

# MINUTES

OF THE

## TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

# Primitive Methodist Church,

CANADA,

## HELD AT TORONTO,

ON APRIL 10th, 1863, AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

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BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

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## TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

According to appointment of the Conference held in Hamilton, the Conference assembled in Alice Street Church, Toronto, on the morning of Friday, April 10th, 1863, and after devotional exercises conducted by the ex-President, proceeded to the transaction of business.

JOHN NATTRASS, *President.*

THOMAS CROMPTON, *Secretary.*

*Question 1. Who compose the present Conference?*

*Answer.* CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Rev. James Edgar, *General Committee Delegate.*

Rev. John Davison, *Missionary Secretary.*

Robert Walker, Esq., *General Treasurer.*

### DELEGATES.

#### *Ministerial.*

#### *Lay.*

#### TORONTO DISTRICT.

Rev. Robert Boyle.

“ John Garner.

“ Joseph Markham.

Mr. William Daniel.

“ George Wright.

“ Matthew Jonis.

“ Charles McGinn.

“ John Stonehouse.

“ Thomas Leaper.

#### BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Rev. William Lomas.

“ William Rowe.

“ James Smith.

Mr. William Marshall.

“ John Kellam.

“ Joseph Lund.

“ James Wood.

“ Isaac Modeland.

“ Isaac Wilson.

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## HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Rev. William Bee. Mr. Joseph Lawson.  
 " James Cheetham. " Humphrey Arthur.  
 " William Ball.  
 " John Woodworth.

## GUELPH DISTRICT.

Rev. Joanthan Milner. Mr. William Sturtridge  
 " Thomas Adams. " Abraham Purnell.  
 " Samuel Auger.  
 " Richard Amey.

## LONDON DISTRICT.

Rev. Thos. Crompton. Mr. John Thomas.  
 " Richard Paul. " John Curtis.  
 " Samuel Nicklin.  
 " Charles Atkinson.

## KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Rev. George Wood. Mr. Lewis W. Purdy.  
 " William Newton. " John Baker.  
 " Francis Sleightholme  
 " William Mutton.

Q. 2. *What Ministers are recommended for the Annual List?*

A. Rev. William Shaker Hugban.  
 Rev. Samuel P. Lacey.  
 Rev. George Haigh.

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

A. John Goodman, Abraham Hayworth, Geo. F. Lee, William Pyke, and William Monkman have travelled three years; William Edward Cooper, Walter Reid, Job Roadhouse, and Wm. Codville have travelled two years.

Q. 4. *What Preachers are received on Pledge?*

A. James Clarke (from 1862), John Rennard Tamblin (from 1862), John Nichol, David Simpson, and James Walker.

Q. 5. *How are the Ministers and Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?*

A. STATIONS.

**TORONTO DISTRICT.**

*Toronto*—John Davison, Editor, Missionary Secretary, and Book Steward.

⊕ Robert Boyle, ⊕ George Haigh, Henry S. Matthews.

*Markham*—Thomas Crompton, *Secretary*, Walter Reid.

*Bowmanville*—John Natrass, *President*, Geo. F. Lee.

*Scarboro*—Joseph Markham.

*Reach*—John Garner, Edward Whitworth.

*Pickering Branch* ⊕ William Codville.

*Muskoka*—One to be obtained.

**BRAMPTON DISTRICT.**

*Brampton* ⊕ Robert Cade, ° William Pyke.

*Etobicoke* ⊕ William Rowe, William E. Cooper, William Jolley.

*Albion*—James Smith, John R. Tamblyn; Joseph Simpson, Supernumerary.

*Laskay*—William Lomas, one to be obtained; William Lyle, Supernumerary.

*Orangeville*—John Goodman, Richard Hassard.

*Osprey*—Isaac Ryder.

*Collingwood*—Matthew H. Matthews.

*Bradford Branch* ⊕ William Monkman.

**HAMILTON DISTRICT.**

*Hamilton* ⊕ James Cheetham.

*Walpole* ⊕ John Lacey.

*Blenheim and Galt*—William Bee, Richard Auger.

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Brantford—William S. Hughan.  
 Paris—Thomas Ludley.  
 Grand River—Abraham Heyworth.  
 Walsingham—Edward Lawton.

## GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph—Timothy Natrass.  
 Peel and Wellesley—Jonathan Milner, David Simpson ; John Towler, Supernumerary.  
 Minto—William Cook, John Nichols.  
 Brant—Thomas Foster.  
 Kincardine—John D. Gilbert.  
 Jubilee—Richard Paul.  
 Durham and Sullivan—Robert Stephenson.

## LONDON DISTRICT.

London—George Wood.  
 Bosanquet—Charles Roffe, Thomas Auger.  
 MacGillivray—Thomas Adams, James Clarke.  
 Stratford—John B. Swift, James Walker, Henry Fletcher Osborne.  
 Plympton—George Watson.  
 Chatham—Samuel P. Lacey.  
 Caradoc—James S. Boyes.  
 Stanley—Matthew H. Moody.

## KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Kingston—William Herridge.  
 Portland—James Edgar, Josephus Collins.  
 Napanee—William Newton.  
 Collinsby—Job Roadhouse.  
 Piccadilly—Darius Scott.  
 Storrington and South Crosby—Rounding Pattison  
 Bay of Quinte—One to be obtained.

# A TABULAR VIEW OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA WEST, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 20th, 1863.

Districts.	Members.		Increase.	Decrease.	From other Sta.	From Abroad.	Deaths.	Fallen.	Removals.	Left.	Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Connex Chapels.	Other Pr. Places.	Parsonages.	Sabbth. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conference Fund.	Relief Fund.	Children's Fund.	Mission Fund.	Ordinary Annual Income.					
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Hamilton	507	79	586	69	37	5	..	1	42	64	27	8	28	32	17	16	2	9	65	335	25	35	53	29	519	47	1117		
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London..	556	158	714	128	25	12	3	5	78	50	23	12	27	49	13	53	2	10	57	390	27	80	36	72	433	60	1154		
Kingston.	501	129	630	88	..	26	1	6	60	45	11	7	25	31	8	33	1	3	31	187	25	05	31	76	445	27	787		
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Total 1862	.....	.....	4842	140	..	63	4	43	286	427	97	56	251	236	112	200	13	69	566	3355	190	65	190	65	733	73	4425	82	9643
Increase ..	.....	.....	575	579	..	2	10	..	237	55	38	9	16	51	10	6	..	4	62	565	28	65	28	65	33	70	143	82	602

## MINUTES OF THE

Q. 6. *Who compose the Committees ?*

**GENERAL COMMITTEE.**

A. President and Secretary of Conference :—  
also the following :

*Ministers.*

Rev. Thomas Adams.  
" Robert Boyle.  
" William Rowe.  
" Robert Cade.  
" Joseph Markham.  
" Joseph Milner.  
" William Bee.  
" George Wood.  
" William Herridge.  
" Timothy Natrass.  
" James Cheetham.  
" John Davison, Sec.

*Laymen.*

Mr. Robert Walker.  
" William Marshall.  
" William Lawson.  
" Thomas Cook.  
" Joseph Lawson.  
" John Sherwood.  
" Walter P. Lacey.  
" Charles D. MacGinn  
" B. A. Wartman.  
" Lewis Wesley Purdy  
" Henry Dougan.  
" William Sturtridge.  
" John Kellum.  
" Francis Sleightholme  
" Isaac Modeland.  
" Henry Jennings.  
" Matthew Jonis.  
" — Fisher.  
" George Wright.  
" Humphrey Arthur.  
" — Milnes  
" Thos. Thompson, jr.  
" John Bugg.  
" Robert Dobson.

Meetings to be held in the Mission Office, over the Golden Lion, King Street East, Toronto, at one o'clock on the second Thursday in July, October, January, and the day before next Conference. Members of the Committee to inform the Secretary a week previous of their intention to attend, that provision may be made for them in the City.

**GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.**

This Committee is the same as the General Committee, and its meetings held at the same time and place. All the Missionaries are required



to send in their quarterly reports to the Secretary, at the Mission Office, Toronto, at least *one week before the time* of holding the quarterly meetings.

N.B. All official business letters will be post-paid from the Mission Office, except remittance letters; and all Ministers on Stations must **PRE-PAY** their official letters to the Secretary, and they will be allowed payment at Conference.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, Revs. R. Boyle, Wm. Rowe, Robert Cade, Joseph Markham, with Messrs. Robert Walker, Wm. Marshall, Joseph Lawson, and C. D. Maginn. J. Davison, *Secretary*.

### DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

*Toronto*—R. Boyle, J. Markham, Robert Walker, J. Davison.

*Brampton*—R. Cade, W. Rowe, G. Raper, L. Walker, F. Lill.

*Hamilton*—J. Cheetham, Jph. Lawson, H. Arthur.

*Guelph*—J. Milner, T. Nattrass, J. Ryan.

*London*—G. Wood, W. Wade, W. Trebilcock, G. Walker.

*Kingston*—J. Edgar, W. Herridge, L. W. Purdy, H. Dougan, J. Baker.

The first-named person in each District to be Secretary.

### PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

President and Secretary of Conference, with the General Committee Delegates of each District.

Q. 7. *When and where shall the next Annual Conference be held?*

A. In Brampton, on the first Friday in April, 1864, at nine o'clock a.m.

Q. 8. *When and where shall the next District Meetings be held, and who shall attend as General Committee Delegates?*

*Toronto*—at Victoria Square, John Garner, G.C.D.

*Brampton*—at Malton, James Smith, G.C.D.

*Hamilton*—at Drumbo, John Lacey, G.C.D.

*Guelph*—at Ebenezer, Peel and Wellesley, Thos. Foster, G.C.D.

*London*—at Widder, Bosanquet, J. R. Swift, G.C.D.

*Kingston*—at Sydenham, Portland, J. Edgar, G.C.D.

Each Meeting to commence on the Last Wednesday in March, 1864, at nine o'clock a.m.

Q. 9. *Who are appointed Members of the District Boards of Examiners for the ensuing year?*

*Toronto*—T. Crompton, J. Nattrass, J. Markham.

*Brampton*—W. Rowe, W. Lomas, R. Cade, J. Smith.

*Hamilton*—J. Cheetham, J. Lacey, W. Bee, T. Dudley.

*London*—G. Wood, J. R. Swift, T. Adams.

*Guelph*—T. Nattrass, J. Milner, R. Paul.

*Kingston*—James Edgar, Wm. Herridge.

The first-named Brother is Secretary, who shall correspond with his colleagues and the Candidates for Examination.

Q. 10. *Who are Members of the next Conference?*

John Nattrass, General Committee Delegate.

John Davison, Missionary Secretary.

Robert Walker, General Treasurer.

Timothy Nattrass, Friendly Society's Agent.

Q. 11. *What are the further acts and regulations of the Conference?*

1. STATISTICAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE—George Wood, Lewis Wesley Purdy, J. Kellum, Wm. Rowe.

2. STATIONING COMMITTEE—Robert Boyle, G. Wright, M. Jonis, W. Lomas, I. Wilson, Wm. Marshall, Wm. Bee, Joseph Lawson, Jonathan Milner, William Sturtridge, Richard Paul, J. Thomas, W. Newton, and J. Baker.

3. GRANTING COMMITTEE—W. Marshall, R. Walker, F. Sleightholme, L. Purdy, S. Auger, T. Crompton, J. Cheetham, J. Davison. This Committee also to apportion the Children's Fund.

4. ANNUAL LIST.—The following persons are received—W. S. Hughan, G. Haigh, S. P. Lacey.

5. PLEDGES.—The following are received—J. Clarke, J. R. Tamblyn, J. Nichol, James Walker.

6. RESERVE LIST.—The following are accepted—R. Pattison, H. F. Osborne, Joseph Colitts, L. Hall, E. Whitworth, W. Thornley, T. Auger, T. Griffiths, E. McCoy, A. Roffe.

7. That an additional Preacher be stationed at Toronto, Albion, MacGillivray, Durham & Sullivan, Muskoka, Storrington.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

8. SCHOOL BILL.—That this Conference views with regret the Separate School Bill for Canada West, now before the Legislature. It regards that Bill as a direct effort on the part of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to undermine and destroy our present excellent school system, as well as to foster and perpetuate party dissensions, engender political strifes, and check materially the prosperity of our beloved country, and that at the expense of the Protestant public. The Conference still more deeply regrets the support rendered to this Bill by those professing Protestant Principles.
9. UNIVERSITY QUESTION.—That whereas this Conference believes there ought not to be any semblance of connection between Church and State in this country; and whereas it is further convinced that it is wrong for the Legislature to vote public money to any educational institution connected with any religious denomination, therefore be it resolved:—That this Conference views with disapprobation the efforts being made by certain Churches in this Province to obtain grants of money from the Government, in aid of their educational institutions; and that it further regrets to see the persistent endeavours made to subvert the endowment of the National University for the purpose of aiding Colleges under denominational control.
10. That the General Committee prepare a petition, to be presented to both Houses of the Canadian Parliament, on the above question,
11. TEMPERANCE.—That Brothers Rowe and Lomas prepare a reply to the Memorial presented to this Conference from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance.
12. RELIEF FUND.—That the following Stations have their claims sanctioned for Relief from this Fund:—Albion, Minto, Portland.
13. SPECIAL ACT OF CONFERENCE.—That the word "*ordinarily*" in the DISCIPLINE, page 40, sec. 7th, relating to the time Ministers continue on Stations, apply to *Probationers*, as well as to those in *Full Connexion*.
14. That the Reports of Relief and Conference Funds be received.

Done at  
Storrington

15. That the Official Brethren on Walsingham Mission be careful in future in reporting *accurately* the number of Members at their March Quarterly Meeting, to avoid the necessity of tedious explanations.
16. That no Hired Local Preacher shall in future receive official authority to solemnize matrimony.
17. That the Reports of the Finance, General, Missionary, and Children's Fund Committees be accepted.
18. That the Reports of the six *District* Committees, and Boards of Examiners, be received and adopted.
19. That the Reports of the "Christian Journal" and Book Room be accepted.
20. That all Superannuated Ministers shall have their names entered on the Station Reports to which they belong, that they may be properly numbered in the Confidential Statistics.
21. That the President and Secretary, with Bros. J. Davison, R. Boyle, and Robert Walker prepare a proper Form of Title Deed for Connexional property.
22. That it be decided that the Jubilee Fund continue open to receive Subscriptions until March, 1864.
23. That all persons recommended by our March Quarterly Meetings as CANDIDATES for our Ministry attend the District Meetings within the bounds of which they may be situated, in order to an *examination* of their *fitness* for the Primitive Methodist Ministry.
24. That Superintendent Ministers apply to the Book Steward for blank Credential Forms, to fill up and give to Members removing.
25. That Annual List Forms shall be obtained from the Book Room by Preachers ending their probation, and properly filled up at the March Quarterly Meetings. (See Discipline, page 37.)
26. That a Committee, composed of the following persons, meet at the time and place of the General Missionary Committee, in October:—Brothers J. Davison, J. Cheetham, T. Crompton, R. Boyle, and W. Rowe, to *examine* the List of Books in course of study by Probationers, in connection with a List forwarded by Toronto District Meeting.
27. That Peel and Wellesley Mission become a Circuit, according to Rule, with a grant of \$20 from the Mission Fund.

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28. That the recommendation to add some of the Collingwood appointments to Durham and Sullivan Mission be explained to the June Quarterly Missionary Committee Meeting, for its information and decision.
29. That the Jubilee Mission be connected with the Guelph District.
30. That Rev. Thomas Penrose and Messrs. B. Cook and Osmond be our Representatives in the English Conference.
31. That the removing Ministers leave old Stations May 18th, and enter new ones May 29th.
32. CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.—That all our Ministers, Officials, and Members be earnestly desired to sustain and extend the circulation of the Connexional organ.
33. TEMPERANCE.—That the following questions be asked by all Quarterly Meetings, in addition to those on the schedules prepared for District Meetings and Conference :—" Do the Officials use intoxicating drinks as a beverage ?" " How many Temperance Meetings have you held the past year ?" Also all Candidates for the Local Preachers' Plan to be asked, " Are you a total abstainer from all intoxicating drinks ?" The answer must be in the affirmative, if the party be received.
34. That we recommend the formation of Temperance Societies in all our Churches.
35. That we record our devout thanks to Almighty God for an increase of Members and Finance for the Conference year just ended.
36. That each Station throughout our work in Canada West sacredly observe the third Sunday in September and subsequent Friday as days of Thanksgiving, Fasting, and Prayer, on behalf of our Ministry and people.
37. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Ministers and Friends of the Toronto Circuit, for the hospitable manner in which they provided for the Delegates and Hearers from various parts, and especially to Robert Walker, Esq., for giving a breakfast, at his own cost, to the Delegates and Friends assembled, on the last morning of the Conference.

**MISSIONARY GRANTS.**

The following is the scale of yearly grants to Mission Stations, made by Conference :

	\$ cts.		\$ cts.
Kingston	240 00	Walsingham	160 00
Collinsby	10 00	Walpole	150 00
Portland	220 00	Grand River	100 00
Napance	210 00	Minto	190 00
Osprey	250 00	Stratford	350 00
Blenheim and Galt	240 00	Plympton	200 00
Guelph	230 00	Chatham	240 00
Orangeville	210 00	Jubilee	250 00
Brantford	286 00	Paris	236 00
London	270 00	Collingwood	210 00
Caradoc	100 00	Kincardine	160 00
Stanley	200 00	Piccadilly	100 00
Brant	190 00	Storrington	80 00
MacGillivray	210 00	Durham	106 00
Bosanquet	150 00	Muskoka	130 00

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**CHILDREN'S FUND.**

The following is the scale of contributions to be paid by the Stations, and confirmed by the Conference :

	\$ cts.		\$ cts.
Toronto	115 00	Walsingham	25 00
Etobicoke	90 00	Brant	30 00
Markham	85 00	London	25 00
Bowmanville	50 00	Caradoc	25 00
Albion	55 00	MacGillivray	30 00
Scarboro'	45 00	Stanley	20 00
Laskay	60 00	Bosanquet	35 00
Reach	50 00	Guelph	40 00
Brampton	50 00	Blenheim and Galt	55 00
Hamilton	85 00	Minto	25 00
Kingston	25 00	Stratford	30 00
Portland	30 00	Paris	30 00
Napance	60 00	Collingwood	20 00
Collinsby	40 00	Kincardine	20 00
Orangeville	30 00	Jubilee	25 00
Peel and Wellesley	35 00	Plympton	20 00
Osprey	30 00	Chatham	20 00
Walpole	25 00	Brantford	30 00
Grand River	35 00		

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## THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

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Cash from the Sta- tions.....	754 53	Balance due Treasur- er, 1862 .....	251 87
" from Mission Fund for Mission defi- ciencies .....	571 87	Cash paid to Circuits and Missions, for Children's allow- ances .....	1406 00
Balance due Treasurer	331 47		
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## BOOK ROOM.

Dr.	\$ cts.	Cr.	
To stock on hand ....	489 74	By Stock .....	354 00
" debts owing .....	881 39	" Book debts .....	447 30
" cash received on ac- count .....	1884 35	" Goods purchased..	2391 05
" cash sales .....	315 80	" Office exp., rent, &c.	124 99
	\$3571 28	" Balance .....	253 94
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## MISSIONARY FUND.

See Annual Missionary Report, now publishing.

## THE CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.

This Religious Publication, the Organ of the Primitive Methodist Conference, is published weekly, at the low price of \$1-50 a-year. It is hoped all the Ministers, Official Brethren, and Members will exert every effort to increase the circulation of their own Religious Journal.



# PASTORAL ADDRESS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST  
CHURCH, FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Your Representatives in Conference assembled send unto you greeting,—praying your hearty acceptance and careful perusal of this, the Annual Pastoral Letter, in which official form the Church is accustomed yearly to address its people.

Your Conference, composed of Ministers and Laymen duly delegated from the several Districts of your work, has been one of kind, brotherly feeling, and most earnest effort to extend the borders of our Zion. It must be a matter of deep comfort and gratitude to you all, dear Brethren, to know that a rich unction and holy presence pervaded the entire Sitzings of Conference, and that the Public Meetings associated with it were remarkable for fervency and power.

But especially will it rejoice your hearts to learn, that in a manner unprecedented in our Canadian work, the Lord has very graciously prospered us during the past con-nexional year. The funds of the Church are in an im-proved state; many Chapels have been built, and offered to the Lord; several old Stations have been en-larged by aggressive efforts, while new ones have been formed. A noble band of young men, full of talent and earnestness, have given themselves to the Ministry of the Word; while on the great mission of the Church in the conversion of sinners, the dews of the morning and the sunshine of heaven have rested largely on our Israel. Hundreds upon hundreds of souls have found pardon and peace through the labours of your Servants in Christ, and the converting work still rolls on in strength in the Church. Dearly beloved, let us with thankful hearts praise

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God for the multitude of these tender mercies ; and as we bow with clasped hands and quivering lips, exclaim, "not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the praise and glory, now and forever. Amen."

Moreover, Brethren, our prospects as a Church are exceedingly encouraging. With the most cordial and sympathetic friendship of the Home Conference,—with an open field and a plenteous spiritual harvest before us in our adopted country,—with anxious calls coming from every direction, desiring your assistance,—the Laymen laboring in holy toil,—your Ministers united as one man for souls and for Christ,—with the past cheering us onward to battle,—and with a deep interest in your mighty, believing prayers, your Church shall with rapid strides go up higher and higher. Already the night is passing, the shadows are fleeing, the clouds are lifting from off the future ; we are going out into full daylight, and soon, if faithful to God and for souls, we shall become a vast and vital power in the land for good.

In order to accomplish the great work, and to make the commencing connexional year one of more signal success than the past, permit, dear Brethren, a word of exhortation.

There is nothing, dearly beloved, in your Christian experience of such profound importance as personal holiness—as the demand of Jehovah, the purchase of Christ's death, and the pure image of the holy Saviour—it, and it only, is the secret power that elevates life, sanctifies the Church, and unlocks heaven. Brethren, your duty, safety, and usefulness is only in being holy, as God is holy. We tenderly entreat you not to rest short of entire sanctification,—live in its rich sunshine, abide in its mountain tops, and you shall see signs and wonders wrought in the name of the Lord God omnipotent. We beseech you, dearly beloved, to live in the spirit of holy, fervent prayer. Go often with your Master into the mountain, for mighty agonising with God. Let the closet be your home, your green spot in the wilderness ; and let the path between that closet and your

daily duties be well trod, and the eternal Jehovah whom you worship will give unto you even more than you can ask or think. Carry that praying spirit into your households ; erect your family altars ; read unto them, in solemn manner, the words of Holy Truth ; pray devoutly with them and for them ; and rest not till they all be saved ; so that heaven begun below, even the Church in the house, may become your portion.

Forget not the assembling of yourselves together before the Lord. The means of grace are as tables spread by God's own hands. If you neglect them, you will certainly become poor and lean, clouds without water, the form without the substance of religion ; but as you desire to be good, to honor God, and reach heaven, attend with diligence and in earnest prayer every service of your Church. Moreover, dear Brethren, seek to be useful. Whatever your relation to the Church of Christ—whether a private or an official member—yet see to this, that to your utmost you do some good each day of your lives to those around you. Time is short, the harvest is great, and Jesus waits to welcome you home, if you be faithful, and have done your work well in his vineyard.

We would earnestly exhort you, dear Brethren, to foster in your hearts and families more and more of that denominational patriotism which, when tempered with grace, is the preservation of Church organization. It is right to be brotherly to all Christ's people ; but it is also imperatively right, at all times and by all means, to build up and strengthen the Church of our choice. In these days of ecclesiastical conflict, we are proud of a system which blends the laity and ministry together in such harmonious proportion, and which, under God's blessing, has made an influential Church of a people that was not a people. Uphold then, dearly beloved, and as far as lieth in you extend through the land the influence of your growing Connexion. Be Christians of purity and power, but be also thorough-going Primitive Methodists. To this end of Christ's work, it is needful that you truly maintain your connexional

## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

organ, the "Christian Journal." It is emphatically your own paper, and if you do not support it, no one else will. From its denominational character, the circulation is limited to yourselves, your families, and your friends. Already it has been a great help to the Church, and if properly sustained, will be increasingly more so; but the measure of that usefulness, as well as the existence of the Journal, depends on your honest and manful support, in subscribing and getting others to subscribe for your own religious newspaper.

Dearly Beloved, continue to liberally support your Church funds, more especially that of the Missionary Society, which seeks to bring Christ to all Canada. Though you have done well, there is yet much room for improvement. With hearty and munificent offerings, uphold the enterprises of your Church, and God shall bless us, and that right early. Forget not, dear brethren, that to honorably sustain your Ministers is your solemn duty. They leave all worldly things, to enrich your families and your country with the Word of Life. They are dependent on you, in the Lord, for support, and as the messengers of God to youward, they must not, nor cannot be allowed to suffer. The allowance appointed them is barely sufficient to support themselves and families in the position they occupy; and to send them from you deficient in such support, after having spent months and years in the most exhausting labour on your Station, and for your good, is a painful sign. You would not do so to the servants of your house and farm: it would be dishonest, and dishonorable; and, dearly beloved, we ask you in all faithfulness, is it less dishonest and dishonorable to do so to Christ's servants, who watch for your souls? We hope better things of you, dear Brethren. We do firmly believe, that in order to prosper in your own hearts, in your business, in your Churches, and in all things, with a liberal heart and hand you will fully support and comfort these servants of Jesus Christ, who labor amongst you, not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

We would tenderly exhort you, dear Brethren, to en-

conrage and sacredly maintain within yourselves that powerful revival spirit which characterised our forefathers; that agonizing, believing spirit, which in prayer takes hold of God, and will not let him go without the conversion of sinners: that childlike but mighty faith, which is not confined to protracted efforts and winter season, but which brings the saving power down into every meeting, and gives to the Church a continued, glorious revival. Dearly beloved, we want more of this grand old creed, which baptizes every sermon with unction, and enwraps every service with converting majesty. Let us but have this—this Primitive fire—this Penticostal shower—this God-like spirit, and our next connexional year shall be encircled with glory and heralded with shouts of victory; and our increase shall not be by hundreds, but by thousands of souls brought into the fellowship of the saints of God. Dear Brethren, we can have this,—and we shall have it, if you be faithful to the grace given you: if Members, Teachers, Stewards, Leaders, and Preachers bend every energy and unite every power to this, the supreme work of the year. The Lord grant that every one of you may be enabled to do this, that the crown of our rejoicing may be great at our next Annual Conference.

And now, dear brethren, with these counsels and prayers in your behalf, we tenderly bid you farewell. Brethren, beloved in the Lord, farewell! Be perfect, be steadfast, be immovable, abound in the work of the Lord, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Signed, in behalf of the Conference,

JOHN NATTRASS, PRESIDENT.

THOMAS CROMPTON, SECRETARY.

TORONTO, 16th April, 1853.

# MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS,

*Appointed by Conference for 1863-4.*

<i>Stations.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Deputations.</i>
Toronto .....	Feb. 27, 1864..	*R. Cade, J. Cheetham.
Markham .....	Oct. 11, 1863..	*W. Lomas, J. R. Tamblyn.
	Oct. 26, 1863..	R. Boyle, W. Monkman.
Bowmanville .....	Jan. 17, 1864..	T. Crompton, J. Garner.
Scarboro .....	Oct. 4, 1863..	W. Lomas, W. E. Cooper.
	Nov. 8, 1863..	*W. Rowe, H. S. Matthews.
Reach .....	Oct. 18, 1863..	*J. Natrass, G. Haigh,
	Oct. 26, 1863.	W. Lomas, G. F. Lee.
Pickering Branch	Oct. 19, 1863..	J. Markham, E. Whitworth.
Brampton .....	Oct. 12, 1863..	J. Markham, J. Milner.
	Oct. 18, 1863..	*R. Boyle, J. Smith.
Etobicoke .....	Oct. 12, 1863..	J. Natrass, T. Natrass.
	Oct. 19, 1863..	T. Crompton, H. S. Matthews.
	Oct. 26, 1863..	R. Boyle, J. Smith.
Albion .....	Jan. 17, 1864..	*J. Goodman, W. Codville.
	Jan. 25, 1864..	W. Rowe, W. Pyke.
Laskay .....	Jan. 25, 1864..	J. Markham, J. R. Tamblyn.
	Feb. 1, 1864..	J. Smith, W. Pyke.
Bradford Branch	Feb. 8, 1864..	M. H. Matthews.
Orangeville .....	Jan. 4, 1864..	R. Cade, W. E. Cooper.
	Jan. 11, 1864..	W. Rowe, J. Ryder.
Osprey .....	Jan. 25, 1864..	J. Goodman, M. H. Matthews.
Collingwood .....	Feb. 15, 1864..	W. Monkman, J. Ryder.
Hamilton .....	Oct. 13, 1863..	*T. Crompton.
Walpole .....	Jan. 17, 1864..	W. S. Hughan, A. Heyworth.
Galt & Blenheim	Jan. 17, 1864..	*J. R. Swift, T. Natrass.
	Jan. 24, 1864..	*T. Dudley, W. S. Hughan.
Brantford .....	Oct. 4, 1863..	*W. Bee, T. Dudley.
Paris .....	Oct. 25, 1863..	*J. Lacey, R. Auger.
Grand River .....	Jan. 31, 1864..	W. S. Hughan, E. Lawton.
Walsingham .....	Feb. 7, 1864..	J. Lacey, T. Dudley.

\* Sermons.

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<i>Guelph</i> .....	Oct.25, 1863..*	J. Milner, J. Cheetham.
<i>Peel &amp; Wellesley</i> .....	Jan. 10, 1864—*	R. Cade, T. Natrass.
	Jan.18, 1864..	W. Cook, J. Goodman.
	Jan.25, 1864..	T. Dudley, R. Auger.
<i>Minto</i> .....	Feb.15, 1864..	J. D. Gilbert, T. Foster.
	Feb.22, 1864..	J. Milner, R. Paul.
<i>Brant</i> .....	Feb. 1, 1864..	R. Paul, J. D. Gilbert.
<i>Kincardine</i> .....	Feb. 8, 1864..	R. Paul, T. Foster.
<i>Jubilee</i> .....	Jan.25, 1864..	W. Cook, J. D. Gilbert.
<i>Durham</i> .....	Jan.18, 1864..	M. H. Matthews, J. D. Gilbert.
<i>London</i> .....	Jan.24, 1864..*	J. R. Swift, J. Clarke.
<i>Bosanquet</i> .....	Jan. 4, 1864..	T. Adams, J. S. Boyes.
<i>Mac Gillivray</i> .....	Jan. 4, 1864..	J. R. Swift, M. H. Moody.
	Jan.18, 1864..	C. Roffe, James Walker.
<i>Stratford</i> .....	Oct. 4, 1883..*	W. Bee, J. Clarke.
	Oct.12, 1863..	G. Wood, M. H. Moody.
<i>Plympton</i> .....	Jan. 4, 1864..	C. Roffe, H. S. Osborne.
<i>Chatham</i> .....	Dec.13, 1863..*	G. Wood, J. S. Boyes.
<i>Caradoc</i> .....	Feb. 1, 1864..	G. Wood, J. Clarke.
<i>Stanley</i> .....	Dec.21, 1863..	T. Adams, James Walker.
<i>Kingston &amp; Collinsby</i> .....	Nov.22, 1863,	J. Edgar, W. Newton,
		W. Herridge, D. Scott.
<i>Portland</i> .....	Jan. 4, 1864..	W. Herridge, J. Roadhouse.
	Jan.11, 1864..	W. Newton, D. Scott.
<i>Napanee</i> .....	Dec.14, 1863..	W. Herridge, J. Roadhouse.
	Dec.21, 1863..	J. Edgar, D. Scott.
<i>Piccadilly</i> .....	Dec. 7, 1863..	W. Newton, R. Pattison.
<i>Storrington</i> .....	Dec.18, 1863..	J. Edgar, J. Roadhouse.

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For the year 1863-4.

<i>President of Conference</i> ..	John Natrass, Bowmanville.
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<i>Reach</i> .....	John Garner, Epsom.
<i>Pickering</i> .....	William Codville, Claremont.
<i>Muskoka</i> .....	-----
<i>Brampton</i> .....	Robert Cade, Brampton.
<i>Etobicoke</i> .....	William Rowe, Malton.
<i>Albion</i> .....	James Smith, Albion.
<i>Laskay</i> .....	William Lomas, Laskay.
<i>Orangeville</i> .....	John Goodman, Orangeville.
<i>Osprey</i> .....	Isaac Rydor, Maxwell.
<i>Collingwood</i> .....	Matthew H. Matthews.
<i>Bradford</i> .....	William Monkman, Bradford.
<i>Hamilton</i> .....	James Cheetham, Hamilton.
<i>Walpole</i> .....	John Lacey, Selkirk.
<i>Blenheim and Galt</i> .....	William Bee, Drumbo.
<i>Brantford</i> .....	William S. Hughan, Brantford.
<i>Paris</i> .....	Thomas Dudley, Paris.
<i>Grand River</i> .....	Abraham Heyworth, York.
<i>Walsingham</i> .....	Edward Lawton, Walsingham.
<i>Guelph</i> .....	Timothy Natrass, Guelph.
<i>Peel and Wellesley</i> .....	Jonathan Milner, Hawksville.
<i>Minto</i> .....	William Cook, Trowbridge.
<i>Brant</i> .....	Thomas Foster, Walkerton.
<i>Kincardine</i> .....	John D. Gilbert, Bervie.
<i>Jubilee Mission</i> .....	Richard Paul, Bluevale.
<i>Durham and Sullivan</i> .....	Robert Stephenson. -----
<i>London</i> .....	George Wood, London.
<i>Bosanquet</i> .....	Charles Roffe, Widder.
<i>Mac Gillivray</i> .....	Thomas Adams, Falkirk.
<i>Stratford</i> .....	John R. Swift, Stratford.
<i>Plympton</i> .....	George Watson, Oban.
<i>Chatham</i> .....	Samuel P. Lacey, Chatham West.
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<i>Stanley</i> .....	Matthew H. Moody, Clinton.
<i>Kingston</i> .....	William Herridge, Kingston.
<i>Portlaad</i> .....	James Edgar, Loughboro.
<i>Napanee</i> .....	William Newton, Selby.
<i>Collingsby</i> .....	Job Roadhouse, Collinsby.
<i>Piccadilly</i> .....	Darius Scott, Deniston.
<i>Storrington &amp; South Crosby</i> .....	Roundifg Pattison. -----