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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference?

ANS.—WILLIAM KENNER, President of the Conference of 1880; JOHN KENNER, Secretary of the Conference of 1880.

W. C. Beer, Sup't of the	Cobourg	District.
J. J. Rice, "	Toronto	do.
G. Webber, "	Exeter	do.
W. Quance, "	London	do.
W. Hooper, "	Windsor	do.
J. Harris, "	P. E. Island	do.
W. Kinley, "	Wisconsin	do.
L. W. Wickett, "	Cleveland	do.

Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.

J. Nott, Representative of	Cobourg	District.
S. Collings, "	do.	do.
*C. Turner, "	do.	do.
R. Harper, "	Bowmanville	do.
*J. Rundle, "	do.	do.
W. Werry, "	do.	do.
J. Coone, "	Peterboro & Victoria	do.
S. H. Metherell, "	do.	do.
W. Yelland, "	do.	do.
J. Hull, "	do.	do.
I. G. Moynes, "	do.	do.
T. Werry, "	do.	do.
J. Y. Varcoc, "	Toronto	do.
J. Pickard, "	Exeter	do.

*Brethren marked thus, failed to attend the Conference.

Representative of	Exeter	District
J. P. Clarke,	do.	do.
H. L. Wills,	do.	do.
J. Parsons,	do.	do.
R. Blatchford,	do.	do.
J. Stevens,	do.	do.
D. Tiplady,	do.	do.
T. Werry,	do.	do.
H. Heal,	do.	do.
J. Isaac,	London	do.
*J. Rouse,	do.	do.
W. Field,	do.	do.
R. Butler,	do.	do.
R. Wise,	P. E. I.	do.
*J. Shackson,	Cleveland	do.
*R. Whitehead,	do.	do.

Preachers sent by their respective District Meetings.

Preacher	District
*J. H. Eynon, authorized by the	Bowmanville
R. Hurley,	Cobourg
C. Barker,	Bowmanville
J. W. Butcher,	Exeter
J. Gale,	Bowmanville
J. Whitlock,	Peterboro'
W. R. Roach,	Toronto
W. S. Pascoe,	Exeter
T. R. Hull,	London
*George Bodle,	Cobourg
*A. Gordon,	Toronto
E. Roberts,	Peterboro'
W. Jolliffe,	Toronto
A. Clarke,	Cobourg
H. A. Newcombe,	Exeter
G. Dunkley,	Cobourg
W. Ayers,	Bowmanville
H. J. Nott,	do.
S. H. Rice,	Windsor
R. Allin,	Bowmanville
J. Archer,	London
G. Smith,	Bowmanville
R. B. Rowe,	do.
T. Broad,	Exeter
W. H. Butt,	Cobourg
J. Holmes,	Exeter

*Brethren marked thus, failed to attend the Conference.

J. Veal
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Jacob C
Jesse W
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William
Thomas
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Andrew
John K
George
Edward

Meetings.

GEORGE WEBBER, Conference Secretary.

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Paul Robins,	(superan.)	William Jolliffe,
John Langdon,	do.	Archibald Clarke,
John Hicks Eynon,	do.	Henry A. Newcombe,
John Edwards,	do.	George Dunkley,
Robert Hurley,	do.	Walter Ayers,
John Chapple,	do.	John Harris,
John Williams,	do.	William Medland,
Cephas Barker,		James J. Rice,
William Hooper,	(superan.)	Lewis W. Wickett,
George Haycraft,	do.	Henry J. Nott,
John W. Butcher,		Richard T. Courtice,
Jacob Gale,	(superan.)	William Kinley,
Jesse Whitlock,		William C. Beer,
William R. Roach,		Robert Baker,
William S. Pascoe,		Stephen H. Rice.
William Kenner,		Alexander Richard.
Thomas R. Hull,	(supernum.)	Roger Allin,
George Bodle,	do.	James Collins,
Andrew Gordon,		Joseph Archer,
John Kenner,		John G. Yelland,
George Webber,		George Smith,
Edward Roberts,		William Ounce.

Richard B. Rowe,
 Thomas Broad,
 William H. Butt,
 John Holmes,
 John Veale,
 George H. Copeland.
 John Ball,
 Moses Metherell,
 Richard Mallett, B.A.,
 James Kestle,
 Robert Davidson,
 John Greenway,
 Thomas H. Dry,

Thomas Mason,
 John M. Tredrea,
 William Limbert,
 Samuel J. Allin,
 Edwin A. Tonkin,
 William Rollins,
 Herman Moore,
 Richard Thomas,
 Thomas J. Sabine,
 John Peoley,
 Daniel Williams,
 Francis M. Whitlock.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into Full Connexion?

A.—William Bryenton, James A. Dafoe.

Q. 4.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—

James Hoskin. William H. Spargo, John W. Cannom,
 These have travelled *three* years.

Thomas Brown, Fergus O'C. Jones,* John S. Lean.
 These have travelled *two* years.

T. W. Blatchford, B.A.,

W. Coombe,

A. C. Courtice, B.A.,

William Eli Reynolds,†

S. W. Muxworthy,

S. T. Bartlett.†

These have travelled *one* year.

Q. 5.—Who is admitted on Trial?

A.—Wesley Down.

* Bro. Jones having been formerly a Probationer and employed for the greater part of the year, is set down as having travelled *two* years.

† These Brethren were employed immediately after last Conference, and are now set down as having travelled *one* year.

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Q. 6.—What preacher has died this year?

A.—JOHN GUARD, who was born in Old Cleve, in the County of Somerset, England, in the year 1828. At the age of 16 he was converted to God, under the ministry of Bro. S. Crocker, and at once consecrated himself to the service of the Church as a devoted Sabbath School teacher. At the call of his brethren, he zealously labored for several years as a local preacher in the Taunton Mission; and, after a course of study in the College at Shebbear, he entered the ministry in 1863. In England he labored with considerable usefulness in the Hatherleigh, Week St. Mary, Bodmin, Chatham, Clapham and St. Austell Stations, until the failure of his health in 1863. He then connected himself with the St. Austell Town Mission, while he retained his membership with our church in that town. To the work upon which he then entered he gave himself fully, and proved himself to be specially adapted for it. His memory is still fragrant in St. Austell as the most successful missionary who has ever labored there. In 1870, his health again failed, and, resigning his mission, he emigrated to Kansas. The climate of that State was so unsuitable to him that he had to leave Kansas after a residence of a few months, when he came to Canada, on his way to England, as he supposed to die. Persuaded to remain in Bowmanville for a while, he speedily regained his health, and was so fully restored that, in 1872, he re-entered the Itinerancy, and was made very useful in the Columbus, Lindsay, Sutton, and Lakefield Stations. In the Autumn of 1879, he was seized with a severe cold while attending a funeral, and after struggling in much weakness to continue his work through the following winter, was utterly prostrated by sickness in the Spring of 1880, until early on Sabbath morning, the 25th day of June, he passed peacefully away to God.

Bro. Guard excelled as a pastor. Pleasing in his address, he was heartily welcomed in his house-to-house visitations. Genial in temper and generous in disposition, he was a warm and true friend. Devout and devoted, he was a practical and happy Christian. Truly consecrated to his Master's work, he was a faithful and successful Minister of the Word, the ending of whose life was a worthy termination of his varied career and successful toil. "I am going home," he said, with a smiling face, as light from the upper world fell upon his spirit, then speech failed, and so ended his pilgrimage-life.

THE STATIONS.

Q. 7.—How are the Preachers stationed?

A.—As follows :—

I. P. E. Island District.

1. CHARLOTTETOWN—J. Harris.
2. UNION—J. M. Tredrea.
3. WHEATLEY RIVER—J. A. Dafoc.*
4. VERNON RIVER—J. Ball†
5. MURRAY HARBOR—E. A. Tonkin.
6. STURGEON & MONTAGUE—W. Down.
7. WEST CAPE—W. Bryenton.
8. SUMMERSIDE—J. H. Collins.

J. HARRIS, *Superintendent.*

J. H. COLLINS, *Church Secretary.*

E. A. TONKIN, *S. School Secretary.*

*The Wheatley River preacher must preach at Glasgow Road every second Sunday afternoon ; and on a week-day evening (to be arranged for) every alternate week ; and also take the pastoral oversight of that appointment ;—for which the Union-Quarterly Meeting must pay him the sum of \$50.

†The Vernon River preacher must exchange with the Sturgeon preacher one Sunday in every six weeks.

II. Cobourg District.

9. COBOURG—R. T. Courtice.
10. CAMBORNE—T. W. Blatchford, B.A.
11. WELCOME—A. Clarke; R. Hurley, superannuated.
12. PORT HOPE—W. H. Butt ; T. R. Hull, supernumerary.
13. HUNTINGDON—G. Dunkley.
14. CAMPBELLFORD—J. Kestle, S. W. Muxworthy.
15. BELLEVILLE—D. Williams ; G. Bodle, supernumerary.

A. CLARKE, *Superintendent.*

J. KESTLE, *Church Secretary.*

W. H. BUTT, *S. School Secretary.*

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III. *Bowmanville District.*

16. BOWMANVILLE—J. Kenner, R. Mallett, B.A., J. Hoskin ;
H. J. Nott, Editor ; P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, and J. Gale,
superannuated.
17. HAMPTON—R. B. Rowe, J. W. Cannom.
18. COLUMBUS—W. Medland
19. OSHAWA—W. Ayers.
20. PRINCE ALBERT—W. Kenner, Another ; J. Langdon, superan.
21. PERRYTOWN—G. Smith.

W. KENNER, *Superintendent.*W. MEDLAND, *Church Secretary.*R. MALLETT, *S. School Secretary.*IV. *Peterboro' & Victoria District.*

22. PETERBORO'—W. Jolliffe.
23. LITTLE BRITAIN—W. C. Beer, A. Richard, W. E. Reynolds.
24. LAKEFIELD—R. Allin.
25. FENELON—M. Metherell.
26. LINDSAY—W. Limbert.
27. MANVERS & CARTWRIGHT—J. Whitlock, Another.
28. ASHBURNHAM—T. Brown.

W. JOLLIFFE, *Superintendent.*A. RICHARD, *Church Secretary.*M. METHERELL, *S. School Secretary.*V. *Toronto District*

29. TORONTO—E. Roberts.
30. HAMILTON—J. J. Rice.
31. PICKERING—W. R. Roach.
32. UXBRIDGE—A. Gordon.
33. PALMERSTON—T. J. Sabine.
34. SUTTON—J. Pooley.
35. WIARTON—T. H. Dry.

J. J. RICE, *Superintendent.*W. R. ROACH, *Church Secretary.*A. GORDON, *S. School Secretary.*

VI. Exeter District.

36. EXETER—G. Webber ; W. Hooper, superannuated.
37. MITCHELL—W. S. Pascoe ; J. Williams, superannuated.
38. FULLARTON—J. Veale.
39. USBORNE—W. Quance, W. Coombe.
40. CREDITON—J. W. Butcher ; J. Edwards, superannuated.
41. BETHESDA & HENSALL—F. M. Whitlock.
42. CLINTON—R. Thomas, S. T. Bartlett.
43. COLBORNE—T. Broad.

W. S. PASCOE, *Superintendent.*

R. THOMAS, *Church Secretary.*

F. M. WHITLOCK, *S. School Secretary.*

VII. London District.

44. LONDON CENTRE—C. Barker.
45. LONDON SOUTH—A. C. Courtice, B.A.
46. LONDON EAST—G. H. Copeland.
47. LAMBETH—J. G. Yelland.
48. INGERSOLL—J. Archer.
49. DEREHAM—H. A. Newcombe.
50. ST. THOMAS—J. Holmes.
51. TALBOTVILLE—S. H. Rice.

O. BARKER, *Superintendent,*

G. H. COPELAND, *Church Secretary.*

J. HOLMES, *S. School Secretary.*

VIII. Cleveland District.

52. CLEVELAND—S. . Allin.
53. ORANGE—H. Moore.
54. CHAGRIN FALLS—L. W. Wickett ; J. Chapple, Superannuated.
55. NEWBURG—To be supplied.

L. W. WICKETT, *Superintendent.*

S. J. ALLIN, *Church Secretary.*

H. MOORE, *S. School Secretary.*

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IX. Wisconsin District.

56. PALMYRA—R. Baker
 57. LISBON—J. S. Lean.
 58. YORKVILLE—W. Rollins.
 59. LITTLE PRAIRIE—G. Haycraft, Superannuated.
 60. BURLINGTON—R. Davidson.
 61. WALDO—F. O'C. Jones.

R. BAKER, *Superintendent.*

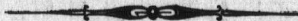
W. ROLLINS, *Church Secretary.*

J. S. LEAN, *S. School Secretary.*

*X. Stations Unconnected with Districts.**

62. WINDSOR—T. Mason.
 63. COLCHESTER—W. H. Spargo.
 64. CRYSTAL CITY AND SNOW FLAKE—J. Greenway.
 65. ALEXANDRA AND CALF MOUNTAIN—W. Kinley.

*The Missionary Secretary sustains the same relation to these stations as Superintendents of Districts do to the several Stations in their Districts.



STATISTICS.

Q. 8.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

A.—As follows:—

SELF SUSTAINING CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	From Other Circuits.	On Trial.	Approved Members.	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Camborne	1	2	3		7			7	75	82	12	75
Cobourg	1		1		3			2	67	69	13	85
Welcome	2	9	5		2	4		0	161	181	3	192
Bowmanville	7	5	8		8	39	17	81	509	590	77	624
Hampton	2	11	6		4	24	6	49	229	278	42	353
Columbus	2	3	4		1	21	11	10	91	101	20	108
Little Britain	3	11	9		7	49	11	36	413	449	87	666
Lakefield	1	6	5		1	2	2	38	129	167	31	153
Exeter	2	4	2		3	18	4	20	270	250	44	444
Bethesda & Hensall	1	5	4			16	4	24	147	171	32	246
Centralia	2	5	4		2	1		77	132	209	28	188
Mitchell	2	5	2			10	1	20	175	195	27	273
Fullarton	1	5	3		1	11	2	36	136	172	23	111
Ushorne	2	2	8		2	5		78	162	240	46	245
London Centre	1	3	1		1	5	4	1	80	81	16	121
Charlottetown	1	6	1			5	6		114	114	16	200
Union	1	6	4	1	2	6		13	107	120	33	223
Vernon River	1		3		1	3			67	71	1	25
Murray Harbor	1		2		1	7	2	6	72	78	13	97
Sturgeon	1		2	2				4	14	22	4	64
Cleveland	1	2	1		2	21	2		110	110	16	143
Orange	1	1	2	1	2				74	74	6	35
Chagrin Falls	2	1	1		1				58	58	11	91
Palmyra	1	4	5	1	1				116	116	36	189
Lasbon	1	1	2		3	5	2		89	89	28	174
Yorkville	1	7	3	2	2			11	120	131	39	234
Colborne	2	5	5		1	9	1	25	168	193	26	139
Huntingdon	1	1	4	2	1	18		24	101	125	18	174
Dorham	1	2	4			5			95	95	21	125
Oshawa	1	3	1		1	8	7	100	106	206	15	175
Totals	47	116	106	10	50	296	79	686	4111	4837	796	5781

MISS:

Port Hope
Perrytown
Hungerford
Campbell
Belleville
Pickering
Prince Albert
Toronto
Oxbridge
Peterboro
Fenelon
Lindsay
Sutton
Manvers
Wright
Clinton
Warton
Palmerston
Lambeth
St. Thomas
Talbotville
Ingersoll
Colchester
Hamilton
Windsor
London E
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Wheatley
Summerside
West Cap
Little Prairie
Hurlington
Newburg
Ashburnham
Waldo
Crystal City
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Winnipeg
.....Totals
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Grand Total

MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Churches.	Other Preach- ing Places.	Deaths.	Removals.	From Other Circuits	On Trial.	Approved Members	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Port Hope.....	1	2	1		2	6	6	10	90	100	14	117
Perrytown.....	1		3			3		5	38	43		
Hungerford.....	1	1	4	3		15	2	7	47	54	3	20
Campbellford.....	2	2	5	1		3	2	7	96	103	16	110
Belleville.....	1		1			6		2	28	30	8	87
Pickering.....	1	5	6	1				35	91	126	25	178
Prince Albert.....	2	3	6		3	8	5		121	121	24	119
Toronto.....	1	1	1		1	14	11	2	96	98	13	126
Uxbridge.....	1	5	3		1	10		7	57	64	14	75
Peterboro.....	1	3	3		1	5		29	119	148	18	131
Fenelon.....	1	3	5	2	1	9	1	23	99	122	17	88
Lindsay.....	1	1	1	1	1	11	4	15	54	69	10	106
Sutton.....	1		4	1	2	3		7	51	58	22	176
Manvers & Cart- wright.....	2	1	6	3	1	26		45	230	275	51	327
Clinton.....	2	7	5	1	2	6		24	140	164	29	230
Warton.....	1	4	3	3				106	106	22	130	
Palmerston.....	1	1	2			8	9		63	63	9	58
Lambeth.....	1	1	3			9		14	93	107	13	117
St. Thomas.....	1		1			5	2	4	55	59	8	89
Talbotville.....	1		2		1	6		2	61	61	15	122
Ingersoll.....	1	2	2		1	7	1	40	65	105	7	49
Colchester.....	1	3	1	2		14	5	1	56	57	11	88
Hamilton.....	1		1			3	5	4	42	46	9	144
Windsor.....	1		1			6		2	38	40	12	75
London East.....	1		1			18	6	12	76	88	15	140
London South.....	1	2	1			9	2	9	62	71	11	81
Wheatley River.....	1	1	2	1	1	5		5	61	66	16	130
Summerside.....	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	34	36	10	61
West Cape.....	1		3	2	1	1	1	8	123	131	19	145
Little Prairie.....	1	1	1	1		8		4	48	48	7	40
Burlington.....	1	1	2	1		2		1	58	62	14	95
Newburg.....		4	1			2			35	35	7	40
Ashburnham.....	1		1		1			8	30	33	5	20
Waldo.....		1		2			4		6	6	5	30
Crystal City.....												
Alexandra.....	1			9	1		11	3	32	33	15	55
Winnipeg.....												
.....Totals.....	37	54	83	36	22	233	79	329	2501	2830	494	3597
Totals on Circuits	47	116	105	10	50	296	79	686	4161	4837	796	5781
Grand Totals.	84	170	188	46	72	524	158	1015	6662	7667	1290	9378

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Approved Members	Totals.	Teachers.	Scholars.
75	82	12	75
67	69	13	85
161	181	3	192
509	599	77	624
229	278	42	353
91	101	20	108
118	449	87	666
129	167	31	153
20	250	44	444
47	171	32	246
32	209	28	188
75	195	27	111
46	172	23	111
32	240	46	245
0	81	16	121
4	114	16	200
120	33	23	263
71	1	25	
78	13	97	
22	4	64	
110	16	143	
74	6	35	
58	11	91	
116	36	189	
89	28	174	
131	39	234	
193	26	139	
125	18	174	
95	21	125	
206	15	175	
37	796	5781	

Q. 9.—Who are the Conference Officials?

A.—W. S. Pascoe, President; G. Webber, Conference and Corresponding Secretary, and Secretary of the Church Loan Fund; H. J. Nott, Editor; J. Kenner, Corresponding Secretary with England; E. Roberts, Financial Secretary and Book Steward; W. Quance, General Church Secretary; W. H. Butt, General School Secretary; R. T. Courtice, Missionary Secretary; C. Barker, J. Kenner and R. Souch, Joint-General-Treasurers; J. Hull and W. C. Beer, Auditors; J. Kenner, Secretary and Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund.

Q. 10.—Who compose the Executive and Missionary Committee?

A.—The President, Secretary, Editor, General Treasurers, Missionary Secretary, Superintendents of Districts, Financial, Church and Sabbath School Secretaries; Chairman of the Examining Committee; J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, J. Hull, J. Pickard, T. Bowden.

SUB-COMMITTEE—WEST.—President and Secretary of Conference, C. Barker and J. Pickard. (EAST).—W. Kenner, J. Kenner and R. Souch.

Q. 11.—Who compose the Stationing Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary of Conference, Superintendents of Districts, Editor, Missionary and Financial Secretaries, the Representatives of Districts, and J. Kenner, Treasurer.

Q. 12.—Who are the Examining Committee?

A.—W. C. Beer, A. Richard and W. Quance.

Q. 13.—When and where shall the Executive Committee Meetings be held?

A.—The *first* meeting shall be held in September, at Toronto; the *second* meeting, in January, at Bowmanville; the *third* meeting, at Port Hope, on the Friday previous to the next Conference.

N.B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports ready to lay before this Committee. The Stationing Committee to meet on the following day (Saturday) at 9 A.M.

Q. 14.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—On the First Wednesday in June, 1882, at the Bible Christian Church, Port Hope.—The preparatory Committees to convene at same place, on the previous Friday, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Q. 15.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—P. E. Island District, at Summerside, on the *Second* Friday in May; Cobourg, at Cobourg; Bowmanville, at Columbus; Peterboro', at Lindsay; Toronto, at Duffin's Creek; Exeter, at

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EDITOR'S REPORT.

In presenting this Report, I desire to place on record—1. My unfeigned gratitude to our Heavenly Father for help necessary to complete the labors of a very anxious year. 2. I desire, through this medium, to convey my sincere thanks to the Brethren for their uniform kindness and support. It is unnecessary to make comparisons or distinctions—in fact, it would be difficult to do so. As the rule, the disposition of the brethren has been courteous and helpful. It is only right, however, to say that the continued interesting communications from the pen of Bro. Barker has added to the pleasure of the Editor and the interest of "our paper." 3. We have not realized all the success that we desired. Many new subscribers have been secured during the year, but these are nearly counterbalanced by those who have given up, and others whose names have been dropped from the roll because of refusal to pay arrearages. The present circulation of the *Observer* is not quite eighteen hundred, and that of the *Ensign* about two thousand eight hundred. 4. The change of the *Ensign* has not resulted in the promised increase of circulation, while it has added considerably to the labors of the Editor. Its form and appearance are very highly commended by the Press and Schools in general, and the articles of Mrs. Mason are much appreciated by the readers of the *Ensign*. 5. The receipts of the year amount to \$3667.38. Disbursements, \$2949.42. Balance on the year's operations, \$717.96. Last year's balance, \$383.68—in crease on last year's balance of profits, \$334.28. We have about \$1,000 of arrearages on our books, reaching back, in some instances, as far as eight years.

H. J. NOTT, *Editor*.

GENERAL DEBT.

The following report of the Special Committee appointed to examine the state of the General Debt, and the effort recently made for its abolition, together with amount of subscriptions pledged, was received and adopted, as follows:—

1. On examination of returns from the several Districts toward the General Debt, we find the total amount promised to be as

follows: Pledged, by the Stations and Ministers, \$28,829.55; voted from the Children's Fund, \$170.45; promised by brethren, but not shown, \$1000—making a total of \$30,000.

2. We regret that the whole amount has not been paid in; but sincerely hope that the last dollar promised will be forthcoming by the first of August next. And, further, we urge the brethren on all the stations concerned to a determined effort to make the success complete within the required time.

3. That in view of the incomplete state of the "General Debt Fund"—all the subscriptions not being paid in—we recommend the Conference to appoint the brethren C. Barker, J. Kenner and R. Souch, as Joint-Treasurers for this year, with the following note of instruction:—That, as Bro. J. Kenner resides in Bowmanville, all moneys remitted during the year be forwarded to him.

4. We further recommend that all the Church Estates that have borrowed money through the Connexional Treasurer, be required to assume the responsibility of their respective amounts, within this year, either by direct Mortgage on the Estate, or by Trustee Notes; and that Bro. G. Webber be the Secretary-Treasurer, for the carrying out of this resolution.

5. That, as in the Circular issued the sum of \$850 was charged to cover annuities due the brethren, P. Robins and J. Edwards, we advise that that sum be struck off; and that Bro. Edwards' annuity be charged to the Missionary Fund, and that Bro. P. Robins' annuity be charged to the *Observer*, or Printing Department, if practicable.

6. That, as after the \$30,000 shall be paid a balance will still remain, we recommend that \$20,000 be set down to the Missionary Department, and that the remaining amount be divided among the several Connexional Funds, as the Conference shall hereafter determine.

G. WEBBER.

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E. ROBERTS.

J. PICKARD.

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SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY'S REPORT—1881.

This Centennial year of Sabbath School enterprise calls to mind the first public efforts of Robert Raikes, of noble memory, to establish what has now become an acknowledged institution of success and power in fashioning and moulding the moral character of the young. From the first small school, started in the month of July, 1780, in the house of a Mr. King, whose wife

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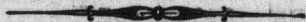
was engaged to teach at a salary of one shilling and sixpence per Sabbath, this enterprise has grown and prospered, until now the whole civilized world is dotted over with not less than seventy-five thousand Sabbath Schools, attended by thirteen millions of scholars, who, with sparkling eyes and gladsome hearts, study in concert the same grand truths of the Bible, as set forth in the International lesson system. In this great movement we see the hand of a wonder-working God, and recognize that Divine power which surmounts all difficulties, overcomes all opposition, and conquers all enemies. While thus looking at the present in contrast with the past, we are led to ask, "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

"Once by the river side
A little fountain rose ;
Now like the Severn's tide,
Round the broad world it flows."

As a Church, we are being used to the glory of God in this department of religious effort, as the statistical table will show, there being 398 conversions reported during the year, while 1294 scholars are returned as members of the Church. In this we see the prospects of a still brighter future for our denomination ; and we gratefully acknowledge the goodness and favor of our Lord, who has caused His grace to abound to so many.

In order to secure more complete and uniform returns, we would make the following suggestions :—

1. That all returns be made to the District Secretaries on the 1st of May.
2. That all particulars of schools suspended during the winter months be returned as shown at the time of closing.
3. That schedule books be furnished the pastors in which to make the necessary entries, and these books to be kept for reference.



SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	No. of Preaching Places in the District.	No. of Schools in the District.	Members of B. C. Church.		Non-Members.	Total.	Infant Class- es.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	No. of Conversions of Scholars during the year.	Scholars Members of Church.		Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	No. of Volumes in Libraries.	Copies of Bibles taken.		Copies of other Papers taken.		For Missions.	For School Purposes.		Total.
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Bowmanville.....	34	18	157	21	178	347	595	401	1343	89	240	126	808	935	2450	533	394	104 45	818 76	922 81					
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CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Secretary presents the following showing for the year ending June, 1881. The value of Church property as returned last year was \$359,093.78. The amount returned this year for improvements is \$3,736.67. The New Church and Parsonage Property secured to the denomination during the past year is \$6,822.00. The total receipts for the year in this department has been \$20,450.46, being a decrease as compared with the previous year of \$692.79. The total increase—if the amount returned as Improvements be included—is \$11,804.68, making the present value of our Trust Estates \$370,998.75.

The Debt as returned last year was \$59,462.30. The present Debt is \$56,644.02, being a decrease during the year on the indebtedness of our Trust property of \$218.28. The total disbursements for the year has been \$20,450.46, being a decrease of \$1,569.07.

A New Church has been built on the Union Circuit, P. E. I., costing \$1202; and a comfortable Parsonage at Vernon River, at a cost of \$870.87. Also a very fine Church has been erected at Welcome, on the Welcome Circuit, valued at \$4000. A Parsonage has been purchased at Orono, costing \$1250. And the Church at Bowmanville has been greatly improved, at a cost of \$700. An end Gallery has been put in the Ebenezer Church, on the Hampton Circuit, costing \$220, and two other Churches have been slightly repaired. An Organ has been purchased at Perrytown, costing \$120. A New Kitchen has been built, as an addition to the Manilla Parsonage, on the Little Britain Circuit, thus improving the property to the amount of \$150. A New Organ has been purchased at Hamilton. The Church at Palmerston has been carpeted, at a cost of \$45. A New Shed has been built at Clinton, costing \$106. A New Church has been erected at Freewill, on the Usborne Circuit, at a cost of \$750. And at Colborne, one of the Churches has been fenced, and a New Organ purchased. A New Organ has been purchased at Lisbon, costing \$110. Considerable improvements have been made on the Cleveland District, amounting to \$143.34.

On the whole, the year's operations in this department shows ground for gratitude, evidencing on the part of our friends liberality in sustaining our Trust Estates, and a desire to keep the same in a manner creditable to us as a denomination, and, as the House of the Lord in which men worship, should be kept. May

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W. QUANCE,
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BOOK-STEWARD'S REPORT.

We are pleased to be able to report that, from the receipts of the present year, we have been able to reduce the Principal Debt on the Book Room \$200, leaving a reduced balance of \$600 against this Department.

Amount of Stock in 1880,	- - -	\$1148.74
" " 1881,	- - -	1144.50

Stock less this year, \$4.24

By Year's Business, - - - - - \$1256.39

To " Disbursements, \$1205.30

" Cash Bal. on hand, 51.09

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WILLIAM JOLLIFFE,
Book Steward.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FOR CONNEXIONAL DEBT INTEREST.

While congratulating our friends, and devoutly thanking our Heavenly Father, for the successful issue of the general effort by which \$30,000 has been raised towards the liquidation of our Connexional Debt, we have to remind our friends that, in order to prevent an increase to our existing liabilities, it is absolutely necessary to make special provision for meeting the interest on the remaining debt. This done, we shall, provided Providence shall favor the country, during the next few years, with prosperity, see the balance of our funds on the credit side of the Ledger. — We therefore recommend the adoption of the following scheme, viz. —

1. We place \$20,000 of the amount on the Missionary Fund, \$2000 on the Church Aid Fund, and the balance on the Contingent Fund.

2. We advise the taking up in the Fall of the year, in every place of worship, the collection in behalf of the Church Aid Fund, and the amount to be returned to the Superintendent of the District before the following Christmas; and that any Pastor failing to do so shall be amenable to the District Meeting and Conference.

3. That as the interest on the Missionary Debt will amount to \$1400 per year, we think the amount should be divided

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Cobourg	"	166.25
Bowmanville	"	270.75
Peterboro' and Victoria	"	250.50
Toronto	"	117.25
Exeter	"	312.00
London	"	121.25
Windsor Mission,		12.00
Colchester "		14.60

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the Statistics of the Connexion, present the following Report: There have been admitted into our various Societies, on trial for membership, during the ecclesiastical year, a total number of 942. There is an increase of 358 meeting in Church fellowship, 3 Churches, and 39 S. S. Scholars. In this we rejoice.

We also report 72 deaths, 524 removals, and many dropped by reason of unfaithfulness. Nevertheless, after allowing for all these, we are pleased to report 7,612 meeting in Church fellowship among us.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

We, your Auditors, having examined the Books and Statements of the Editor, beg leave to submit the following :—

Receipts for the year,	\$3667.38
Expenditure "	2949.42

Balance on hand, \$ 717.96

Amount of debts due on Account of
Subscriptions to *Observer* and *Ensign*, 970.00

Total Assets, \$1687.96

J. HULL, } Auditors.
R. HARPER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

On examining the general Financial Statements, we respectfully present the following particulars:—

1. We find the total receipts from all regular funds to be \$44,916.14.

2. We find an increase of \$149.19 in the Quarterly Receipts, of \$585.88 in the Missionary Receipts, and of \$24 in the Contingent Fund.

3. We also find a diminution of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the grants given this year, as compared with last year.

4. On the other hand, we find about \$100 less in receipts to the Children's Fund, and \$157.42 less receipts to the Beneficent Church Aid and Interest Funds than last year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL STATE.

The Lord of Hosts is still with us, blessing us in many places with glorious revivals; believers have been quickened and hundreds have been converted to Christ. Our Sabbath Schools are doing a good work; many of the scholars have been led to embrace the Saviour. In some places, the Prayer Meetings and Class Meetings have been better attended; and the liberality of our people has been unprecedented. In most places Ministers and people have worked with a will, and, as we have shown, not without success. And even where we have appeared to fail, the great day may show that the toiler has not toiled in vain. There may be a few clouds flitting here and there; but, in the sunlight of present prosperity, we will not be alarmed at their threatening, but labor on, hoping that, at evening time, the Master coming, may say "Well done."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We thank God for the many noble, self-denying, and measurably successful efforts put forth in behalf of the cause of Temperance during the past year; notwithstanding, we see, with sorrow, the increase of intemperance throughout the land, especially in towns and cities. We also deplore the apathy and inactivity toward the Temperance cause by many who profess to be the followers of Christ. At the same time, we rejoice to see that many who make no pretensions to piety are giving much and needful labor towards the suppression of the traffic and drunkenness. We also firmly believe that if ever the Temperance Cause is to be crowned triumphant, the Church of Christ must be the agent by which that work shall be done. But to do so, the Church must first purge herself from all complicity with the sin of

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RESOLUTIONS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

VII. That the hearty and sincere thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the Brethren William and John Kenner, the retiring President and Secretary, for their valuable and faithful services, as such, rendered to the Denomination; and we are pleased to record our appreciation of their Christian courtesy, untiring zeal, and successful labor, during the past year.

XIII. That we sympathize with our aged and afflicted Bro. Edwards, who is absent from this Conference by reason of his affliction; and we pray that he may still be spared to preach the "the sinners friend," and that he may be divinely sustained while in the furnace of affliction.

XIV. That we are pleased to see Bro. Barker again in our midst, and are exceedingly glad to see him looking so well. We do hereby tender him a hearty welcome home, and desire to express and record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his preserving care and sustaining grace vouchsafed to our Brother in his varied journeyings, and abundant labors in the old homeland, and for bringing him and Mrs. Barker again to us in safety and peace; and we must sincerely pray that his days of usefulness may be long extended and made increasingly joyous by the Master's continual smile and blessing.

XV. That having recommended the English Conference to superannuate Bro. W. Hooper, we place on record the following, touching his case, viz.: That we gratefully recognize the fact, that for more than forty years, it has pleased the great Head of the Church to permit our dear Bro. Hooper to prosecute the work of the Christian Ministry—the first five years spent in the English work; that upon the several circuits he has labored the Holy Spirit has blessed his ministrations to the building up of the saints on their most holy faith, and in the conversion of many precious souls. The zeal with which he has thrown himself into

all matters affecting the prosperity of the Connexion, bearing at all times ungrudgingly his full share of toil and sacrifice; the urbanity of his carriage, his general courtesy and Christian kindness, and the warmth of his attachments, have endeared him to us all. We assure him that our recommending him for superannuation is to us a painful necessity, which, however, in his case, is somewhat relieved by the hope that compliance with the advice of his physicians may result in, at least, a partial restoration to health; so that, for years to come, we may be favored with his presence, counsel and prayers. We earnestly pray that our Heavenly Father will graciously sustain our dear Brother and Sister Hooper, in their present trial, and so sanctify this dispensation to their good, that their trustful hearts may reverently bow before him, saying "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good,"

XVI. That the resignation of Bro. Isaac Ashley be accepted, that the Secretary be instructed to write him, assuring him of our sympathy and consideration for him and his family in their affliction,

XVIII. That we rejoice to find that Bro. Holmes' health is so far recovered as to admit of his taking full work again.

XX. That we unite in congratulating Bro. Rollins on his narrow escape in the late Thames disaster; and we hope and pray that his health, injured by the shock, may be speedily restored; and that he may be long spared to warn men to be prepared to meet their God.

XXXVII. That the Sharon appointment, on the Bethesda and Hensall Circuit, be and hereby is transferred to the Crediton Circuit.

XXXVIII. That the name of Centralia Circuit be changed and that it be henceforth known as "Crediton Circuit."

XXXIX. That this Conference authorize the sale of the old church at Holmesville, and also the premises at Mount Pleasant, on the Clinton Circuit.

XL. That we authorize the sale of Eldad, Bethel, and Rehoboth churches, in the Usborne Circuit; that the proceeds of Eldad be appropriated to the Connexional Debt Fund, and that the proceeds of the other two properties be applied to the erection of another church, to be located between them.

XLI. That the order of Districts be so re-arranged as to allow P. E. Island District to stand first; and Cleveland District to precede Wisconsin. Victoria and Peterboro' District to be known hereafter as Peterboro' and Victoria District.

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of our denominational work, and as such economy cannot be carried out without the co-operation of our friends in general; and as the re-arrangement of Perrytown, Cobourg, Camborne and Welcome Circuits would contribute considerably to such economy, we therefore, suggest that the first Quarterly Meetings of said Circuits take up the subject of re-arrangement, and appoint four of their officials from each Circuit to meet in Joint Committee at Camborne, on a day and hour to be fixed on by the Superintendent of the District; and we hope their action may result in the outgrowth of a desire for the general good of the Denomination, leading to such re-arrangement of the ground as shall promote economy, and also promote more efficient working than is now practicable.

XLIV. That the order of the several Circuits on the Exeter District, as they appear on the Conference Minutes of 1881, be the order in which they shall hereafter appear on the District Book.

XLV. That West Cape Mission be placed on the list of Self-supporting Circuits, in harmony with the request of P. E. Island District Meeting.

XLVII. That Wisconsin District shall stand in the same relation to the Beneficent Fund of this Conference as all other Districts.

XLVIII. That we regret the inability of the Brethren, C. Barker and W. C. Beer, to attend and bear fraternal greetings to the Primitive Methodist Conference, as instructed; nevertheless, under the circumstances, we are satisfied with the letter sent, and we thank them for their services.

L. That the term "feed," as found in the Digest, be understood to mean hay and pasture—while the young men find their own oats, etc., as at present and generally understood.

LI. That Bro. J. Ball be allowed to leave his Circuit for two months during the coming year, if circumstances require it, and if he can make satisfactory arrangements with his Quarterly Meeting and the Superintendent of his District.

LIII. That we unite to accord our thanks to the President, Bro. W. S. Pascoe, for the admirable and appropriate Sermon preached by him to the Conference on Thursday night; and to our Heavenly Father, who so graciously assisted him in giving us counsel and instruction in relation to our God-given work; and we unite in prayer that Bro. Pascoe's life may be spared to serve the Connexion, and that his Ministry may be abundantly blessed.

LIV. That in reply to the Ingersoll Trust Estate Board, who request permission to mortgage their Church estate, we beg to

say that, unless there be any clause in their Trust Deed preventing their doing so, we know of no regulation to prevent them borrowing the amount of their Church indebtedness by giving a mortgage on their estate.

LIV. That hereafter the receipts and disbursements of the Beneficent, Contingent and Church Aid Funds, be printed in the Minutes of each Annual Conference.

LXI. That we are grateful to our Heavenly Father that, in our Experience Meeting, so many of the Brethren were enabled to testify of acceptance with God, of sustaining grace in time of trial, and for success attending the labors of the year. We are deeply convinced of the necessity of an entire consecration of our hearts and lives to our great work; and we hope that when the toils of life are ended, we shall together share in the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

LXV. That a young man be set down as second Preacher for Welcome Circuit.

LXIX. That the yearly surplus accruing in the Publishing Department shall, from year to year, be appropriated as the Conference may determine.

LXX. That the Missionary Secretary sustain the same relation to stations unconnected with Districts as that borne by the Superintendents to their Districts.

LXXII. That Bro. T. R. Hull be set down as a Supernumerary; and that we express our grateful appreciation of his many years of faithful service of the Connexion and God; and we pray that he and Mrs. Hull may be graciously sustained for years of service or suffering, as the Master wills, and finally receive an abundant entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.

LXXIII. That the Report of the Financial Secretary, as read, be received and adopted, and that the thanks of this Conference be tendered Bro. Roberts for his services as such during the year.

LXXIV. That as we find the payment of the expenses of *ex-officio* members of Conference presses heavily upon our Contingent Fund, beyond its capability to sustain, we hereby rescind Res. No. 45 of the Mitchell Conference pertaining thereto, and refer the matter to our Quarter-Boards, with a view of securing an expression of opinion as to the propriety of Ministers who have attended Conference in a representative capacity being allowed to charge their expenses from Conference to their respective stations thro' the Quarter Board.

LXXVI. That the Manitoba Mission Fund be incorporated with the regular Missionary Accounts.

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LXXVIII. That the Trustees of Salem Church and Lot, in the Campbellford Mission, be granted permission to sell said property, and devote the proceeds to the reduction of the debt on the Mission Parsonage.

LXXX. That the name of the Beneficent Fund be henceforth known as the "BENEFICENT AND ORPHAN'S FUND;" and that all orphan children, claimants upon the Conference, shall hereafter be paid out of that Fund the usual allowance of \$28 per annum, each.

LXXXI. That the following recommendations of the Committee appointed to report on the question of Childrens' Allowance, be adopted, viz.: "After carefully considering the resolutions of the several District Meetings on this subject, we recommend—1st, The Continuance of the Fund; 2nd, We suggest that the following modification be made in the future working of this Fund: That the sum total in the Fund shall, from year to year, be equally divided between all the children of the living Preachers in the Denomination, without distinction, under 16 years of age; 3rd, That the sum of 25 cents per member be the charge to Stations, for this Fund, for the ensuing year.

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LXXXII. That the very best thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to the friends and citizens of London, who have so kindly entertained the members of this Conference during its sessions, for their generous and splendid hospitality; and we hereby beg to express our gratitude, and place on record, for them, our heartfelt and abiding appreciation. We also express our grateful acknowledgment of the painstaking and careful arrangements made by Bro. Quance for the comfort and supply of this Conference; and trust that God himself will abundantly bless him and his family, and the good people who have laid us under such lasting obligation.

2. That the hearty and unanimous thanks are due, and hereby tendered to the Leader and Choir for their valuable and efficient services of song in connection with the Public Sessions of this Conference; and while thus expressing our grateful appreciation of their delightful aid, we pray that our dear friends may so learn Christ that they may, without fail and without exception, finally join in the song of the redeemed before the throne of God in the heavenly home.

LXXXIII. That the Book Steward's Annual Report be received and adopted; and, further, that the best thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to Bro. Jolliffe for his services.

LXXXV. That henceforth the sale of Hymn Books and other Connexional publications, through the Book Steward, be thrown open to Book sellers in all such places as, in the discretion of the Book Steward, he may deem expedient.

LXXXVIII. That the Report of the Church Secretary, as presented, be adopted; and the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered Bro. Quance for his efficient services.

LXXXIX. That the Report of the S. School Secretary be adopted; and that he be heartily thanked for his labors.

XC. That the preacher appointed to Hungerford be withdrawn, and the name of the station dropped from the list.

XCIII. That as the effort to re-unite Cobourg with the Camborne Circuit has failed, the request of the Cobourg Quarterly Meeting, to be allowed to appropriate their Missionary money for the present year, be granted.

XCVII. That a supplementary grant of \$30 be voted to Uxbridge Station, to assist them in meeting the deficiency of the Preacher's salary.

XCIX. That the following Grants be made to the Mission Stations, viz. :—

P. E. Island District,		\$250.00
Perrytown,	all they can raise, and	75.00
Campbellford,	"	
Port Hope,	"	
Belleville,	" and	200.00
Prince Albert,	"	
Toronto,	" and	180.00
Hamilton,	"	250.00
Pickering,	"	
Uxbridge,	" and	130.00
Sutton,	"	110.00
Palmerston,	"	140.00
Warton,	"	150.00
Lindsay,	"	210.00
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Peterboro',	"	
Manvers & Cartwright,	"	
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Talbotville,	" "	
Windsor,	" and	175.00
Colchester,	" "	38.00

Manitoba Missions, left with the Executive.

CI. That the Brethren H. J. Nott, Editor, and Chas. Hobbs, Esq., of London, England, be and are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this Conference, at the Methodist Ecumenical Council, to be held in London, England, in the month of September next.

CII. That as there exists a great imperfection in the keeping of Church Accounts, judging from the many discrepancies in the returns made by several pastors to the District Secretaries, this Conference makes it imperative that all Church Property Accounts shall henceforth be closed by the first day of April in each year, and be submitted to the Fourth Quarterly Meeting, to be audited then and there. Further, that the Church Property Schedules be filled out and presented to the same meetings, to be scrutinized by the Superintendent of the District, in order to secure accuracy in these returns. We also decide that in future the two questions following shall be asked on the schedules:—1. What is the Balance now in hand? 2. What is the amount now due the Treasurer?

CIII. That as our Manvers friends think they have no right to pay any proportion of the Interest on the Connexional Debt—having met all their own expenses as a Circuit since they united with us—while we highly appreciate their past liberality and manly course, we at the same time affectionately ask our friends on the Manvers Circuit to act in harmony with the other stations in assisting to meet the Interest on the balance of the Connexional Debt, by voting a sum from their quarterly receipts towards this object.

CXI.—That \$10 be charged with each preacher for the Contingent Fund, and 25 cents per member for the Children's Fund, for the ensuing year.

CXIV. Whereas the matter unfortunately so long pending between Bro. H. C. Brent and the Uxbridge station, (during which Bro. Brent's mind has been painfully exercised owing to the wrong done him) has been referred to this Conference by appeal: Therefore resolved, That while we decide that the terms agreed to and duly entered into the Quarterly Meeting Book, by which

the claim now pressed was regularly entered as an item of Circuit Disbursement, should have been paid quarterly as per agreement, we have now no alternative but to pass the matter over to the Circuit officials, as the only party liable. And we trust that, with the aid of the District Superintendent, the matter may be promptly, amicably and finally adjusted.

CXV. That the Conference Secretary be empowered and directed to make an effort to arrange with the Railway Companies to issue return Tickets for the next Conference at *one fare*.

CXVII. That the unanimous thanks of this Conference be presented to Bro. S. J. Allin for his valuable and efficient services as Journal Secretary; and that the Secretary of Conference be authorized to select and present to Bro. Allin a Volume in acknowledgment of the appreciation of his Brethren.

CXIX. That any of our Missionaries sent to the North-west Missions shall be obligated, in case of their withdrawal from our work for any secular engagement, to repay to our funds, as follows: It within one year, four-fifths of their travelling expenses; two years, three-fifths; three years, two-fifths; and four years, one-fifth.

Address to the Societies.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Being now assembled in Conference enjoying the unspeakable privilege of greeting each other after the labors and anxieties of another year, we would not be forgetful of the churches "over which the Holy Ghost has made us overseers." We rejoice to believe that the Gospel has been to you "the power of God unto salvation." But while you have "tasted the good word of life, and felt the powers of the world to come," we would urge upon all the necessity of possessing deep personal piety. Whatever may be your mental capabilities, educational advantages, social qualities, if you are lacking in piety you are disqualified for the service of God. "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world." The brighter you keep your moral heavens, the clearer will be your spiritual vision. The more tender your heart the more susceptible of religious impressions. The more free you are from spiritual incumbrance, the greater will be your speed in the Divine life.—The closer you walk with God, the sweeter will be your fellowship, the richer will be your experience, and the more powerful will be your influence for good. Piety should increase in mag-

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Through our entering the centres of population, building Churches, and employing more agents, our financial burden has become so heavy, as to render it imperative on every one wishing the welfare of our Zion, to do his best for the relief of our funds.

We have deemed it necessary during the past year to make a special appeal to you for subscriptions to reduce the indebtedness of the Connexion, and we record, with thankfulness, our high appreciation of the liberality and self-sacrifice of many of our friends in this our time of need, by your voluntary and liberal donations; we trust the Denomination has been placed in a safe position, though we shall still need your prayers, your sympathies, and contributions for carrying on the work of God. As it is more blessed to give than to receive, we trust the greatest blessing will be yours. Under both the past and the present dispensations, those who receive the truth are called to contribute towards its support. It is not ours to close our eyes to the claims of the destitute, nor the requirements of religion, lest in the day of reckoning we are found unfaithful stewards, and unworthy of reward. It is also of vital importance that you exercise your gifts and graces in extending the cause of God. You have all a place to fill, and a purpose to answer, and an account to render up. The wise man said "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Christ said, "Ye are my disciples if ye do whatsoever I command you." As the harvest depends upon the seed sown, so your future depends upon your spiritual consecration. The Christian church is engaged in a great work, the importance of which is not limited to time. Our Sabbath Schools furnish a fine field for usefulness. This department of church work has not the time and attention that its importance demands. Increased interest must be manifested in the spiritual welfare of the young if we wish them to become early in life children of God by adoption and grace. We want the most gifted, influential, and pious, to devote their energies to giving new life and vigor to this important institution. Many of our Sabbath Schools are languishing to-day for the want of suitable teachers to care for the souls of the children. "Men of Israel, help." Let there be no lack in any part of Christian work if you can fill the place. Not forgetting the declaration of our Lord, "Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give unto every one according as his work shall be."

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Address to the English Conference.

BRETHREN :—In the good providence of God permitted once more to address you from our Annual Conference, we greet you, affectionately, in the name of the Lord Jesus—yours and ours. The year past has been, in some respects, an exceptional one in the relations we sustain to you, and as affects us, denominationally, in many other respects, not less so; while in the general affairs of both, matters have eventuated which furnish those ever-varying aspects that mark all years alike.

Our sympathies have been aroused, from time to time, by recorded afflictions and death among the standard bearers in our beloved Zion; and these have forcibly reminded us that we ourselves are mortal, and we trust have stirred our souls to renewed consecration to our sacred trust, knowing that "The night cometh when no man can work." The death of Bro. M. Robins claims prominence in the record of our losses, and that, not only arising from his valuable and lengthy ministry among us, but also from the family relationship sustained to many in this "Canada of ours," foremost among whom is the venerable and beloved Brother Paul, whose life our God is still continuing, to the rich advantage of us all. Again, so beautiful a life as that of Bro. John Guard, which peacefully closed immediately after last Conference, though already taken note of by you, we cannot allow to pass without Conference remark. He was a man who loved God, loved his work, loved the Denomination, and loved and was beloved by all his Brethren. His life and ministry were in all respects exemplary; and, cut down at his post in comparatively early life, his removal will long be felt as a loss not easily replaced.

After several years of determined struggle against declining health, the active ministerial life of Brother William Hooper is brought to a close by a well-earned superannuation—request for which we heartily pass on to you, with the assurance that it will not be withheld. A suitable testimonial of the high esteem in which Bro. Hooper is held by his brethren is duly placed upon record. The usual vicissitudes of earth-life have attended us in our ministerial experiences during the past year; and we cultivate the grace to trust where we cannot trace the providential arrangements of Him who cannot err.

Another efficient laborer among us for many years, Bro. Thomas R. Hull, having earned for himself a good report, and rendered himself a blessing to many precious souls and the several stations

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that have secured his labors, retires to enjoy rest from the further anxieties of the pastorate. He carries with him, into private life, the esteem and confidence of his Brethren, and the prayer, that he may be spared yet many years, and prove still further advantageous to the Denomination, in whose services the vigor of his manhood has been spent.

While we cannot report a large net increase of members, we still rejoice in abundant evidence of the presence and power of God having attended our ministrations of the truth, resulting in many conversions, and, in some instances, extensive revivals. Thus, after making up for losses from all causes, we still report an increase of 413 meeting in society, although the total in full membership has triflingly diminished. Thus our hearts are gladdened by the experience so well expressed by the venerable founder of Methodism, "The best of all is, that God is with us."

The incubus of heavy debt upon our funds, accumulated as the result of the rapid extension of our work, within the past decade, to many new and important centres, had become oppressively burdensome, if not endangering our denominational solvency and existence. The appeal of the Executive, accompanied as it was by a clear statement of the full facts of the case, has elicited a most generous response, so much so as to place beyond doubt the self-sacrificing denominationalism of our friends. The easier circumstances in which our Funds are thus placed, together with the vantage ground arising from our recently enlarged field of labor and influence, will materially improve our position, and facilitate judicious extension of our work as a denomination.

The leave of absence, by which Bro. Barker has been permitted to live and labor within your jurisdiction proper, during most of the past year, has, we are thankful to learn, resulted in good to the Home cause, and proved a source of great enjoyment to him, and that without any serious damage to his physical strength, such as might have resulted from incessant activity and toil, so long continued, at our dear Brother's time of life. We devoutly acknowledge the goodness of our God in the preservation of Bro. Barker's life, and hailing his presence in our midst once more, with joy, feel that we are drawn all the more closely to you by our Brother having so recently left your land and work, and by the kindness and courtesy extended to him while among you.

The approaching Methodist Ecumenical Council in London, England, while it may be regarded as ushering in a new era in this extensive and influential ecclesiastical system, will be looked forward to with deep interest by millions; and earnest prayer that its deliberations, and the influences that shall go out from

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Under the circumstances, our Conference could not well fail to be a very happy one, which it certainly has been, from beginning to close; and we pray that when you shall presently assemble in annual convocation, the many matters of Divine comfort and encouragement enjoyed by us may be duplicated with you; and that the Divine presence may be abundantly realized; that your deliberations may redound to the glory of God, and result in great good to this section of the Church of Christ.

W. S. PASCOE, *President.*

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PREACHERS' NAMES.	WHEN TAKEN OUT.	PREACHERS' RESIDENCES.	NO. OF YEARS ON PRESENT STATION.
Allin, Roger.....	1868	Lakefield.....	1
Allin, Samuel J.....	1874	20 Henry-st., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.	1
Archer, Joseph.....	1869	Ingersoll.....	1
Ayers, Walter.....	1863	Oshawa.....	1
Baker, Robert.....	1867	Palmyra, Jefferson Co., Wis., U.S.	1
Ball, John.....	1872	Vernon River Bridge, P. E. I.....	3
Barker, Cephas.....	1836	London.....	1
Beer, William C.....	1866	Little Britain.....	1
Blatchford, Thos. W., B. A.....	1880	Olds Springs.....	1
Bodle, George.....	1856	Belleville.....	2
Brad, Thomas.....	1874	Jarlow.....	1
Bryenton, William.....	1877	West Cape, P. E. I.....	3
Butcher, John W.....	1843	Crediton.....	3
Butt, William H.....	1871	Port Hope.....	4
Brown, Thomas.....	1879	Ashburnham.....	1
Cannom, John W.....	1873	Hampton.....	2
Chapple, John.....	1834	Ohagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S.....	3
Clarke, Archibald.....	1860	Welcome.....	2
Collins, James H.....	1898	Summerside, P. E. I.....	3
Copeland, George H.....	1872	London East.....	3
Coombe, William.....	1880	Elmville.....	1
Courtice, Andrew C., B. A.....	1880	Askin.....	1
Courtice, Richard T.....	1865	Cobourg.....	1
Dafoe, James A.....	1877	Wheatley River, P. E. I.....	2
Davidson, Robert.....	1872	Burlington, Wis., U. S.....	1
Down, Wesley.....	1881	Sturgeon, P. E. I.....	1
Dry, Thomas H.....	1873	Wierdon.....	2
Dunkley, George.....	1862	Ivanhoe.....	2
Edwards, John.....	1831	Exeter.....	13
Eynon, John H.....	1826	Tyrone.....	21
Gale, Jacob.....	1843	Bowmanville.....	13
Gordon, Andrew.....	1850	Uxbridge.....	2
Greenway, John.....	1872	Crystal City, Manitoba.....	2
Harris, John.....	1863	Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	3
Haycraft, George.....	1841	Little Prairie, Wis., U. S.....	2
Holmes, John.....	1871	St. Thomas.....	1
Hooper, William.....	1840	Exeter.....	1
Heekin, James.....	1877	Bowmanville.....	1
Hull, Thomas R.....	1855	Port Hope.....	1
Hurley, Robert.....	1834	Welcome.....	7
Jolliffe, William.....	1838	Peterboro'.....	1
Jones, Fergus O'C.....	1879	Waldo, Wis., U. S.....	2
Kenner, William.....	1854	Prince Albert.....	1
Kenner, John.....	1856	Bowmanville.....	3
Kestle, James.....	1872	Campbellford.....	1
Kinley, William.....	1855	Alexandra, Manitoba.....	1
Langdon, John.....	1825	Prince Albert.....	35

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2	Limberty, William	1874	Lindsay	1
3	Mallett, Richard, B.A.	1872	Orono	2
4	Mason, Thomas	1873	Windsor	1
5	Medland, William	1863	Columbus	1
6	Metherell, Moses	1872	Fenelon Falls	2
7	Moore, Herman	1874	Barry, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, U.S.	4
8	Muxworthy, Samuel W.	1880	Campbellford	1
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25	Spargo, William H.	1878	Gesto, Colchester	1
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29	Veale, John	1872	Fullarton	2
30	Webber, George	1858	Exeter	3
31	Whitlock, Jesse	1848	Janetville	3
32	Whitlock, Francis M.	1876	Hensall	2
33	Wickatt, Lewis W.	1864	Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U.S.	4
34	Williams, John	1836	Mitchell	9
35	Williams, Daniel	1876	Belleville	1
36	Yelland, John G.	1869	Lambeth	1

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