let or lease for any term of years such messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and immovable property as shall be given, granted, purchased, appropriated, devised or bequeathed to the said corporation for all or any of the purposes thereof, subject to the proviso in section nine contained.

As to disposal of such estate.

12. The said corporation shall have power to make advances, by way of loan or gift, out of its funds not required to meet ordinary expenses and disbursements, to assist in the erection or maintenance of colleges, schools or parsonages, as the general conference or committee having charge of the fund may direct; and may take or hold any real or personal estate or securities thereon, mortgaged or assigned to the said corporation to secure payment of such loan, or to secure payment of any debts or demands due to the said corporation, and may proceed on such mortgages, assignments or other securities for the recovery of the money thereby secured either at law or in equity or otherwise; and generally may pursue the same course, exercise the same powers, and take and use the same remedies to enforce the payment of any debt or demand due to the said corporation as any individual or body corporate may, by law, take or use for a like purpose.

Application of funds of corporation.

Security to be taken for debts, etc.

General powers.

13. The said corporation may, for the purpose of investment, lend money upon the security of real estate, purchase debentures of municipal or public school corporations, or Dominion or Provincial stock or securities, may sell any such securities as to it may seem advisable, and for that purpose may execute such assignments or other instruments as are necessary for carrying the same into effect; and for such purposes of investment, may make advances to any person or persons or body corporate upon any of the above mentioned securities at such rate of interest, not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, as is agreed upon: Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to limit the power of such corporation to make such investments of its capital or surplus income which it otherwise has by virtue of its corporate existence.

Investment of funds of corporation, and on what securities.

Interest. Proviso.

14. The said corporation shall have power to borrow any sum or sums of money from banks or other corporations, or from private persons, as in the opinion of the general conference, or the board or committee having charge of any of the funds of the said corporation, may be required for the purposes thereof, and may, under the direction of the said general conference or committee having charge of such fund, hypothecate, mortgage or pledge so much of the real or personal property held in trust for such fund as is necessary to secure any sum or sums of money so borrowed.

Borrowing powers of corporation.

Provision as to trusts.

15. The real and personal property which may become vested in the said corporation, and which heretofore has been held by or in trust for any one of the said churches or denominations upon any special trust for missionary or other purposes, shall, subject to the provisions of the basis of union, until otherwise directed by the general conference, on the advice of the board or committee having charge of the fund, be held upon similar trusts and for similar purposes.

Duplicate seal for each conference: custody and use thereof.

16. The said corporation may provide a duplicate of the seal thereof for each of the annual conferences from time to time existing, and the custody of the said seal shall be as may be directed by the said corporation, and the same may be affixed by such officers as the said general conference by by-law or resolution directs; and until direction by the said general conference, the same may be affixed to any conveyance of property within the bounds of any of the said general conferences by the president or secretary of such annual conference, and may, for the purpose of conveying any property in charge of any board or committee of the said corporation, be affixed by the chairman of the said board or committee, or such other officer as the board or committee directs.

Certain resolutions to have force of by-laws.

17. All resolutions passed by the general conference of the said corporation shall have the force and effect of by-laws, and no formal by-law shall be required for the purpose of managing the affairs of the said corporation.

As to debts secured on property transferred to the corporation.

18. The said corporation in receiving, taking or holding any property heretofore held by any of the said four denominations, shall not in any wise become responsible or liable for the debts or obligations which have been contracted in respect thereto, but the property specially charged with the said debts, and persons who have become liable in respect to the said debts or obligations, shall remain liable in the same manner and to the same degree as if the said union had not been effected, or this Act had not been passed, save in so far as the said corporation, by the basis of union, has undertaken the payment of any such debts or obligations.

Basis of union adopted at Belleville confirmed and declared binding.

19. The said basis of union adopted by the said four denominations, and the rules, regulations and discipline also adopted by the said four denominations in the said general conference or convention held at the said City of Belleville, are hereby declared to be binding on the said corporation and all the members thereof, until the same shall have been altered or varied in accordance with the provisions therein contained, and the officers and boards of management appointed by the said general conference or convention are hereby declared invested with the powers sought or declared to be conferred upon them by the said convention or conference.

Certain rights saved.

20. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect any existing right or interest in the superannuation fund of any of the said four denominations, or any cause of action in respect thereof.

Commencement of Act.

21. This Act shall come into force on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four: nevertheless, the annual conferences of any of the said four denominations which have not met before the said date, may meet during the said month of June to complete the business of the year.

Repeal of inconsistent enactments.

22. All Acts and portions of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, in so far as may be necessary to give full effect to this Act.

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## SCHEDULE A.

### THE BASIS OF UNION

*Between*

The Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, and the Bible Christian Church of Canada, as adopted by the General Conference, in September, 1883.

#### I. DOCTRINES, GENERAL RULES, ORDINANCES, ETC.

The doctrinal basis of the United Church shall be the standards of doctrine and articles of religion contained in the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada, edition of 1879, from page 13 to page 21. That portion of the Book of Discipline of the said Methodist Church of Canada, edition of 1879, from page 21 to 33, referring to general rules, ordinances, reception of members, and means of grace, is also adopted as part of the basis.

#### II. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

##### (1) *The General Conference.*

1. There shall be a Quadrennial General Conference, composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, elected as hereinafter provided, with power to make rules and regulations for the entire Church. (See "Annual Conferences," paragraph 9.)

2. No change shall be made in the basis of union, affecting constitutional questions, or the rights and privileges of ministry or laity, except by a three-fourths majority of the General Conference, and, if required by either order of ministry or laity, a two-thirds majority of each order voting separately.

3. There shall be one or more itinerant general superintendents elected by the General Conferences, to hold office for a term of eight years; but if it be decided at the meeting of the General Conference, after union, to elect two general superintendents, one of them shall be elected for four years only, so that there may be a recurring election every four years.

4. A general superintendent shall preside over all sessions of the General Conference, and over all standing committees of the same.

##### (2) *Annual Conferences.*

1. The territory occupied by the church shall be divided into conferences, as the General Conference from time to time may direct.

2. Each annual conference shall be composed of all ministers in full connection within its bounds, and an equal number of laymen, elected as elsewhere provided. (See "District Meetings," paragraph 6.)

3. Laymen elected shall have the right to be present at all ordinary sessions of the annual conference, and to speak and vote on all questions, except the examination of ministerial character and qualifications, the reception, by vote,

of probationers into full connection and their ordination, and the granting of the superannuated or supernumerary relation, on which exceptive questions ministers alone shall take action. In case any minister's character shall be arrested, it shall be competent for the ministerial members to meet in special session to examine into the case and pronounce judgment, reporting their action to the mixed conference,—such report to be for information and record, and not for discussion.

4. Each annual conference shall have authority to elect a president from among its present members.

5. The general superintendent, when present, shall open the annual conference and preside during the first day of its sessions, and afterwards alternately with the president elected by the conference: in the absence of a general superintendent, the president of the previous year shall take the chair and open the conference: in association with the president, the general superintendent shall conduct the ordination service, and they shall jointly sign the ordination parchments. But all other duties pertaining to the presidency of the annual conference shall be vested in the president elected by that body, and in the absence of the general superintendent, he shall conduct the ordination.

6. The president of the annual conference shall be *ex-officio* superintendent of the district in which he may be stationed during the year of his presidency.

7. The annual conference shall elect by ballot, without debate, a secretary or secretaries, as the case may require.

8. The annual conference may elect by ballot, without debate, a superintendent for each district, from among the ordained ministers within the bounds of such district.

9. Each annual conference at its session next preceding the sessions of each General Conference, shall divide into ministerial and lay electoral conferences, for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Conference, each body electing its own representatives. The delegates shall be elected from within the bounds of said conference, and the vote shall be by ballot.

10. Each annual conference shall have a stationing committee, composed of the president of the conference (who shall preside in the committee), the superintendents of districts, and one minister elected by each district meeting,—such election to be by the joint votes of ministers and laymen.

11. Each annual conference shall have authority to elect into full connection and ordain any probationer within its bounds who has travelled four years and fulfilled all disciplinary requirements; also to elect and ordain probationers of less than four years standing, when the necessities of the work require it.

12. All preachers who have received ordination in any of the uniting bodies, and are in good standing at the time of the union, shall retain all rights and privileges conferred by such ordination.

### (3) District Meetings.

1. The territory occupied by each annual conference shall be divided into districts.

2. Each annual district meeting shall consist of all the ministers and probationers for the ministry within its bounds, and one lay delegate for each minister or probationer in the active work from each circuit, mission, or station throughout the district; said delegates to be elected by the quarterly meetings, as hereinafter provided.

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4. The district superintendent shall fix the time and place of the first district meeting, after which he shall fix the time, and the district meeting shall fix the place. In the absence of the district superintendent, the district meeting shall elect from among its ministerial members, by ballot, without debate, a chairman *pro tempore*.

5. The examination of ministerial character shall be business of the first day of the district meeting, and shall be confined to the ministerial members alone.

6. The lay members of the district meeting shall meet separately some time during the session, and elect by ballot, without debate, lay representatives to the annual conference, in the proportion of one for each minister in full connection within the bounds of the district. Laymen to be eligible must be at least twenty-five years of age, and must have been members of the church in good standing for the five consecutive years next preceding the election.

#### (4.) *Quarterly Meetings.*

1. There shall be a quarterly official meeting on each circuit, mission, or station, consisting of the ministers and probationers for the ministry, the local preachers, the exhorters, the circuit stewards, the leaders of classes, the superintendents of Sabbath-schools (being members of the church), one representative from each board of trustees (he being a member of the church); and also of additional representatives who may have been appointed by the societies of the circuit. The appointment, scale, and mode of election shall be arranged by the fourth quarterly meeting of the year; but such additional representatives shall not exceed the number of the stewards on the circuit.

2. The superintendent of the circuit shall be the chairman of the quarterly meeting, except when the superintendent of the district shall be present, in which case the latter may preside.

3. The quarterly meetings shall hear complaints, and receive and try appeals; recommend candidates for the ministry; manage and control circuit finances and discharge such other duties as the general conference may, from time to time, determine.

4. The quarterly meeting shall, at the fourth regular meeting of the year, elect by ballot, without debate, the lay-delegates to attend the ensuing annual district meeting, in the proportion of one delegate for each minister or probationer in the active work on the circuit.

NOTE.—Regulations concerning the licensing of local preachers and exhorters are referred to the first General Conference.

### III. CHURCH PROPERTY.

1. Upon the ratification of the union, such legislation shall be obtained from legislatures having competent jurisdiction, as shall vest in the united church all property now held by, or in trust for, the respective churches entering into the union.

2. As it is probable that in some instances church and parsonage property now in use will be required after the union, for church or circuit purposes, it is recommended that two ministers and two laymen be appointed at the district meeting in each district where any such property may be situated, who shall act conjointly with the trustees on each circuit in determining what property shall be retained for use and what shall be sold.

3. In all cases where such church or parsonage property may be sold, the proceeds arising from the sale may be applied :—

- (1) To the payment of any debts or claims upon or in respect of such property ;
- (2) To the payment of any debts upon the property retained for use by the congregation formerly using the property so sold, or in building a new church or parsonage where necessary for the united congregation ;
- (3) The balance, if any, to be applied, with the consent of the Trustees, to the use of the church and parsonage aid fund of the united church, in the annual conference in which such property is situated.

NOTE.—The regulations contained in clause 3 and its sub-sections, in so far as they apply to property held by the Bible Christian Church, shall be subject to the regulations adopted in regard to church funds respecting the debt of the missionary fund of said church.

#### IV. CHURCH FUNDS.

##### (1) *The Superannuation Fund.*

There shall be in the united church a superannuated ministers' fund for the western conferences, and a supernumerary ministers' fund for the three conferences in the Maritime Provinces,—which funds shall, for the present, be under the management of separate boards, as has been the practice in the Methodist Church of Canada. As no change is deemed necessary in regard to the supernumerary fund of the eastern conferences, the recommendations which follow, save the final one, are to be understood as referring solely to the superannuation fund of the western conferences.

2. The Methodist Church of Canada, having an invested capital for the three western conferences of over ninety-one thousand dollars, it is agreed that the other churches uniting shall supply such an amount of capital to said superannuation fund as shall place their ministers on an equality with the ministers of the said three western conferences.

3. No change shall be made in regard to the claims of any minister holding a permanent superannuated relation at the present time (*i.e.* 1882) ; and they shall receive on the basis of their present claims as far as the annual income will allow.

4. Income arising from annual collections and subscriptions in all congregations of the united church, annual subscriptions by ministers of the same, and any amount appropriated from time to time out of the funds of the missionary society, shall be used in meeting payments to all claimants on the fund, without distinction.

5. Income arising from the invested capital now held by the Methodist Church of Canada for this fund, and the amount annually received from the profits of the Toronto book-room (until such time as the publishing interests of the other uniting churches shall be amalgamated and their assets equalized with those of said book-room), shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the claimants on the superannuation fund now connected with the Methodist Church of Canada, and the claims of ministers now in the active work of that church who may become superannuated after the union.

6. The rule adopted above, in clause 5, shall apply in the case of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches, in regard to any book-room or other assets available for their respective superannuation funds, until the amalgamation referred to in said clause is accomplished.

7. So soon as the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist or Bible Christian Churches shall furnish an amount of capital equal, in proportion, to that now held by the Methodist Church of Canada, the superannuated ministers of such uniting churches, and those who may become superannuates after union,

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8. If the income of any year shall not be sufficient to meet the claims in full, then all claimants shall share in the deficiency in proportion to the amount of their claim.

9. If any one of the three uniting churches aforesaid shall fail to provide its full proportion of invested capital, ministers of these churches who are now, or may hereafter become, superannuates, shall draw in proportion to the amount of money actually provided.

10. In case of failure by any of the churches above mentioned to provide its full proportion of invested capital, it shall be competent for any minister of such churches to provide his individual share of such capital, and thereafter to draw from the proceeds of the investments in the same manner as superannuates of the present Methodist Church of Canada: this latter provision shall apply to any minister now on the superannuated list of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist or Bible Christian Churches.

11. The principles embodied in the foregoing regulations shall be applied in adjusting the relations, to the supernumerary ministers' fund of the three eastern conferences, of any ministers of the Bible Christian Church who may be included by the union in any of the said conferences.

NOTE.—A committee has been appointed, with power to employ an actuary, if necessary, to make a careful estimate of the value of existing investments belonging to the superannuation funds, and report at the first General Conference.

#### (2) *The Missionary Fund.*

1. On the consummation of the union there shall be one missionary fund for the whole church.

2. The missionary society of the Methodist Church of Canada having no debt, and the income and expenditure being equal, no recommendation is necessary.

3. The missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has a debt of ten thousand dollars, incurred in the purchase of property and the erection of churches in Manitoba, the property being held by the society as security for the debt; this debt is to be liquidated out of the assets of the society before the consummation of the union.

4. The missionary society of the Bible Christian Church has a debt of twenty-one thousand and eighty dollars, less about three thousand dollars, on which annuities are paid at six per cent. per annum, which annuities will probably cease in a few years. As this debt was incurred in the purchase and erection of mission churches and parsonages, it is considered a legitimate claim against such property: it is therefore agreed that the next annual conference of the Bible Christian Church shall make arrangements to distribute the missionary debt among the several properties, to erect or purchase which said debt has been incurred: but in case any property belonging to the Bible Christian Church be sold, the proceeds, after paying other debts of the trust, shall be applied to the reduction of the said missionary debt.

5. The above mentioned debts being provided for as aforesaid, the churches included in the union are to unite on equal terms.

#### (3) *The Contingent Fund.*

As the invested capital of the contingent fund of the Methodist Church of Canada belongs to the three western conferences of that church, it is agreed that it be left to the said conferences to propose a plan for dealing with said investments, and report the same to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, at the special session to be held before the union is consum-

mated. As the other conferences and churches have no such invested capital, all further action on the subject is referred to the first General Conference of the united church.

(4) *The Children's Fund.*

As there are no investments in connection with this fund in any of the uniting churches, it is agreed that the whole question be relegated to the first General Conference of the united church, to determine on what basis, if any, a children's fund shall be maintained.

V. BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

1. The Halifax book-room and weekly paper shall be continued as at present, on account of their geographical position.

2. The Toronto book-room, with its various publications, will also be maintained, and no serious difficulty is apprehended in the way of consolidating the other publishing interests in the west, at an early date, after the union is effected.

3. As the assets of the book and publishing house of the Methodist Church of Canada for the three western conferences are larger in proportion to the number of ministers in those conferences than the similar assets of any of the other contracting parties, it is agreed that each minister of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches, entering the union, shall pay into the general publishing fund such a sum as will make his interest equal to the *per capita* interest of the ministers of the three western conferences aforesaid.

4. In equalizing the *per capita* interest as above, payment may be made in cash, or by notes, payable in one or two years from the date of union; such notes to bear interest at six per cent. per annum.

VI.—EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

1. The Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church have a number of educational institutions in successful operation: The Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Churches have no such institutions in this country.

2. The educational institutions in the Maritime conferences present no difficulty in the way of union, and no change is recommended in their present relations.

3. In regard to the western conferences, it is believed that those institutions which possess university powers can be consolidated to the honor of their graduates and the advantage of their educational work.

4. It is recommended that the United Church adhere to the traditional policy of Methodism in regard to education, believing that the best interests of the church and of education imperatively demand that our colleges and universities should be under the fostering care of the church.

VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) *Composition of the First General Conference.*

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, having authorized the calling of a special session in 1883, to give effect to the union, provided a satisfactory basis is secured, it is recommended:

(a.) That in case the basis of union is approved by the requisite majorities in the quarterly meetings and annual conferences of the churches proposing to unite, it shall be competent for the annual conferences of the Methodist

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Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches, to elect delegates to the first General Conference of the United Church in the proportion of one out of ten ministers in full connection, with an equal number of laymen, elected in annual conference or district meeting, as the case may be; and these, together with the delegates composing the present General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, meeting in joint session after the latter body shall have closed the special session above alluded to, shall compose the first General Conference of the said United Church, with power to perform such acts as may be necessary to the final ratification of the union, and all other acts which come within the province of a general conference.

(b.) The annual conference and district meetings of the Methodist Church of Canada shall have authority to fill vacancies that may have occurred in their delegations, either lay or clerical, by the usual mode of election.

(2) *Expenses of General Conference.*

If the basis of union be approved, it is recommended that the various annual conferences make provision for taking up a collection in every congregation for the expenses of the first General Conference.

(3) *Transfer of Ministers.*

The Joint Committee recommends to the first General Conference the matter of making provision for the transfer of ministers from one conference to another, so as to give all reasonable facilities for meeting the wants of the work.

(4) *Time of First General Conference.*

In the event of the basis of union being approved, it is recommended that the first General Conference of the United Church be held in the Methodist Episcopal Tabernacle, in the City of Belleville, on the first Wednesday in September, 1883, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

(5) *Name.*

The adoption of a name for the United Church is referred to the first General Conference; but the Committee recommends that it be called "The Methodist Church."

THE METHODIST CHURCH ACT, 1884.

An Act of the Legislature of Manitoba respecting the union of certain Methodist Churches therein named.

**W**HEREAS the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada and the Bible Christian Church of Canada have agreed to unite under the name of "The Methodist Church," on the basis of union adopted by the said four denominations, and the Rules, Regulations and Discipline also adopted by the said four denominations in a General Convention or Conference, assembled at the city of Belleville, on the fifth day of September, 1883, which basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline are found in the Journal of the said Conference, published at the city of Toronto, by the Reverend William Briggs, in the said year, and also in the Book of Discipline, published by the said Reverend William Briggs, at Toronto, in the year 1884.

And whereas the said four denominations have, by petition, set forth that they are desirous of having the said union ratified, and have petitioned the Parliament of Canada for an Act to incorporate the said Churches under the name of "The Methodist Church," and are desirous of having an Act passed by the Legislature of this Province, to ratify and confirm the said union, and to vest in the said Methodist Church all the property in Manitoba now vested or held in trust for each of the said Churches, upon the trusts set forth in Schedule "A" to this Act, and to confer upon the said Church such further powers as may be requisite.

And whereas it is deemed expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows :

1. So far as the Legislature of Manitoba has authority to enact, the said basis of union of the said churches is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. As soon as the said Act of Incorporation shall come into force, all the property, real and personal, within the Province of Manitoba, now belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of the said denominations or any of them, or belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any corporation under the government or control of any of the said four denominations, shall henceforth be vested in and held, used and administered for the benefit of the said Methodist Church, upon the trusts, and for the ends and purposes declared in said Act of Incorporation.

3. As soon as the said Act of Incorporation shall come into force, all the property, real or personal, within the Province, now belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any congregation in connection or communion with any of the said denominations, shall henceforth be held, used and administered for the benefit of the said Methodist Church, upon the trusts set out in the said schedule to this Act, and the trustees acting on said trusts for any of said congregations at the date of the coming into force of this Act shall, notwithstanding any irregularity in their appointment, and notwithstanding their number shall not correspond with the number named in the deed of conveyance of said property, be deemed to be, and shall be, the trustees of the said property named in said deed.

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Provided, however, that if said number be less than five, the same shall be increased to at least five, so soon as conveniently may be after the said date of coming into force of this Act.

4. The form of words contained in column one of said schedule, and distinguished by any number therein, shall be taken to be equivalent to the form of words contained in column two of said schedule and distinguished by the same number.

5. As soon as the said Act shall come into force, the Corporation of Trinity College shall stand in the same relation to the Methodist Church in which it now stands to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and all provisions of an Act passed in the fortieth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered 42, intituled "An Act to Incorporate Trinity College," shall continue to apply to the said College Corporation; and all rights, powers and authorities by said Act vested in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada shall be vested in, applied to, and be exercised by the General Conference of the Methodist Church; and the Corporation of Wesley College shall, in like manner, stand in the same relation to the Methodist Church in which it now stands to the Methodist Church of Canada; and all the provisions of an Act passed in the fortieth year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered 46, intituled "An Act to Incorporate Wesley College," shall continue to apply to the said College and Corporation; and all the rights, powers and authorities by the said Act vested in the Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada shall be vested in, applied to, and be exercised by the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

6. The power conferred upon the said Corporation by the Parliament of Canada to take, hold and receive any real or personal estate by virtue of any devise contained in any Last Will and Testament of any person whatsoever, shall not be limited by any statute or statutes of Mortmain or by the provisions of any statutes in this Province.

7. All deeds of conveyance executed before the passing of this Act for any of the uses, interests or purposes of any of the above-mentioned denominations, shall be valid and effectual in the same manner and to the same extent as if registered within twelve months after the execution thereof respectively, except in so far as the same may be affected by the prior registration of other deeds or instruments relating to the lands embraced in the said deeds, and the non-registration of any such deed or conveyance executed before or after the passing of this Act shall not render the same void.

8. All copies of the basis of union, rules, regulations and discipline, or any amendments or alterations thereof published in any book of discipline or minutes of conference under the direction or authority of the General Conference of the said Church, or a copy of any by-law or resolution of said General Conference, purporting to be certified a true copy under the seal of the Corporation and the hand of the secretary of the General Conference, shall be *prima facie* evidence in all the courts of the contents thereof.

9. All Acts and portions of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, in so far as may be necessary to give full effect to this Act.

10. This Act may be known and cited as "The Methodist Church Act, 1884," and shall come into force on the first day of June next after the passing thereof.

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