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OF THE PEOPLE DENOMINATED
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NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Of the Ministers and Representatives of the People denominated Bible Christians, held in the Bible Christian Church, Lindsay, Ont. ; begun on Thursday, June 5th, and ended on Wednesday, June 11th, 1873.

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference ?

ANSWER,—Jessie Whitlock, President of the Conference of 1872.

| | | |
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| James J. Rice, Secretary, | do. | do. |
| William Hooper, Superintendent of Cobourg District. | | |
| William S. Pascoe, | do. | Bowmanville do. |
| Henry Kenner, | do. | Exeter do. |
| William Jolliffe, | do. | London & Cleveland do. |
| Thomas R. Hull, | do. | Wisconsin do. |
| George Webber, | do. | Prince Edward Island do. |

Representatives sent by their respective District Meetings.

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| Thomas Oke, | sent by | Cobourg District Meeting. |
| Charles R. Tamblyn, | do. | Bowmanville do. |
| Samuel Curtis, | do. | Victoria & Peterboro' do. |
| James Pickard, | do. | Exeter do. |
| Thomas Pratt, | do. | London & Cleveland do. |
| Joseph Knight, | do. | P. E. Island do. |

Preachers sent by their Respective District Meetings.

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| Paul Robins, | sent by | the Exeter District Meeting. |
| John Hicks Eynon, | do. | Bowmanville do. |
| Thomas Greene, | do. | London & Cleveland do. |

Preachers sent by their Respective District Meetings. (Continued.)

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| Robert Hurley, | sent by | Cobourg | do. |
| Cephas Barker, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| Jacob Gale, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| John Watson Butcher, | do. | Exeter | do. |
| William Roberts Roach, | do. | London & Cleveland | do. |
| William Kenner, | do. | do. | do. |
| George Bodle, | do. | Exeter | do. |
| Andrew Gordon, | do. | Cobourg | do. |
| John Kenner, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| Isaac Ashley, | do. | Exeter | do. |
| Edward Roberts, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| Archibald Clarke, | do. | do. | do. |
| Henry A. Newcombe, | do. | Cobourg | do. |
| John Guard, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| John Kinsey, | do. | Victoria & Peterboro' | do. |
| George Dunkley, | do. | do. | do. |
| Walter Ayers, | do. | do. | do. |
| John Harris, | do. | London & Cleveland | do. |
| Lewis W. Wickett, | do. | Cobourg | do. |
| Richard T. Courtice, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| William Kinley, | do. | Cobourg | do. |
| William C. Beer, | do. | Exeter | do. |
| Anslem Schuster, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| James Collins, | do. | Victoria & Peterboro' | do. |
| Robert Baker, | do. | Bowmanville | do. |
| Stephen H. Rice, | do. | Victoria & Peterboro' | do. |
| Alexander Richard, | do. | London & Cleveland | do. |
| Roger Allin, | do. | Cobourg | do. |

EDWARD ROBERTS was elected President; WILLIAM S. PASCOE, Secretary; RICHARD T. COURTICE, Journal Secretary, and ROBERT BAKER, Duplicate Secretary.

RESOLUTION 1.—That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the retiring President and Secretary, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of their office for the past year.

Q. 2. Who are on the list of APPROVED PREACHERS ?

A.—

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Francis Metherall, (superan) | John Brown Tapp, (superan) |
| Paul Robins, | Thomas Greene, do. |
| John Langdon, (superan) | John Edwards, do. |
| John Hicks Eynon, do. | Robert Hurley, |
| Abraham Morris, do. | John Chapple, |

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| John Williams, (superan) | William Jolliffe, |
| Cephas Barker, | Archibald Clarke, |
| William Hooper, | Henry A. Newcombe, |
| Henry Ebbott, | John Guard, |
| Joseph Heidge, (superan) | John Kinsey, |
| George Haycraft, do. | George Dunkley, |
| John Watson Butcher, | Samuel Jolliffe, |
| Jacob Gale, (superan) | William Wade, |
| Jesse Whitlock, | Walter Ayers, |
| William Woodman, | John Harris, |
| William Roberts Roach, | William Medland, |
| William Samuel Pascoe, | James Joseph Rice, |
| William Kenner, | Lewis W. Wickett. |
| Henry Kenner, | Richard T. Courtice, |
| Thomas R. Hull, | William Kinley, |
| George Bodle, | William C. Beer, |
| Andrew Gordon, | Anslem Schuster, |
| John Kenner, | James Collins, |
| Isaac Ashley, | Robert Baker, |
| George Webber, | Stephen H. Rice, |
| Edward Roberts, | Alexander Richard, |

Roger Allin,

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into FULL CONNEXION ?

A.—

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| James H. Collins, | Joseph Archer, |
| John G. Yelland, | George Smith, |
| William H. Quance | |

Q. 4.—Who remain on TRIAL ?

Richard B. Rowe,

He has travelled *Three* years.

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|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Mark Hardy, | John Holmes, | William H. Butt |
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These have travelled *Two* years.

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| John Veale, | Richard Mallett, B. A., | John Greenway, |
| George H. Copeland, | James Kestle, | Wm Tretheway, |
| Moses Metherall, | Robert Davidson, | John Ball, |

These have travelled *One* year.

Q. 5.—Who are admitted on TRIAL ?

A.—

John Pooley.

Thomas H. Dry.

Q. 6.—What are the Statistics of the Connexion.

A.—

SELF SUSTAIN- ING CIRCUITS.

| | Itinerant Preachers. | Local Preachers. | Churches. | Other Places. | Deaths. | Removals. | Received from other Circuits. | On Trial. | Members. | Total. | Teachers. | Scholars. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Cobourg..... | 1 | 9 | 3 | | | 19 | | 3 | 143 | 146 | 30 | 218 |
| Welcome..... | 1 | 9 | 4 | | 3 | 20 | | 1 | 145 | 146 | 23 | 143 |
| Bowmanville..... | 5 | 10 | 8 | | 5 | 22 | 8 | 7 | 390 | 397 | 67 | 637 |
| Hampton..... | 2 | 13 | 6 | | 3 | 32 | 5 | | 233 | 233 | 69 | 478 |
| Columbus..... | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 17 | | | 113 | 113 | 26 | 140 |
| Mariposa..... | 3 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 39 | 4 | 15 | 427 | 442 | 87 | 720 |
| Peterboro'..... | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | | | 112 | 112 | 10 | 104 |
| Lakefield..... | 1 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 125 | 126 | 30 | 150 |
| Exeter..... | 3 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 29 | 3 | 17 | 450 | 467 | 117 | 744 |
| Mitchell..... | 2 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 4 | | 281 | 281 | 34 | 446 |
| Usborne..... | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 25 | | 35 | 186 | 221 | 58 | 312 |
| London..... | 1 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 85 | 101 | 17 | 200 |
| Charlottetown..... | 1 | 12 | 2 | | | 20 | | 2 | 115 | 117 | 27 | 180 |
| Wheatley River..... | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | | 10 | 105 | 115 | 12 | 80 |
| Vernon River..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 3 | | 6 | 63 | 69 | 6 | 40 |
| Murray Harbor..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | 1 | 9 | 100 | 109 | 17 | 135 |
| Cleveland..... | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 4 | 17 | 78 | 83 | 21 | 136 |
| Orange & Chagrin Falls..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 6 | 3 | | 105 | 105 | 25 | 130 |
| Palmyra..... | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | 77 | 78 | 29 | 169 |
| Lisbon..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 2 | 94 | 96 | 20 | 130 |
| Yorkville..... | 1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 14 | | 3 | 140 | 143 | 50 | 275 |
| Totals in Circuits..... | 33 | 149 | 96 | 18 | 49 | 310 | 47 | 135 | 3567 | 3702 | 775 | 5559 |

MISSIONS.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Port Hope..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 68 | 75 | 11 | 90 |
| Perrytown..... | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | 11 | | 3 | 58 | 61 | 20 | 120 |
| Hungerford..... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | 8 | 104 | 112 | 3 | 60 |
| Huntingdon..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 97 | 101 | 10 | 90 |
| Campbellford..... | 2 | 2 | 5 | | 2 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 83 | 92 | | |
| Belleville..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 6 | 25 | 31 | 5 | 30 |
| Oshawa..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 13 | 7 | 2 | 100 | 102 | 27 | 120 |
| Pickering..... | 2 | 10 | 5 | 2 | | 20 | | 20 | 84 | 104 | 44 | 384 |
| Prince Albert..... | 2 | 6 | 7 | 1 | | 12 | | | 109 | 109 | 33 | 225 |
| Toronto..... | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 15 | 2 | 3 | 44 | 48 | 17 | 155 |
| Uxbridge..... | 2 | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 17 | 45 | 62 | 11 | 105 |
| Fenelon..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 1 | 92 | 93 | 27 | 140 |
| Lindsay & Cambray | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 5 | 119 | 124 | 20 | 170 |
| Sutton..... | 1 | | 3 | 2 | | 24 | | 20 | 24 | 44 | 16 | 80 |
| Ashburnham..... | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | 6 | 7 | 40 | 47 | 6 | 50 |
| Clinton..... | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 14 | 6 | | 86 | 86 | 12 | 80 |
| Colborne..... | 1 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 12 | | 18 | 115 | 133 | 26 | 179 |
| Grey..... | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 36 | 36 | | |
| Warton..... | 2 | | | 11 | | 5 | 3 | 13 | 83 | 96 | 9 | 50 |
| Lambeth & St Thos. | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 | | 80 | 81 | 20 | 50 |
| Ing'oll & Dereham | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 2 | 10 | | 1 | 78 | 79 | 12 | 100 |
| Colchester..... | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | 5 | | 23 | 23 | 9 | 140 |
| Hamilton..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | | 20 | 20 | 10 | 55 |
| West Cape..... | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 80 | 81 | 9 | 80 |
| Summerside & Bid- deford..... | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | | 5 | 37 | 42 | 7 | 60 |
| Little Prairie..... | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 38 | 40 | 10 | 80 |
| Totals in Missions..... | 38 | 70 | 71 | 48 | 20 | 207 | 73 | 154 | 1768 | 1942 | 374 | 2693 |
| Grand Total..... | 71 | 219 | 167 | 66 | 69 | 517 | 120 | 289 | 5335 | 5624 | 1149 | 8256 |
| Total in 1872..... | 67 | 223 | 163 | 68 | 80 | 333 | 62 | 404 | 5245 | 5649 | 1151 | 7793 |
| Increase..... | 4 | | 4 | | | 184 | 58 | | 86 | | | 553 |
| Decrease..... | | 4 | | 2 | 11 | | | 115 | | 25 | 2 | |

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Q. 7.—What preacher has died during the year?

A.—DAVID CANTLON, who was born in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, in the year 1821. He was of Methodist parentage, and at a very early age was made acquainted with his state as a sinner, and led to seek salvation in Christ. When about 18 or 19 years of age he became a school teacher and clerk of his parish, in which occupation he spent several years. After his emigration to this country he settled near Clinton, where he resumed his occupation as a teacher of youth. At this time he was without God in the world. At what period or under what circumstances the light that was in him became darkness, we have not the means of knowing. It pleased God however to make the ministry of Bro. H. Ebbott of great use to our dear brother, in that by his instrumentality he was brought back to the fold of Christ. Bro. Cantlon was one of those who formed our society at Holmesville when the cause was established there, and became a class leader and local preacher. After having exercised his gifts in these capacities for some time, he was called into the work of the ministry as a hired local preacher. At the Conference of 1855, he became a Probationer for the Itinerant ministry, and for the next 17 years made full proof of his ministry. During his ministerial career, Bro. Cantlon so fully enjoyed the confidence of his brethren, that he was called to fill, for several years together, the most important offices in the gift of his brethren. As Missionary Secretary, and afterwards as General Financial Secretary, he showed himself so reliable a man of business, and served the denomination so efficiently, that at the Conference of 1871, he was elevated to the Presidential Chair. The duties and honors of that important office were hardly laid down by him when the Master called him up higher to serve him for ever.

At the Conference of 1872 our dear brother was appointed to the Osborne Circuit, and entered upon his duties there in his usual health, and with his accustomed zeal. In a few weeks he was laid on the bed of affliction; but until a few minutes before his death, no fears were entertained for his life, either by the members of his now bereaved family, or his medical attendant. His death was a quiet falling asleep, as a wearied child falls asleep. During his short affliction he bore himself patiently, cheerfully, resignedly. The language of his lip and heart was "I am a sinner saved by grace." He seemed to have a persuasion that "the time

| Teachers. | Scholars. |
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| 30 | 218 |
| 23 | 143 |
| 67 | 637 |
| 69 | 478 |
| 26 | 140 |
| 87 | 720 |
| 10 | 104 |
| 30 | 150 |
| 17 | 744 |
| 34 | 446 |
| 58 | 312 |
| 17 | 200 |
| 27 | 180 |
| 12 | 80 |
| 6 | 40 |
| 7 | 135 |
| 1 | 136 |
| 5 | 130 |
| 9 | 169 |
| 9 | 130 |
| 9 | 275 |
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of his departure was at hand," although it was only at intervals and incidentally he gave expression to it. To our aged Bro. Edwards he said, "I want you to preach my funeral sermon," and added, "a sinner saved by grace." He calmly laid down the burden of life, and went to his rest on Friday, September 5th, 1872, in the 52nd year of his age, and the 18th of his ministry.

In closing this brief notice of our dear brother, we cannot but feel that a good man, a zealous minister, a successful worker has gone from our ranks. One who knew him intimately for years says of him, "His piety was decided and progressive . . . I believe he was a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a devoted christian. As a preacher he was zealous, diligent, and indefatigable. His preaching talent, if not of the first order, was respectable, and he was generally acceptable and edifying. "He was a good man and feared God above many."

Q. 8.—How are the Preachers stationed this year?

A.—As follows :—

I. Cobourg District.

1. *Cobourg*—W. Jolliffe.
2. *Welcome*—T. R. Hull.
3. *Port Hope*—L. W. Wickett ; J. B. Tapp, Superan.
4. *Perrytown*—R. Allin.
5. *Hungerford*—H. A. Newcombe, J. Pooley.
6. *Huntingdon*—G. Smith. One to be sent.
7. *Cambellford*—R. Mallett, B. A. Another.
8. *Belleville*—A. Gordon.

W. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of District.

L. W. WICKETT, Chapel Secretary.

II. Bowmanville District.

9. *Bowmanville*—W. S. Pascoe, W. R. Roach ; J. H. Eynon, J. Gale, Superannuated. *Connexional Offices*—C. Barker, Editor and Book Steward.
10. *Hampton*—H. Kenner, A. Richard ; J. Hoidge, Superannuated.
11. *Columbus*—J. Guard.
12. *Oshawa*—J. Kenner.
13. *Pickering*—A. Schuster ; J. Williams, Superannuated.
14. *Prince Albert*—W. Kinley, W. H. Butt ; J. Langdon, Superannuated.

15. *Toronto*—J. J. Rice, G. H. Copeland.
 16. *Uxbridge*—J. Archer; A. Morris, Superannuated.
 W. S. PASCOE, Superintendent of the District.
 W. R. ROACH, Chapel Secretary.

III. *Victoria and Peterboro' District.*

17. *Mariposa*,—A. Clarke, J. Kinsey, Another; M. Hardy
 Supernumerary.
 18. *Peterboro' and Ashburnham*—W. Hooper, W. H.
 Quance.
 19. *Lakefield*—S. H. Rice.
 20. *Fenelon*—R. Hurley, J. Collins.
 21. *Lindsay*—E. Roberts.
 22. *Sutton*—G. Dunkley.

E. ROBERTS, Superintendent of District.
 S. H. RICE, Chapel Secretary.

IV. *Exeter District.*

23. *Exeter*—J. Whitlock, J. Holmes; J. Edwards, Super-
 annuated.
 24. *Mitchell*—J. W. Butcher, P. Robins.
 25. *Usborne*—W. C. Beer, M. Metherall.
 26. *Clinton*—W. Wade. One wanted.
 27. *Colborne*—I. Ashley.
 28. *Grey*—G. Bodle.
 29. *Warton*—W. Woodman, J. Veale.

J. WHITLOCK, Superintendent of District.
 W. C. BEER, Chapel Secretary.

V. *London District.*

30. *London*—W. Kenner.
 31. *Lambeth*—T. Greene.
 32. *St. Thomas*—J. Harris.
 33. *Ingersoll*—R. Baker.
 34. *Dereham*—W. Trethewey.
 35. *Colchester*—J. Ball.
 36. *Hamilton*—W. Ayers.

W. KENNER, Superintendent of District.
 J. HARRIS, Chapel Secretary.

VI. *Prince Edward Island District.*

37. *Charlottetown*—G. Webber. One from England. *
 38. *Wheatley River*—R. B. Rowe.

* The Brother to be asked for from England, is to labor
 under the direction of the Superintendent of the District.

39. *Vernon River*—J. Kestle.
 40. *Murray Harbor*—W. Medland.
 41. *West Cape*—J. G. Yelland; F. Metheral, Superan.
 42. *Summerside and Bideford*—J. H. Collins.

G. WEBBER, Superintendent of District.
 W. MEDLAND, Chapel Secretary

VII. Wisconsin District.

43. *Palmyra*—R. Davidson.
 44. *Lisbon*—H. Ebbott; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.
 45. *Yorkville*—S. Jolliffe.
 46. *Burlington*—T. H. Dry.
 47. *Little Prairie*—J. Greenway.

S. JOLLIFFE, Superintendent of District.
 J. GREENWAY, Chapel Secretary.

VIII. Cleveland District.

48. *Cleveland*—R. T. Courtice.
 49. *Orange*—One to be sent.
 50. *Chagrin Falls*—J. Chapple.

J. CHAPPLE, Superintendent of District.
 R. T. COURTICE, Chapel Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

EDWARD ROBERTS, President.
 W. S. PASCOE, Secretary.

LENGTH OF TIME ON A CIRCUIT.

RES. 33.—That as the question of the number of years a preacher may remain on a Station is one in which our lay friends are deeply interested, we deem it impolitic to disturb the existing law until the Conference of 1875, when said Conference will be composed of equal numbers of ministers and laymen.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

RES. 40.—That while relating our christian experience, we felt the presence of the Lord; we were enabled to speak clearly of our conversion and growth in grace. We felt and still feel our great indebtedness to God for his mercy in pardoning our many sins, and for his sustaining and comforting grace. We have felt, again and again, dissatisfied with ourselves, with our weakness and our unfaithfulness, and still feel that our best efforts to serve God have been sadly imperfect. We love God and rejoice in Him and in the prospect of meeting Him and each other at home in heaven. Many of us have had unusually severe trials, and realised also unusually blessed experiences of Divine support and communion. We grow in grace; our hope in God is stronger than ever, His service is increasingly delightful to us, our hearts long for greater likeness to God, we are happy in the service of the best of Masters, and joyfully anticipate the period when we shall serve Him with no imperfect service, and in that service be forever blessed and forever satisfied.

THANKS.

RES. 43.—That th sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference be and are hereby given to the Brethren C. Barker and W. Windatt, for the efficient services rendered during the past year as General Treasurers.

QUARTERLY TICKETS.

RES. 44.—That the question, "Is it desirable or otherwise, to abolish Quarterly Tickets?" be referred to our people, through the Quarterly Meetings, and that the District Meetings report thereon to the next Conference.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

RES. 47.—That our friends throughout this Conference be requested to arrange to hold their Missionary Meetings as early as possible, so as to close their Missionary accounts by the second Quarterly Committee Meeting, if practicable.

MISSION STATIONS AND WEEK NIGHT LABOR.

RES. 48.—Whereas there is room to fear that on some of our Mission Stations, the Brethren appointed to labor thereon, are not particularly careful to attend to what is generally understood by weeknight meetings, Resolved that the following shall be regarded as the duty of every agent of our Missionary Society:

1. To visit the different places on his Station during the week days, at least once a fortnight, calling upon as many of the friends as may be found practicable, and holding a public service in the evening—said service may be preaching, prayer meeting, or a Bible Class, as may be thought most conducive to the public good—and should it be inconvenient for the friends to assemble, owing to distance from the place of meeting, or any other cause, it shall be the duty of the Missionary to visit as many of them as it may be practicable for him to do.

2. To report quarterly, to the Missionary Secretary the number of week night meetings he has held, distinguishing between preaching, prayer meetings and Bible Classes.

3. He shall not abandon any preaching station without first obtaining the consent of the Superintendent of the District.

4. To extend his field of labor into the regions beyond, and labor in every possible way to promote the glory of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS.

RES. 49.—Whereas much irregularity has obtained in our Sabbath School Returns, and whereas it is deemed necessary to get our Sabbath School work into better shape, Resolved, That a Brother be appointed as Secretary of the Sabbath School department, and that he be hereby empowered to secure such returns as he may deem necessary in the premises.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

RES. 52.—That the Examining Committee are hereby instructed to prepare a course of study for Local Preachers, in conformity with the request of the Bowmanville District Meeting.

SPIRITUAL STATE.

RES. 53.—That the following report of the Spiritual state of the church be adopted:—In reporting on the Spiritual condition of the Denomination, as expressed in the Spiritual state of the Districts, we are thankful to state that there are some very encouraging and hopeful indications. Generally our members are living in peace, in the enjoyment of the divine favor and blessing, striving to promote God's will and their own personal salvation, through a careful attendance on the private, social, and public means of grace. While on the other hand, there are not wanting in some of our members, painful manifestations of the lack of spirituality and attendance on the means of grace, and the necessary incentives of living piety, and in others too great conformity to the present world in dress, in temper, in trade, and in the general features of this life, for some even distance the keenest worldling in the race of fashion, gold, and mammon, and thereby the hands of the faithful minister are made to hang down, the gospel obtains fewer conquests, and the kingdom of Christ is too often retarded. In view of this, we affectionately urge on our members and friends generally, close attention to personal godliness, to family devotion, to the observance of the means of grace, and to private prayer, that the name of God be not blasphemed, but that the church may so shine, that others seeing their good works may glorify their Father who is in heaven.

SALARY OF SINGLE PREACHERS.

RES. 55.—That the question of increasing the salaries of single preachers be referred to the Quarterly Meetings for their opinion upon the same, to be reported to and acted upon by the next Conference, and we further recommend that stations on which young men are appointed to labor during this year, do increase their salaries as they shall deem best.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

RES. 58.—That the following report of the Committee on statistics be adopted:—In examining our statistics for the year, we are pleased to state that the Master has not left us without evidences of his approval, manifested in the fact that, after allowing for 69 deaths and an unprecedented number of removals, amounting to 517, being 184 more than last year, we find an increase of 86 approved members, although there is a smaller number on trial. There is also an increase of 3 Itinerant Preachers, and 6 Churches of a very substantial and commodious character, which number would have been more than doubled, had not several old ones been abandoned during the year. The returns show the pleasing increase in the Sabbath School department of 553 scholars.

SOCIAL AND TEA MEETINGS.

RES. 57.—Whereas the opinion of this Conference has been solicited in respect to Public Teas and Socials, therefore be it resolved:—That in the opinion of this Conference, there is nothing essentially wrong in any society and congregation meeting together and eating and drinking when they meet, provided they "eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart." We are nevertheless convinced that the richness and variety of the articles of diet generally used on such occasions are a contravention of the plainness and simplicity of the New Testament religion, and a very near approach to the conduct of the heathen, whose constant inquiry is, "What shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed?" It must be apparent to all that our Tea Meetings are exhibitions of finery and vanity. The recently introduced Socials, while bearing the reprehensible features of the common Tea Meeting, present the more odious features of being conducted, generally at night, and the reading of light literature, mere calculated to promote amusement and licentiousness, than piety. We also deeply mourn the presence of games of chance, in the shape of Election Cakes and such like unchristian methods, &c., as a means of raising funds for church purposes and creating amusement. We therefore advise, 1. That our friends should give of their substance for the support of the institutions of the church, as the Lord hath prospered them, believing as we do, that such a mode of contribution would obviate the need of most of our public Teas and Socials. 2. We advise that when our friends decide on having Tea Meetings or Socials, the sanction of the Preacher in charge be secured, to the intellectual and moral character of the entertainment; and we further require all our ministers to oppose, by every legitimate means, all those irregularities of which complaint has been made as to the mode of conducting Socials and public Tea Meetings.

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

RES. 59.—That we allow the request of the District Meeting of the Wisconsin District, That they become financially independent in all respects, except the Preachers' Fund, but that in all other respects they retain their present relationship to this Conference.

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES WITH HIRED LOCAL PREACHERS.

RES. 60.—That whenever any brother is taken out and sent to a Station with a view to his entering the ministry and he arrives on the Station before the first Quarterly Meeting, the Connexional charges shall invariably be made in full.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONS.

RES. 61.—That we rejoice in the success which has attended the French Canadian Missionary Society, and pray that still further success may attend their efforts, and regret that at present, we have neither men nor means at our disposal to aid or join them in that department of Christian work.

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FINANCE.

RES. 62.—That having examined the Receipts and Disbursements on the several Districts, with the resolutions bearing thereon, and having examined the grand total as per Secretary's Book, and upon comparing the same with those of former years, we particularize as follows: Increase in Quarterly Receipts, \$2739.30; Missionary Receipts, \$656.88; Children's Proportion, \$60.72; Contingent Fund, \$56.00. The Receipts of the Beneficent Fund are a little less than last year. We do not forget the fact that our Quarterly Disbursements have increased to the amount of \$3634.90; this latter may be accounted for in part, through so many new fields of labor being recently opened, involving extra House Rent, Furniture, &c., &c. The increased liberality on the part of the friends, as shown from the Receipts in the several departments, enable your Committee to report our Financial position to be healthy and sound; and we are encouraged to hope from the past, that our growing responsibility, financially, will commend itself to the enlightened judgment and christian liberality of our friends generally. We beg to suggest further, that we practice all reasonable economy in the use of the means committed to our trust, in our several spheres of operation, in order to keep our financial position free from embarrassment and above depression.

TEMPERANCE.

RES. 63.—That this Conference avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its unabated interest in the Temperance cause; of the great pleasure it has realized in finding that the agitation of this great social Reform has reached the floor both of the Provincial and Dominion Parliaments. Still viewing the evils growing out of the use of intoxicating drinks, as multiform and manifold, and that every effort we can put forth to check these evils, it is our duty to render, we pledge ourselves and urge our ministers and friends everywhere, to rigidly abstain from intoxicating drinks, assist in the efforts of Temperance organizations, and bring what influence we and they have, to bear upon the members of Parliament, that by Moral Suasion, Bands of Hope, and Legislative enactments, we may help the triumph so desirable for the temporal, spiritual, and eternal interests of humanity.

SALARY.

RES. 64.—That the general usage of paying young men their full salary during the first year of their ministry, we regard as just and equitable, and it should be observed in every case where said persons arrive on the Station as soon after Conference as can be reasonably expected.

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES.

RES. 65.—That the Connexional charges to Stations be as follows: Children's Proportion, 25 cts. per member; Contingent Fund, \$10, with each preacher—Rate of discount on U. S. Currency, 10 per cent, as last year.

MODE OF MAKING RETURNS OF THE MISSIONARY ACCOUNT.

RES. 75.—That in making Returns to the Missionary Secretary of what has been received as Missionary Money on Mission Stations, the sum contributed to the Quarter Board be added in every case to the total amount of Missionary money raised, so as to show the actual amount raised and expended for Missionary purposes on the Mission.

GRANTS.

RES. 80.—That the following Grants be made to the Mission Circuits for the year ending May 10th, 1874:

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| Belleville,..... | All they can raise..... | and \$450.00 |
| Campbellford,..... | "..... | and 70.00 |
| Colborne,..... | "..... | |
| Clinton,..... | "..... | and if a single man be sent.....100.00 |
| Colchester, Left with the Committee at its first meeting. | | |
| Fenelon,..... | All they can raise..... | and 275.00 |
| Grey,..... | "..... | and 180.00 |
| Huntingdon,..... | "..... | 50.00 |
| Hungerford,..... | "..... | 100.00 |
| Hamilton,..... | "..... | and 400.00 |
| Ingersoll,..... | "..... | and 200.00 |

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| Lindsay,..... | All they can raise..... | and 150,00 |
| Lambeth,..... | "..... | "..... |
| Oshawa,..... | "..... | and 40,00 |
| Perrytown,..... | "..... | "..... |
| Port Hope,..... | "..... | and 100,00 |
| Pickering..... | "..... | "..... |
| Prince Albert,..... | "..... | and 40,00 |
| Prince Edward Island,..... | "..... | and 375,00 |
|do..... | For Furniture..... | 75,00 |
| Sutton,..... | All they can raise..... | and 300,00 |
| St. Thomas,..... | "..... | and 375,00 |
|do..... | For Furniture..... | 25,00 |
| Toronto,..... | All they can raise and..... | and 600,00 |
| Uxbridge, Left with the Committee at its first meeting. | | |
| Warton,..... | All they can raise..... | and 375,00 |

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARIES.

RES. 82.—As very much evil has grown out of the too general method of conducting our Sabbath School Anniversaries, arising from the practice of Recitations and other exciting exercises on the Sabbath day—in some instances hundreds of persons are brought together, many of whom are among the most irreligious of the surrounding neighborhood, as a consequence, Horse-racing, and other wicked practices obtain, to which must be added the general confusion of every family in the vicinity of the church where the Anniversary is held, we advise that our friends discontinue the practice of special Sabbath services in connection with their School Anniversaries, and that all the festivities of the occasion be conducted on a week day, and even then, that they avoid everything inconsistent with the requirements of our Holy Religion.

LIST OF LESSONS FOR 1874.

RES. 83.—That we recommend the International List of Lessons as the best for use in our Sabbath Schools. We regard them as excellent selections for the purposes designed.

COMMITTEES.

Q. 6.—Who are the Executive Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary, Superintendents of Districts, the Editor, Missionary Secretary, Financial Secretary, General Sabbath School Secretary, General Treasurers; J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, W. Hooper, H. Kenner, C. R. Tambllyn, J. Clarke, J. Hull, J. Pickard, T. Clarke, R. Gordon, T. Oke, G. Hazeldine.

SUB COMMITTEE.—The President and Secretary of the Conference, Missionary Secretary, Editor, C. R. Tambllyn and W. Windatt.

Q. 7.—Who are the Stationing Committee?

A.—The President and Secretary, the Ex-President, Superintendents and Representatives of Districts, the Editor, and the Missionary and Financial Secretaries.

Q. 8.—Who are the Examining Committee?

A.—A. Clarke, W. R. Roach, W. Jolliffe.

CONFERENCE OFFICIALS.

C. Barker, Corresponding Secretary with England and Treasurer of the Preacher's Fund. W. S. Pascoe, General Corresponding Secretary and Secretary of Executive Committee. J. Kenner, Missionary Secretary. J. J. Rice, General Financial Secretary. C. Barker, Editor and Book

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Steward. W. R. Roach, C. R. Tamblin, Auditors. C. Barker, W. Windatt, General Treasurers. W. R. Roach, General Sabbath School Secretary.

Q. 9.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—Cobourg District at Cobourg; Bowmanville District at Ebenezer in Hampton Circuit; Exeter District at Exeter; Victoria and Peterboro' District at Fendall Falls; London District at St. Thomas; Cleveland District at Cleveland.—All on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1874. P. E. Island District at — the 2nd Saturday in May; Wisconsin District at Yorkville the 1st Wednesday in May.

Q. 10.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At London on the 1st Thursday in June, 1874, at 9 a. m. The Executive Committee to meet on the preceeding Tuesday at 9 a. m.

N. B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports to lay before this Committee. The Stationing Committee to meet the same day at 4 p. m. The Examining Committee on the following day (Wednesday) at 9 a. m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 1874.

The first Executive Committee meeting shall be held in Bowmanville, on the 4th Wednesday in August; second meeting at any place the Committee may appoint, on the 4th Wednesday in November; and the third meeting at any place the Committee may appoint, on the 4th Wednesday in February, 1874.

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

RES. 89.—That the very cordial thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the Grand Trunk, Midland, and Nipissing Railway Companies, and to Captain Grandle of Lindsay, for the travelling facilities afforded its members in coming to and returning from this place.

THANKS TO LINDSAY FRIENDS.

RES. 90.—That the hearty and unanimous thanks of this Conference be given to our friends in Lindsay, for the hospitable and generous manner in which they have entertained us, and we decide that a copy of the Minutes shall be presented to each family as a small token of respect; we further present our warm and cordial thanks to Bro. Walter Ayers, for his good arrangements and untiring devotion to our comfort while in Lindsay.

ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES.

DEAR FRIENDS.—Through the mercies of our Heavenly Father, we are brought to the close of another Conference year. In a review of the experiences and labors of the past year, we gratefully acknowledge the good hand of our God upon us; we thank him and take courage, and in anticipating the future we feel to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the prosperity of her palaces.”

During the year, the Great Head of the Church has seen fit to permit several of the Brethren in the Ministry to be interrupted in their work by severe affliction, but we are thankful that all have been spared still to serve the cause of God, Brother David Cantlon alone excepted, who, after a short illness was removed from the field of his happy toil to the rest of Heaven. Of him it may be said “He was a faithful man and feared God above many.” We would also remind you of the fact that some of our long-tried friends, who for many years have been our fellow-helpers in the cause of Christ, have closed their earthly pilgrimage and have entered the rest that remaineth for the people of God, leaving their places to be filled by others. This teaches us the necessity of our being also ready, “for we know not the hour when the Son of Man cometh.” Then “let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.”

As a part of God’s family, you, dear friends, profess to be separated from the ungodly world, to believe on Christ to the saving of the soul, to be consecrated to Christ in body and soul, in your time and talents, in all you have and all you are, to live not for yourselves, but to and for Christ, who bought you with his blood.

The people of the world are close inspectors of your conduct as the professed followers of Jesus. They expect the portrait of Christ to be fully delineated in you. They care but little for sentiments or experience, their eyes are fixed on your conduct. The misconduct of one is an injury to the whole body, inasmuch as it brings reproach upon religion. Christ’s name is blasphemed, and the Church of God is injured and defiled. Evil professors are like poisonous plants, they spread their baleful influence around them, and Christian societies have by their means been brought to desolation. “A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” And now dear friends let us exhort you to commend the religion of Christ to the homage of mankind by holy and

consistent conduct. To induce you to do this, dear friends, we press upon you the following suggestions:—

1st,—Let your conduct be distinct from, and elevated above that of worldly men. In some cases no visible line of demarcation is drawn. A professor of religion appears in no way different from a carnal man, "What do they more than others?" This ought not to be. While others are ignorant, you are to show that you are intelligent, that you have been enlightened by wisdom from above, that you are wise unto Salvation. Whilst others are empty, foolish, and delight in iniquity, show that you are in pursuit of a more enduring substance, and that while you are in pursuit of it you despise the trifles of this world.

2nd, Avoid all worldly conformity. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." Beware of the Spirit of this world—its false policy, its customs, amusements and pleasures, and its fashions in dress; many are ruined by these things.

3rd, Be honest and upright in all your secular transactions. When a man of the world suffers by being defrauded or oppressed by a professor of religion, or is unjustly dealt with by a such an one, the effect is disastrous. Imitate the Apostle who says "ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe." "Deny all ungodliness and worldly lust, and live soberly, righteously and godly in this evil world." The Lord requires you "to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."

4th, Let your speech be Christ-like, and serious; talk not like the wicked. "In all things show yourselves a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he who is of the contrary part may be ashamed having no evil thing to say of you." Nature has suspended the power of speech in infants till reason begins to act in order to teach us to think before we speak. "Let your conversation be according to the Gospel of Christ." "Avoid foolish jesting, which is not convenient." "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom and his tongue talketh of judgment."

5th, Avoid all evil associations and places of worldly amusement. It is a bad sign when a member of the church feels no hesitancy in visiting taverns, ball rooms, circuses, horse races, &c. Christ says to all His followers, "Ye are

not of the world, even as I am not of the world. And the Apostle Paul says "Come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord Almighty." "Be ye blameless and harmless, the Sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

6th, *In the Church be harmonious and peaceable.* This commends religion. Strifes and jars impede its progress, "Let brotherly love continue." "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any—even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye And above all things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful." "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

7th, *Avoid a spirit of Covetousness* "Covetousness," saith the Apostle, "is idolatry." You, beloved, profess to be under great obligation to the mercy and love of your great Redeemer who died and rose again that your souls might be rescued from eternal death. You profess to believe that you were "redeemed with the precious blood of Christ," and that it was one great end of His death that you might "be delivered from this present evil world," its affections and lusts; and consequently, from the power of covetousness, which is the ruling passion of the men of this world. While you virtually acknowledge these truths, can you allow the love of this world to predominate in your hearts? Can you think it a hard demand that God makes upon you when He requires a portion of the wealth which He has bestowed upon you to be devoted to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom and the promotion of His glory? He could accomplish all his glorious designs without your assistance, for all the treasures of the universe are at his disposal. But he has put honor on Christians in selecting them to be "workers together with him," that by their voluntary and liberal offerings, they may show themselves to be followers of the Lamb, and contributors to the prosperity of Zion. Can you then in consistency with your Christian profession, refuse to aid, according to your ability, every enterprise of our be-

loved denomination that has for its object the glory of God and the present and everlasting happiness of man? Is it consistent with such obligations as yours, for you to walk according to the course of this world, and hinder, by the smallness of your offerings the gracious purposes of God from being carried into effect, when you have hundreds and thousands of dollars at your command? If the great God were calling you to devote all your worldly possessions to his service, would you consider it too great a sacrifice for him who gave his Son for you? If not, how can you, beloved, withhold a mere tithe of your earthly possessions when it is called for at your hands, and when every needful comfort is still secured for your enjoyment? You are to hate covetousness, for you are commanded to "love not the world, for if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." Be ye followers of him, who, though he was rich, yet for your sakes became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

We rejoice that we have realized much of the Divine blessing on our efforts during the year, and although we have sustained a loss in the membership of 69 by death, and 517 by removals, yet we have an increase of 86. It is a matter of gratitude to God, that while our Sabbath Schools are not what we desire, there is an improvement in them in several respects; and we earnestly request you to unite your efforts with ours, to make them real nurseries for the church.

In connection with the Conference services much Divine influence has been felt, great harmony has prevailed, and we separate from together, high in hope and strongly expectant that the coming year will be one of great prosperity. And now, beloved, we commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

E. ROBERTS, President.

W. S. PASCOE, Secretary.



ADDRESS TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

RESPECTED AND BELOVED BRETHREN,—Again permitted to assemble in our Annual Conference, it becomes our pleasing duty and privilege to address you. We acknowledge your last year's address, so full of godly counsel, so beautiful in its literary character, and composition, and abounding in evidence of perfect oneness and sympathy with us in the great work, alike yours and ours. And surely that sympathy is reasonable and right, seeing our aims and the great principles distinguishing either body are essentially one—one are we, Brethren, in joy or in sorrow, in success or reverse, with true fellowship in the varied experiences known to the Christian Church in its militant condition. While other sections of the evangelical Church demand and are cheerfully accorded our hearty co-operation, special interest and prayer are naturally evoked in behalf of our own Denomination in whatever clime, and a common joy pervades the entire Body in any prosperity the Master may from time to time bestow upon us; and this, not merely on sectarian considerations, but because of the perfect affinity which exists between us. Do you tenaciously adhere to, defend and preach the gospel of a full and free salvation? So do we. Do you believe that, in the Church of Christ, all the membership are equal, and, by an admirable polity, admit to equal rights in all ecclesiastical courts approved members of the Church, whether lay or ministerial? That same hostility to clerical domination, and the discipline that secures justice to all, are yours and ours. Have you lent your best energies, during your entire history, for the liberation of religion from the shackles of state patronage and control? We, under more favorable circumstances in this particular, have watched with grateful admiration, the noble stand taken by you, and devoutly prayed for your success. Has the spirit of gospel charity, burning with arder in your souls, prompted (as some believe presumptuously) to the bestowal of gospel blessings upon needy ones, while you scarcely knew how to support the cause among yourselves,—leading you, ministers and people, to the practice of self-denial for God and humanity? The same spirit has animated our Canadian Church, at every period of its history. In short, every characteristic feature distinguishing the Parent body, earning for it an honorable record and honored name, is found more or less strikingly reflected in its trans-atlantic offspring, and, to-day, we rejoice in the un-

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Our hearts were touched as we read or heard of the cordial reception extended by you to our respected Brother E. ROBERTS, while seeking restoration to health in his native land some months ago; and while we regard the honor conferred as a well-merited appreciation of personal worth, we cannot but regard it also as a token of esteem extended to us as a Conference; and we hope, that, at no distant day, your expressed desire for an occasional interchange of brethren between the two Conferences may be realized, believing, with yourselves, "that such interchange would tend to bring us into yet closer oneness, and deepen and intensify our interest in the cause of our common Lord."

It affords us real pleasure to find that your old Missionary spirit is retained in undiminished force, and that your mission work, and particularly your more recent openings, give gratifying evidence of prosperity. We, too, have abundant proof of the vitality and aggressiveness of our Canadian Church. For example, the Conference of this year is now in session, in a spacious, beautiful and costly edifice in a rapidly rising Canadian town, where, three years ago, we had no existence; but where to-day we have a good membership of over 100, a Sabbath School of 150 scholars, and friends of sufficient number, ability and willingness to give us a free Conference. Our recent City openings, together with such towns as Belleville, St. Thomas, and Summerside, P. E. I., have made very gratifying progress. In each place we have, after a few months, secured Societies, Congregations, Sabbath Schools, and valuable Connexional property, giving us as a denomination a much improved *Status* in the Dominion. Our vitality is further indicated by the fact that, according to the Dominion Census of 1871, the adherents of our Church in Ontario had increased during the previous decade about 100 per cent., while doubtless a proportion of the large number returned as "Methodists" legitimately belong to our Church.

In connection with our rapid extension and uniform success, we have not been without important checks. During the year, our hearts, as well as yours, have been made sad for the princes who have fallen from our ranks. Scarcely passed from the active duties of the Presidential Chair, and just settled in a new incumbency, after a four years term on a spiritual charge to which he was heartily requested a fifth year, our beloved Brother D. CANTLON, after a very brief

illness, passed from faithful service on earth to the "Church of the first-born" in heaven. In Australia Bro. WEDLAKE'S death, at a comparatively early age, was followed by that of two valued veterans of the Home corps, viz., the earnest, devoted and successful apostle of the Isle of Wight, WM BAILEY, and the genial, happy, and holy GEORGE BATT.

Among us, Brothers, J. HOIDGE and M. HARDY have been so afflicted, physically, as to necessitate our once more applying for the Superannuation of the former, while the name of the latter, whose case is a very critical one, is allowed to remain as on trial; and we earnestly desire that so promising and devoted a young man may yet be restored to resume work among us. We, through our Executive Committee, have already, by resolution, expressed our sympathy with dear Bro. BOURNE, in the loss of his beloved wife. In this, as also in the further loss of a dear child since deceased, we as a Conference reiterate that expression of sympathy and condolence, and confidently pray that our gracious God may abundantly sustain him in his bereavement. Other brethren have passed through deep waters, in the sickness and death of the children God had given them. For all the stricken ones of our friends, whether at home or on the foreign work, we invoke Divine comfort and support. By all such dispensations, we are reminded that earth, at its best, is but "a vale of tears," and are led to look for our chief good, away from earth to the better land above.

As to the present condition and prospects of our beloved Denomination, the past year affords us much ground for encouragement. We have not been wanting in evidences of the Divine presence and power. Sinners have been converted and added to the Church. Christian charity, as a rule, pervades our societies, rendering our Church at once an aggressive power for good, and a true help for those who are struggling for the skies; the liberality of our friends has been fairly tested, and the result is on the whole satisfactory. Our Denominational Printing House and Book Room, under the able management of Bro. BARKER, are becoming a source of financial aid in extending and sustaining our operations. For all this, we devoutly exclaim, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

We further record, with gratitude, the goodness of the Lord in bestowing upon us such unanimity and true fellowship during the sittings of this delightful Conference, and

for the measure of confidence with which we now go forth to the conflicts and toils awaiting us. Through our God we shall do valiantly. Consecrating ourselves and all we have and are afresh to the work and service of God, we resolve, by Divine help, to walk worthy of our high vocation, looking to Him who alone can sustain, and prosper, and keep us from falling, for the increase we so earnestly long for.

Finally, Brethren beloved and longed for, we greet you with the Salutation of Christian and Denominational regard; and pray that your approaching Conference may excel all past experience in Divine power and joy; and when, in the order of God's Providence, our toils on earth are done, may we all have an "abundant entrance" ministered unto us into the rest remaining for the people of God. Amen.

E. ROBERTS, President.

W. S. PASCOE, Secretary.



Alphabetical and Chronological List of the **ITINERANT PREACHERS.**

| PREACHERS' NAMES. | WHEN TAKEN INTO THE MINISTRY. | PREACHERS' ADDRESSES. | NO. OF YEARS ON PRESENT STATION. |
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| Allin Roger..... | 1868 | Perrytown..... | 3 |
| Archer Joseph..... | 1869 | Uxbridge..... | 2 |
| Ashley Isaac..... | 1856 | Carlow..... | 2 |
| Ayers Walter..... | 1863 | Parsonage, Emerald St., Hamilton | 1 |
| Baker Robert..... | 1867 | Ingersoll..... | 1 |
| Ball John..... | 1872 | Amherstburg..... | 1 |
| Barker Cephas..... | 1838 | Bowmanville..... | 8 |
| Beer William C..... | 1866 | Elimville..... | 2 |
| Bodle George..... | 1856 | Brussels..... | 2 |
| Butcher John W..... | 1843 | Mitchell..... | 2 |
| Butt William H..... | 1871 | Prince Albert..... | 1 |
| Chapple John..... | 1834 | Chagrin Falls, Ohio, U. S..... | 2 |
| Clarke Archibald..... | 1860 | Little Britain..... | 1 |
| Collins James..... | 1867 | Cambray..... | 2 |
| Collins James H..... | 1868 | Summerside, P. E. Island..... | 2 |
| Copeland George C..... | 1872 | Toronto..... | 1 |
| Courtice Richard T..... | 1865 | 402 Perry St., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S..... | 1 |
| Davidson Robert..... | 1872 | Palmyra, Jefferson Co., Wis. U.S..... | 1 |
| Dry Thomas H..... | 1873 | Burlington, Racine Co., Wis. U.S..... | 1 |
| Dunkley George..... | 1862 | Sutton..... | 2 |
| Ebbott Henry..... | 1841 | Sussex, Waukesha Co., Wis., U.S..... | 2 |
| Edwards John..... | 1831 | Devon..... | 5 |
| Eynon John H..... | 1826 | Tyrone..... | 13 |
| Gale Jacob..... | 1843 | Bowmanville..... | 5 |
| Gordon Andrew..... | 1856 | Belleville..... | 2 |
| Greene Thomas..... | 1829 | Lambeth..... | 2 |
| Greenway John..... | 1872 | Little Prairie, Walworth, Wis., U.S..... | 2 |
| Guard John..... | 1853 | Columbus..... | 2 |
| Hardy Mark..... | 1871 | Oakwood..... | 1 |
| Harris John..... | 1863 | St. Thomas..... | 2 |
| Haycraft George..... | 1841 | Merton, Waukesha, Wis., U.S..... | 15 |
| Hodge Joseph..... | 1841 | Hampton..... | 1 |
| Holmes John..... | 1871 | Exeter..... | 1 |
| Hooper William..... | 1840 | Peterboro'..... | 1 |
| Hull Thomas R..... | 1855 | Welcome..... | 1 |
| Hurley Robert..... | 1834 | Fenelon Falls..... | 1 |
| Jolliffe William..... | 1858 | Cobourg..... | 1 |
| Jolliffe Samuel..... | 1862 | Yorkville, Racine Co., Wis., U.S..... | 2 |
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| Rice Stephen H..... | 1867 | North Douro..... | 3 |
| Richard Alexander..... | 1867 | Hampton..... | 1 |
| Roach William R..... | 1852 | Orono..... | 1 |
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| Robins Paul..... | 1823 | Fullarton..... | 4 |
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| Schuster Anslem..... | 1871 | Pickering..... | 2 |
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| Tapp John B..... | 1829 | Port Hope..... | 8 |
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| Wade William..... | 1868 | Clinton..... | 3 |
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