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FIRST DAY.

Wednesday Morning, *Sept.* 10th, 1890.

The Third General Conference of the Methodist Church met, pursuant to the resolution of the General Conference of 1886, and the call of the General Superintendent and Secretary, in St. James' Church, in the city of Montreal, on the 10th day of September, 1890, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Rev. A. Carman, D.D., in the chair.

The President gave out the 514th Hymn, the Secretary read the 60th chapter of Isaiah, after which the Rev. Richard Whiting and Mr. E. D. O'Flynn led in prayer. The 109th Hymn was sung, a lesson from the New Testament, 2 Cor. 3 chap., was read, and prayer was offered by Revs. S. F. Huestis, J. J. Rice and T. W. Jolliffe.

The Rev. Dr. Ryckman, Secretary of the last General Conference, laid upon the table the certified lists of the ministers and laymen elected by the Annual Conferences as members of this General Conference.

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., seconded by Rev. Dr. Dewart,

Resolved,—That the roll prepared by the Secretary from the official lists furnished to him be called, and a record of the attendance kept; that a pause be made at the end of each Annual Conference list for objections or corrections, and that the roll as thus settled be the roll of this Conference.

Thereupon the roll was called, and one hundred and twenty-nine ministers and ninety-four laymen answered to their names.

In reference to a vacancy in the lay delegation of the London Conference, it was

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, and seconded,—That Mr. W. B. Whitney, having signified his inability to attend the Conference, the name of Mr. R. J. C. Dawson, reserve delegate, be substituted for that of Mr. Whitney. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stafford,

Resolved,—That the Secretary take note of changes in delegations as indicated by the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, and that the roll be corrected accordingly.

Pursuant to the above resolution, the name of J. J. Weddall, alternate, was substituted for that of H. J. Thorne, in the lay delegation of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, and the name of G. H. West, alternate, was substituted for that of S. R. Parsons, lay delegate of the Manitoba and North-West Conference.

The bar of the Conference was fixed, the space within the pillars supporting the gallery.

On the ballot for Secretary, the Rev. S. F. Huestis was elected.

On motion of Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D.,

Resolved,—That the hours of meeting and adjournment for to-day be, adjournment at 12.15 noon, meet at 2 p.m. and adjourn at 5.30 p.m.

The Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. Dr. Ryckman.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 10.

The Conference re-opened at 2 p.m.

After the singing of a hymn and reading of a Scripture lesson by the Secretary, prayer was offered by Revs. E. Evans and E. B. Moore.

The Minutes of the morning session were read, amended and confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, then delivered the following address:

To the Ministerial and Lay Delegates of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church in General Conference Assembled:

REVERED AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—In the good providence of God, gathered in this third General Conference of our united Canadian Methodism, this quadrennial council, court and parliament of the Zion of our love, how solid and satisfactory is the reason, how plain, positive and suggestive the occasion, of abounding thanksgiving to Him who rules on high and all the earth surveys! Surely our thought and feeling, like the welling up of living waters, like the fulness of the overflowing river, must rise to the devout Psalmist's appreciation and rapture in the expression of his joy in the Lord, and his gratitude to the God of his salvation: "The Lord is good to all, and His tender

mercies are over all His works." "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them." Who are we that we should be brought to this hour? Who is He that so far hath led us on and kept us by His love? What have we done to claim the divine favor or merit this divine regard? Why hath our God permitted us to meet, to serve one another in the Gospel as the Master hath taught us, and to have in solemn charge the sacred interests of His Church? How shall we best discharge the weighty responsibilities of the hour in brotherly love? What can we with divine assistance do, so that when the Conference is over and the years roll on, the greatest good shall come to our Methodism and to the Church of Jesus Christ? How shall we so direct the work, institutions, polity, discipline and ordinances of the Church as, by His Spirit, to secure peace within her walls and prosperity within her palaces; showing the Church of God to be what He lays on it to be, a source of light, a centre of saving power, a beauty and an excellency, a glory and a praise in the earth? How shall we be partakers of the labor, fellowship and joy of the blessed Trinity in the covenants of grace, in the triumphs of the Gospel, in the spreading glory and full and final establishment of the kingdom and dominion of Jesus Christ? How shall we enter into hearty sympathy with Him, the sceptre of whose kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness; who suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; who maketh us to be kings and priests unto God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; who hath given some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; whose is the promise of the Father, "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh;" and the everlasting covenant, "I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession;" "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied"?

Brethren, we are the men to whom these things are the most glorious, the most tremendous realities. Not railways, not gallant ships, not banks and stocks, not rich stores and broad estates, not earthly governments and their great honor and power, not triumphs in art or arms, not even our own generation, or country, or home, or families, or personal advancement and ease, are the great verities of this assembly and this hour; but the purpose and spirit, the interests and enterprises, the forces and conquests of the spiritual, universal, and eternal kingdom of our Lord Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, and all that this spiritual kingdom means in the physical, moral, social and political condition of mankind. We are the men to whom these things are great and enduring verities, or we have no business here. Above all earthly things they are to us the realities and the verities; or we have not conviction deep enough, or conscience well enough instructed for this important office and this holy work. What is it that we are at least twenty-five years of age, and have been members of the Methodist Church five consecutive years; or that we are duly constituted and ordained ministers of the Methodist Church?

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These may be the disciplinary qualifications, and all important in their relation and place; but unless we have the best things these poor credentials attest, they are little more to us than the railway tickets that secured our honest delivery in Montreal. What we need now is the prayerful spirit, the brotherly forbearance and love, the single eye, the humble mind, the keen spiritual discernment that comes of use in divine things, the strong conviction of duty and utter self-renunciation in discharging it, the magnanimous Christly purpose, the entire consecration to God, the sanctifying grace and the baptism of power, the all-conquering faith in God and fidelity to Him, and submission one to another for Christ's sake. These capabilities are begotten of godly practice, do not mature in an instant, and unquestionably have something to do with the constitutional demand that we be each at least twenty-five years of age.

It will the more impress us with the responsibilities of the hour, if we survey the providential dealings of our God with us, and see how surely we shall render account to the Judge of quick and dead. Since our last General Conference many representative brethren, both in the ministry and laity, have been removed by death. Of those who stood in these places and held these precious trusts within their hands four years ago, from the ministerial ranks, there have passed on to their rewards in the Heavens, the venerable and sagacious Williams, the magnanimous and scholarly Nelles, the gifted and eloquent Hunter, the faithful and indefatigable Pickard, and the pious and noble Goodison. How my soul exults, as I think of their labors and their triumphs. The spirit flames within me and leaps on high to seize those things that are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, as I anticipate finding them again with the myriad host of conquerors, the saved of all the ages, in the blaze of endless day.

> "Oh, may we triumph so, when all our warfare's past,
> And dying, find our latest foe beneath our feet at last."

We believe in pardon through the blood, the washing of the regeneration, the godly life, the resurrection of the dead, and the reunion in Heaven. Of our beloved lay brethren that were with us sharing our conflicts, our sorrows, and our joys, there have gone on before the Hon. Senators Ferrier and Macdonald, Hon. C. R. Ayre, and brethren Dr. Gould, Webb and Schlenker; all in their places, loyal sons of our Methodism, pillars and living stones in the temple of our God. We sorrow with abounding hope; and in the glare and heat of the vineyard, wait the summons that called them to the restful shade, and to the land of life and beauty beyond the shadow. God help us to be faithful unto death, and give us also the crown of life!

Of my colleague, Rev. John A. Williams, D.D., I may speak a further word, that we linger a moment upon his memory, his work, and his inspiring example to the Church and to Christendom, before we are swept away from the devotional quiet of our opening session by the strong and diverse currents of Conference business. From the robustness of his constitution, and his natural vigor, he might well have been expected here to-day, though many others of us had fallen; but fierce disease in painful struggle smote that manly form, and it lay withered as a leaf stricken of devouring flame. We give our sympathies and our tears to

the sorrowing ones, to the chamber of suffering, and to the grave; but in the Church of God we lift up our heads with thankfulness and joy. "He being dead, yet speaketh." How he loved our Canadian Methodism! What faith he had in it! and how faithful he was to it in all its interests! A typical Methodist preacher, fully persuaded in his own mind, rooted, settled, so as to say, like Saul of Tarsus, after he had heard and seen that Just One, "Paul an apostle by the will of God;" holding with an intense devotion the peculiar and spiritual doctrines of the Wesleyan evangelism; a profound and comprehensive theologian, well discerning what to include as the doctrines of covenanted mercy and saving grace, and what to exclude from this sovereign domain. A man thoroughly practised and deeply experienced in the polity of our Methodism, and especially in the relations and requirements of our itinerant system. His record is with us, and his reward is sure. Dignified and energetic as a presiding officer, we all shall miss his guidance in this Conference; and none will feel the lack of his assistance more than I. With the great issues that are upon us, and in the deprivation of so much of the fellowship that many of us have hitherto enjoyed, may we, in God's good providence, find compensation in the new associations of this Conference; and may there come upon us in power the Spirit of wisdom, of love and a sound mind.

On the death of Dr. Williams, under authority of Discipline, paragraph 126, there were duly called together the Special Committee of the General Conference, and the six other persons appointed by the General Conference, to consider the question whether a successor to him in the General Superintendency be at once appointed. It was decided by this joint body that owing to the nearness of the General Conference, and for other reasons, no appointment be made. The death of Dr. Williams took place on the 16th of December, 1889, and the joint committee met February 27th, 1890.

The vast amount of important business devolving upon this Conference will be in the main brought forward to our view in the reports of Boards and Committees, and probably in a state of completeness that will greatly facilitate the work of the Conference. The last General Conference, surveying the field with keener than episcopal eye, appointed committees on all conceivable subjects, from the punctuation and grammatical inaccuracies of the book of Discipline, to the Ecumenical Council of Methodism, and the unification and consolidation of all the Protestant Churches. There is such a profusion of committees, that upon some of the ground they lap and lie with the softness and richness and uselessness of waste velvet. Like the strata of autumn leaves, they may enrich the ground double or triple-fold. Something of an enumeration of the Boards and Committees – first of the regular and general, then of the special and exceptional—may afford to some extent, a field plan of our work, and possibly suggest a thought as to the most expeditious and effective way of accomplishing it. Reports must come in from :—

1. The General Conference Special Committee.
2. The Court of Appeal, both the Preliminary Court and Full Court.
3. The Committee on Transfers, both the Interim and Annual.
4. The General Board of Missions and the General Secretary.
5. The Book and Printing Establishments, East and West.

6. The Sabbath-school Board, and Epworth League Claims and Development.

7. The Educational Society and its General Secretary.

8. The General Conference Fund and its Committee.

9. The Superannuation Fund Board, West.

10. The Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, East.

11. The Union Church Relief Fund.

12. The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.

13. The Educational Institutions: (*a*) Those that are immediately the property of the Church and fully under its control; (*b*) those that are proprietary in character and partially under the direction of the General Conference; (*c*) those that are more immediately under the management of the Missionary Board, all of which should report fully to this body.

In addition to these purely Connexional Boards and interests, there are certain other matters that were left for the time being to the Annual Conferences and to local control—such as the Children's Fund, Sustentation Fund, and Local Church and Parsonage Aid Funds—which should be reported on here, that the General Conference may know how other funds are affected thereby, how they are respectively accomplishing their purpose, and whether the ends contemplated have been fully served, or may be better served by other plans and agencies. It is the business and duty of this body to look over the entire ground, harmonize its schemes, economize its resources, and adopt the surest methods to the best ends.

Furthermore, there are many matters of special concern devolved by the last General Conference upon special committees, which must claim our attention during this Conference. Reports should come:—

1. From Commission on Revision of Discipline, page 69, Journals, General Conference, 1886, and on Revision of Ritual, page 262, same Journal, which two committees—being of kindred work, and the latter unprovided for by the General Conference—were united by the General Conference Special Committee.

2. From Commission on Consolidation of Treasurerships, page 93.

3. On Ecumencial Methodist Conference in 1891; correspondence regarding which the General Superintendent is prepared to submit.

4. On the Union of Protestant Churches, page 105.

5. Annual Conference Commissions for the consolidation of Mission work, page 114.

6. Committee on the Currie Case, New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference, page 123.

7. On the Centennial of Canadian Methodism, page 129.

8. Permanent Committee on Temperance, page 129.

9. On Course of Home Reading, page 118.

10. From the various Fraternal Delegates to other Churches.

11. As may be required from the General Superintendency.

From this recital two or three things at once appear: (1) The importance of promptitude in these reports; (2) the duty of every member of the Conference to facilitate their consideration. They ought to bring forward a large share of our business; the careful review of our working machinery is essential to success. It is bad management and inspection to send on the train with hot boxes or cracked wheels.

Add to this enumeration such matters as the number and boundaries of the Annual Conferences, the length of the term of the pastorate, the appointment of the General Officiary of the Church, the composition of the Stationing Committee, the constitution of the Transfer Committee, the regulations of the Superannuation Fund and Supernumerary Ministers' Fund (East), the condition of the General Conference Fund, and the general revision and adaptations of Discipline, and others of a similar character, and any one will see that we have business enough in hand, that there is no place for trifling in either spirit or work, that great questions are pending, that the decisions of this Conference are to be mighty for weal or woe; and that, therefore, we have constant need of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, of honesty and simplicity of purpose, of fidelity to our Church and to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. We must make up our minds to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and in the fear of God to abide as best we may till business is done. I am ashamed to say it; but from the last General Conference, men went home early in the session, simply because they were homesick, like boys caught the first time at college.

Let us keep before our minds the following aims; every member of the Conference can further them, and they may help us to better and speedier results: (1) Appoint committees with a view to fitness, experience and efficiency, and not with a view to personal aims and sectional policy. (2) As soon as possible get our committees into working order, and bring forward as rapidly as we may into their hands all reports, memorials, and other matters to be allotted to their consideration. (3) To lay out Conference sessions and committee work, and have the committees of such numbers, and such distribution of the membership of the Conferences, as to give every man work on committee, and afford the committees proper time well economized—say Conference sessions two periods of the day, mornings and evenings, placing the public meetings in the evening, or some similar arrangement, leaving a compact morning or a compact afternoon for committee work. (4) Let the committees do their work thoroughly in committee, bringing in well considered and carefully prepared reports, avoiding thereby lengthy and perplexing discussions, and obtaining maturer and wiser measures. As in parliament, our work may be done mainly in committee, and bring to the Church valuable experience that never will be gathered in debate on the floor of the Conference. (5) Make legislation distinct—*first reading*, *second reading*, *third reading*, or their equivalent—so that no responsibility as to the sense of the law and no discretion as to its meaning be left with the Editors of Discipline after Conference. Note what is repealed as repealed, as plainly as what is enacted as enacted. (6) Adapt legislation, provision to provision and measure to measure, so that court fit on court and committee on Conference. Here may be a good wheel, there a fine shaft, but the question is, how will they work together? How are the Transfer Committee and the Stationing Committee related? Do they ever hitch and jolt? How the District Meeting and Annual Conference in judicial procedure? Is there a trial and an appeal? Is the District Meeting in this regard like the spleen in the human body—use not known? (7) Occupy the early days of session with most important matters, that we be not driven into a corner of confusion at the close. Out of such a press there

comes very little good, except sometimes what is known as the "slaughter of the innocents."

These observations may be wretchedly commonplace and plain to every one, and certainly would not have been made if in the past they had not, with much damage and loss, been disregarded. Complications have arisen out of difficulty in reconciling General Conference action, and the best intentioned editing possible, where legislation is ill-jointed and discretion is allowed, may not leave the law what the legislative body designed. When the present law on the Transfer Committee came out of the last General Conference, and was gathered into the Discipline, it quite astonished its framers; for the simple reason that they had not looked after repeals as well as after enactments and interpreting clauses. And this is not the only instance in the history of the world where neglect or refusal to repeal discolors a whole law and beclouds its administration. Clear, decisive, well arranged, well adjusted legislation is our duty, and it greatly contributes to the peace and prosperity of the Church. Measures, rude, crude, ill digested and ill adapted, will breed, multiply and aggravate troubles. The very object of the meeting of our quadrennial parliament is to improve our law, and work into the book of Discipline and our executive economy the benefits of administrative experience.

Having said so much upon procedure in a general way, I may, perhaps, be allowed to advert to a few topics of interest to us, and lay my views on them before the Conference. And first, a word as to fidelity to the Constitution, the primordial nature and law of the General Conference itself. The General Conference in the basis of union is clearly and purely a delegated and representative body. Every man that stands upon this floor is a representative; and the body, as a whole, has no powers but those delegated or given to it by the Church at large in the contract of union. The General Superintendent, the constitutional chairman of the body, is not a member of the body, and has no vote in it; and justly so, for he is not a representative. We have a strange arrangement by which the General Superintendent, whose term of office is expiring, not by election, but by legislation, becomes a member of the General Conference, representing no one and having no co-ordinate layman; in both respects disregarding the character, destroying the balance, and violating the very constitution of the General Conference; as though a legislature, with usurpation surpassing that of the Long Parliament, should appoint members to itself; while on the other side of this strange arrangement, unique in the history of the world, when the incoming Superintendent is elected from outside the General Conference, while he himself does not thereby become a member of the General Conference, he carries in with him a layman who does become a member of the General Conference; so if perchance restoring the balance of ministers and laymen in the General Conference, yet wholly destroying the constitution of the Annual Conference delegations, which are to have one in ten as the basis of representation. I confess I am jealous of these principles of representation and delegation and rights of Annual Conferences, the electorate, and the constituent assemblies in the Church's behalf, and would not in these fundamental and all-important matters see them disturbed. The General Conference, like our House of Commons, is strictly and wholly representative, and

should, whether in regular or special session, be so preserved as the surest bulwark against all mere officialism, all dangerous centralization, all hierarchy. Anything like an *ex-officio* membership in this body, and everything counterworking fair election and representation, and responsible and renewable delegation, is repugnant to my ideas of a General Conference. Indeed, as in civil and parliamentary affairs, I regard this the very palladium of our rights, and the most effective check of anything and everything like hierarchical assumption; the purity, equality, and entirety of representation of the proper constituent bodies in the General Conference, and as provided for in the basis of union. There is much said of the danger of centralization of power in the official positions of the Church, while there seems an unaccountable disregard of the very foundations on which these official positions rest, and from which they receive their authority, law and direction. If the crane give way at the wall, the crash is more terrible than if merely the chain break that carries the stone. Firm base and strong fastenings have as much to do with the efficient use of mechanical power as the tackle at the point of application. It might be poor policy to watch and hold and pound the ropes and swivel at the end with the load, when the trouble is in loose stones and shaking timbers at the start. So it might be poor policy to restrict or curtail the vigor of a doctrine or the usefulness of a position, when the true and sure safeguards and correctors are the integrity and stability of the fundamental law. Equal, pure representation is, in these matters, our safety and our strength.

What was that great apostasy, which, early uniting the temporal and spiritual power in the usurpations of the gigantic antichrist, the abominable man of sin, made even Paul in vision tremble, grew in stature century by century, ultimately overshadowed Europe and all the earth, lifted itself on high to dethrone the Christ of God, and is yet lifting up itself in all lands, and mightily in our beloved Canada, so far as it may, stiffening in cold paralysis and burying in deadly shade the brightness and warmth of divine doctrine, the pulsations of freedom and the joyous youthful national life—what was it but growing disregard of the command of the Holy Ghost affecting the election of stewards and deacons as ordained in the Primitive Church, and the preservation of elective, free, equal and fraternal assemblies, with all their disadvantages and ills, for ecclesiastical government throughout the generations of men? What was it but the abandonment of the divine, scriptural and apostolic plan of the essential equality in the ministry, presbytery and episcopacy in spiritual matters, and the full employment of the laity in the temporalities and polities of the household of faith? What was it but the erection instead of this scriptural and apostolic ministry and episcopacy, a post apostolic, post-scriptural, historic, diocesan episcopacy, after the manner of a secular ruler, and with the beginnings of usurpation of temporal power? What was this great apostasy but the withdrawal of the temporalities from the elect laity, the disownment of the divine equality and perpetuity of the episcopacy in the presbytery, the perversion into historic diocesan episcopacy; then the *ex-officio* councils from provinces and empires; then the mighty struggle for the mastery of prelates, nuncios and cardinals, and then the full and final triumph of the Papacy, the pontificate and primacy of Rome? Brethren, we better hold on to our constitutional elections, authorized in

the Word of God and vindicated in the history of the Church; our safeguard, under God, against priestly ambition, against prelacy, primacy and Papacy.

Let us search the Scriptures, for in this matter also they testify of God. "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report." Elect seven men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business, the business of the temporalities. To the whole pastorate and through the whole pastorate at Antioch was the commission given. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." In the constitution of the first council at Jerusalem they determined, "elected," that Paul and Barnabas, and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question; and again in that council, it pleased the apostles and elders with the whole Church to send chosen, "elected," men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief among the brethren. The Church is a brotherhood, the family of God; and the better even men calling themselves Christians learn this lesson, the more scriptural and effective will ecclesiastical government become.

Under these views I direct attention to the special session of the General Conference, provided for in Discipline, par. 125: "The General Conference Special Committee shall have power to call a special session of the General Conference at any time, which shall be composed of the members of the last regular General Conference, all vacancies having been filled according to the usual modes of election." The question is, What constitutes a vacancy? How is a Conference essentially legal unless the Annual Conference balance be preserved? And if the occasion of call were serious contentions betwixt Annual Conferences, or great questions upon which Annual Conferences had taken sides, how could difficulties legally be adjusted with that balance disturbed? Does the transfer of a General Conference representative from one Annual Conference to another constitute a vacancy in the delegation of the former Conference? If transfer does not make a vacancy, what becomes of the balance of Conferences, the constitutional basis of one in ten, and the rights of Annual Conferences, of which we hear so much? If transfer make a vacancy, then many of the most valuable members of the last General Conference lose their membership, and in the temper of our Church are debarred very likely the possibility of re-election. Transfer eight or ten General Conference delegates from the other Conferences to the Toronto Conference, have you a well and constitutionally arranged General Conference, though special legislation favor it? The same principles operate in the removal of the membership of laymen from one Annual Conference jurisdiction to that of another. These questions have arisen during the Quadrennium, and I am thankful under all the circumstances we were saved the practical test of the administration, which has been to regard the election as made for the four years, and therefore as the easiest way out of the difficulty and the best way to close the door against other difficulties, to declare in case of transfer there is no vacancy.

In my humble opinion, the special session, or what I would regard as better, the special General Conference, whenever a necessity, should not depart from the representative and proportionate lines of the regular

Conference, and should wait until after new elections in the first ensuing Annual Conferences. This enables the Church to deal with a question as it stands in the crisis of the call. I am not sure, but this very fidelity to the Constitution would have saved us much money, delivered us from strife, and greatly advanced the common interests in the stirring times through which, as a Church, we have recently passed.

The principle I am now unfolding has also its application to our representative Committees and Boards; such as the Book Committee and the Sabbath-school Board. The Book Committee is of a most strictly representative character, and the proportion of the Annual Conferences therein most definitely marked. However, in these cases also we have been accustomed to regard the appointments as made for the Quadrennium, and not affected by transfer, though the representation of one Annual Conference on the Committee might thereby be doubled, and of another, obliterated.

In the constitution of the General Board of Missions, provision is made for the annual revision of the representative section of the Board as well as for the preservation of its connexional character, so that on the one hand, the interests of the Annual Conferences are guarded, and on the other hand, the connexional bond, administration and vigor are maintained. It might not be amiss, and would possibly be more in harmony with our spirit and work, if our Connexional Committees and Boards were fully, as practicable, conformed to this model.

Following the General Conference itself, it is the natural order to consider those General Conference or Connexional Committees that lie in between the General Conference and the Executive, Annual or Pastoral Conferences, and various Executive Boards. I refer to such intermediate and connexional bodies as the Court of Appeal, the Transfer Committee and the Stationing Committee. And first as to the Court of Appeal. My recommendations here may be rather Hibernian. The first is to abolish, the second to reform. Personally, I do not see that this Court serves any good purpose. Whoever knew any one in church trials, where the strife costs little or nothing, cease his strife as long as there was a door of appeal open? and for that matter in spirit and life far beyond? But say you: Superintendents, Presidents, Boards and Conferences must be kept to law; and how is that to be done without the Court of Appeal? Is it done with the Court of Appeal? The experience of the past Quadrennium is not a very decided affirmative. Appeals to this Court are allowed only on questions of jurisdiction and law, and those mainly affecting Annual Conferences. The questions that have arisen are largely questions of ministerial character, questions in which sympathies and partialities are often mightily aroused, so that the poor barriers of the Court of Appeal have not withstood their overflowing force, since there are neither civil nor ecclesiastical pains and penalties, but only moral bonds and fastenings. My preference is to throw the whole responsibility of examination of ministerial character upon the proper court in the Annual Conference, give it full powers both over fact and interpretation of law, and require that every case be fully and finally disposed of every year, as is plainly implied in the Annual Conference. On the other hand, administration would likely be as safe this way as any other, even if in our circumstances not so uniform; for an Annual Conference would feel in honor bound to

protect its own honor if not the vital interests of the work of God; and on the other hand, every case would be closed up in some way at the Annual Conference, and not kept hanging and dragging throughout a Quadrennium. On the matter of interpretation of law, or even of verdict upon facts, the General Conference might constitute a Court of Appeal within the Annual Conference itself, and have all the courts complete their work with the session. To secure so far as possible uniformity of administration even with our numerous and rapidly exchanging Chairmen of the Annual Conferences, which feature of our economy aggravates the difficulty under review, it would greatly contribute to have each General Conference review the administration of the Quadrennium as recorded in the Journals of the Annual Conferences; so that, while revising no case, and modifying no case, even where law has been disregarded or jurisdiction exceeded, the declaration of the General Conference thereupon would determine the law for the future, while not disturbing the decisions of the past. Appeals upon questions of law and jurisdiction without retrospective power could be allowed to the General Conference itself.

As to the other side of my Hibernicism, should the Court of Appeal be continued with something like its present functions, I would think it an improvement to make it larger, divide it into two sections—East and West—something in the order of the Book Committee, each capable of determining cases within its own range of Conferences, say upon the visit of the General Superintendent thereto; with a fair representation of the Annual Conferences in the original appointment, and with a power to fill vacancies, properly placed; the two courts to be combined into one, say at the General Conference, or whenever either court may require it, for the adjudication of cases that the sections themselves, or either of them, may for connexional reasons not think it prudent to settle alone. On the whole, I would arrange fully to trust the Annual Conferences, and hold them responsible to the General Conference alone. They should have my fullest confidence and I would preserve their rights intact. This General Conference is the great parliament and court that must preserve at least our external unity and administrative consistency and uniformity; and if its representative character, as before urged, be faithfully preserved, and it keep itself true to compacts, leagues and covenants, there will likely be as little trouble as may reasonably be expected in human affairs.

The arrangement of a preliminary Court of Appeal as it has been in the past, is, I think, wholly unsatisfactory; for contestants, as a rule, will not stop at the door. They are bound to see all that is for them in the arena of strife, if not in the temple of justice. The action of each section should be final for that section; unless at the discretion of the court itself it is for connexional reasons handed on to the full court, or to the General Conference.

Further, the court being continued, its jurisdiction should be extended to cover not only cases of jurisdiction and law, but motions of order and other acts that divert or defeat law, or have that design and tendency. As it is purely a court in the interests of connexionalism and uniform administration, its province should be commensurate with its requirements and limited thereto.

The Transfer Committee.

Whatever expedients may be adopted for interim and emergency exchanges of ministers or probationers betwixt Conferences, they should be, as at present, prompt and inexpensive. But while we are a connexion, and while it is claimed and admitted that facility of transfer is in the interests of the connexion, cultivating the connexional spirit, strengthening the bond and increasing the aggressive power of this unity, it seems under our present constitution impracticable, as some would suggest for economy's sake, to avoid the annual meeting of the Presidents in Transfer Committee, or at least so many of them as are immediately concerned in the exchanges of the year. For in cases in which a direct exchange betwixt two of the Conferences may not be advisable or practicable, a circuitous route of exchange betwixt three, four or even five Conferences may restore the balance and be on the whole highly beneficial. Again, the annual review of the field as to the requirements of Conferences, especially the remote and weaker ones, in men adapted to their work, by the Presidents interested not only in their own Conferences, but as loyal and intelligent connexional men in the welfare of Methodism at large; and thus providing for all the Conferences, lightening the overburdened, supplying deficiencies, and guarding as well as may be both connexional and personal considerations, must be productive of great good; and when faithfully and unselfishly done by all concerned, must send the thrill and joy of a glorious brotherhood throughout our entire communion. If not so done, we need not wonder if circuits would be set looking out for themselves, and men for themselves; and the Transfer Committee, instead of proving a great power in our aggressive evangelism, and a noble promoter of our connexional unity, should be degraded to a disturber of the peace of the Church, a recorder of ambitions, or at the best, a moderator of discontents. The great safety in both the Transfer Committee and the Stationing Committee is that the people on the one hand, and the ministers on the other, be both fully persuaded that these committees are acting unselfishly and faithfully in the interest of the cause of God. Our disciplinary provisions and regulations should keep that end steadily in view. And, certainly, we should have no so ill-adapted legislation as to make very easy, indeed quite probable, repeated conflicts betwixt transfer and stationing power. For myself, I am confident we shall hear very little of lay representation in the Stationing Committee—a measure I may honestly say I could by no means favor, except it had become a manifest necessity to correct greater evils or to maintain invaded rights—if we secure both in constitution and spirit the greatest disinterestedness and impartiality possible to Christ-like men in ecclesiastical administration. Genuine personal consecration to God and His work, both in ministry and laity, will help mightily in these matters; impartial arrangements and common sense will do the rest.

The General Superintendency.

I now turn my thoughts and ask your attention to the subject of the General Superintendency in its present condition, its relation to the Church, and to the General Conference Fund. There may be almost indelicacy in my touching it at all; but here as elsewere, by divine grace, I hope to do my duty faithfully before God and the brethren. I ought

to be as anxious to get at the true interest of the Methodist Church in this as in anything else, as earnest as any to ascertain what is best in this regard, and as much concerned as any in what is done.

It will be borne in mind that in the formation of the Basis of Union, the great principles involved, and the questions on which the concessions of that solemn compact were made, were: (1) The freedom of the pastorate and the independency of the ministry in purely ministerial affairs; (2) equal lay representation and joint lay and ministerial action in various Conferences and Courts; (3) a vigorous connexionalism, unitedly directed energy and uniform administration of discipline, and the agency for their better accomplishment, the itinerant General Superintendency. There can be no doubt that the most effective operation of these principles, all found in the Christian Church of the first centuries, is secured by their proper adjustment, that is, by their mutual restraint, impulse and direction. All in each of the uniting bodies in some degree, and each in all, though given various emphasis and prominence, unity of polity and spirit was obtained by fraternal concessions; and possibly can only so be maintained till our Church government, which is by no means the most important element in church life, like a mighty engine with well-balanced parts, shall to the greatest advantage economize and expend its force, and afford us a product the highest and the best. No one would now think of violating the compact in the essentials of lay representation or in the proper relations of the pastorate; so I presume there is but one mind regarding the covenant as affecting a positive connexionalism and its appointed agency. Among true men, acting in good faith, I am justified in this presumption. We would do ourselves no honor playing like boys at game of "dodge," or like dubious financiers at "kite flying," when it is simply "rub and go." As men of God, and leaders and legislators in the Church of Christ, surely as much may be demanded of us as of statesmen and patriots in civil affairs, that we look the facts and conditions of things in the face, and frame our measures on the solidest and broadest grounds of intelligence, honesty and the general weal. If we are to have a pastorate, a succession of ministers, we want it independent within its spiritual sphere; manly, consecrated and free. If we are to have lay representation, it must be accorded respect, confidence, responsibility, dignity and effect. If we are to have a General Superintendency, it should be made veritable and vigorous. We can waste neither time nor money on parade, superfluous machinery, friction or farce.

Happily here, as in civil governments, the providence of God has so arranged matters, that often financial considerations, when others fail, bring men to their senses. The General Conference Fund, two-thirds of which goes to support the General Superintendency, is heavily in debt. On this fact permit me to make two or three observations: (1) It is a marvel to me that this fund has done even so well as it has, when I consider, on the one hand, the quite pardonable lack of interest in it because of its distance from the personal sympathies of pastor and people, and on the other, the time of year generally set apart for the appeal in its behalf; a season when half the giving power of leading churches is not within arm's length of the collection plate. How would the Pastorate Fund, the Superannuation Fund, or the Mission Fund fare under such treatment? (2) When the last General Conference found itself in comparatively easy

circumstances its votes of money were quite free in particulars I need not now designate. (3) The same Conference, with best intent, and for what no doubt appeared sufficient reason, withdrew from the fund considerable support which it had previously enjoyed, and to which without tortuous or indirect reasoning it would appear to be entitled. The labors of the General Superintendency have gone largely for the benefit of the Mission and Education Funds, and, therefore, might not be a wrongful participant in the proceeds. (4) The last General Conference, with a profusion that would have been extreme folly, had not the circumstances of the time in its judgment rendered it supreme policy and wisdom, commissioned a disproportionately large supervisional and departmental staff, which was by no means illiberally provided for; so that by as much as there was heavy expenditure and unusual pressure in other directions, by so much the General Conference Fund could more easily than others be left to suffer. That the fund is not in a more deplorable condition than we find it to-day must be largely due to the diligence of the Treasurer, and a considerable spontaneousness in the liberality of our people.

This condition of affairs has, of course, intimately to do with the question of the appointment of a successor to the late lamented Dr. Williams, as well as with other regulations concerning the office. Were my preference in the matter asked, I should promptly and decidedly say, I prefer an associate or associates in the office. I recognize the unspeakable value of counsel in the affairs of the Church; and I think also this mutual support of godly judgment is in the order of things, and better for the Church, the House of God. Various propositions, likely only tentatively, have been in the air; such as, (1) "Make the Departmental officers General Superintendents within restrictions and have one General Superintendent at large." My soul recoils at even the suggestion; it smacks too much of the archbishopric. I avow myself so thoroughly Wesleyan, after Mr. Wesley himself, and I believe so thoroughly scriptural on the equality of order of ministers or presbyters, that Presbyterianism is vastly more acceptable to me than prelacy or anything like it. Again it is queried, Why not make the Departmental officers General Superintendents within territorial limits? This again, though perhaps more saving, would be diocesan, and a violation of the compact of the Basis of Union, which calls for an itinerant General Superintendency.

The danger is now we shall swing from one extreme to the other. The departmental and supervisional staff has been large; there is a possibility of undue contraction. We have had two General Superintendents, a General Secretary of Missions, a General Secretary of Education, and a Superintendent of Missions in the North-West; five men engaged in the affairs of the entire field, besides the Superannuation Fund Treasurer, and other treasurers who also must have an eye throughout the connexion. Possibly in a Church of our dimensions there might have been such a union of the general supervision with the connexional departmental requirements, as would have saved both men and means. The departmental work *must be done;* and in my view, the opening empire of the great North-West requires special and personal attention. Could there have been three General Superintendents with those departments attached that are consistent with the office; perfect peers with all ministerial brethren in orders, and with one another in office; jointly a board

of consultation and action, as might be thought expedient in the interests of the Church; and separately each, while in charge of a department, in full authority in any part of the field; placed under law by the General Conference, and while administering law, held amenable to law; mutually helpful as such men would naturally be, itinerating like their brethren, and yet with residences arranged, say for a quadrennium, at such points as Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg, from my point of view I think I can see how there would have been both great economy and efficiency. There would have been two men less than in the past, and a well-nigh corresponding saving of money; there being thereby actually no need of a call upon the Church for a General Conference Fund, except for absolutely General Conference purposes. The time for all this may have gone by, or perhaps, in the judgment of wiser men than I, never came. But personally, I am of the view that, with much prayer and thought, this whole business should be put upon some more satisfactory basis. The dignity of the Conference and the welfare of the Church demand it. For me, I am eager to know the mind of Christ, and in all things to serve the brethren and gladly do their bidding to the glory of God. And the mind of my brethren has a great deal to do with me in determining the mind of Christ. In spiritual and ecclesiastical concerns I can go a long way toward saying, "Vox Ecclesiæ, vox Dei." But it is scarcely creditable to any of us that a sacred office should be in any degree regarded in the light of a suspected or enforced sinecure, and occupied for merely personal reasons with a design it shall lapse with a certain term of personal tenure. Unlike the man in the Scriptures, "I can dig, to beg I'm not ashamed," when God lays it upon me; but with you I prefer to be a party to a more honorable *modus vivendi* than is implied in any such apparently strained relations. If any wait for my death, I died in this regard before the union. My one anxiety is that we know the will of God, and do it. In the midst of solemn compacts and tremendous issues, with the common desire for steadiness of polity and excellency of government, we join in the prayer that God, even our own God, may bless us, may lead us to the best conclusions for His own glory, and the welfare of His people, in this and in all matters; that the spirit of strife and distrust be removed; and that the spirit of mutual confidence, of brotherly affection and co-operation, of ready personal sacrifice and full devotion to the Church and her precious and indispensable interests, possess and actuate us in every deliberation and every decision.

Our Educational Work.

In the present critical state and relations of our Church University in these Central Conferences, all feel the supreme importance of calm deliberation and godly decision in so momentous and far-reaching interests. So vast, so weighty, and now so well understood and so clear a responsibility of this Conference is this matter, that I may not venture to deliver any opinion upon it, or utter any words other than to pray that abiding in the meekness of wisdom and in brotherly love, we may be led by the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. The welfare of the country in some regards is involved in our action, as well as most intimately and in many respects the safety and prosperity of the Church; whereupon we may not draw up to it otherwise than with the most

serious concern and the most earnest prayer. God save us in such an hour as this from the pride of opinion, the zest of contention, and from the struggle for personal and sectional triumph. We all desire the present and perpetual prosperity of our beloved Methodism; the Lord take away confusion from our counsels and give us the single eye; the Lord command His blessing upon us which is life forevermore, and grant us peace.

While not feeling it incumbent on me, however, to say from the peculiarity of the case, more of this our most urgent educational interest, I may without prejudice direct your attention to other parts and other aspects of this work. Whatever may be best for Victoria University and for the Church in regard to them at this juncture, we all agree it would not be wise to pervert the policy, withhold or lessen the resources, or mar the efficiency of our other colleges and schools that may, with God's blessing, be doing well under the soundest policy and most healthful relations for them, and accomplishing for the Church in their measure and way as good a work, it may be, as Victoria herself. Even in the tidal sweep of a Federation movement here in the West, nothing must be done to unsettle the firm foundations of the noble educational fabric of the brethren in the Maritime Provinces. On the other hand, something must be done to strengthen the hands of the brethren bearing the burdens of this department of toil in Manitoba and the North-West. In our legislation they will unquestionably be accorded their proper share of the Educational Fund, as it is desirable also that this fund should be increased for all recipients.

In this relation the General Conference will likely be memorialized regarding the claim of Albert College, Belleville—called by Chancellor Burwash the right arm of Victoria University—furnishing well-nigh one half of the successful matriculating classes of that University, engaged largely in the preparation of candidates for the ministry, and affording home life with efficient culture to multitudes of our youth. This institution, Albert University, at the time of the union, was receiving an annual contribution, of say $2,000, from the Circuits of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which support was, of course, wholly cut off by the union. Hence, though the College has proved self-supporting, the debt through interest has so increased as to become not only an embarrassment but positive ruin, if not speedily lightened or removed. This institution, doing such a work, and having surrendered such an annual income in 1884 in the interest of the common Educational Fund, will, I am sure, be regarded an honest applicant to be ranked with fellow-laborers and a rightful claimant upon the Educational Fund. Further, it should be considered that the occupation of the field by the Federation canvass has largely precluded the possibility of canvass for the other institutions that, like Victoria University, are owned by the Church, and must look to it for help. The General Conference should look carefully into the whole matter and over the entire field, and make such arrangements as shall prevent unnecessary hurt or loss coming to any of our schools. The reports will show that they all are doing good work; and their way should be opened to enlarged influence. We, all of us, have only one thought in this regard, to make all our schools and colleges of all kinds and grades efficient in their work and true to patriotism and Christianity. In the

East and in the West, from Newfoundland to far-off Japan, we would have them shining with a steady lustre, faithful witnesses to truth and liberty, to Methodism and Protestantism, to humanity and to God.

Prohibition.

The last General Conference appointed a Standing Committee of twenty-two members from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, "to employ every available and legitimate means, both civil and religious, to secure from our legislators a general prohibitory law." The report of this Committee will be of interest to the Conference, and likely form the basis of future action of a very decided character. The glorious Gospel energy, like the power of trade, in pushing the iron track across the continent, must cast up the highway and gather out the stones. "The valley must be exalted and the mountain and hill made low; the crooked paths must be made straight and the rough places plain." That is, the Church of God must remove obstruction after obstruction in preparing the way of the Lord, and making straight in the desert a highway for our God. As the farmer must fight and destroy the enemy of his crop, as well as prepare the soil and nurture his plant; so must the Gospel messenger and the Gospel ministry uproot and overthrow all obstacles and break down all opposition as well as sow the pure seed of the Word, train the tender shoot, administer the revivings of grace and love, and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die. In this aspect of His work Christ came not to send peace on earth, but a sword. The great moral, social, public and political obstructions to the spread of the Gospel kingdom must be removed. And since they are *moral*, developing the manners and customs of men, regulating the fashions and habits of the masses, the most potent helps or hindrances of true religion; *social*, inwrought into the very texture and framework of society; *public*, recognized openly as the necessary condition and common heritage of all; and *political*, embodied in public sentiment, institutions and law; they must be removed, in the government of God, by the moral, social, public and political forces under the impulse and direction of divine power, wisdom and grace. If Christianity cannot meet this case, it is not fit for this fight, and we need another religion. But Christianity, the system of the lowly Nazarene, does meet the case, and has set out to conquer the world. Christianity is moulding and must mould public sentiment, till it finds its embodiment in political institutions and civil law, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. Human slavery has gone down in Christian lands before the law, sometimes in blood; polygamy in like manner has been cast out; ancient monsters, like sutteeism and child-widowhood in India, flee in terror to their hiding places before that avenger of wrong, an advancing public opinion and an improving administration and law. And now in this and other lands seizure is made upon the traffic in alcoholic drinks to-day, perhaps as dire a foe as Christianity has over all the earth. The thousand years are in progress; the angel of the covenant is binding that old serpent, the devil; the Church militant is in the field and must, if she prove true, accept the dangers and issues of the conflict. A score of times has she turned to flight before her enemies; a score of times has wild ruin and

defeat broken her squares and swept down her ranks. God grant our Zion valor and wisdom in a day like this, adding courage to our faith.

What hindereth that we have not in this onset put to flight the armies of the aliens? Much every way; love of money, love of ease, love of power, love of strong drink; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, and the fell spirit of party strife, over them all and handling them all for its own purposes, when it is not itself handled by a yet mightier spirit; for there are many antichrists. Does any one here doubt, that if the vote of the Methodist Church in this Dominion were solid for Prohibition above all considerations of political party, that it would be but few years till Prohibition stood strong, the law of the land? Does any one doubt that if the Christian and public sentiment of our people—others remaining but as they are, which they would not if we were braver and better—were such that we were a unit on this and every great moral reform, that the public men and the public institutions of the country would be long in shaping their course accordingly? And should not our Methodist people be solid for Prohibition above any consideration of political party? Does any one doubt that if the Presbyterian Church were solid for Protestantism and civil liberty with a voice clear and strong above all partizan strife, that aggressions upon civil liberty would soon cease? And should not the Presbyterian Church be solid for civil liberty? What is the Church of Christ here for, if not in intelligence, freedom, piety and loyalty to Christ, to be solid, compact, united upon such issues? Perhaps we ought to find as high a style of true manhood, and as noble models of patriotism and good citizenship, in the Methodist Church as elsewhere. And yet am I right before God and my country, before conscience and history, if a sin is less a sin in my sight when allowed or committed by the party I prefer, than when allowed or committed by the party I might denounce? This spirit of partizan strife blunts the private and the public conscience, lowers the standards of morality, and hinders, and often defeats, the cause of our loving Redeemer. It even sometimes divides our Methodist societies, and interferes with the support of a heroic pastorate. In the very Prohibition issue now under consideration it tosses a great moral reform about like a football, and opposes religion and the cause of God. As a Church of Christ we may well disown it and its bitter fruits. The clarion voice of conscience must sound in notes high and clear above the din of party strife. The trumpet of the Divine Word must call men back to duty. The Church of God has been in Egypt; the Church of God has been in the wilderness; the Church of God has backslidden and revolted in Canaan, and lain in captivity in Babylon; the Church of God, by spiritual and political unfaithfulness, was plunged into the thick darkness of the mediæval apostasy, whose chills are yet upon her limbs, whose shadows are yet upon her vision, and whose fears are yet in her heart. And history may yet repeat itself. What immunity from guilt has treachery to-day? What covenant of security is pledged to cowardice, indolence and faithlessness? A moral uprising, an assertion and vindication of conscience, is demanded by the country and the times. We must have it if we are to secure the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. Whence is it to come, if not from the House of God? The men that break with their party for patriotism, for civil liberty, for moral reform, will, of course, be denounced as fanatics and characters of a worse

type ; for the parties, as in the time of our Lord, have had a long discipline in epithet and abuse. But with Moses and Elijah, with the Nazarene and the Apostles, with Luther, Knox and Wesley, we must expect these things, and triumph in them and do our duty. And the grace of our God be upon us to make us sufficient for these things.

Other themes were adverted to : as the formation of the Epworth League, the Superannuation Fund, the lessons of gratitude and humility, of trust, hope and courage, to be learned from the review of the statistics of the Quadrennium, and the evident tokens of divine favor, notwithstanding much unworthiness, division of sentiment, and consequent uneasiness and debate. "Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love. In personal consecration, in seeking the mind of Christ, and to be filled with the Spirit, in the unity of the brotherhood, the fellowship of the Gospel, and submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of God, difficulties shall be removed, power bestowed, joy imparted, success assured, and the Conference upon which we are now entering made the most blessed and fruitful of good of all in our history."

The Secretary nominated Warring Kennedy, Esq., and Rev. E. I. Badgley, LL.D., Assistant Secretaries, and the nominations were confirmed by the Conference.

Moved by Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D., seconded by Dr. Willmott, and

Resolved,—That until this body adopt rules for its own government, the Rules of Order be those of the last General Conference, as printed in the Discipline.

Moved by Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., seconded by George Wilson,—That a nominating Committee be appointed as follows : Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Niagara, Guelph and London Conferences, each two ministers and two laymen, and one minister and one layman from each of the remaining Conferences, viz., Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Manitoba and North-West, and British Columbia. The motion was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the Conference adjourn for fifteen minutes, to allow the several Annual Conferences to meet and elect representatives for the Nominating Committee.

After the recess, the Presidents of the Annual Conferences reported the following as the representatives of their respective Conferences on the Nominating Committee :—

Toronto Conference.—Rev. J. F. German, M.A., Rev. Dr. Parker, J. T. Moore and E. J Davis.

London Conference.—Rev. J. R. Gundy, Rev. John Learoyd, R. J. C. Dawson and John Milne.

Niagara Conference.—Rev. John Kay, Rev. J. S. Williamson, John Mann and J. H. Smith.

Guelph Conference.—Rev. Dr. Griffin, Rev. Dr. Henderson, R. W. McKenzie and W. M. Gray.

Bay of Quinte Conference.—Rev. W. Burns, Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., S. P. Ford, M.D., and W. F. Hall.

Montreal Conference.—Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, Rev. Jas. Kines, Dr. Lavell and Dr. Alexander.

Nova Scotia Conference.—Rev. Dr. Lathern and F. B. Woodill.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.—Rev. Dr. Sprague and W. E. Dawson.

Newfoundland Conference.—Rev. Wm. Swan and J. E. P. Peters.

Manitoba and North-West Conference.—Rev. J. Woodsworth and A. M. Peterson.

British Columbia Conference.—Rev. C. Bryant and D. Spencer.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ryckman, it was

Resolved,—That the Nominating Committee meet at 8 o'clock this evening for organization, and that they nominate committees on the following subjects :

Missions.
Superannuation Fund.
Education.
Publishing Interests.
Temperance.
Children's Fund.
Memorials.
Course of Study.
Sabbath Observance.
Church Property.
Statistics.
Centennial of Methodism.
Finance.
Sabbath-schools.
General Superintendency.
Annual Conferences.
Itinerancy.
Discipline.
Transfers.
Revision of Ritual.
Sustentation.
Embarrassed Trusts.
State of the Work.
Public Services.
Reception of Fraternal Delegates.

Moved by Rev. W. Kettlewell, seconded by J. H. Smith, and

Resolved,—1. That it be an instruction to the Nominating Committee to arrange the committees of this Conference in three groups, to be known respectively as groups A, B and C ; and that each member of the General Conference be placed on at least one committee in each group.

2. That, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, each group of committees shall meet at a separate hour, such hour to be fixed from time to time by a Business Committee.

The resolution, on motion, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

On motion of Rev. S. Bond,—The Revs. J. Henderson, Dr. T. G. Williams, George Bishop and J. Torrance were appointed a committee to designate and mark the room in which each committee shall meet.

On motion of J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., it was

Resolved,—That returns be now made from Boards and Standing Committees, in accordance with a resolution of last General Conference on page 130 of Journal.

The following Boards and Committees submitted reports on attendance and expenses, viz.:—

Revision of Discipline.
Court of Appeal.
Sunday-school Board.
Temperance Committee.
Board of Regents, Victoria.
General Board of Missions.
Committee of Consultation and Finance.
Church Union Committee.
General Conference Special Committee.

On motion of Dr. Maclaren, it was

Resolved,—That the returns presented by the various Boards and Committees, as to attendance, etc., be referred to a Special Committee, to be named by the Nominating Committee, which shall report to this Conference, and that the returns be subsequently handed to the committees having charge of the respective subjects.

The General Superintendent laid on the table the report of the Transfer Committee, and also correspondence in relation to the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman read the report of the Committee on Church Union.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stafford, it was

Resolved,—1. That the Nominating Committee be instructed to appoint a Committee on Church Union.

2. That the report read by the Secretary of the Committee on Church Union, for the past Quadrennium, be referred to the Committee on that subject appointed by this Conference.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by Rev. Dr. Williams,—That the sessions of the Conference be held from 9 o'clock a.m. to 12.30, and that the afternoons and evenings be devoted to Committees, until otherwise ordered.

Moved in amendment, by Dr. Lavell, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts,—That the mornings be devoted to Committees, and the afternoons, from 2.30 to 5.30, and the evenings, from 7.30 to 10 o'clock, to Conference sessions.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by John Milne,—That the sessions of Conference be morning and evening, and that the committees meet in the afternoon.

Moved by D. McLean,—That the fixing of the hours of session be postponed till after the report of the Nominating Committee be presented. This motion was immediately put and lost.

The amendment to the amendment was then put and lost.

The amendment was then put and carried.

It was moved, that we proceed to business to-morrow at the same hour as to-day.

Moved in amendment, that we meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, that we meet at 9.30.

The amendment prevailed.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Stewart was appointed to take the place of Rev. Dr. Lathern at the sacramental service this evening.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by Rev. Dr. Antliff,—That the reception of fraternal delegates from other Churches be made the order of the day for next Tuesday evening at a public meeting in this Church.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Griffin pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 11.

The Conference opened at 9.15 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Corman in the chair. Rev. R. W. Freeman conducted the devotional services.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw submitted a letter from Sir William Dawson, inviting the Conference to visit McGill University.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Shaw, seconded by Rev. Dr. Dewart,—That we hereby record our grateful acknowledgment of the courtesy of Sir William Dawson, and accept his kind invitation to visit the University.

A letter was also read from Mr. Frederick Fairman, Secretary of the Wesleyan Theological College of Montreal, inviting the General Conference to a reception in the College buildings, on Saturday afternoon next, at 3.30.

On motion by Judge Deacon, it was

Resolved,—That we return thanks for the kind invitation to visit the College, and that the Conference will be glad to accept the same.

On motion of Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, it was

Resolved,—That two official Letter Writers be appointed. On which the Secretary of Conference nominated Rev. John A. Clark, M.A., and S. F. Lazier, LL.B., Q.C. The nominations were confirmed by the Conference.

A communication was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, calling attention to the importance of promoting peace between nations, and asking the co-operation of this General Conference in petitioning the Governments of Christian nations to that effect.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Burns, it was

Resolved,—That the Nominating Committee be instructed to provide a committee to whom this subject shall be referred.

A communication was received from the Prisoners' Aid Association of Ontario. On motion of Rev. Dr. Withrow, the Nominating Committee was instructed to provide a committee to whom this question shall be referred.

On the subject of Memorials, it was moved by Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw, seconded by Rev. J. S. Ross,—That a member submitting any memorial shall first announce its subject, and that it then be referred to a proper committee, after being read, if so desired, by any member of the Conference.

Rev. Wm. Jackson was nominated as Journal Secretary. Nomination approved.

Memorials.

From Toronto Conference.

On Standing Committees' Work,—Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

On Ministerial Invitations,—Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

On Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

On Centennial of Methodism,—Referred to Centennial Committee.

On Means and Methods of Christian Work,—Referred to Committee on the State of the Work.

On District Meetings for purpose of promoting the Spirituality of the Church,—Referred to Committee on the State of the Work.

On Deaconesses,—Referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

On Baptism of Children,—Referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

On Lay Delegation,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From Board of Examiners,—Referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

From Euclid Avenue Church, in reference to laymen assisting at the Lord's Supper,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Test of Membership,—Referred to the same Committee.

At this juncture the Rev. Dr. McMullen, representative of the British and Irish Conferences, was introduced, and cordially received by the Conference standing.

Memorials—*(Continued).*

In reference to the Number of Stewards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the Barrie District, on Changes of Circuits,—Referred to the Committee on the Itinerancy.

On General Conference Expenses,—Referred to the Committee on Finance.

On the Epworth League,—Referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

On Administration of the Lord's Supper,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

On Connexional Officers being *ex-officio* members of the General Conference,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

From Wesley Church, in reference to the President of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Church being a member of the Quarterly Board,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the Bracebridge District, in reference to lay delegation,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From the Bradford, Collingwood, Brantford, and Toronto East Districts, and the Euclid Avenue Church, on the same subject,—Referred to the same Committee.

From the Uxbridge District, in reference to the election of Chairmen of Districts,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

From the Toronto Conference, the Orangeville, Bowmanville, Uxbridge, Whitby and Barrie Districts, and the Sherbourne Street Church, on the Superannuated Ministers' Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

From the Whitby Financial District, in reference to the election of delegates to the General Conference,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to receive report No. 1 of the Nominating Committee. On motion, the report was received and adopted.

It was moved, that the names of the Committees be printed. Moved in amendment, that they be type-written. The motion prevailed.

Resolved,—That John T. Moore edit the printing of the copies, and that 500 be issued. (For full list of Committees, see Appendix No. 1.)

Rev. James Gray moved that the name "Finance Committee" be changed to "General Conference Expense Committee."—*Lost.*

Rev. W. H. Heartz called attention to the fact that names of delegates from the Maritime Provinces were on the Superannuation Fund Committee. On motion, the matter was referred back to the Nominating Committee for revision.

On motion, the name of Rev. R. Whiting was referred to the Nominating Committee, to be added to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

It was ordered that the printed report of the Nominating Committee be distributed, *pro rata*, through the several Annual Conference Presidents.

The motion of Rev. Dr. Sprague, that the names of Rev. C. H. Paisley and J. E. Irvine be added to the Committee on Transfers, was referred to the Nominating Committee.

A motion to delay the printing of the list of Committees until to-morrow morning did not prevail.

MEMORIALS—(*Continued*).

From the Niagara Conference.

On Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Superannuation Fund Committee.

On Methodist Sisterhoods,—Referred to the Committee on State of the Work.

To Amend Discipline,—Referred to Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Centenary Church, Hamilton, on change of name of Niagara Conference,—Referred to Committee on Annual Conferences.

From the same source, Change in Model Deed,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

From Milton District, in reference to Electing Lay Delegates,—Referred to Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Ancaster Circuit, Hamilton District, on the same,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From Lay Delegates, on Laymen's Platform,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

On the Appointment of General Superintendent,—Referred to Committee on General Superintendency.

On Extension of Ministerial Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

A second similar memorial was referred to the same committee.

Three on University Federation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

On Change of Discipline,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

On Sustentation Fund,—Referred to Sustentation Fund Committee.

On Mode of Examination of Character of Transferred Ministers,—Referred to Committee on Transfers.

On Abolition of Quarterly Tickets,—Referred to Memorial Committee.

On Systematic Beneficence,—Referred to Committee on State of the Work.

On Order of Precedence in Dominion and Provincial Receptions,—Referred to the Memorial Committee.

On Grants to Denominational Schools, Indian Department,—Referred to Committee on Missions.

From Simcoe Quarterly Board, *in re* certain resolutions passed by Laymen's Conventions in several Conferences,—Referred to Memorial Committee.

From Simcoe, *in re* Church and Parsonage Property,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

On Books for Local Preachers,—Referred to Book and Publishing Interests.

On Election of Lay Members,—Referred to Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Superannuation Fund,—Referred to Superannuation Fund Committee.

On Equalization of Ministers' Salaries,—Referred to Sustentation Fund Committee.

In re Centennial of the Death of Rev. John Wesley,—Referred to Centennial Committee.

From Guelph Conference.

On Grants to Domestic Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Rights of Quarterly Boards,—Referred to Committee on Itinerancy.

On Mode of Examining Ministerial Character,—Referred to Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Order of Precedence,—Referred to Memorial Committee.

On Court of Appeal,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

On College Federation,—Referred to Committee on Education.

On Ministers' Tax for Superannuation Fund,—Referred to Superannuation Fund Committee.

On Number of General Superintendents,—Referred to Committee on General Superintendency.

On Changes of Conference Boundaries,—Referred to Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Temperance League,—Referred to Committee on Temperance.

It was ordered, that the Conference adjourn at 12.15 and meet at 2.30 p.m.

A report was submitted and adopted, locating rooms in which committees shall meet.

It was ordered, that the name or number of the room where committees are to meet be printed on the list of the committees.

It was ordered, that the committees grouped as "A" meet at rise of the present session; group "B" at 2.15, and group "C" at the rise of this afternoon's session, for organization.

Conference adjourned at 12.30 p.m. Benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. McMullen.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 11.

The Conference reassembled at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The Rev. W. Williams, D.D., conducted the opening religious exercises.

Minutes of the morning session were read and, with slight amendment, confirmed.

The following Committees reported organization:—

Publishing Interests—Rev. John Kay, Chairman; Rev. B. Clement, Secretary.

Annual Conferences—Rev. J. Kines, Chairman; J. H. Smith, Secretary.

Transfers—Rev. J. Wakefield, Chairman; Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.B., Secretary.

Finance—Rev. J. G. Scott, Chairman; Wm. M. Gray, Secretary.

Itinerancy—Rev. Wm. Williams, D.D., Chairman; Rev. W. H. Laird, Secretary.

Church Union—Rev. C. Stewart, D.D., Chairman; J. H. Livingston, Secretary.

Sustentation Fund—Rev. Dr. Antliff, Chairman; Rev. J. J. Rice, Secretary.

Centennial—Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph.B., Chairman; Rev. W. P. Dyer, M.A., Secretary.

Course of Study—Rev. Dr. Burwash, Chairman; Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw, Secretary.

Statistics—Wm. Johnson, Chairman; Rev. W. Rigsby, Secretary.

General Superintendency—Rev. J. A. Rogers, Chairman; Rev. J. Van Wyck, Secretary.

Superannuation Fund—Rev. J. R. Gundy, Chairman; Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Secretary.

Sabbath Observance—Rev. H. S. Matthews, Chairman; Rev. W. Kettlewell, Secretary.

Missions—Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Chairman; A. J. Donly, Secretary.

Memorials—Rev. John F. German, A.M., Chairman; John Rutherford, Secretary.

Moved by Rev. W. Rigsby, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews, and

Resolved,—That the Statistical Committee be authorized to add to the statistics furnished by the last General Conference, columns for baptisms, marriages and deaths.

Rev. Dr. Badgley, at his own request, was relieved of the office of Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary nominated Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., who was elected to fill the vacancy.

Memorials.

Memorials were presented as follows:—

Toronto Conference.

From Orangeville District, in reference to the appointment of Stewards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

London Conference.

On Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Superannuation Fund Committee.

On the Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On the Election of Lay Delegates,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Special Meetings of Quarterly Board,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Power to Appoint Chairmen, *pro tem.*, of Quarterly Boards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On the Change of Name of Quarterly Board,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

On Equalization of Ministers and Laymen at District Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On the Mode of Electing Lay Delegates to General Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On the Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Niagara Conference.

On the Election of Recording Stewards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On the Election of Laymen to Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On Federation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

On Change in Model Deed,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Reduction in number of Trustees,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Guelph Conference.

In relation to Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

On Connexional Insurance,—Referred to a special Committee on Insurance.

On Board of Examiners,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On the Order of Precedence,—Referred to the Memorial Committee.

On Missionary Allowances,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Deaconesses,—Referred to the Committee on State of the Work.

On Chairmen of Districts,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Laymen's Memorial,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On Temperance,—Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On Church Property,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

On the Nelles Memorial,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On Conference Boundaries,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

In relation to the *Guardian*,—Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

On Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

In relation to Missionary Society of Victoria College,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Montreal Conference.

On Revision of the Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Dis cipline.

On Lay Delegations to the Annual Conferences,—Referred to the Com mittee on Discipline.

On Amendments to Criminal Law,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On Registration of Deaths,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On Methodist Sisterhoods,—Referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

On the Order of Precedence,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

On the Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On Prohibition,—Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On the Training of Class Leaders,—Referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

On the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On the General Rules,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On Insurance of Church Property,—Referred to Special Committee.

On Sabbath-school Registers,—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

On Missionary Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On our Educational Policy,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolutions of Board of Governors of Wesleyan Theological College,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

On Embarrassed Trusts,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

On the Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On the St. Lawrence Camp-ground,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

It was moved, that a Special Committee of five be nominated by the Nominating Committee, to consider the question of Insurance of Church Property.

The motion was adopted.

The report on Public Services was read and adopted.

MEMORIALS.

From Nova Scotia Conference.

On the Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On Written Sermons by Probationers,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On Responses in the Liturgy,—Referred to the Committee on Liturgy.

On the Standing of Absentee Members,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Providing a Short Standard of Theology,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On Annual Conference Collections,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On the Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On Lay Representation for General Conference Officers,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Church Extension and Parsonage Aid Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

On Change of Time of Election of Lay Delegates,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

In re Educational Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

In re Juvenile Temperance Societies,—Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On the Order of Precedence,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

To amend the Discipline in relation to the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

On General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On the Composition of the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On the Sustentation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Sustentation Fund.

On Prohibition,—Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On Circuit Records of Births, Marriages, etc.,—Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

On the Time of Opening Annual Conferences,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

On the Composition of the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Re Changes in Order of Business in District Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Newfoundland Conference.

On Transfers,—Referred to the Committee on Transfers.

Manitoba and North-West Conference.

On the Extension of the Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On the Composition of District Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Evangelistic Work,—Referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

In relation to the Epworth League,—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

On Schedules,—Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

On the Superintendent of Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Federation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

On Invitations to Ministers,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

On Representation on Board of Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Sacramental Wine,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

On Church Property,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

On Church Papers and Book Room,—Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

In re late Rev. Nelson Brown,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Re Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On Increase of Circuit Stewards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Parsonage Aid and Extension Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Order of Service,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

British Columbia Conference.

On Forms of Circuit and District Returns,—Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

On Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On Lay Representatives in Districts and Conferences,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Course of Study,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On Communicants at Lord's Supper,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Eligibility of Women to Church Courts,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Miscellaneous.

From Wesley Church, on Boundaries of Circuits,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

From Alma College,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

From New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, *re* Legal Expenses,—Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mr. John N. Lake submitted the report of the Union Church Relief Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

Rev. Dr. Johnston presented the report of the Committee on the Centennial of Methodism, which was referred to the Committee on Centennial Celebration.

Rev. Dr. Burwash presented the report of the Board of Regents of Victoria University, which was received, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Burwash read the report of the Board of Regents and Advisory Committee, *re* the subject of College Federation. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Potts read the report of the Secretary of Education, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Potts also submitted the financial statement of receipts and expenditure of the Federation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., presented the report of the Governors of the Wesleyan Theological College, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Briggs presented the report of the Western Section of the Book Committee, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Rev. Dr. Withrow submitted the report of the Sabbath-school Aid and Extension Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

Rev. Dr. Withrow presented memorials *re* Children's Day and Epworth League, which were referred to the Committee on Sabbath-schools; also the relation of children to the Church, which was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Jas. Gray presented the report of the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Superannuation Fund Committee.

Mr. J. N. Lake submitted the report of attendance and expenses of the members of Union Church Relief Fund.

Rev. Jas. Gray presented the report of attendance and expenses of Superannuation Fund Committee.

Rev. Dr. Briggs presented the report of the attendance and expenses of the members of the Book Committee.

Rev. James Gray presented the Financial Report of the General Conference Fund, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Conference resolved to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Conference adjourned at 6 p.m., with the benediction by the Rev. Dr. Carman.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 12.

The Conference reassembled at 9 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The Rev. Robert Wilson, Ph.D., conducted the opening exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman moved, that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a trunk in which to keep General Conference documents and books. —*Carried.*

MEMORIALS.

Niagara Conference.

By Rev. D. L. Brethour, a draft of a petition to the Senate and House of Commons *re* Prohibition,—Referred to the Temperance Committee.

By Rev. G. A. Mitchell, on the Epworth League,—Referred to the Sabbath-school Committee.

Guelph Conference.

A memorial was presented from the Walkerton District, on the mode of electing lay delegates to the General Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Mr. J. J. Maclaren presented the Report of the Commission on the Revision of the Discipline.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Geo. A. Cox,—That the portion of the Report of the Committee on Revision of Discipline which relates to ritual be referred to the Committee on Ritual, and the remainder to the Committee on Discipline.—*Carried.*

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Evangelical Association, reporting the appointment of the Rev. Christopher Staebler as fraternal delegate to the General Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

A communication was also read from Rev. J. M. Harrison, of Regina, in reference to the Titles of Church Property,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

The Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee was received,—Referred to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

The Report of the Committee on Young People's Associations was submitted by Dr. Withrow,—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

The Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North-West Conference, submitted his report.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. S. Bond,—That the report be referred to the Committee on Missions, with a view to its publication and distribution.

On motion, it was ordered that the following Committees be appointed:—

Church and Parsonage Aid.
Consolidation of Treasurerships.
Complimentary Invitations.
Judicial Committee.
Leave of Absence.

Moved by Rev. W. J. Crothers, seconded by Rev. Dr. Antliff,—That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty.—*Carried.*

Report No. 2 of the Nominating Committee was submitted and accepted.

The Nominating Committee asked leave to retire, which was allowed.

Moved by Rev. O. R. Lambly, M.A., seconded by Rev. Thos. Argue,—That the Nominating Committee be instructed to appoint a Committee on Systematic Beneficence.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. J. S. Ross,—That the documents on the subject of Systematic Beneficence, previously referred to the Committee on the State of the Work, be now referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.—*Carried.*

A memorial from certain members of the Winnipeg Church was received. One section was referred to the Committee on Church Property; the remaining sections were referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Memorials.

London Conference.

From the Chatham Church Trust,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

From the Brownsville Quarterly Board, in reference to Laymen on the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the same Board, *re* the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

From the Aylmer Quarterly Board, on the Ministerial Term, —Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

From the Aylmer District, *re* Chairmen of Districts,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the Aylmer District, *re* College Federation,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

From the Brownsville Quarterly Board, *re* General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

From the Aylmer Quarterly Board, *re* the Mode of Baptism,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual,

From the Aylmer Quarterly Board, *re* Quarterly Tickets,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From the Aylmer District, *re* Invitations to Ministers,—Referred to the Committee on the Itinerancy.

From the same District, *re* Home Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Moved by Dr. Sprague,—That the name of Henry J. Thorne, lay representative from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, be put upon the roll of the Conference in the place of that of Dr. A. D. Smith, who cannot attend.—*Carried.*

On motion, the Committee on Discipline was allowed to retire.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved that the question of railway passes be referred to the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty. The resolution was lost.

Moved by Wm. Johnston, seconded by Rev. J. E. Howell,—That the Secretary of Conference be requested to telegraph to the Rev. George H. Cornish and Rev. J. A. McCamus, to forward to the Secretary the statistics in their possession, the property of this Conference.

The Report of the Alma College Board was submitted, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report on Statistics of the Eastern Conferences was referred to the Committee on Statistics.

Reports of Statistics of the British Columbia and Toronto Conferences were referred to the Committee on Statistics.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter submitted the report of the Commission on Consolidation of Treasurerships, which was referred to the Committee on Consolidation of Treasurerships.

The balance sheet of the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on the same.

On motion by Mr. J. N. Lake, it was resolved that the next session of the Conference be held in the School-room.

Moved by Rev. Dr. A. Burns, seconded by Rev. Dr. Sparling,—That a column be added to the statistical reports of our Church, to contain the number of members in the families of our people attending upon the services of our ministry, or all members of Methodist families not connected with other Churches. The motion was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Statistics.

Moved by Mr. John J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. S. Bond,—That the following be a Rule of Order: When any resolution or report proposing an alteration in, or addition to, the Book of Discipline, is presented, the following course shall be adopted: if it receive the required affirmative vote, it shall be printed and distributed, after which it shall be submitted to the Conference for final adoption. The motion was lost.

The following Committees reported organization:—

Sabbath-school—Rev. Isaac Tovell, Chairman; Rev. Dr. W. H. Withrow, Secretary.

Church Property—Rev. R. Whiting, Chairman; Mr. J. B. Willmott, Secretary.

Temperance—Mr. W. H. Lambly, Chairman; Rev. W. Kettlewell, Secretary.

Returns from Boards and Committees—Rev. John A. Clark, M.A., Chairman; Mr. W. F. Hall, Secretary.

Ritual—Rev. G. McRitchie, Chairman; Rev. W. J. Ford, Secretary.

Children's Fund—Rev. A. L. Russell, M.A., B.D., Chairman; Mr. Walter McGibbon, Secretary.

Moved by Rev. S. Bond, seconded by J. J. Maclaren, LL.D.,—That all reports of committees be published in the JOURNAL, as presented by the committees, with notes in brackets accompanying, indicating the page of JOURNAL where any amendments are recorded.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Judge Deacon,—That all reports of Standing Boards and Committees or Deparmental Officers, presented to this Conference, be printed in full in the JOURNAL, and that any changes or additions ordered by the Conference be added as appendices to the various reports.

On motion, the above resolutions were referred to a committee composed of Rev. S. Bond, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Ryckman, T. M. Campbell and J. J. Maclaren.

A motion was presented, requesting the Conference to insert Rev. T. Watson Smith's History of Methodism in the Course of Study. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

Moved by Rev. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A.,—That this Conference desires to put on record its high appreciation of the painstaking, accurate, and cheerful manner in which Rev. Dr. Ryckman has performed the responsible and arduous duties of the secretariat of General Conference during the last Quadrennium, and prays that he may be long spared to aid the Church with his valuable services.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Dr. Badgley,—That the thanks of this Conference be extended to Dr. Inch and Rev. Dr. Griffith, Assistant Secretaries of the last General Conference, for their careful and painstaking labors in connection with the duties of their office.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston, seconded by John Torrance, Esq.,—That the official address, delivered by the General Superintendent, be embodied in the JOURNAL of this Conference; that all matters pertaining to legislative action be referred to the Committee on the General Superintendency, which committee shall remit to other committees for their consideration and report, the particular parts of the address bearing upon Temperance, the Superannuation Fund, the Missionary, Educational, and other departments of the Church's work.

Moved, in amendment, by Rev. Dr. Stafford,—That the portion of the motion relating to the publication of the address in the JOURNAL be omitted.

The motion was adopted.

Moved by Geo. D. Platt, seconded by Wm. Johnson,—That the thanks of this Conference be given to Rev. Dr. Bredin for his long and valued services as Journal Secretary, and that the Conference hereby expresses its heartfelt sympathy with him in the present unsatisfactory condition of his health.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Douglas,—That Orders of the Day be prepared by the Secretaries and supplied to the Conference at the beginning of each day's session, containing all notices of motion presented up to the close of the preceding day.—*Carried.*

On motion, it was resolved that the Conference adjourn at 12.30.

Notices of Motion.

Toronto Conference.

By Mr. J. J. Maclaren, on time members shall occupy in speaking.

By the same, on Change of Discipline, par. 127.

By the same, on Change of Discipline, par. 106.

By the same, on Change of Discipline, par. 288.

By the same, on Church Property.

By the same, on Change of Discipline, par. 128-3.

By Dr. Ogden, on Change of Discipline, *re* Stationing Committee; also on Change of Discipline, section 21.

By Dr. Hugh Johnston, on Change of Discipline, par 220.

London Conference.

By Rev. S. Bond, on Change of Discipline, par. 270.

By the same, on Solemnization of Marriage.

By the same, on Mode of Appointing Local Preachers.

By the same, on the Powers and Duties of General Superintendents.

By the same, on the Duties of Chairmen of Districts.

By the same, on the Duties of Superintendents of Circuits.

Niagara Conference.

By the Rev. A. E. Russ, on Change of Discipline, p. 37, par. 95.

By Rev. J. S. Williamson, on Change of Discipline, p. 91, par. 5.

Montreal Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Antliff, in relation to the Nomination and Election of General Conference officers.

The report No. 3 of the Nominating Committee was submitted, amended and approved.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Committees which have not yet organized, do meet immediately at the close of this session of Conference for organization.

On motion, the name of Rev. Dr. Douglas was added to the Committee on the Course of Study.

On motion, the names of Rev. Dr. Potts and Warring Kennedy were added to the Committee on Sabbath-schools.

On motion, the names of the Rev. James Gray and Mr. John N. Lake were added to the Committee on Finance.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30. Rev. Dr. Badgley pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 12.

The Conference reassembled at 2.30 in the Lecture Room, pursuant to resolution of Conference, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Rev. C. Bryant, President of the British Columbia Conference, conducted the opening services.

The Minutes of the previous session read and confirmed.

MEMORIALS.

London Conference.

In relation to Model Deed,—Referred to the Judicial Committee.

Niagara Conference.

On Extension of Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

On Conference Boundaries,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

On Cheap Edition of Hymn-book,—Referred to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Re Price of *Christian Guardian*,—Referred to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

On Change of Constitution of Educational Society,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

The Rev. Dr. Sparling presented the Report of Wesley College, Winnipeg. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Rev. Dr. Carman submitted a letter he had received from Mr. Arthur Walsh, of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, in reference to the Company not being allowed to place telegraph instruments in St. James' Church during the sessions of the Conference.

Moved by Dr. J. J. Maclaren,—That the communication be referred to the Business Committee, with a request to confer with the Trustees of this Church.

Moved in amendment, by Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams,—That the communication be referred to a committee of five, to be named by the chair. The amendment was adopted.

The chair nominated as the Special Committee, Hon. J. C. Aikins, James Mills, John Milne, H. J. Thorne, J. J. Maclaren, LL.D.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren,—That the following be one of the Rules of Order of this Conference: No member shall speak more than ten minutes at one time without leave of the Conference, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

Moved in amendment, that fifteen minutes be inserted instead of ten.

A motion to lay the resolution upon the table was lost.

The amendment was put and lost.

The original motion was adopted.

Motions of which notice had been given were called up.

Motion of Dr. Maclaren, on par. 127 of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion on the election of delegates, par. 106 of Discipline, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion on Discipline, par. 288, was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The motion on Church Property,—Referred to the Committee on Church Property.

The motion on par. 128-3, sections A, B, in reference to Appeals. It was moved that it be referred to the Judicial Committee.

Moved in amendment, that it be referred to the Discipline Committee. The amendment prevailed.

The motion by Dr. Ogden, in reference to the composition of the Stationing Committee, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion on change of Discipline, sec. 21, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The motion of Dr. Hugh Johnston, on change of Discipline, par. 220, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion on the Solemnization of Marriage was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion on change of Discipline, par. 270, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Another motion on change of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion on the Duties of General Superintendents, Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits, was referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Also, the motion as to the Appointing of Officials was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion by Rev. A. E. Russ, on change of Discipline, p. 37, par. 95, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, on change of Discipline, p. 91, par. 5, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Antliff's notice of motion was called up, in relation to the Nomination and Election of General Conference Officers.

On motion, it was tabled. For, 140; against, 52.

Newfoundland Conference.—Motion by Rev. G. J. Bond, *re* the Instruction of Youth, was referred to the Sabbath-school Committee.

Dr. Ryckman, Secretary of the Special Committee on Publishing Reports in the JOURNAL, reported as follows:—

1. That the reports of Standing Committees be printed in an Appendix as presented; excepting with regard to recommendations accompanying reports, that it be an instruction to the Secretary of Conference to print in the body of the JOURNAL such recommendations as may be rejected or amended, and that the whole be printed in the Appendix as adopted.

2. That the reports of committees of this Conference, not standing committees, be printed in the Appendix of the JOURNAL as adopted, and that the items rejected and the items amended in the consideration of the report be printed in the body of the JOURNAL.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. RYCKMAN, *Secretary.*

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The following Committees reported organization:—

Systematic Beneficence—Rev. O. Lambly, M.A., Chairman; G. D. Platt, B.A., Secretary.

Business Committee—Rev. J. Gundy, Chairman; Rev. J. S. Williamson, Secretary.

Insurance of Connexional Property—Hon. J. C. Aikins, Chairman; J. T. Moore and Rev. W. Kettlewell, Secretaries. The Committee beg further to recommend the appointment of Rev. Dr. Douglas and J. T. Pitcher as additional members of this Committee.—*Adopted.*

Civil and Religious Liberty—Rev. Wm. Burns, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Secretary.

Complimentary Invitations—Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., Chairman; Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Secretary.

Church and Parsonage Aid—Rev. J. Learoyd, Chairman; Ransom Pierce, Secretary.

Judicial Committee—Rev. Dr. Parker, Chairman; G. W. Beynon, Secretary.

On Leave of Absence—A. J. Donly, Chairman; W. M. Gray, Secretary.

Consolidation of Treasurerships—Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., Chairman; Dr. J. R. Inch, Secretary.

The following notices of motion were presented to the Conference:

Toronto Conference.

By Rev. H. S. Matthews, on the Change of Discipline, par. 286.

By Rev. Dr. Stafford, on the Change of Discipline, p. 16 par. 35, relating to amusements.

By Rev. P. Addison, on Bequests to Missions.

London Conference.

By Rev. S. Bond, on Change of Discipline, *re* Court of Appeals.
By the same, on Change of Discipline, par. 173, sub-sec. 2.
By Mr. C. Saunders, on Change of Discipline, par. 158.

Niagara Conference.

By Rev. W. Kettlewell, on Change of Discipline regarding Trustees.
By Rev. J. S. Williamson, to Amend par. 324 of Discipline, p. 134.
By A. J. Donly, on Change of Model Deed.

Guelph Conference.

By Rev. T. M. Campbell, on the Expenses of the Missionary Society.
By the same, on the Salaries of Conference Officers.
By Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., on the Transfer of Ministers.
By the same, on Annual Conference Missionary Committee.
By the same, on the Representation in District Meeting.
By the same, Amending par. 158 of Discipline.
By the same, Abolishing the Court of Appeal.
By Rev. G. R. Turk, on the Establishment of a Mission in Brazil.
By Rev. J. McAllister, on the Return of Members.
By the same, on the Examination of Ministerial character.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

By Rev. W. Burns, on the Examination of Ministerial Character.
By Rev. Dr. Burwash, on Class Meetings.
By Rev. F. B. Stratton, on Change of Discipline, in the Election of Chairmen, etc.

Montreal Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Williams, to Amend Discipline, *re* Quarterly Board.
By the same, on the Consolidation of the Work on Missions.
By Rev. J. Kines, on Change of Discipline, par. 183, p. 84.
By Rev. Dr. Shaw, relating to Certificates of Examination, etc.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

By Rev. C. H. Paisley, A.M., on the Course of Study.
By the same, Amending Discipline, sub-sec. 1.
By Rev. R. Wilson, Ph.D., concerning the Ritual of Infant Baptism.
By Rev. Dr. Sprague, on the Lord's Supper and the Baptismal Service.

Newfoundland Conference.

By Rev. W. Swann, concerning the Election of Circuit Officers.

Manitoba Conference.

By Mr. M. H. Fieldhouse, on Temperance.

British Columbia Conference.

By Rev. E. Robson, on the Course of Study, *re* Chinese and Chinook.

A motion, that the Conference meet in the church this evening, was put and lost.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m., Rev. J. A. Clark, M.A., pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 12.

Conference reopened at 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The Rev. James Strothard conducted devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The first report of Albert College was presented by Rev. Prof. Dyer, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The second report of the Business Committee was presented by Rev. J. S. Williamson, and, on motion, adopted.

The following Committees reported organization :—

Reception of Fraternal Delegates—Rev. J. Henderson, Chairman ; Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Secretary.

Ritual—Rev. G. McRitchie, Chairman ; Rev. W. J. Ford, Secretary.

State of the Work—Rev. James Woodsworth, Chairman ; Rev. R. Wilson, Secretary.

A memorial from the London Conference was presented respecting Sabbath Observance among the Indians,—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The Rev. J. Gray presented report No. 2 of the Superannuation Board,—Referred to the Superannuation Fund Committee.

Notices of motion were called up.

Toronto Conference.

By Rev. H. S. Matthews, on Change of Discipline, par. 286,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. Dr. Stafford, in relation to Amusements, etc.,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. P. Addison, on Bequests to Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

London Conference.

By Rev. S. Bond, *re* Court of Appeal,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, on Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Mr. C. Saunders, on Change of Discipline, par. 158,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Niagara Conference.

By Rev W. Kettlewell, on Change of Discipline, *re* Trustees,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. J. S. Williamson, on Change of Discipline, par. 324,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By A. J. Donly, on change in the Model Deed,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Guelph Conference.

By Rev. T. M. Campbell, on the Expenses of the Missionary Society,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Salaries of Officers,—Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Rev. Dr. Henderson, *re* Constitution of Annual Conference Missionary Society,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, on the Transfer of Ministers,—Referred to the Committee on Transfers.

By the same, on the Amendment of par. 158,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Representation in District Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Court of Appeal,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. G. R. Turk, Extension of Missionary Work,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

By Rev. J. McAllister, in reference to Examination of Ministerial Character,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, on the Return of Members,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

By Rev. W. Burns, in reference to the Examination of Ministerial Character,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. Dr. Burwash, on Increasing the Interest in Class Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. F. B. Stratton, *re* the Election of Chairmen,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Montreal Conference.

By Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., *re* Treasurer of the Quarterly Board,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Section of the Journal of the last Conference, relating to the Union of Work between certain Churches,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

By the same, *re* the insertion of above in the Discipline.

By Rev. J. Kines, *re* Change of par. 183 of Discipline,—Referred to Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. Dr. Shaw, *re* Certificates of Examination,—Referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

By Rev. C. H. Paisley, on the Course of Study,—Referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

By the same, to Amend the Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. Dr. Wilson, *re* the Form of Baptism,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

By Rev. Dr. Sprague, in reference to the Administration of the Lord's Supper,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

By the same, in reference to Baptism,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Newfoundland Conference.

By Rev. W. Swann, *re* Election of Circuit Officers,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Manitoba and North-West Conference.

By Mr. Fieldhouse, on Prohibition,—Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

British Columbia Conference.

By Rev. E. Robson, on Substitution of Chinese and Chinook for Greek,—Referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Williamson, it was

Resolved,—That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday next, at 2.30 p.m.

The following notices of motion were presented to the Conference:—

Toronto Conference.

By J. B. Willmott, in reference to the Lord's Supper.

By Rev. Dr. Parker, *re* District Meetings.

By the same, *re* the Order of Baptism.

London Conference.

By Rev. Mr. Ford, in reference to the Lord's Supper.

Niagara Conference.

By Rev. J. Kay, in reference to the Lord's Supper.

By A. J. Donly, *re* the Election of Chairmen.

Guelph Conference.

By Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., on the Question of Appeals.

By Rev. G. Richardson, on Transfers.

By Mr. Gray, Limiting the time of receiving Notices of Motion.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

By Rev. O. Lambly, M.A., on the Election of Stewards.

By Rev. J. J. Rice, *re* Vacancies in the General Conference.

By the same, on Annual Conferences.

By the same, on Annual Conference Documents to be sent to the General Conference.

By the same, on the Schedule of Annual Conferences.

Montreal Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Douglas, *re* the Federation of Colleges.

Hon. J. C. Aikins submitted the following Report of the Committee on the letter of the Manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co., as follows:—

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church:—

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:—That they have carefully considered the matter referred to them, and they fully recognize the fact that the Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D, made the arrangement with the G. N. W. Telegraph Co., in the belief that it was in the best interests of this Conference.

Your Committee find that many members of the Conference and members of the press, reporting its proceedings, will be greatly inconvenienced by not allowing the same privilege to the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. as to the other company; and inasmuch as the Trustees of this Church gave their consent to the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. putting its wires into the building;

The Committee recommend that the G. N. W. Co. be reimbursed by this Conference for any expense it may have incurred in consequence of the arrangement, and that both companies be allowed like privileges.

J. C. AIKINS, *Chairman.*
H. J. THORNE, *Secretary.*

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Antliff, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Stafford,—That the Report of the Committee *re* Telegraph Accommodation by the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. be referred back to the Committee with the following suggestions:—

1. That they accept the offer made by the mover of the resolution by authority of the Rev. Dr. Williams to provide a messenger service that will convey from the Church any message that Delegates may desire to send to the nearest office of the above-mentioned Telegraph Co., free of charge; and providing the Committee decline to recommend the acceptance of this offer;

2. That an effort be made by the Committee to get Mr. Powell to meet with them in order to arrange that Dr. Williams may be honorably released from his engagement with him.

The further consideration of the report was postponed until Monday.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That further sessions of the Conference be held in the body of the Church.

The Conference adjourned at 9.30 p.m., with the doxology and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Carman.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 15.

The Conference opened at 2.30, the General Superintendent in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. J. N. Lake.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and referred to the Committee on Complimentary Invitations.

A report was received from the fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Rev. Dr. Stone, and was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

A communication was received from the Rev. Isaac S. Bingham, D.D., fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, United States; also from the bishops of the said Church, accrediting Dr. Bingham as fraternal delegate,—Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

A letter was received from the Rev. Henry Hartley, Ph.D.,—Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

A letter was received from Mrs. Middleton, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking for the privilege of appearing before the Conference as a deputation from that body,—It was ordered that the deputation be received on Tuesday evening next.

Dr. Inch presented the Report of the Board of Regents of Mount Allison University; also the Report of the Ladies' College, of Mount Allison,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland presented the Report of the Board of Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Also, on the question of Privilege, Dr. Sutherland moved,—That a letter on the subject of Christian Missions, printed in the *Christian Guardian* of July 16th, 1890, be referred to the Committee on Missions.—*Carried.*

Also, that a statement made on Friday evening in relation to the expenses of the Missionary Society, be referred to the Committee on Missions.—*Carried.*

Also, moved that the references to the Missionary Secretary, found in the Minutes of the Guelph Conference for 1890, pp. 61, 62, be referred to the Committee on Missions.—*Carried.*

Rev. D. L. Brethour presented the Report of the Standing Committee on Temperance, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A memorial from the Methodist Church, Montreal, referring to the permits for the sale of liquors in the North-West, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A Report of the Centennial Committee was presented by the Rev. S. F. Huestis,—Referred to the Committee on the Centennial of Methodism.

Report of assets and liabilities of Albert College was presented by E. D. O'Flynn, Bursar of the College,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Stafford presented the report of his visit as fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church,—Referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

Mr. Geo. A. Cox, Bursar of Victoria College, presented his report,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, our representative to the Wesleyan Conference, the New Connexion, the Primitive Methodist and Bible Christian Conferences in England, and the Wesleyan Conference in Ireland, presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Rev. G. J. Bond presented the Report of the Methodist College, St. John's, Newfoundland,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. J. S. Williamson presented the Report of the Business Committee, No. 3, as follows:—

Group A will meet on Tuesday, at 9 a.m.

Group B will meet on Tuesday, at 11 a.m.

Group C will meet on Wednesday, at 9 a.m.

Group D will meet on Wednesday, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Willmott presented the first Report of the Church Property Committee with suggestions.—*Adopted.* (See Appendix 1).

The Report of the Special Committee on the subject of telegraphic accommodation was brought up, and a statement was made by Mr. G. A. Cox, whereupon the Rev. Dr. Stafford moved the following resolution as a substitute for the report of the Committee.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Stafford,—That in reply to the letter addressed to the General Superintendent by the agent of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co., the Letter Writers be instructed to say that we are assured that if he will make application to the agent of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. he will secure the privilege asked for, and the Conference regrets that there should have been any misunderstanding concerning the matter.—*Carried.*

Report No 1, from the Committee on the Itinerancy, was presented by Dr. Wm. Williams, to change certain memorials to the Committee on Annual Conferences.—*Carried.*

A memorial from the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, respecting Victoria College,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Memorials from London Conference were presented by the Rev. W. Rigsby.

On Quarterly Tickets,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Election of Chairmen,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Election of Stewards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Two on Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

On General Superintendency,—Referred to the Committee on General Superintendency.

On Schedules,—Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

On Rent of Parsonages on Missions,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Mission Board Expenses,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

On Centenary of Methodism,—Referred to the Centennial Committee.

Two on Federation,—Referred to the Educational Committee.

On Course of Study,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On Vacancies on Book Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

Re Guardian,—Referred to the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests.

On Extension of Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on the Itinerancy.

On Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

On Collecting Money on Adjacent Circuits,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Two on Annual Conference Boundaries,—Referred to the Committee on Conference Boundaries.

On Election of Delegates at Annual Conferences,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Constitution of the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Class Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Quarterly Tickets,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

On Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Mr. A. M. Peterson presented a memorial from the delegation of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, which, on motion, was referred to a special committee to be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Rev. W. J. Ford, London Conference.

One from Westminster Circuit, *re* General Conference Fund.

Also from same Circuit, *re* Superannnation Fund.

Rev. J. S. Williamson presented memorial from E. S. Whipple, Dundas Methodist Church,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Churches.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman, from Simcoe Street Church, Hamilton,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Rev. Dr. Burwash, from Cobourg District, *re* Pastoral Term,—Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Also, on Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

Rev. J. E. Mavety, *re* St. Lawrence Central Camp-ground,—Referred to the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts.

The following motion, of which notice had been given, was moved by Mr. W. M. Gray, and

Resolved,—That Wednesday next, the 17th, be the last day for receiving Notices of Motion.

Notices of Motion referred.

Dr. Willmott's, in reference to the Lord's Supper,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Dr. Parker's, *re* District Meetings,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Also, on Baptism,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Rev. W. J. Ford's, *re* Additions to Course of Study,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

Rev. J. Kay, *re* Lord's Supper,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

A. J. Donly, *re* Election of Chairmen,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., *re* Cases of Appeal,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. Geo. Richardson, *re* Transfers,—Referred to the Committee on Transfers.

Rev. O. R. Lambly, *re* Changes in Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Rev. J. J. Rice, *re* Vacancies in General Conference by Transfer,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Also, *re* Basis of Union,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Also, *re* Annual Conference Memorials,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Also, *re* Schedules,—Referred to the Committee on Statistics.

It was moved that the motion of Dr. Douglas, *re* College Federation, notice of which had previously been given, be taken up the first business of the session this evening.—*Carried.*

Moved by Dr. W. J. Hunter,—That when the Conference adjourns this evening, it meet to-morrow afternoon at 2.30.—*Carried.*

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Rev. Dr McMullen.

MONDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 15.

The Conference opened at 7.30, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Lathern.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The following resolution, of which previous notice was given, was then moved by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by Geo. A. Cox,

Whereas, in the sincere opinion of many friends of Victoria University, events have transpired during and subsequent to the last General Conference, which have led them earnestly to desire an expression of the judgment of this Conference on the principle of Federation, prior to the final settlement of this vital question; and whereas, after the most exhaustive discussion of the subject during the entire Quadrennium, it is believed that this Conference is fully informed and prepared to vote without further discussion or delay: Therefore, be it resolved, that this Conference reaffirm the decision of the Conference of 1886 on the Federation question, and instruct the Committee on Education to lay before the Conference such recommendations as may be deemed necessary to give effect to the decision of this Supreme Court of the Church; and, be it further resolved, that the principle of Federation shall have no application to the Mount Allison University, in the Maritime Provinces.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Lavell, seconded by Dr. Inch,—That all the words after "that" be struck out, and the following inserted:—

"Whereas the Basis of Union adopted by all the Churches which united to form the Methodist Church of to-day, laid down an educational policy which contained the following clause: 'It is recommended that the United Churches adhere to the traditional policy of Methodism in regard to education, believing that the best interests of the Church and of education imperatively demand that our colleges and universities should be under the fostering care of the Church.'

"*Therefore resolved*,—That this General Conference continues to believe it to be in the interests of education and of Methodism that the principle of Independence, as regards our universities, should be maintained."

The previous question was moved by Judge Deacon, and carried.

Moved by the Rev. W. Jackson, seconded by Judge Deacon, and

Resolved,—That the Yeas and Nays be taken on the question of Federation now before the Conference, and the names recorded.

The amendment was put, when there appeared for the amendment 83, against it, 165, as follows:—

Yeas.

Pirritte, W., D.D.
Briggs, W., D.D.
Stafford, E. A., D.D.
Sutherland, A., D.D.
Jolliffe, T. W.
Matthews, H. S.
Shaw, John, D.D.
Smith, J. L.
Maclaren, Dr.
Aikins, Hon. J. C.
McDonagh, W.
Graham, J.
Russell, A. L., M.A.
Rigsby, W.
Bond, S.
Jackson, G.
Humphreys, J.
Pierce, R.
Kenney, J. N.
Ward, W.
Dawson, R. J. C.
Wakefield, J.
Brethour, D. L., Ph.B.
Williamson, J. S.
Tovell, Isaac.
Burns, Dr.
Donly, A. J.
Field, Dr.
Robertson, W. J., LL.B.
Lazier, S. F., Q.C.
Beattie, J. H.
Williams, Dr. W.
Reynar, Dr.
Lambly, O. R., M.A.
Williams, Dr. T. G.
McRitchie, G.
Kines, Jas.
McGill, Wm.
Jackson, Wm.
Crothers, W. J.
Huxtable, G. G.
Mavety, J. E.
Jolliffe, W. J.
Saunders, Dr. J. B.
Whiting, R.
Cairns, H.
Deacon, Judge.
Lavell, Dr.
Bradley, A. P.
Deacon, J. M.
Lambly, W. H.
Chown, Edwin.
Carson, J. H.
Lavell, J. R.
Moorehouse, J.
Dalgleish, W. W.
Armstrong, G. W.
Smith, T. Watson.
Heartz, W. H.
Johnston, D. W., M.A.
Strothard, Jas.
Moore, E. B.
Huestis, S. F.
Ryan, Wm.
Lathern, Dr.
Woodbury, Dr.
Woodill, F. B.
Crowe, Wm.
Livingstone, J. H.
Sprague, Dr.
Stewart, Dr.
Evans, Edwin,
Wilson, Dr.
Dobson, W.
Inch, Dr.
Swann, Wm.
Bond, G. J., A.M.
Sparling, Dr.
McDougall, J.
West, G. H.
Nixon, T.
Tuttle, T. N.
Spencer, D.

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Nays.

Potts, Dr.
German, J. F., M.A.
Dewart, Dr.
Roberts, E.
Webber, Geo.
Johnston, Dr.
Hunter, Dr.
Addison, P.
Withrow, Dr.
Cade, R.
Gray, Jas.
Galbraith, Dr.
Parker, Dr.
McDiarmid, N. A.
Abbs, G.
Phillips, A. M., M.A.
Davis, E. J., M.P.P.
Cox, Geo. A.
Ogden, Dr.
Bowles, Geo.
Marr, F.
Brethour, J. H.
Graham, David.
Pickering, F. F.
Tait, J., M.P.P.
Boustead, Ald.
Lake, J. N.
Willmott, Dr.
McLean, D.
Switzer, C. W.
Kettlewell, W.
VanWyck, J., B.A.
Mitchell, G. A., B.A.
Jackson, T. W.
Jones, Judge.
Harley, A.
McGibbon, W.
Smith, J. H.
Lund, Jas.
Hollinrake, J.
Ellis, J.
Edmunds, J.
Mann, John.
Griffin, Dr.
Scott, John.
Howell, J. E.
Hannon, Dr.
Willoughby, Dr.
Richardson, Geo.
Campbell, T. M.
Henderson, Dr.
Holmes, J. W.
Cunningham, A.
McAllister, J.
Nugent, F. E.
Casson, W.
Buggin, G.
Turk, G. R.
Mills, John.
Mills, Jas., M.A.
Badgley, Dr.
Rice, J. J.
Shorey, S. J.
O'Flynn, E. D.
Ford, Dr.
Dean, Judge.
Clarke, R. W.
Hall, W. F.
Johnston, W.
Platt, G. D.
Holgate, J. A.
Eyres, W.
Ferris, J. M.
Hull, J.
Wilson, G.
Antliff, Dr.
Douglas, Dr.
Shaw, Dr. W. I.
Ryckman, Dr.
Pitcher, J. T.
Henderson, Jas.
Bissell, Jas.
Bishop, Geo.
Alexander, Dr.
Coates, C. W.
Torrance, J.
Bow, Wm.
Tees, Wm.
McElroy, D.
Webster, G. W.

Nays—Continued.

Brown, R.	Smith, W. G.	Dunn, S. B.
Gundy, J. R.	Rutherford, J.	England, E. F.
Learoyd, J.	Armstrong, J. W.	McIntosh, W.
Scott, J. G.	Poole, J. W.	Paisley, C. H., M.A.
Clement, B.	Hord, Isaac.	Marshall, Thos.
Aylsworth, Dr.	Kerr, W. H.	Clarke, J. A., A.M.
Ford, W. J., LL.B.	Hilliard, T.	Deinstadt, T. J.
Cullen, T.	McKenzie, R. W.	James, T. H.
Shepherd, W. W.	Smith, B., M.D.	Freeman, R. W.
Austin, B. F., M.A.	Gray, W. M.	Lewis, Henry.
Annis, J. W., M.A.	Ferguson, W. J.	Peters, J. E. P.
Courtice, A. C., B.D.	Stevens, J.	Harrison, J. M.
Hayne, Thos.	Carrick, J.	Stewart, A.
Sanders, C.	Cushing, Wm.	Andrews, A.
McKittrick, T.	Burns, Wm.	Woodsworth, J.
Scratch, E. R.	Burwash, Dr.	Argue, T.
Howell, W. S.	Chambers, A. B., LL.B.	Semmens, J.
Ryckman, J. W.	Clarke, J. S.	Neff, O.
Bishop, H.	Stratton, F. B.	Beynon, G. W.
Bowman, W.	Johnston, Rev. Wm.	Fieldhouse, M. H.
Kay, John.	Griffith, Dr.	Peterson, A. M.
Russ, A. E.	Dyer, W. P., M.A.	Huston, J.
Woodsworth, R. W.	Campbell, A.	Bryant, C.
Laird, W. H	Jolliffe, Wm.	Hall, J.
Ross, J. S., M.A.	Buchanan, Wm.	Robson, E.

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The original motion was then put to the Conference and carried. Yeas, 171, Nays, 76, as follows:—

Yeas.

Potts, Dr.	VanWyck, J.	O'Flynn, E. D.
German, J. F.	Mitchell, G. A.	Ford, Dr.
Dewart, Dr.	Jackson, T. W.	Dean, Judge.
Roberts, E.	Jones, Judge.	Clarke, R. W.
Webber, G.	Harley, A.	Hall, W. F.
Johnston, Dr.	McGibbon, W.	Johnston, W.
Hunter, Dr.	Smith, J. H.	Platt, G. D.
Addison, P.	Lund, Jas.	Holgate, J. A.
Withrow, Dr.	Hollinrake, J.	Eyres, Wm.
Cade, R.	Ellis, J.	Ferris, J. M.
Gray, Jas.	Edmunds, J.	Hull, J.
Galbraith, Dr.	Mann, John.	Wilson, G.
Parker, Dr.	Griffin, Dr.	Antliff, Dr.
McDiarmid, N. A.	Scott, John.	Douglas, Dr.
Abbs, Geo.	Howell, J. E.	Shaw, Dr. W. I.
Phillips, A. M.	Hannon, Dr.	Ryckman, Dr.
Davis, E. J., M.P.P.	Willoughby, Dr.	Pitcher, J. T.
Cox, C. A.	Richardson, Geo.	Henderson, J.
Ogden, Dr.	Campbell, T. M.	Bissell, Jas.
Bowles, G.	Henderson, Dr.	Bishop, Geo.
Marr, F.	Holmes, J. W.	Alexander, Dr.
Brethour, J. H.	Cunningham, A.	Coates, C. W.
Graham, D.	McAllister, J.	Bow, Wm.
Pickering, F. F.	Nugent, F. E.	Torrance, John.
Tait, J., M.P.P.	Casson, W.	Tees, Wm.
Boustead, J. B.	Buggin, Geo.	McElroy, D.
Lake, J. N.	Turk, G. R.	Webster, G. W.
Willmott, Dr.	Mills, John.	Rogers, J. A.

Yeas—Continued.

McLean, D.
Switzer, C. W.
Brown, R.
Gundy, J. R.
Learoyd, J.
Scott, J. G.
Clement, B.
Aylsworth, Dr.
Ford, W. J.
Cullen, T.
Shepherd, W. W.
Austin, B. F.
Annis, J. W.
Courtice, A. C.
Hayne, Thos.
Sanders, C.
McKittrick, T.
Kenney, J. N.
Scratch, E. R.
Howell, W. S.
Ryckman, J. W.
Bishop, H.
Bowman, W.
Kay, John.
Russ, A. E.
Woodsworth, R. W.
Laird, W. H.
Ross, J. S.
Kettlewell, Wm.
Mills, Jas., M.A.
Smith, W. G.
Rutherford, J.
Armstrong, J. W.
Poole, J. W.
Hord, Isaac.
Kerr, W. H.
Hilliard, T.
McKenzie, R. W.
Smith, Dr.
Gray, W. M.
Ferguson, W. J.
Stevens, J.
Carrick, John.
Cushing, Wm.
Burns, Wm.
Burwash, Dr.
Chambers, A. B.
Clarke, J. S.
Stratton, F. B.
Johnston, Rev. W.
Griffith, Dr.
Dyer, W. P.
Campbell, A.
Jolliffe, W.
Buchanan, W.
Badgley, Dr.
Rice, J. J.
Shorey, S. J.
Dunn, S. B.
Lathern, Dr.
England, E. E.
McIntosh, W.
Sprague, Dr.
Paisley, C. H.
Evans, E.
Marshall, T.
Clarke, J. A.
Deinstadt, T. J.
James, T. H.
Freeman, R. W.
Lewis, H.
Peters, J. E. P.
Harrison, J. M.
Stewart, A.
Andrews, A.
Woodsworth, J.
Argue, T.
Semmens, J.
Neff, O.
Beynon, G. W.
Fieldhouse, M. H.
Peterson, A. M.
Huston, J.
Bryant, C.
Hall, J.
Robson, E.
Spencer, D.

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Nays.

Pirritte, Dr.
Briggs, Dr.
Stafford, Dr.
Sutherland, Dr. A.
Matthews, H. S.
Shaw, Dr. J.
Smith, J. L.
Maclaren, Dr.
Aikins, Hon. J. C.
McDonagh, W.
Graham, J.
Russell, A. L.
Rigsby, W.
Bond, S.
Jackson, G.
Humphreys, J.
Pierce, R.
Ward, Wm.
Dawson, R. J. C.
Wakefield, J.
Brethour, D. L.
Williamson, J. S.
Tovell, Isaac.
Burns, Dr.
Donly, A. J.
Field, Dr.
Robertson, W. J.
Lazier, S. F.
Beattie, J. H.
Williams, Dr. W.
Reynar, Dr.
Lambly, O. R.
Williams, Dr. T. G.
McRitchie, G.
Kines, Jas.
McGill, Wm.
Jackson, W.
Crothers, W. J.
Huxtable, G. G.
Mavety, J. E.
Jolliffe, W. J.
Saunders, Dr. J. B.
Whiting, R.
Cairns, H.
Deacon, Judge,
Lavell, Dr.
Bradley, A. P.
Deacon, J. M.
Lambly, W. H.
Chown, Edwin.
Carson, J. H.
Lavell, J. R.
Moorehouse, J.
Dalgleish, W. W.
Armstrong, G. W.
Smith, T. Watson.
Heartz, W. H.
Johnston, D. W.
Strothard, Jas.
Huestis, S. F.
Ryan, W.
Woodbury, Dr.
Woodill, F. B.
Crowe, W.
Livingstone, J. H.
Stewart, Dr.
Wilson, Dr.
Dobson, W.
Inch, Dr.
Bond, G. J.
Sparling, Dr.
McDougall, J.
West, G. H.
Nixon, T.
Sutherland, Dr. D. G.
Tuttle, T. N.

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On motion, the order of business was suspended, whereupon Dr. Potts moved a reconsideration of the vote in relation to the reception of a delegation from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.—*Carried.*

On motion,

Resolved,—That the delegation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union be received on Wednesday afternoon, at 4.30, in place of Tuesday evening; and also, at the same hour, the delegation from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

It was, on motion, ordered that the names of Judge Jones and S. F. Lazier, Q.C., be referred to the Nominating Committee, with the recommendation that they be added to the Judicial Committee.

The Conference adjourned at 10.30 p.m., the benediction being pronounced by the General Superintendent.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 16.

The Conference opened at 3.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by S. P. Ford, M.D.

The Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

On motion, the Letter Writers were requested to advise the Women's Christian Temperance Union, that the deputation from that body would be received by the Conference on Wednesday, at 4.30 p.m.

A communication from the Mechanics' Institute, of this city, was read, inviting the members of Conference to the use of their reading-room. The Letter Writers were directed to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the same.

A letter was read from Provost Body, on the subject of Church Union, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Church Union.

A communication was received from the Evangelical Association, which was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Walsh, Local Manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co., acknowledging the receipt of the communication from this Conference, dated the 15th inst.

On motion of Rev. H. Johnston, D.D., it was

Resolved,—That all papers relating to the next Ecumenical Council to be held in America, and all proposed action thereupon, be referred to the Centennial Committee to report to this Conference.

The Report of the Court of Appeal was presented by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C.

It was moved to refer it to the Judicial Committee.

It was moved in amendment, to refer it to the Committee on Discipline.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved that the Report of the Court of Appeal be received and entered upon the Journals, and that it

be accessible to all the Committees of this Conference. The amendment to the amendment was carried.

(For Report, see Appendix.)

The Rev. Prof. Scrimger, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was introduced to the Conference.

A deputation from the Dominion Alliance, composed of Messrs. J. R. Dougal, J. Baylis, Major E. S. Bond, A. M. Featherstone and Rev. Jas. Fleck, B.A., was introduced and addressed the Conference, whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, seconded by the Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland,

That this Conference has listened with unbounded satisfaction to the statements of the deputation representing the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the liquor traffic, and begs to assure them and all they represent, of the continued and united support and co-agency of the Methodist Church in the future as in the past, in labors for the extirpation of the liquor traffic, employing our influence as ministers and members of the Church, in our families, in our Churches, and through our political institutions, with unwearied and ever-increasing zeal and faith, until the great end we all seek shall have been satisfactorily accomplished. —*Carried.*

The Rev. James Gray presented recommendations from the Superannuation Board, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

Moved by the Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. S. Bond,—That all Rulings in Annual Conferences be laid on the table and recorded in the JOURNAL.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Stafford, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That all Rulings in Annual Conferences be referred to the Judicial Committee.

The amendment prevailed.

Moved by Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour, and

Resolved,—That the Judicial Committee be instructed to summarize the decisions of the Court of Appeal, and report the same to the Conference for insertion in the printed JOURNAL.

The Rev. Dr. Burns presented the Report of the Ladies' Wesleyan College, Hamilton, which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, the name of Hon. Senator Sanford was referred to the Nominating Committee, to be added to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Memorial Committee presented Report No. 1, which was received and adopted.

Mr. Walter McGibbon presented Report No. 1, on the Children's Fund. On motion, it was received and adopted.

(See Report in Appendix.)

The Committee on Annual Conferences presented Report No. 2, as follows:—

That the memorial from Toronto Conference be referred to the Committee on Discipline.

That the memorial from Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., be referred to the Committee on Discipline.

That paragraph No. 2 of the memorial from the Centenary Church, Hamilton, be referred to the Judicial Committee.

The report was adopted.

Moved by Rev. H. Johnston, D.D.,—That matters of mere routine, such as remitting memorials from one committee to another, be not entered on the JOURNAL. The motion was lost.

The Rev. J. Van Wyck presented report No. 2 of the Committee on General Superintendency, which was, on motion, received.

The Report of the Committee on Returns was presented, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Report No. 2 of the Finance Committee was presented, read and laid over for future consideration.

Notices of motion were called for, and the following were presented:—

From Toronto Conference.

By Rev. H. S. Matthews, on Change of Discipline.
By Dr. Ogden, on Change of Discipline.
By J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., on Change of Discipline.
By Dr. Willmott, on the Publication of a new Hymn and Tune-Book.

From London Conference.

By Rev. W. Rigsby, on Presenting Memorials in Duplicate.
By Rev. A. C. Courtice, on Public Instruction.
By Rev. J. R. Gundy, on Itinerancy and Invitations to Circuits.
By Mr. T. Hayne, on Change of the Basis of Union.

From Niagara Conference.

By Rev. J. S. Ross, on the Centennial of Missions.
By Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, on Transfers.

From Guelph Conference.

By Rev. T. M. Campbell, on Chairmen's Expenses in connection with Missions.
By Rev. J. W. Holmes, on Change of Discipline.
By Rev. J. McAllister, on Questions put to Candidates for Ordination.
By the same, on Stationing Ministers.

From Bay of Quinte Conference.

By Judge Dean, on Appointment of Conference Officers.
By Rev. A. B. Chambers, in relation to the Constitution of the

Stationing Committee, and the grouping of Conferences for stationing purposes.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Ryckman pronouncing the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 16.

Pursuant to resolution, the Conference met at 8 p.m., Rev. A. Carman, D.D., in the chair. After singing, Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., led the Conference in prayer.

The Chairman called upon the Secretary of Conference to read the address of the British Conference, and the address of the Wesleyan Conference in Ireland, to the General Conference of the Methodist Church; whereupon the Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., introduced the Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., to the Chairman, by whom he was introduced to the Conference, after which he delivered an address.

Moved by Judge Deacon, seconded by Rev. Prof. Reynar, LL.D., and supported by Revs. Drs. Douglas and Potts, and by W. Kennedy, and

Resolved,—That this General Conference has received with great joy the fraternal greetings of the Wesleyan Methodist Churches in Great Britain and Ireland, so forcefully and faithfully presented by our beloved brother, the Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., the honored delegate of the time-honored Church of our fathers. We assure our brother and the Churches he so well represents, that we are still, as we always have been, very deeply interested in all the great issues which are influencing Methodism in the Mother Country, and we devoutly pray the Great Head of the Church to bless them "exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think."

The Conference closed with the doxology, and benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. McMullen.

SIXTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 17.

Conference reassembled at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Woodsworth.

The Minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions of the previous day were read and confirmed.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Dewart, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin, and

Resolved,—That we hereby record our grateful appreciation of the courtesy shown to the members of the General Conference by the Governors of the Wesleyan Theological College, in the reception kindly tendered to the Conference on Saturday last, 13th inst., and that we hereby express our great satisfaction with the marked success of this important Institu-

tion, with the most valuable services it has rendered to the Church, and with the most encouraging prospect there is of its doing still greater service in the cause of ministerial education.

A letter was received from Mr. H. P. Moore, explaining that his continued absence from Conference arises from physical indisposition.

The Rev. Dr. Potts explained that Rev. Dr. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Burwash, and Rev. W. H. Graham were absent owing to illness.

A communication was received from the Montreal Cyclorama Co., announcing that they will issue tickets at half-price (25 cents) to members of the Conference, to admit them to the Cyclorama.

Memorials were called, and the following were presented :—

Niagara Conference.

On Conference Boundaries,—Referred to the Committee on Conference Boundaries.

On the Assessment of Ministers for the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

Reports of Special Committees were called for, and the following were presented :—

The Committee on Indian Affairs reported organization. A. C. Wells, Chairman ; Rev. J. Hall, Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Withrow reported from the Sabbath-school Committee a correction in the statistics of scholars, as follows :—

Number of scholars, 225,953 ; an increase during the Quadrennium of 34,768, instead of 5,378, as reported.

The Rev. W. H. Laird presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on Itinerancy, which was received.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid was received.

Dr. Maclaren asked leave for the Committee on Discipline to withdraw at 4.30 p.m., for important business. The request was granted.

The Committee on Embarrassed Trusts presented their Report (No. 2), which was received and laid on the table for further consideration.

The Committee on the Insurance of Connexional Property presented Report (No. 2), which was received and laid over for further consideration.

Another report was received from the Nominating Committee, nominating Rev. Dr. Henderson and S. F. Huestis to be added to the Committee on Indian Affairs ; also that Judge Jones and S. F. Lazier, be added to the Judicial Committee ; also that the Committee on Indian Affairs be added to Group D, and to meet in Vestry No. 4. The report was received and adopted.

Notices of motion were called for, and the following were presented :

From Toronto Conference.

By Rev. J. Gray, on Change of Location of Members of Standing Committees.

By the same, on Publishing Salaries of General Conference Officials in the Minutes.

By the same, on Change of par. 401, p. 157 of the Discipline.

By the same, on Change in the Constitution of the Superannuation Fund.

By Rev. J. Shaw, D.D., on Change in the Composition of the Committee of Finance and Consultation.

By Rev. Dr. Dewart, on Change of the Name of the Church.

By J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., on certain Changes in the Discipline, touching Attendance at Class Meetings.

From Niagara Conference.

By Rev. J. Kay, on Change of Discipline as to the trial of Ministers.

By the same, on same subject.

By the same, on Meetings of Quarterly Boards.

By Hon. W. E. Sanford, on the Composition of the Stationing Committee.

By A. J. Donly, *re* General Conference Affairs.

By Rev. W. Kettlewell, on Amendment of the Model Deed.

By Hon. Judge Jones, on Change of name of the Church.

From Guelph Conference.

By W. G. Smith, on Finance Committees of Quarterly Boards.

By Rev. Dr. Henderson, on Assistant Class Leaders.

By Rev. T. M. Campbell, *re* Court of Appeal.

From Bay of Quinte Conference.

By Rev. Prof. Dyer, on the Course of Study.

From Montreal Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Douglas, on Uniformity of Worship.

By Mr. J. H. Carson, on the Use of Tobacco.

From Nova Scotia Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Lathern, on a Committee of Privileges.

By the same, on Deaconesses.

By Rev. T. W. Smith, on Organization of Quarterly Boards.

From New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Sprague, on Change in the Name of the Conference.

From Newfoundland Conference.

By Rev. J. G. Bond, *re* Grant to Newfoundland Methodist College.

From Manitoba and North-West Conference.

By T. Nixon, in relation to the World's Temperance Convention.

By the same, Inviting the General Conference of 1894 to meet at Winnipeg.

By G. W. Beynon, *re* Changes of pars. 69, 87, 89, 146, 167 and 194 of the Discipline.

The motion of Judge Dean, that the time of electing the Officials of the Conference, of which notice had been previously given, be on Thursday next, was now taken up.

Moved in amendment, that Friday afternoon next be the time.

Moved by Rev. W. W. Carson, seconded by Dr. Alexander,—That the election of General Conference Officers be the first order of the day after reading the Minutes on the afternoon of Tuesday next, 23rd.

Judge Dean, by permission, withdrew his resolution.

Moved by Alderman Boustead,—That the election of Departmental Officers be deferred till the Reports of Committees on the respective departments have been adopted.

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

The Rev. C. Staebler, Fraternal Delegate of the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association, was introduced.

Motions, of which notice had been given, were taken up, and referred to the following Committees :—

Toronto Conference.

Re Hymn and Tune Book,—Book and Publishing Interests.
Re Duties of Circuit Superintendents,—Committee on Discipline.
Re Local Preachers,—Committee on Discipline.
Re Changes of Discipline,—Committee on Discipline.

Niagara Conference.

Re Transfers,—Committee on Transfers.
Re Centennial of Missions,—Committee on Missions.

London Conference.

Re Basis of Union,—Committee on Discipline.
Re Invitation to Ministers,—Committee on Discipline.
Re Public Education,—Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty.

Guelph Conference.

Re Duplicate Memorials,—Committee on Discipline.
Re Stationing Committee,—Committee on Annual Conferences.
Re Ritual,—Committee on Ritual.
Re Terms of Admission to Love-feasts,—Committee on Discipline.
Re Chairman's Expenses in Mission Work,—Committee on Missions.

Report No. 2 on General Superintendency was called up. Moved by Rev. Dr. Willoughby, seconded by W. G. Smith, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. W. McDonagh,—That inasmuch as by the basis of union there must be one General Superintendent of the Methodist Church; and inasmuch as the election of two at the first General Conference was largely a concession to the uniting bodies, or a matter of expediency; and inasmuch as the sectional elements of this union, while working cordially along the same lines, have nevertheless evidenced a perceptible distinctiveness, which fact may have contributed to the existing desire of the gifted and honored incumbent of this office for companionship and counsel; and inasmuch as the financial consideration bears rather against the Superintendency *per se* than upon the cost of the dual Superintendency; therefore be it

Resolved,—That we elect a second General Superintendent for four years only.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by W. Kennedy, seconded by John Torrance,—That there be three General Superintendents of the whole Church, and a Superintendent of Missions in the Manitoba and North-West Conference; and the General Superintendents devote their attention each to one of the following departments, performing the duties now pertaining to the office of the Secretary or Treasurer thereof, viz.: the Department of Missions, that of Education, and that of the Superannuation and Sustentation Funds; and that the salaries of two of the General Superintendents be a charge against the same funds and in the same proportion as the present salaries of the Missionary Secretary and the Secretary of Education, and that the salary of the third be a charge proportionately upon the General Conference Fund and the Superannuation Fund.

The previous question having been put and carried, the amendment to the amendment was put and lost; the amendment was put and lost; the report was put and adopted.

The order of the day was then taken up. The Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., introduced to the chair a deputation of ladies, representing the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. They were introduced by the Chairman, and Mrs. Ross, on behalf of the deputation, addressed the Conference.

It was moved by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., seconded by Rev. S. F. Huestis,—That this Conference greets with cordial Christian sympathy the deputation from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. We have listened with profound interest to their comprehensive address, and rejoice in the success that has crowned the labors of the Society, and we beg to assure them of our heart-felt sympathy in the glorious work in which they are engaged.—*Carried.*

The Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D., introduced to the chair a deputation of ladies from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, who were presented to the Conference by the President. Mrs. Middleton addressed the Conference

Moved by Rev. J. F. German, M.A., seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour,—That this General Conference has heard with great satisfaction the statement of fact, and report of marked progress in their benevolent work, given by the representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. This Conference furthermore assures the self-sacrificing toilers in this Christian organization of its heart-felt co-operation with them in their Christ-like work, and of its active co-operation with them in their earnest effort to spread the enlightening, elevating and saving truths of the Gospel of Christ.—*Carried.*

NOTE.—One of the ladies of the deputation laid upon the table, for signatures, a petition of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Badgley, seconded by Rev. Dr. Stafford,—Whereas it is desirable to have uniformity in the several reports, as presented to Conference and printed in the JOURNAL; and whereas, a report represents the action of the Committee rather than any number thereof; that it be an instruction to the several Committees to report only the findings thereof without the name or names of the mover or seconder of the whole or any part of it.—*Carried.*

The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by Rev. James Gray, and the Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 17.

Conference assembled at 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Report No. 4 of the Business Committee was presented.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Church Property was presented.

Motions of which previous notice had been given were called, and, on motion, referred to the following Committees:—

From Toronto Conference.

By Rev. J. Gray, *re* Members of Standing Committees,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Salaries of Officials,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

By the same, *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Change in Constitution of the Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

By Rev. J. Shaw, D.D., *re* Composition of the Committee of Consultation and Finance,—Referred to the Committee on Missions.

By J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

From Niagara Conference.

By Rev. J. Kay, *re* Quarterly Boards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Trial of Accused Ministers,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By the same, *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Hon. Senator Sanford, *re* Composition of the Stationing Committee,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By A. J. Donly, *re* General Conference Officers,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

By Rev. W. Kettlewell, *re* Model Deed,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By W. G. Smith, *re* Finance Committee of Quarterly Boards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. W. C. Henderson, D.D., on Assistant Class-leaders,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. T. M. Campbell, *re* Court of Appeal,—Referred to the Judicial Committee.

By Rev. Prof. Dyer, *re* Course of Study,—Referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

By Rev. Dr. Douglas, *re* Uniformity of Worship,—Referred to the Committee on Ritual.

Mr. J. H. Carson's motion relating to tobacco was called up, and the following was moved by J. H. Carson, seconded by Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A. :—

Whereas, the Methodist Church has always been in the forefront of every great moral reform ; and whereas, the attention of legislators and others has been called to the great and increasing evils arising from the use of tobacco, especially among the young people of the present day ; and whereas, our young people naturally and properly look to their leaders in the Church for advice and example on this and other important questions ;

Therefore, be it

Resolved,—That every member occupying any official position, lay or clerical, in the Methodist Church, shall be required to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form. That in the event of this motion being adopted, the Committee on Discipline be instructed to prepare the necessary legislation required to give effect to the resolution.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by Rev. Dr. Burns,—That we most earnestly recommend to all our people, both official and others, abstention from the use of tobacco, and the abandonment of it by all who have acquired the taste for it.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Dr. Ford, seconded by W. Johnston,—That the resolution of Mr. Carson be referred to a special Committee, composed of Dr. Douglas, Dr. Burns, Dr. Woodbury, Mr. Carson, and the mover, to frame a deliverance on the use of tobacco.

The amendment to the amendment was put and carried.

On motion, the names of Rev. A. M. Phillips, Ald. Boustead, Hon. W. E. Sanford and J. M. Ferris were added to the Committee.

The following notices of motion were presented :—

From Toronto Conference.

By J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., to Amend Discipline, par. 401.

From London Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, on Change of Discipline.

By Rev. S. Bond, on Change of Discipline.

By Rev. J. R. Gundy, on Superannuation Fund.

By Rev. W. Rigsby, on Degrees from Foreign Colleges.

From Guelph Conference.

By Rev. J. E. Howell, on Change of Discipline.

By Hon. Senator Sanford, on Annual Conference Electoral Colleges.

From Newfoundland Conference.

By Rev. G. J. Bond, as to the length of time of the Appointment of Representatives to the General Board of Missions.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That we receive the fraternal delegate of the Evangelical Association of the Canada Conference to-morrow at 5 p.m.—*Carried.*

The following notices of motion were referred to the undermentioned committees :—

Niagara Conference.

By Judge Jones, on Change of the Name of the Church,—Referred to the Judicial Committee.

Manitoba Conference.

By Rev. G. W. Beynon, seven Changes in Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By T. Nixon, *re* World's Temperance Convention,—Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Newfoundland Conference.

By Rev. G. J. Bond, *re* Grant to the Newfoundland College,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Sprague, *re* Change in the Name of the Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Nova Scotia Conference.

By Rev. T. W. Smith, on the Organization of Quarterly Boards,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. Dr. Lathern, on Deaconesses,—Referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

By the same, on a Committee of Privileges,—Referred to the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented, and, on motion, received.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., presented the Report of the Fraternal Delegate of the Methodist Church to the Evangelical Association. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

The following Notices of Motion were presented:—

London Conference.

By W. S. Howell,—That notices of motion and Memorials be given two months before the meeting of General Conference.

Niagara Conference.

By A. J. Donly, on Superannuated Ministers and Probationers.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the Report on Systematic Beneficence be considered item by item.

Moved in amendment by Rev. W. W. Carson, seconded by Rev. C. H. Paisley,—That the report be referred back to the committee for abbreviation and amendment. The amendment prevailed.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at 10 p.m.

The doxology was sung, and Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., pronounced the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 18.

Conference met at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. McDonagh.

The Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on General Superintendency was presented and received.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Superannuation Fund was received.

The special committee to whom was referred the resolution on the use of tobacco reported. The report was received.

Dr. Inch presented the financial statement of the Mount Allison Institutions,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Dr. Shaw presented the Report of the Committee on the Course of Study, which was received.

It was moved that the report be taken up at the close of the business under this call for "Reports." The motion was lost.

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That the Superannuation Fund Report be the first order of the day after this call for "Reports."—*Carried.*

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Memorials was received.

The Report on the Superannuation Fund was then taken up.

Items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item No. 3 was amended by the omission of the word "that," and adopted.

Item No. 4, which reads as follows, "That any superannuated minister removing from the country, shall secure the consent of his Conference to such removal the next ensuing session of the Conference, otherwise he forfeits his claim on the fund for that year," was amended by a resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland and seconded by Rev. W. W. Carson. (See Resolution, item 4 of Report.)

Items Nos. 5 and 6 were adopted.

Item No. 7, as follows: That in par. 416, second line, after "wife" add "and children,"—Referred back to the Committee.

Item No. 8 was adopted.

Item No. 9 as follows: That each probationer shall pay four annual subscriptions, the same to be paid year by year in accordance with his credit of years travelled, and in the computation of claim four years shall be reckoned as the term of probation,—Referred back to the Committee.

Item No. 10 was referred back to the Committee for further consideration, with the following amendments:

Moved by Rev. G. Jackson, seconded by Rev. W. Rigsby,—That the clause making the ministers responsible for the amounts levied on Circuits for the Superannuation Fund, be erased from the Discipline.

Moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. J. Graham, as an amendment to the amendment,—That the amount to be raised by each Circuit be a first claim on the Circuit Appropriations.

Item No. 11 was amended as follows, on the motion of Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. J. T. Pitcher,—That the words "twenty-six" and "thirteen" be substituted in par. 396 for "thirty-two" and "sixteen."

Item No. 12. It was moved to amend the item by striking out the words, "the Conference recommend." The amendment was lost and the item adopted.

It was then resolved that the Report on the Course of Study be taken up.

Items 1 and 2 were taken together.

It was moved to amend, as follows: "That the Central Board value the answers."

It was resolved that the vote be now taken.

The amendment was put and lost.

The clauses of the report were also put and lost. They were as follows :—

1. That there be a Central Board of Examiners for the entire Church for the preparation of examination papers.

2. That supervision of examinations and valuation of answers rest with the Annual Conference Committees of Examiners.

The Rev. J. T. Pitcher presented to the President the Rev. W. Hawkins, General Superintendent of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. W. T. Minter, of the same Church, delegates to this General Conference. These brethren were introduced, and Rev. W. Hawkins briefly addressed the Conference.

Motions of which previous notice had been given were called, and the following were taken up and referred to the undermentioned committees:—

Toronto Conference.

By J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

London Conference.

By Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. S. Bond, *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Rev. J. R. Gundy, *re* Superannuation Fund,—Referred to the Committee on Superannuation Fund.

By Rev. W. Rigsby, *re* Degrees from Foreign Colleges,—Referred to the Committee on Education.

Guelph Conference.

By Rev. J. E. Howell, *re* Change of Discipline,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By Hon. W. E. Sanford, *re* Electoral Colleges of Annual Conferences, —Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

London Conference.

By W. S. Howell, that notices of motion and memorials be given two months before the meeting of the General Conference,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

By A. J. Donly, *re* Superannuated Ministers and Probationers,—Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Rev. J. T. Pitcher presented to the President the Rev. C. Staebler, the fraternal delegate of the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association, who was introduced to and addressed the Conference; whereupon, it was moved by Rev. J. E. Howell, M.A.,—That we have listened with great satisfaction to the address of Rev. C. Staebler, fraternal delegate from the Evangelical Association, and rejoice in the

good tidings of continued success and prosperity which he brings concerning this section of the great Methodist family, and of their desire to co-operate with us in the prosecution of the mission assigned us of God. We recognize in the Evangelical Association an important and influential factor in the work of our common Methodism, and shall hail with satisfaction any movement which, in the providence of God, shall tend to secure a closer union between them and us, believing, as we do, that the cause of Christ is best subserved by united action on the part of those who are one in faith, and usage, and methods of operation.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. E. Howell, M.A., seconded by Rev. F. E. Nugent,—That this Conference instruct the Church Union Committee to name a committee to be appointed by this Conference, whose duty it shall be to meet any committee that may be appointed by the Canadian Conference of the Evangelical Association to arrange a scheme of union to be submitted to the authorities of both Churches, and that said committee be instructed to nominate a fraternal delegate to the next Annual Conference of said Evangelical Association.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That the order of the day to-morrow, at 4.30 p.m., be the reception of the fraternal delegates of the British Methodist Episcopal Church.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, and

Resolved,—That when the Conference adjourns to-night, it stand adjourned until 3.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. Staebler.

THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 18.

Conference assembled at 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. E. Russ, M.A.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

A communication from the Bible Christian Church in England was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

The Report of the "Rulings" of Presidents of Annual Conferences was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Judicial Committee.

Report No. 2 of the Centennial Committee, *re* the Ecumenical Conference, was received.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Transfers was received.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth gave notice that he would submit the following question:—

"If an Annual Conference accepts and stations a minister under protest that the transfer is illegal, does the act of accepting and stationing said minister legalize the act of transfer?"

On motion, the Report on Itinerancy was called up.

The Rev. Dr. W. Williams moved the adoption of Report No. 2, as follows:—

Memorials from the Toronto, Montreal, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia Conferences were laid before it, and also from ten Quarterly Boards, praying for the extension of the pastoral term to four or five years.

A memorial from the Bay of Quinte Conference was also received, praying that no change be made in the present limit of a minister's stay on a circuit.

Two districts ask that no change be made without first consulting the Quarterly Boards of the Church.

After careful consideration of the matter, your committee recommends the General Conference to enact such legislation as will permit a minister to remain on his circuit for four years.

WM. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*
WM. H. LAIRD, *Secretary*

Moved in amendment by Rev. D. W. Johnson, M.A., seconded by Rev. W. Ryan,—Whereas circumstances sometimes arise which render it extremely desirable that a minister's pastorate on a circuit should be extended beyond three years, therefore

Resolved,—That whilst three years shall be considered the general limit of the pastorate, yet when such exceptional circumstances arise as, in the opinion of two thirds of the members of any Annual Conference, expressed by ballot, make it desirable to extend any pastor's term, such minister may be continued on any circuit for a fourth year.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. J. S. Williamson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Aylesworth,—That the limit of the term of ministerial service, as prescribed in par. 3, page 63, be three years—except when the Quarterly Board, during the third year of such ministerial term, by a three-fourths majority of all the members of such Board, shall request the return of a minister a fourth year, and such request has been approved by the Annual District Meeting; then the Stationing Committee shall have power to station a minister on the same charge for a fourth year. And also, when a Quarterly Board fulfils the above conditions during the fourth year of such ministerial term, then the Stationing Committee shall have power to restation the minister on the same charge for a fifth year.

At 9.30 p.m. it was resolved that the vote be now taken.

The ruling of the Chair was asked by G. W. Beynon, of the Manitoba Conference, as to whether this was a violation of the Restrictive Rule, par. 114, sec. 2. The Chair decided it was not.

J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., asked the ruling of the Chair whether it did not require a three-fourths vote under sec. 2 of the Basis of Union, page 265, third line from the top, affecting the privileges of the laity. The Chair ruled that it did not.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was put and lost.

The motion for the adoption of the report was put, and lost on the following vote: 104 for, 131 against.

The Conference adjourned at 10 p.m. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Hannon.

EIGHTH DAY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 19.

Conference assembled at 3.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. Addison.

The Minutes of Thursday evening session were read and confirmed.

A communication from Rev. J. Laing, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was read in relation to the fraternal delegation from that body. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegations.

A communication was read from Mr. G. W. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer of Mount Royal Incline Railway Company, placing their elevator car at the service of members of the Conference to-morrow. It was moved that the communication be respectfully acknowledged and the invitation accepted. Moved in amendment, that it be referred to the Committee on Complimentary Invitations. The amendment was lost; the motion prevailed.

Hon. Senator Sanford submitted the Financial Report of the Educational Society, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Book and Publishing Interests was read and, on motion, received.

On motion of the Secretary of the Conference, the Quadrennial Report of the Woman's Missionary Society was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the committee appointed to prepare a reply to the fraternal address of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, on the subject of promoting peace among nations, was read and received.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates was read, received, and on motion, was considered *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2 and 3*a* were adopted.

Item 3*b* was amended by a resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Dewart. (See Report.)

Item 4 adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

The Rev. J. T. Pitcher read the Report of the Committee on Sunday Services.

The order of the day being called, the Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams introduced to the President Rev. Elder Hawkins and Rev. T. W. Minter, fraternal delegates from the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, who addressed the Conference; whereupon it was moved by Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, and

Resolved,—That we have listened with pleasure to the greetings of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and to the interesting addresses of Rev. W. Hawkins and Rev. T. W. Minter, the representatives of that Church to this Conference. We do not forget that during

the stirring times in the history of this country, our colored brethren were faithful to our institutions, and loyal to the British Crown. We beg to assure these honored brethren of our deep interest in the prosperity of their Church, and wish them God-speed in their noble work of saving souls and advancing the best interests of the Church of Christ.

The Conference adjourned at 5.45 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 19.

The Conference met at 7.30 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. Webber.

The Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Special Committee on Tobacco was called up.

Moved by J. H. Carson, seconded by I. Hord,—That the report be adopted.

Moved by G. D. Platt, seconded by W. S. Howell,—That the Report of the Committee on Tobacco be amended by the addition of the following:—We recommend that immediate steps be taken to petition the Dominion or Provincial Legislature for a law prohibiting the sale of cigars, cigarettes, and every other form of tobacco to persons under sixteen years of age.—*Carried.*

Moved, in amendment to the report, by Rev. Dr. Burns, seconded by Ald. Boustead,—That, whereas the attention of this Conference has been called to the great and increasing evils arising from the use of tobacco, especially among the young people of the present day; and whereas, our young people naturally and properly look to their leaders in the Church for example and advice on this and other important questions; therefore, be it

Resolved,—That this Conference asserts its strong disapproval of the use of tobacco as hurtful to the physical constitution, and especially injurious to the young. We earnestly recommend that every member in our Church be urged to be a total abstainer from its use; and alarmed by the growing use of tobacco by the youth of our country, we earnestly recommend that those in our Sabbath-schools, in the educational institutions of our Church, and in the ministry, shall be total abstainers; and we further recommend that our people use all their influence to have the teachers in our public schools and higher institutions set the example of abstention from its use.—*Carried.*

The report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, Report No. 2 on Book and Publishing Interests was taken up.

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

On the reading of paragraph 13, it was moved by A. J. Donly, seconded by Rev. G. Jackson,—That the report be referred back to the committee for amendment, with instructions to reduce the subscription price of the *Guardian* to $1.50 per annum.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by Rev. Dr. Briggs,—That the subject of an additional paper be referred to the Western Section of the Book Committee, carefully to make estimates of cost, etc., and, if thought best, to issue a paper in addition to *Home and School*, suitable for the Epworth League and the homes of the people.

At 9.40 p.m., the previous question was moved, and carried.

The amendment of Dr. Withrow was put, and carried.

A motion to reconsider the item of the report referring to the price of the *Guardian* was adopted; whereupon it was moved by Rev. Dr. Hunter,—That no change be made in the price of the *Guardian*. The motion was adopted.

Paragraph 14 of the report was adopted.

The whole of the report was, on motion, adopted.

The Business Committee reported that committees in Groups A and B will meet on Saturday, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and Groups C and D on Monday, at 9 and 11 a.m. respectively.—*Adopted.*

It was, on motion,

Resolved,—That when the Conference adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday, at 2.30 p.m.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That the order of business, on Monday next, at five o'clock, be to receive the fraternal delegates of the Presbyterian Church.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That Monday evening next be devoted to the reception of Rev. Dr. Sledd, fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Rev. Mr. Berry, fraternal delegate of the Epworth League.—*Carried.*

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was received.

Report No. 1 of the Sabbath-school Committee was received.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction.

NINTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 22.

The Conference re-opened at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The usual devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Joseph Hall.

The Minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.

A memorial was presented from Rev. J. E. Moore, which was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Finance presented their Report No. 3, through Mr. W. M. Gray, Secretary.

The Secretary of Conference submitted the Report of Rev. Dr. Cornish on Statistics, which was read and referred to the Committee on Statistics.

It was moved that the Rule of Order be suspended, and the report be now considered as just presented by the Finance Committee.—*Carried.*

Clause 1 was adopted.

Clause 2. It was moved in amendment,—That $5.00 be deducted from the expenses of each delegate.—*Lost.* The clause of the report was adopted.

Clauses 3 and 4 were adopted.

Clause 5. It was moved by Rev. Dr. Briggs, seconded by Rev. Dr. J. Shaw,—That clause 5 be amended by adding the following:—

That we authorize the Book Steward to print an edition of 500 copies of the JOURNAL of this Conference at cost; at the end of four years any loss resulting from any copies that may remain unsold to be paid for by the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Ryckman,—That 500 copies of the JOURNAL be published at cost, and the expense remaining unpaid at the end of the Quadrennium be met out of the profit of the Discipline. The amendment was adopted.

Clause 5, with this addition, was adopted.

Clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

It was moved that the report as amended be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. James Gray,—That the report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to estimate the expenditure for the Quadrennium at $32,000, and allocate that amount to the Conferences to be raised.—*Lost.*

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved,—That the London Conference be required to raise $3,500 instead of $4,000.—*Lost.*

Rev. Dr. Sparling,—That the amount to be raised by the Manitoba Conference shall be $2,000 instead of $2,500.—*Lost.*

The report as amended was then adopted.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., —That $50 be added to the financial estimates for the JOURNAL Secretary of this Conference.—*Carried.*

Mr. A. J. Donly presented Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions.

Dr. Inch presented the Report of the Committee on the Consolidation of Treasurerships.

Rev. Dr. Withrow presented the Report of the Committee on the Epworth League.

Rev. S. Bond presented the Report of the Committee on the State of the Work.

Moved by Ald. Boustead, seconded by Rev. W. W. Carson,—That the time for the election of General Conference officers be reconsidered. —*Carried.*

Moved by Ald. Boustead, seconded by Dr. T. G. Williams,—That the election of General Conference officers be made the first order of business at the session to be held to-morrow, Tuesday afternoon.

Moved in amendment that the elections be held on Thursday.

Moved in amendment to the amendment to hold the elections on Wednesday.

The original motion was adopted.

The Rev. J. J. Rice presented the Report of the Committee on the Sustentation Fund, which was received.

Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., presented Report No. 2 of the Committee on the Course of Study, which was, on motion, received.

Rev. W. J. Ford presented the Report of the Committee on Ritual.—*Received.*

Rev. J. T. Pitcher presented the Report of the Western Section on the Superannuation Fund, which was received.

Mr. T. B. Beynon presented the second Report of the Judicial Committee.—*Received.*

Rev. Dr. Berry and Mr. Willis Cooper, representing the Epworth League, were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. S. Williamson presented Report No. 6 of the Business Committee, as follows: Group A to meet Tuesday at 9 a.m; Group B, Tuesday at 11 a.m.—*Adopted.*

The Judicial Committee asked leave to meet to-morrow at 11 a.m.—*Granted.*

Mr. J. Rutherford presented Report No. 3 of the Memorial Committee.—*Received.*

Mr. G. D. Platt presented the Report on Systematic Beneficence.—*Received.*

Moved by Rev. W. W. Carson, seconded by Mr. Nixon,—That inasmuch as the election of General Conference officers has been made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon,

Resolved,—That the Report on the Consolidation of Treasurerships be the first report to be considered by the Conference.—*Carried.*

The Report of the Committee on the Consolidation of Treasurerships was called up.

Pending the consideration of this report, the hour of 5 o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was called.

The Rev. Dr. Antliff presented to the President of the Conference the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, Rev. J. Scrimger, M.A., and James Croil, Esq., fraternal delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, who were introduced to and addressed the Conference. Whereupon it was

Moved by the Rev. James Henderson, seconded by Joseph Tait, M.P.P., and

Resolved,—That having heard with feelings of profound pleasure the addresses of Rev. Dr. MacVicar, Prof. Scrimger and James Croil, Esq., representing the Presbyterian Church in Canada, this General Conference hereby records its hearty appreciation of the sentiments so earnestly and eloquently expressed, and we would assure the Church in whose name they have addressed us, of our most cordial co-operation in seeking the purification of public morals, the rectification of social wrongs, and the promoting of the interests of temperance, education and religion throughout the land; and would also express our determination to defend with-

out bigotry or bitterness the bulwarks of our Protestant faith and liberty from the assaults of modern scepticism on the one hand, and the encroachments of Ultramontane aggression on the other. Our prayer is that God would abundantly bless the great Church of which these distinguished visitors are the worthy representatives.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 p.m.

The session closed with the benediction by Rev Principal MacVicar.

MONDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 22.

The Conference met at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The session was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. G. Sutherland, LL.D.

The order of the day was then called.

The Rev. Dr. Sledd, representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced to the President by Rev. Dr. Sprague, and by the President to the Conference, and addressed the Conference; whereupon it was moved by Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Briggs, and

Resolved,—That this Conference hails with heartfelt satisfaction the presence among us of the Rev. Dr. Sledd, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church South. His ministrations in the pulpit and on the platform have been to us a season of grace and sweet delight, and have left behind them an influence that we would not willingly let die; while the fraternal greetings brought from the great Church he so worthily represents have strengthened the bonds of faith and sympathy which make the Methodist people one in every part of the world. We assure Dr. Sledd of our deep interest in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and of our earnest desire that fraternal relations established between that Church and ours may be perpetuated and strengthened through the coming years.

On motion, it was resolved that the representatives of the Epworth League from the United States be received at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Conference adjourned at 10.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Sledd pronouncing the benediction.

TENTH DAY.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 23.

Conference assembled at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. Richardson.

The Minutes of the last two sessions were read and confirmed.

On communications being called for, the following were presented:—

A telegram was read from Mr. G. M. Clark, President of the County of Carleton Prohibitory Alliance, asking the Conference to empower its deputation to the Government to request it to arrange for a plebiscite on Prohibition. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Report of the Eastern Section of the Supernumerary Fund was received.

The Committee on Leave of Absence recommended that leave of absence be given to the following delegates:—

Messrs. J. Huston, O. Neff, B. P. Richardson, E. J. Davis, A. Harley, J. Milne, J. H. Brethour, N. J. Robertson; and Revs. J. Strothard, R. Cade, and B. F. Austin. Leave was not given to Messrs. H. J. Thorne and Hon. G. W. Beatty, the reasons for non-attendance not being deemed satisfactory. The Report of the Committee was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved to take up the Report on Consolidated Treasurerships.

Item 1 was taken up.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Briggs, seconded by J. N. Lake, it was moved in amendment,—That a joint committee of one or more representatives from each Board or Committee having control of Connexional Funds, including the Missionary, Educational, Superannuation, Church and Parsonage Aid, General Conference, and Church Relief Funds, be appointed to consider the whole question of consolidating the Treasurerships of these various funds; and if they find that such method will increase efficiency and promote economy, they be authorized to perfect the scheme and put the same in operation.

On motion of G. Bishop, seconded by Rev. W. Kettlewell, it was moved in amendment to the amendment,—(1) That this Conference signifies its approval of the principle of the consolidation of Treasurerships, as recommended by the Committee, and the appointment of a Treasury Board consisting of the Departmental Officers and an equal number of laymen, which Board shall receive and disburse or invest all Connexional funds. (2) In order to avoid undue precipitancy in so important an undertaking, a commission be appointed to prepare such a scheme as shall meet the necessities of the present, and look toward a full administration of all our financial affairs in the future. (3) That this commission shall have power to appoint, when necessary, a Treasurer *pro tem.* to carry out the provisions of the consolidation, when ready for operation. (4) That this commission shall consist of the following persons:—Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary; Rev. Dr. Potts, Educational Secretary; Rev. Dr. Briggs, Book Steward; Rev. J. Gray, Treasurer of General Conference and Superannuation Funds; Hon. Senator Aikins, Missionary Treasurer; Hon. Senator Sanford, Educational Treasurer; J. N. Lake, Treasurer Union Church Relief Fund; G. A. Cox, Bursar of Victoria College, and the Revs. Dr. Johnston, Dr. Stafford, J. E. Lanceley; Messrs. W. Kennedy, J. T. Moore, and J. B. Willmott, M.D.

Moved by Rev. J. Wakefield, that the vote be now taken. The motion was lost. After further discussion, the amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was put and lost.

Item 1 of the report was put and lost.

On motion, the remaining items of the report were laid on the table.

The Rev. Dr. Sledd here took his leave of the Conference.

The order of the day was called, whereupon it was moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., seconded by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That the election of officers take place in the following order:—

1. Book Stewards and Editors, in the order named in the Discipline.
2. Missionary Secretary and Treasurers.
3. Superintendent of Missions in the North-West.
4. Secretary of Education.
5. Treasurers of other funds, in the order named in the Discipline.

It was moved that the elections be by nomination and ballot.—*Lost.*

An appeal from the Chair was taken against the ruling, "that ballot meant purely without nomination." The Conference sustained the ruling of the Chair.

On motion, it was decided to proceed in the regular way by the distribution of ballots.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of a Book Steward for the Western Section. The ballots having been counted, the following was the result:—

Dr. Burns, 1; Dr. Stafford, 1; Dr. Alexander, 1; Dr. Briggs, 233.

The Rev. Dr. Briggs was declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of a Book Steward for the Eastern Section. The ballots having been counted, the following was the result:—

Dr. Wilson, 1; C. W. Coates, 1; Dr. Burns, 1; Dr. Sprague, 6; Rev. S. F. Huestis, 217.

The Rev. S. F. Huestis was declared elected.

It was moved by Rev. J. Van Wyck, seconded by Rev. J. T. Pitcher,—That scrutineers be appointed to count the ballots in the election of the Editor of the *Christian Guardian*. The motion was lost.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed until 5 o'clock.

The Conference next proceeded to the election of the Editor of the *Christian Guardian*.

The ballot having been cast, the following was the result:—

A. J. Donly, 1; Dr. Burwash, 1; Rev. P. Addison, 1; Dr. Withrow, 1; Rev. J. T. Pitcher, 1; Rev. W. W. Carson, 1; Dr. Ryckman, 1; Dr. T. G. Williams, 4; Dr. Stafford, 5; Dr. H. Johnston, 64; Dr. Dewart, 156.

The Rev. Dr. Dewart was declared elected.

The order of the day was then called, whereupon the President introduced the Rev. Dr. Berry, representative from the Epworth League of the United States, who addressed the Conference.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by Rev. Dr. Johnston, and

Resolved,—That we have listened with great pleasure to the fraternal greetings of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, so eloquently conveyed by the fraternal representative of that organization We rejoice in the great prosperity which, through the blessing of God, has so signally marked this latest development of

Methodism. We beg to assure our brethren of our deep and earnest sympathy in this great movement for enlisting the young life of the Church in the service of the Lord Jesus. We trust that we shall be divinely guided in adapting to our own Church and country such an organization of our young people as shall best promote their own religious welfare, the glory of God, and the upbuilding of His Church.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30, to meet again at 7.30 p.m.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Pirritte.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 23.

Conference reassembled at 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wm. Dobson.

The Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

A memorial was presented from the Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal in relation to Sabbath Observance.—Referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The Rev. Prof. Shaw, LL.D., presented the Report of the Board of Management of the Educational Society.—Referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Church Union presented Report No. 2, which was, on motion, received.

Report No. 2 of the Statistical Committee was read and received.

The Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs was read. It was moved that the order of the day be suspended and the report considered. The motion was lost, and the report was received.

Principal Dyer presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Itinerancy. On motion, it was received.

The Rev. Dr. Galbraith presented the Report of the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty. On motion, it was received.

Mr. A. J. Donly presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions. On motion, it was received.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Returns from Boards and Standing Committees was read, and, on motion, was received.

Report No. 6 of the Business Committee was presented, read, and adopted as follows:—Group C and D will meet to-morrow at 9 a.m.; Group A will meet to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Report No. 3 of the Judicial Committee was presented, read, and received.

On motion, the election of Conference officers was resumed.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was authorized to cast a ballot for the election of Rev. Dr. Withrow to the position of editor of the *Methodist Magazine* and the Sunday-school periodicals, who was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast a ballot for the Rev. Dr. Lathern as editor of the *Wesleyan*, who was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was authorized to cast a ballot for Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland as Missionary Secretary, who was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was authorized to cast a ballot for Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland as Clerical Treasurer of the Missionary Society, who was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of the Conference was authorized to cast a ballot for the Hon. J. C. Aikins as Lay Treasurer of the Missionary Society, who was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of Conference was instructed to cast a ballot for Rev. Jas. Woodsworth as General Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West, who was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast a ballot for Hon. Senator Sanford as Treasurer of the Educational Society, who was declared elected.

It was moved to call up the Report of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund relating to the election of a Clerical Treasurer; whereupon the Conference proceeded to elect by ballot a Clerical Treasurer. The ballot having been cast, the following was the result:—Rev. Dr. Griffin, 46; Rev. Jas. Gray, 146. Rev. James Gray was declared elected.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for Hon. J. C. Aikins as Lay Treasurer of the Superannuation Fund, who was declared elected.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. S. Bond,—That the Chair nominate a committee of five to prepare addresses in reply to addresses forwarded to this Conference.

Moved in amendment,—That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Delegations. The amendment prevailed.

On motion, the Report of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Widows' Fund of the Eastern Conferences was taken up.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole, and ordered to be published in the JOURNAL of Conference.

Mr. T. Nixon (pursuant to a request of Grace Church) moved,—That the next meeting of the General Conference be held in the city of Winnipeg.

Moved by D. McLean,—That the consideration of the question be laid over until Thursday.

After some discussion, it was moved and seconded,—That the vote be now taken.—*Lost.*

Moved by Dr. T. G. Williams, in amendment, seconded by Dr. Alexander,—That the next General Conference meet in Winnipeg, on the first day of September, 1894, and that only the amount incurred by the assembling of the present Conference be paid out of the General Conference Fund, the surplus to be divided *pro rata* among the delegates to said Conference.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ford,—That the place of holding the next General

Conference be left to the decision of the General Conference Special Committee.

Mr. McLean's motion to postpone the consideration was then put, and lost.

The amendment to the amendment was then put, and carried.

The Conference adjourned at 10.30 p.m., to meet to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. F. Bland.

ELEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 24.

Conference met at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Wm. Burns.

Minutes of Tuesday evening session were read, and, with a slight amendment, were adopted.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Stafford, seconded by Rev. Dr. H. Johnston,—Inasmuch as from the nature of the subjects dealt with by several of the committees, the discussion in detail by the Conference of the reports thereof cannot be of any great advantage, said reports be submitted to the careful examination of a committee of three, viz.: the Revs. Dr. Lathern and Dr. Antliff, and the Hon. J. C. Aikins—except that in the case of the reports of the Committee on Church Union and on Temperance, the name of Richard Brown be substituted for that of Hon. J. C. Aikins—whose duty it shall be not to revise said reports in any way, but to signify to the Conference anything that may be found objectionable in expression, sentiment or doctrine, and that in the absence of such faults or on their correction by the Conference, said reports be considered as adopted by the Conference, and that the following be the reports to which this resolution shall apply, viz.:—

Statistics.
Systematic Beneficence.
Sabbath Observance.
Centennial of Canadian Methodism.
Church Union.
Temperance.
Ritual.
State of the Work.
Civil and Religious Liberty.

The motion was laid upon the table.

A memorial from the Manitoba Conference was presented, having reference to the organization of a new Conference under certain conditions. It was referred to Annual Conference Committee.

Warring Kennedy presented the Report of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. Withrow presented the Report of the Sabbath-school Committee. On motion, the report was received.

Report No. 3 of the Superannuation Fund Committee was presented.

On motion by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, it was

Resolved,—That the order of the day be suspended, and the report considered.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2, which was, "that the first sentence of paragraph 419 of Discipline, be omitted," was lost.

Items Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item No. 9, which is as follows: "That paragraph 436 read, 'When the claims upon this fund for any year shall exceed the income of the year, each claimant, on the recommendation of the Board, may have deducted from the amount of his or her claim such a sum as shall be equal to a *pro rata* amount of such deficiency,'" was recommitted for reconstruction.

Item No. 10 having been read, it was moved in amendment by J. W. Poole, seconded by H. L. Lovering,—That the Report on Superannuation Fund be so amended that the Fund shall not be an assessment on circuits, but its claims presented to circuits for their voluntary support, as are all other funds and appropriations of this Church.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. James Graham,—That the amount required in the way of assessment be a first claim on the circuit, not abolishing the public appeals for collection and subscriptions as in the past.

The previous question having been moved and carried, the amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was put and lost.

On the item of the report being put, it was moved that the words "equitable apportionment" be inserted in place of the word "assessment."

It was then moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, that the item and amendment be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

The motion prevailed.

On motion to adopt item 11, it was, in amendment, moved by W. S. Howell, seconded by G. A. Edmunds,—That this item in this report be referred to the Board of the Superannuation Fund, to be reported upon at the next General Conference.

The item of the report was adopted.

It was moved that the consideration of the report be suspended to receive the report of the Business Committee.

The motion prevailed.

Business Committee, Report No. 7.

The Committees will meet as follows:—

Superannuation Fund Committee, to-night at 5.30, in parlor.

Missions Committee, to night at 7, in parlor.

Annual Conference Committee, to-night at 7, in room No. 5.

Temperance Committee, to-night at 7, in room No. 1.

Discipline Committee, to-night at 7, in room No. 4.

Judicial Committee, to-night at 7, in ladies' parlor.

The Committee recommend that henceforth each committee arrange for its own meetings to complete its work.

Your Committee also recommend that when we adjourn this session we stand adjourned till 8 p.m. to-night.

J. R. GUNDY, *Chairman.*
J. S. WILLIAMSON, *Secretary.*

The Judicial Committee asked leave to refer certain reports to the Committee on Discipline, which was allowed.

The Conference adjourned at 5.30, to meet at 8 o'clock p.m.

The doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. John Learoyd.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 24.

Conference reassembled at 8 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

The usual devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Henry Lewis.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and adopted.

Reports of Special Committees were called.

The Report of the Committee on State of the Work was received.

The Report of the Committee on Education was received.

The Report of the Committee on Course of Study was received.

The Report of the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts was received.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was received.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was

Ordered,—That the accounts of Dr. Ryckman, amounting to $5.20, and of Dr. Cornish, amounting to $16.60, be paid.

Moved by John Edmonds,—That before the travelling or other expenses of any member of this Conference be paid, the pay-clerk shall put the following question to each and every claimant: "Have you attended all the sessions of this Conference, and all the meetings of committees to which you were appointed, according to the best of your ability to do so?" and unless this question be answered in the affirmative, such expenses be not paid.

The motion was lost.

On motion, the consideration of the Report of Superannuation Fund Committee was resumed.

Item 12 was adopted.

Item 13, sub-sections *A* and *B*, were read. It was moved by Dr. Stafford,—That the whole question under sub-sections *A* and *B* be submitted.—*Carried.*

Rev. J. R. Gundy moved the adoption of the sub-sections *A* and *B*.

Moved in amendment by Rev. S. J. Shorey, seconded by Rev. A. C. Courtice,—That instead of requiring the sum of $12 from each minister, that the gross amount thus raised shall be henceforth raised by a percentage tax upon the amount received by each minister for salary, board and fuel.

In amendment to the amendment, moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, and seconded by Rev. John Kay,—That the Report of the Committee be so amended as to read, "That the annual payment to the Superannuation Fund shall be $12 by each probationer, and of each ordained minister in the active work, $15."

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston, seconded by Rev. Dr. Dewart,—That item 13, with the amendment, and amendment to the amendment, be referred to the Commission ordered by the Conference, which will consider the whole Superannuation question.

At 10.15 p.m., it was moved, that the vote be now taken.—*Carried.*

The motion to refer to the Commission prevailed.

The report as amended was, on motion, adopted as a whole.

It was, on motion,

Resolved,—That the Conference meet at 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

On motion of Dr. Dewart, it was,

Ordered,—That the delegates of the Annual Conferences meet to-morrow at the close of the morning session to elect representatives to the Book Committee.

Conference adjourned at 10 30 p.m.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. Robson.

TWELFTH DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 25.

The Conference met at 9 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

The usual devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John Wakefield.

Minutes of last evening's session were read and confirmed.

Dr. Withrow moved that the Report of the Sabbath-school Committee be the first call. It was so ordered; whereupon the report was considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 were adopted.

Item 8, sub-secs. 1 and 2, adopted.

In amendment to sub-sec 3, which reads as follows: "That the name of this Society be the Epworth Christian Endeavor League,"

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow, seconded by Judge Dean,—That, while adopting the name of Christian Endeavor as the name of the Department of Christian Work of the League, its general designation and official title shall be "The Epworth League."

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by Rev. Dr. Henderson, that the name of the Association be "The Epworth League."

The previous question having been carried, the amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was submitted and carried.

The items, as amended, were adopted.

Item 8, sub secs. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were adopted.

Sub-sections 9 and 10 were considered, which are as follows:—Each League may be represented on the Quarterly Board by an active member, who is also a member of the Church, such representative to be elected by the League by ballot.

The officers of the League shall be approved by open vote of the Quarterly Board at its next ensuing quarterly meeting after organization of the League. If any officer of the League shall fail to obtain such approval by a majority vote, the League shall be required to select an officer to fill the place of the officer so failing, who shall obtain such approval, under penalty of the forfeiture of representation on the Quarterly Board.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. S. Ross,—That the President alone receive the approval of the Quarterly Board, which was adopted.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Johnston and adopted,—That the President of the Epworth League be *ex-officio* a member of the Quarterly Board.

Item 8, sub-secs. 11, 12, 13, adopted.

Item 9 adopted.

Item 10 referred to the publisher.

Item 11 adopted.

Moved in amendment to item 12, which is as follows:—

"The Sunday-school Committee recommend that it be an instruction to the Book Committee to publish a weekly paper, which shall be specially an organ for the Epworth League and a periodical for distribution among senior Bible Classes, and for general circulation among our young people, the subscription price not to exceed seventy-five cents; or for clubs of twenty-five not to exceed fifty cents."

The amendment was adopted.

(See Report, item 12, in Appendix.)

Items 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 were adopted.

The report was further amended by adding the following resolution:—

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ford,—That as the development of the spirit of benevolence on the part of our Sunday-school scholars would not only be a means of grace to our young people, but also a means of largely aiding the funds of the Church,

Resolved,—That the Sabbath-school Board be instructed to encourage all our Sunday-schools to adopt the best methods of developing the liberality of the children of our schools, especially in support of the Missionary Fund of the Church.—*Carried.*

The report as amended was then adopted.

The Sabbath-school Committee further recommended the following changes in the Discipline :—

1. To amend par. 305, by substituting the following after the word "school," in th rd line, "where desirable the Quarterly Official Board may appoint not less than three or more than five persons, members of the Church, who shall be the Quarterly Board's representatives on the Committee of Management. The representat ves of the Quarterly Board to the Committee of Management shall be elected at the second meeting of the Quarterly Board, they shall be elected as the Board shall decide, and shall enter upon the duties of their office at the next meeting of the Committee of Management." The item was not adopted.

2. To amend par. 307 of Discipline. Recommendation not adopted.

3. To amend par. 308, as to time of electing officers of schools, sub-sec. 1.—*Adopted.* (See Report.)

Sub-sec. 2, as follows :—The Superintendent of the Circuit shall nominate for the office of Superintendent of the school one or more persons, one of whom, if more than one be nominated, shall be elected by ballot.

It was moved in amendment by A. J. Donly, seconded by W. Bowman,—That the Superintendents of the Sabbath-schools be elected by the Committee of Mangement.

On motion of Rev. John Learoyd, the previous question was ordered.

The amendment of A. J. Donly was put and lost.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., seconded by C. A. Parnes,—The Superintendent of the Circuit shall nominate for the office of Superintendent of school two or more persons, and the Committee of Management shall elect by ballot. The motion was adopted.

4. To amend par. 309 of the Discipline, so as to read :—

(1) Meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held quarterly, or as much oftener as the Committee shall by resolution decide.

(2) When practicable, there shall be a weekly meeting of the teachers for the study of the lesson.

(3) Special meetings of the Committee on Management may be called at any time by the Secretary, at the request of the Superintendent of the Circuit, or the Superintendent of the school.

Moved in amendment by A. J. Donly,—That meetings of the Committee of Management be held as often as may be deemed necessary by the Committee.

The amendment was lost.

The item in the report was carried.

5. To amend par. 314 of the Discipline. Item adopted. (See Report.)

6. To amend par. 319 of Discipline, by striking out the word "juvenile." The item was adopted.

7. To amend par. 324, so as to harmonize with 321 of the Discipline. Item adopted. (See Report.)

The report as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rev. A. M. Phillips, it was

Resolved,—That the Department of Christian Endeavor shall always be essential and fundamental in the organization and working of an Epworth League.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Withrow,—That the item of the Sabbath-school Committee's Report concerning election of the Board, be considered that the Conference delegations may elect the Board at the same time that they elect the Book Committee.—*Adopted.*

On motion, it was agreed that the afternoon session be held in the lecture-room.

Rev. Dr. Burwash presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education, which was considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 were adopted.

Item 10—in amendment to sub-item 1,

It was moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That the Report of the Committee on Education be recommitted to the Committee, for a reconsideration of their recommendation of the *personnel* of the members of the Board of Regents of Victoria University.

Pending the consideration of this motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. M. Harrison.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 25.

Conference met at 2.30 p.m., in the lecture-room, Rev. Dr. Carman presiding.

Rev. C. H. Paisley, M.A., conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Dr. Withrow, seconded by Judge Deacon,—That the word "united," in amendment to sub-sec. 3 of Report of Sabbath school Committee, be stricken out, so as to fully express the facts. The motion prevailed.

Moved by Dr. Lathern,—That the Report of the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty be the first order of business this evening.—*Lost.*

Dr. J. J. Maclaren presented a memorial from the Missionary Committee of Consultation and Finance as follows:—

The memorial of the Committee of Consultation and Finance of the Missionary Society, showeth,—That, inasmuch as it has been suggested by some financial institutions as desirable that the Boards or Committees having charge of the Connexional Funds should be specially authorized to borrow, while this Committee is advised and believes such authorization to be unnecessary, yet as it can do no harm, and may enable such Boards to borrow on better terms,

The Committee requests the General Conference to adopt the annexed clause to accomplish the end desired.

Under head of General Conference (in Discipline), insert the following:—

"Any Board or Committee having charge of any fund of the Church may borrow upon the credit and security of such fund, such sum or sums of money as it may find necessary for the purposes thereof, and may hypothecate, mortgage, and pledge so much of the real or personal property held in trust for such fund as may be necessary to secure any sum or sums so borrowed. Any document or documents required therefor may be executed on behalf of the Church by such person or persons as the respective Boards or Committees may direct."

The Conference, on motion, concurred.

Conference resumed consideration of the Report of the Educational Committee.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by S. F. Lazier, Q.C.,—That this clause of the Report of the Board of Education be recommitted to the Educational Committee, with instructions to place on the Board of Regents of Victoria University some brethren whose views on Federation have differed from the majority of this Conference.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was put and lost.

The item in the report was adopted.

Item 10, sub-items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, were adopted.

Items 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

The recommendation to amend sections 2 and 3 of Discipline, pages 125 and 126, was adopted.

To amend section 7, page 127, par. 299,

Moved by Rev. W. Williams, D.D., in amendment, seconded by Rev. W. Kettlewell,—That this item of the report be so amended as to leave the balance in the hand of the Conference Treasurer, to meet current expenses.

Moved by Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., seconded by Rev. Jos. Hall, in amendment to the amendment,—That the part of the report which recommends that the Annual Conference be allowed to retain one-fourth only of the Conference receipts be disallowed.

The amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was put and carried.

Item 13, sub-secs. *A*, *B* and *C* of Report were amended and adopted by changing the word "first" to "fifteenth" of July.

Sub-item 1, on payment of expenses, was adopted.

Sub-item 2, on aid to institutions, was adopted.

Items 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 were adopted.

The tabular statement of the Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church was received and adopted.

Moved by Prof. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the Annual Conference Educational Committee of

Manitoba and North-West Conference be allowed to retain its entire income for local expenses, and loans and grants to students, as is done in the case of Newfoundland.

Moved,—That the same privilege be granted to the British Columbia Conference. The motion was lost.

Moved by Rev. W. H. Laird, seconded by Rev. J. S. Ross,—That the Report of Ontario Ladies' College be printed in the JOURNAL.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. Jas. Van Wyck,—That the name of Rev. J. S. Williamson be added to the Board of Management of Alma College.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, and

Resolved,—That the Conference do now proceed to elect the fraternal delegates to other Churches.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the mode of election be by nomination and ballot, the one obtaining the highest number of votes to be declared elected.

Moved, that four scrutineers be appointed by the Chair to count the ballots.—*Carried.*

The Chair nominated Mr. H. P. Moore, Revs. T. Marshall, W. J. Ford and W. W. Carson.

Nominations were received, and the Conference proceeded to elect, with the following result:—

Rev. Dr. Potts was elected as fraternal delegate to the Methodist Churches of Great Britain.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, was elected fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D., was elected fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

On motion, it was resolved that the Centennial Report in relation to the Ecumenical Conference be now considered.

Report No. 2 was taken up.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 laid on the table until an item in Report No. 3 was considered.

Report No. 3 was taken up.

Item 6 was read as follows:—"Your Committee would still further recommend, in regard to the proposed Ecumenical Council of 1891, that each Annual Conference make provision for the expenses of the delegate or delegates elected within the bounds of the respective Conferences"; whereupon it was moved in amendment, that each delegate pay his own expenses.—*Carried.*

The consideration of Report No. 2 was resumed.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

Item 1 of Report No. 3 was adopted.

Item 2 was read, and it was moved in amendment,—That the names of the Rev. George Webber and Dr. Lathern be added to the Committee, and that it be further amended by changing the word "Book Steward" to "Book Stewards."

The amendments were adopted.

It was moved that the Committee be regarded as a Standing Committee of Conference.—*Adopted.*

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5 as follows:—"That a vigorous effort be made to raise, by collections and subscriptions, as large a sum as possible, to be applied towards the Union Church Relief Fund, or such connexional fund or funds as pastor and local committee may select," was amended by substituting the words "voluntary offerings be received," and also, "that each Conference shall raise a fund to be applied as such Conference shall direct." The amendment prevailed.

The report as a whole was adopted with amendments.

BOOK COMMITTEE.

The following persons were reported as members of the Book Committee for the ensuing Quadrennium.

Western Section.

Toronto Conference.

Ministers—J. F. German, D.D., Dr. Stafford, E. Roberts.
Laymen—Warring Kennedy, Richard Brown, Dr. Ogden.

London Conference.

Ministers—John Learoyd, B. Clements.
Laymen—C. A. Barnes, C. Sanders.

Niagara Conference.

Ministers—John Kay, D. G. Sutherland, D.D.
Laymen—S. F. Lazier, John Mann.

Guelph Conference.

Ministers—W. C. Henderson, D.D., J. E. Howell, M.A.
Laymen—W. H. Kerr, Isaac Hord.

Bay of Quinte Conference.

Ministers—A. B. Chambers, LL.B., W. Williams, D.D.
Laymen—James Aylesworth, George Wilson.

Montreal Conference.

Ministers—J. E. Mavety, James Kines, W. Jackson.
Laymen—A. P. Bradley, Dr. Lavell.

Eastern Section.

Nova Scotia Conference.

Ministers—W. H. Heartz, E. B. Moore.
Laymen—E. G. Smith, R. J. Sweet, Dr. F. Woodbury.

New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.

Ministers—C. H. Paisley, M.A., Thomas Marshall.
Laymen—J. E. Irvine, J. L. Black, J. J. Weddall.

Newfoundland Conference.

Geo. J. Bond, B.A., J. E. P. Peters.

The following persons were reported as having been elected by the delegates of the several Annual Conferences as members of the Sunday-school Board for the ensuing Quadrennium :—

Toronto Conference.—Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Dr. Willmott.
London Conference.—Rev. J. G. Scott, J. W. Ryckman.
Niagara Conference.—Rev. Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A., J. H. Smith.
Guelph Conference.—Rev. John Scott, M.A., W. G. Smith.
Bay of Quinte Conference.—Rev. Dr. Griffith, Wm. Johnson.
Montreal Conference.—Rev. W. J. Crothers, M.A, J. H. Carson.
Manitoba and N.-W. Conference.—Rev. A. Andrews, W. G. Beynon.
Nova Scotia Conference.—Rev. J. A. Rogers, F. B. Woodill.
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.—Rev. John Read, W. E. Dawson.
Newfoundland Conference.—Rev. R. W. Freeman, A. W. Martin.
British Columbia Conference.—Rev. Joseph Hall, Howard DeBeck.

The following were elected members of the Epworth League Committee :—

Toronto Conference.—Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D.
London Conference.—Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.B.
Niagara Conference.—Rev. R. W. Woodsworth.
Guelph Conference.—Mr. John Rutherford.
Bay of Quinte Conference.—Mr. Geo. M. Elliott.
Montreal Conference.—Rev. W. W. Carson.
Manitoba and N.-W. Conference.—Rev. Dr. Sparling.
British Columbia Conference.—Rev. E. Robson.
Nova Scotia Conference.—Rev. T. Watson Smith.
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.—Mr. W. E. Dawson.
Newfoundland Conference.—Hon. H. J. B. Woods.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Annual Conferences was received, also a Minority Report from the same Committee.

The Conference adjourned at 6 o'clock.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Burns.

THURSDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 25.

Conference reassembled at 8 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wm. Johnston.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Rev. J. J. Rice, seconded by Dr. Antliff, and

Resolved,—That Rev. Dr. Potts, our fraternal delegate to the English and Irish Wesleyan Conferences, be also appointed as delegate to bear fraternal greetings of this General Conference to the English Primitive Methodist, New Connexion, and Bible Christian Conferences.

A. J. Donly presented Report No. 3 on Missions.

Moved,—That the rule be suspended to consider item 11.—*Carried.*

Item 11 was read and adopted.

Report of Temperance Committee was presented and received.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the order of the day be further postponed, in order to elect representatives to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada—two ministers and a layman.

Nominations were received, and the Conference proceeded to elect, with the following result :—Ministers, Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. A. Langford ; Layman, Dr. Lavel.

On motion, the order of the day was further suspended, in order to consider the Report of the Committee on Annual Conferences.

Report No. 2 was read.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

Item No. 3 was taken up, whereupon the Minority Report on Annual Conference Boundaries was called and read :—

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

We recommend,—That Montreal, Kingston, Brockville, Matilda, Perth, Pembroke, Ottawa, Quebec, Stanstead, Waterloo, Huntingdon, Sudbury, Nipissing Districts form a Conference.

That Toronto East, Toronto West, Brampton, Whitby, Bowmanville, Uxbridge, Bradford, Napanee, Tamworth, Belleville, Picton, Brighton, Cobourg, Peterboro', Lindsay, Madoc, Campbellford, Cannington Districts form a Conference.

That London, Exeter, St. Thomas, Aylmer, Chatham, Windsor, Ridgetown, Strathroy, Sarnia, Wingham, Woodstock, Norwich, Stratford, St. Mary's, Goderich Districts form a Conference.

That Hamilton, St. Catharines, Brantford, Simcoe, Milton, Welland, Guelph, Galt, Orangeville, Collingwood, Markdale, Owen Sound, Walkerton, Mount Forest, Palmerston, Listowel, Kincardine Districts form a Conference.

In amendment, it was moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. W. Kettlewell,—That the Montreal Conference remain as at present.

That the London Conference be composed of its present area, with the addition of the Stratford, St. Mary's, and Goderich Districts of the Guelph Conference, and the Woodstock District from the Niagara Conference.

That the Bay of Quinte Conference be composed of its present area, with the addition of Bowmanville and Whitby Districts from the Toronto Conference; that the Toronto Conference be composed of its present area, with the addition of the Owen Sound and Markdale Districts, and with the exception of the Bowmanville and Whitby Districts, which shall belong to Bay of Quinte Conference; and that the Niagara Conference be composed of its present area, with the exception of Woodstock District, and the addition of the remainder of the Guelph Conference, and to be called the Hamilton Conference.

The previous question was moved and carried.

Amendment of Rev. J. R. Gundy was put, and lost.

The Minority Report was put and lost.

The item in the report which was that no change in boundaries should be made, was put and lost.

Moved by Judge Dean, seconded by Dr. Wm. Williams,—That Bowmanville and Uxbridge Districts be taken from the Toronto Conference and added to the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Moved and seconded that the vote be now taken.—*Carried.*

The motion of Judge Dean was carried by a two-third vote—102 to 36.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews,—That the Nipissing and Sudbury Districts be taken from the Montreal Conference and added to the Toronto Conference.

The motion did not prevail.

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. James Graham,—That the Orangeville District be taken from the Toronto Conference and added to the Guelph Conference, and that the St. Mary's District be taken from the Guelph Conference and added to London Conference. The motion was lost.

Moved by Rev. S. Bond,—That Lucan and Ailsa Craig Circuits of St. Mary's District be added to London Conference.

Motion did not prevail.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5 was adopted.

Moved that the Conference adjourn.—*Lost.*

Item 6 was, on motion, laid over till the Report of the Property Committee is before the Conference.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at 10.30 p.m., to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a.m.

Doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. S. Bond.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 26.

Conference assembled at 9 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

The usual devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Harrison.

Minutes of the evening session of the 25th were read and approved.

A memorial from the Rev. J. H. Ruttan, in relation to the finding of Judicial Committee in the case of the late Rev. Nelson Brown, was, on motion, received.

Report No. 4 of the Judicial Committee was received.

Nominations having been received, the Conference proceeded to elect a representative to the British American Episcopal Church.

Moved that the rule to elect by ballot be suspended, and that the representative be elected by open vote.

The motion was lost.

The ballot having been taken, the result was the election of the Rev. Peter Addison.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Annual Conferences was resumed.

Item 7 was adopted.

Item 8 was, on motion, laid on the table, to be taken up concurrently with the Report of the Committee on Discipline.

Item 9 was amended as follows:—

Moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Prof. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the name of the office be inserted instead of the name of the man.

The item as amended was adopted.

The Conference proceeded to elect representatives to the Ecumenical Council.

Moved by the Rev. C. H. Paisley, seconded by Rev. J. S. Ross, and

Resolved,—That the question as to the mode of electing representatives be reconsidered.

Moved by the Rev. George A. Mitchell, seconded by the Rev. C. H. Paisley,—That the Annual Conference delegations elect the representatives to the Ecumenical Council.

In amendment, it was moved by J. N. Lake,—That the delegation from each Conference elect one minister and one layman, and the balance, with the reserves, be elected by this General Conference.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by Rev. W. Kettlewell, seconded by Rev. J. T. Pitcher,—That the delegations of the several Annual Conferences elect the delegates to the Ecumenical Council, and this General Conference elect the reserves, and that the following be the allocation:—

Toronto Conference	..	..	2	ministers and	2	laymen.
Montreal	" ..	..	2	"	2	"
Bay of Quinte	" ..	..	2	"	1	"
Niagara	" ..	..	1	"	1	"
London	" ..	..	1	"	1	"
Guelph	" ..	..	1	"	1	"
Nova Scotia	" ..	..	1	"	1	"
New Brunswick and P.E.I. Conf.			1	"	1	"
Manitoba Conference	..	..	1	"		
Newfoundland	" ..	..	..	..	1	"
British Columbia	" .	..	..	..	1	"

The amendment to the amendment prevailed.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the delegates of the Annual Conferences meet immediately at the close of this session, for the election of delegates to the Ecumenical Council.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Annual Conferences was resumed.

Item 10 was adopted.

Item 11. It was moved that this item be recommitted.—*Lost.*

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That item No. 11 lie over till the Report of the Committee on Discipline be considered. The motion prevailed.

Item 12 was adopted.

Item 13, on motion, was laid over.

Item 14 was considered, and occupied some time in its discussion; whereupon it was moved that the vote be now taken.—*Carried.*

Item 14, on motion, was not adopted.

Item 15 was adopted.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Williamson, and

Resolved,—That we reconsider the vote which took the Uxbridge and Bowmanville Districts from the Toronto to the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Moved by the Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., and seconded by the Rev. H. S. Matthews,—That the motion transferring the Bowmanville and Uxbridge Districts from the Toronto to the Bay of Quinte Conference be rescinded, and that these two districts be restored to the Toronto Conference. The motion did not prevail.

Moved by the Rev. D. G. Sutherland, D.D., seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour,—1st. That the question of the rearrangement of Conference boundaries, so as to reduce the number of Annual Conferences in Quebec and Ontario, be placed in the hands of a commission, which shall consider the whole question of the practicability and advisability of such redistribution, and prepare a plan or plans for carrying out such redistribution, and report to the next General Conf rence. 2nd. That the commission be composed of the General Superintendent, and one minister and one layman from each of the following Conferences: Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Niagara, London and Guelph, to be nominated by the General Superintendent and appointed by this Conference.

The previous question was ordered.

The vote was taken on the first clause of Dr. Sutherland's motion, referring to the principle of appointing the commission. The clause was adopted.

In amendment to the second clause of Dr. Sutherland's motion, it was moved by Dr. W. S. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. W. S. Howell,—That the Commission on Conference Boundaries be composed of one minister and one layman of the Montreal, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, London, Niagara and Guelph Conferences, to be elected by the Annual Conference delegations.

In amendment to the amendment of the second clause of Dr. Sutherland's motion, it was moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, and seconded by Rev. Wm. Jackson,—That the members of this commission be composed of one minister and one layman, to be elected at the next session of the Annual Conferences.

The amendment to the amendment was put, and adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock noon. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Amos Campbell.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 26.

The Conference re-assembled at 2.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman presiding.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Thomas Nixon.

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Report No. 4 of the Superannuation Fund Committee was presented and received.

On motion, the Report of the Special Committee on North-West Indian Affairs was considered.

Item No. 1 was read.

On motion, it was ordered that the Conference take up concurrently item 9, sub-sections 1 and 2, of Report No. 1 on Missions.

After some discussion, item No. 1 of Report on Indian Affairs was adopted.

Items Nos. 2 and 3 were adopted.

Order of business was suspended to allow the Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., to take his formal leave, who briefly addressed the Conference; whereupon it was

Moved by Warring Kennedy, and seconded by Dr. Potts,—In parting with our esteemed brother, Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., the Conference desires to express the pleasure and profit experienced, not only in his fraternal greetings, but also in his pulpit ministrations. His clear and eloquent exposition of the Divine Word has left a salutary impression upon the minds of the large congregations who heard him. We would further place on record our appreciation of his personal character, and we devoutly implore for him a safe return to his family and sphere of labor.

The resolution was adopted by a standing vote of Conference.

The consideration of item 4 of Report on Indian Affairs was resumed.

Moved in amendment to item 4, by the Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.A.,—That all after the words "Your committee feel that for several reasons" be stricken out of the item.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by the Rev. J. W. Holmes, —That all after the words "among them" be stricken out.

The amendment to the amendment was put and adopted.

The item in the report as amended was adopted.

On motion the Conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m., to meet at 8 p.m.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. Kettlewell.

FRIDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 26.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Thomas Argue.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

A telegram was read from the Rev. Wm. Pirritte, D.D., of Toronto, protesting against the transfer of Uxbridge and Bowmanville Districts from the Toronto Conference to the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Returns of representatives elected by the delegates of the Annual Conferences to the Ecumenical Council, were presented, and are as follows:—

Toronto Conference.—Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., Warring Kennedy, J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., Toronto.

London Conference.—Rev. James Graham; Wm. Bowman, London.

Niagara Conference.—Rev. John Wakefield; J. H. Beatty, Thorold.

Guelph Conference.—Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D.; R. W. McKenzie, Goderich.

Bay of Quinte Conference.—Rev. A. Carman, D.D., Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D.; Judge Dean, Lindsay.

Montreal Conference.—Rev. George Douglas, LL.D., Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D.; W. H. Lambly, Inverness, P. Que.; S. Finley, Montreal.

Manitoba Conference.—Rev. James Woodsworth.

British Columbia Conference.—David Spencer, Victoria, B.C.

Nova Scotia Conference.—Rev. John Lathern, D.D.; D. Allison, LL.D., Halifax, N.S.

New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.—Rev. Howard Sprague, D.D.; J. R. Inch, LL.D., Sackville, N.B.

Newfoundland Conference.—Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

A communication was read from the Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, resigning his office as Missionary Secretary.

Rev. John S. Clark moved that the vote on item 4 of the Report of Special Committee on North-West Indian Affairs be reconsidered.—*Carried.*

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

The amendment to the amendment by Rev. Mr. Holmes, namely, —That all the words after "among them" be struck out, was then submitted.

The amendment was lost.

The amendment of the Rev. A. C. Courtice, namely,—That all the words after and including "Your committee feel that for several reasons" be struck out, was then submitted.

The motion was adopted.

The clause struck out by the above amendment reads as follows:—

"Your committee feel that, for several reasons, it is a matter for regret that these moneys have not been utilized for the purpose for which they were appropriated, a purpose so in accordance with the best interests of the Indians themselves, alike from a worldly and from a religious point of view, and so in keeping with the policy and object of our missionary labors among them. And they regret to add that they have been unable to discover any sufficient reason why our Church has not, before this time, been in possession and control of an Industrial Institution in full operation, such as was contemplated by these appropriations."

On motion, item No. 4 of the report was adopted as amended.

Item 5 was adopted.

Item 6, which reads as follows, was struck out:—

Your committee recommend that, in view of all the circumstances, the General Conference appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the Mission Board, which committee shall be specially charged with the duty of arranging all affairs which may arise in relation to the above matters between the Government and the Church; and they would suggest that such committee be composed of the Secretary of Missions, the Hon. James Aikins, the Hon. W. E. Sanford and Geo. A. Cox, Esq.

The whole report as amended was adopted.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by Judge Deacon,—That the resignation of the Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, the Missionary Secretary, be not accepted.—*Adopted*

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts, was considered.

Items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were adopted.

That Mr. J. N. Lake be the Treasurer of the Fund.—*Carried.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missions was taken up.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3, sub-items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, were adopted.

Sub-item 6 was amended to include salary, board and fuel.

Sub-item 7 was, on motion, amended by substituting 42½% for 45%.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5, sub-item 1, was adopted.

It was moved, and

Resolved,—That a committee of three, composed of Dr. Hugh Johnston, Dr. Withrow and Warring Kennedy, be appointed to carry out the provisions of sub-item No. 1.

Sub-item No. 2 was adopted.

Item 6, sub-items 1 and 2, were adopted.

Items 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item 9 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

Report No. 2 on Missions was called up.

On motion, it was laid on the table.

Report No. 3 on Missions was considered.

Item 1, sub-items 1, 2, 3 and 4, were adopted.

Item 2 was, on motion, amended by striking out the words "by Government."

Items 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Item 6, sub-items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, were adopted.

Items 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item 9, sub-items 1, 2 and 3, were adopted.

Items 10 and 11 were adopted.

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy,—That we reconsider sub-item 5 of item No. 2, Report No. 1 on Missions, in reference to grants to the Superannuation Fund. The motion was adopted.

The item in question reads as follows:—

"There are persons not a few who regard such grants as a wrong use of Missionary funds. On the other hand, the position of the Superannuation Fund is almost imperilled, and cannot bear the strain of further reduction. We therefore recommend that the grants be continued for the present, but that they be discontinued at the earliest period consistent with the safety of the Superannuation Fund."

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, as amendment to the above item,—That the grants to the Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds have been made in view of the fact that the claims of Superannuates who have been on mission fields should be provided, in whole or in part, by the Mission funds. It seems reasonable, therefore, that this grant should be continued. The amendment prevailed.

On motion, the report was adopted as amended.

Conference adjourned at 10.45 p.m., to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. C. H. Paisley.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 27.

The Conference was opened at 9 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. B. Chambers.

The Minutes of last session were read and, with corrections, approved.

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to the election of Reserve Delegates to the Ecumenical Conference.

Nominations were received and ballots were cast for five ministers and five laymen.

Scrutineers were appointed.

Rev. Dr. W. Williams having resigned his place on the Book and Publishing Committee, it was resolved, on motion of Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., seconded by Rev. John S. Clark,—That this Conference consents to the resignation and gives permission to the Bay of Quinte Conference to fill the vacancy.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was again considered.

Moved by Rev. J. M. Harrison, seconded by Rev. J. Semmens,—To amend the Report on Missions by adding, "And he shall have authority in the absence of the Chairman of the District and the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, with the consent of the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, to preside at the Quarterly Official Boards of those circuits and missions on which probationers and supplies are stationed."—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Rev. Dr. Briggs,—To further amend the Report on Missions by adding, "Whereas the assistant at the Mission Rooms has hitherto been appointed by the General Board of Missions, and it is considered desirable to make a change in this respect,

"*Resolved*,—That the aforesaid appointment be made by this Conference, and that the status of the appointee be that of Assistant Secretary."—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts, and

Resolved,—That the Rev. John Shaw, D.D., be and hereby is appointed Assistant Secretary at the Mission Rooms.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, and

Resolved,—To amend by further adding, "That we recommend that the price of the *Outlook* remain at twenty-five cents per annum, and that there be no copies given gratuitously; and moreover, we further respectfully express our judgment, that should the Woman's Missionary Society make satisfactory overtures to the Missionary Secretary to secure the entire control of the *Outlook* as their organ, rather than to establish a paper of their own, it would be advisable for the Secretary to comply with said requisition."—*Lost.*

The Report on Missions as a whole was adopted as amended.

Moved by Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, seconded by Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw,—That the resolution adopted last evening in reference to Rev. Dr. McMullen be amended by adding, after "pulpit ministrations," the follow-

ing words: "The catholic yet faithful and discriminating manner in which our beloved brother presented the duty of 'seeking for the old paths,' and the faithful warnings against the dangers which threaten the Christian faith as taught by evangelical churches, were timely and marked by Christian courtesy and dignity."—*Carried.*

On motion, it was resolved that the Report of the Committee on Discipline be taken up as the first item of business on Monday morning.

Report No. 2 of Committee on Memorials was called up.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 1 in report No. 3 was adopted.

Item 2 was amended by changing, as follows:—

Moved by Wm. Johnson, seconded by Rev. O. R. Lambly,—That the Report of the Memorial Committee be amended by striking out the words "working girls," and substituting "girls in any employment."

Items 3 and 4 were adopted.

Report as a whole with amendment adopted.

A memorial from Royal Templars of Temperance was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item 9 was amended by adding that $50 be paid from General Conference Fund to Dr. Cornish, for services during the ensuing Quadrennium.

Item 10 was adopted with the amendment that the General Conference assumes no financial obligation.

Item 11 was to lie on table till Report of Committee on Discipline be taken up.

Adopted as a whole except item 11, which is to lie on the table.

Report of Temperance Committee taken up.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item 4 was adopted with the following amendment:—

Moved by Rev. John Kay, seconded by Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D.,—To amend the pledge to read, "I do hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage," etc.—*Carried.*

Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

Item 13,—Moved to amend, by Rev. D. L. Brethour,—That paragraph 35 of Discipline be amended by expunging from the third line the word "selling," and inserting on the fourth line, after the word "using," the words "selling or signing an application or requisition to license another to sell."

Moved in amendment of the amendment by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A.,—That we strongly urge all our people to abstain from signing petitions to license places for the sale of intoxicating liquors.—*Carried.*

The further consideration of the report was deferred until the afternoon session.

It was ordered that the Superannuation Fund Report be taken up next after the Temperance Committee Report.

The scrutineers reported election of Reserve Delegates to Ecumenical Conference, as follows:—

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
1. Dr. Ryckman.	1. James Mills, Guelph.
2. S. F. Huestis.	2. John Torrance, Montreal.
3. George Webber.	3 W. E. Dawson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
4. Dr. Antliff.	4. J. H. Carson Montreal.
5. J. S. Ross, M.A.	5. Hon. J. C. Aikins, Toronto.

The Conference adjourned at 12.15 p.m. Doxology and benediction by Rev. Dr. Aylesworth.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 27.

Conference opened at half-past two, Rev. Dr Carman in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Business Committee reported. Report adopted.

Business Committee, Report No. 8.

Your Committee recommends that the reports of committees be considered in the following order:—

No. 1. Temperance.
" 2. Superannuation.
" 3. Fraternal Delegates.
" 4. Sabbath Observance.
" 5. Judicial Committee.
" 6. Discipline.
" 7. Systematic Beneficence.
" 8. Course of Study.
" 9. State of the Work.
" 10. Sustentation Fund.
" 11. Transfers.
" 12. Ritual.
" 13. Finance.
" 14. Insurance of Church Property.
" 15. Itinerancy.
" 16. Church and Parsonage Aid.
" 17. Church Union.
" 18. Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
" 19. Civil and Religious Liberty.
" 20. Church Property.
" 21. Returns of Boards, etc.
" 22. Children's Fund.

J. R. GUNDY, *Chairman.*
J. S. WILLIAMSON, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was again taken up.

Item 14 amended by striking out "constitutional," and substituting "out of harmony with our constitutional usages."

Item 15 adopted.

Item 16 amended by striking out the word "shall."

Item 17 adopted.

Item 18 adopted.

Item 19 amended by striking out the words "number of independent," and inserting after the word prohibitionists "irrespective of party."

Item 20 amended by striking out the words "and leaders of the Reform party."

Item 21 amended by adding "with power to add to their number;" also amended by striking out the words "large and."

Item 22 was stricken out, as follows: "It is recommended that in view of the aggres-ive work outlined in this report, and in order the more effectually to give expression to the attitude of the General Conference on the whole temperance question, the Standing Committee on Temperance be authorized to appoint a Permanent Secretary, who, under the direction of the Committee, shall act as our General Temperance Agent; nevertheless, no part of such agent's salary shall be a charge on the General Conference Fund, but the Committee shall issue a circular asking our people for voluntary donations and subscriptions to meet the necessary expenses of our temperance work."

Item 23 amended by adding the name Dr. Alex. Sutherland.

Conference adjourned at 4.30, with the doxology and benediction.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept.* 29.

Conference met at 9 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Carman occupied the chair.

Rev. A. L. Russell, B.D., conducted the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the afternoon session of the 27th were read and approved.

Moved by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., seconded by Rev. Dr. Antliff,—That the roll be called and subsequently published, giving the names alike of those present and those absent.

The roll was called, and the following answered to their names:—

PRESENT.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

Ministers—Wm. Briggs, D.D.; John Potts, D.D.; J. F. German, M.A.; Alex. Sutherland, D.D.; E. H. Dewart, D.D.; T. W. Jolliffe; H. S. Matthews; P. Addison; W. R. Parker, D.D.; W. H. Withrow, D.D.; E. Roberts; A. M. Phillips, M.A., B.D.; J. Shaw, D.D.

Laymen—Geo. Bowles; J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., LL.D.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

Ministers—Joseph R. Gundy; J. G. Scott; B. Clement, A. L. Russell, M.A.; J. B. Aylesworth, LL.D.; W. Rigsby; J. W. Annis, M.A.; A. C. Courtice, M.A.; S. Bond.

Laymen—C. Sanders; W. S. Howell; Wm. Ward; R. J. C. Dawson.

NIAGARA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—John Kay; John Wakefield; D. L. Brethour, Ph.D.; A. E. Russ, M.A.; R. W. Woodsworth; J. S. Williamson; J. S. Ross, M.A.; Wm. Kettlewell; Geo. A. Mitchell, B.A.; T. W. Jackson; D. G. Sutherland, D.D.

Laymen—A. J. Donly.

GUELPH CONFERENCE.

Ministers—J. S. Griffin, D.D.; J. Scott, M.A.; J. E. Howell, M.A.; Geo. Richardson; T. M. Campbell; W. C. Henderson, D.D.; Jos. W. Holmes; Geo. R. Turk.

Laymen—W. G. Smith; R. W. McKenzie.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE.

Ministers—W. Williams, D.D.; J. S. Clarke; F. B. Stratton; Wm. Johnston; O. R. Lambly, M.A.; Amos Campbell.

Laymen—Wm. Johnston; W. F. Hall.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Ministers—Geo. McRitchie; Geo. Douglas, D.D., LL.D.; J. C. Antliffe, D.D.; Jas. Kines; W. H. Graham; W. I. Shaw, LL.D.; W. Jackson; Wm. McGill; W. J. Crothers, M.A.; G. G. Huxtable; J. B. Saunders, M.D.; J. T. Pitcher; W. J. Jolliffe, B.C.L.; Jas. Henderson; E. B. Ryckman, D.D.; T. G. Williams, D.D.

Laymen—W. H. Lambly; J. H. Carson; G. W. Armstrong; J. R. Alexander, M.D.; C. W. Coates; George Bishop; John Torrance; A. P. Bradley; William Tees.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—T. Watson Smith; W. H. Heartz; D. W. Johnston, M.A.; S. B. Dunn; S. F. Huestis; John Lathern, D.D.; E. B. Moore.

Laymen—Frank Woodbury, D.D.S.; H. E. Jefferson; William Crowe; J. H. Livingstone.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

Ministers—Charles Stewart, D.D.; C. H. Paisley, M.A.; Edwin Evans; Robert Wilson; John A. Clark, M.A.

Laymen—John E. Irvine; J. R. Inch, LL.D.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

Ministers—William Swann; Thos. H. James; George J. Bond, B.A.; Robert W. Freeman.

Laymen—John E. P. Peters.

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE.

Ministers—Alfred Andrews; James Woodsworth; John McDougall; John Semmens.

Laymen—G. W. Beynon.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—Cornelius Bryant; Joseph Hall.

Laymen—David Spencer; J. Tuttle.

The following persons were absent by leave of Conference, viz. :—

Ministers—Jas. Strothard ; R. Cade ; B. F. Austin ; J. Wakefield ; A. C. Courtice, A.M., B.D. ; H. Sprague, D.D. ; N. Burwash, S.T.D.

Laymen—J. H. Livingstone ; G. W. Beynon ; F. B. Woodill ; F. Woodbury, D.D.S. ; W. Kennedy ; William Johnston ; O. Neff ; James Huston ; B. P. Richardson ; E. J. Davis ; A. Harley ; J. Milne ; J. H. Brethour ; N. J. Robertson.

On motion, it was resolved to leave the list open until the close of the evening session.

Moved by Rev. W. J. Crothers, seconded by Joseph H. Carson,—That in future cheques for expenses be not issued to delegates until the last day of the General Conference, except to those who have obtained leave of absence in due form.

In amendment, it was moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. H. S. Matthews,—That no member of General Conference hereafter receive his travelling expenses who has not attended three-fourths of its sessions, unless excused by the Conference.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion prevailed.

Moved by Rev. J. S Williamson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Briggs,—That it be an instruction to the Annual Conferences that in the election of delegates to the General Conference all who are so elected shall be required to pledge themselves to attend all the sessions of the General Conference, health and strength permitting, and failing to so pledge themselves, the Annual Conferences shall proceed to elect persons to fill their places. This resolution is not intended to interfere with the right of the General Conference to grant leave of absence to any member thereof for good and sufficient reasons.

The motion did not prevail.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. Dr. Briggs,—That the following be inserted in the Discipline, under the section on the General Conference : "A record of the daily attendance shall be kept, and no member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave, except in case of sickness or other unavoidable cause."—*Carried.*

The Report of the Committee on Discipline was called up.

Item No. 1, to omit the word "note," and let paragraph 35 remain as a rule, was not adopted, lacking a three-fourths vote.

It was then moved to amend another part of the same clause, by Rev. J. S. Williamson, seconded by W. H. Hambly,—That the note at the end of the General Rules, page 16, of the Discipline, be amended by striking out the words "playing at games of cards," and inserting "playing at cards and other games of chance." Also to strike out the words "dancing parties," in the sixth line, and insert the following, "parties where dancing and card playing are allowed."—*Lost.*

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 5*a*, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Item 8 was amended by substituting "homes" for "branches," and making the third sentence, "What avails public preaching alone?"

Items 9 and 10 were adopted.

Item 11 was amended on motion, by Rev. Dr. Henderson, seconded by Dr. W. I. Shaw,—That the item be amended by adding the following: "It is understood, however, that they shall not necessarily be included in the column headed 'Total membership of the Church.'"

The item was adopted as amended.

Item 12. Change to "may," as to responsive readings.—*Carried.*

The item was adopted as amended.

Moved to add to paragraph 97 of Discipline, clause 4, "and let one hymn or more be read, verse by verse, alternately with the singing."

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Dewart,—"It is recommended that, as far as possible, the following order be observed."

Amendment was lost, and the motion prevailed.

Moved to amend by inserting the word "singing" for "anthem."—*Lost.*

In amendment to the amendment it was moved to add "or hymn," which prevailed.

The item was adopted as amended.

Items 12*a*, 13 and 14 were adopted.

Item 15 was amended by inserting the word "may" for "shall."

The item was adopted as amended.

Items 16 and 17 were adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That requests for leave of absence be presented before the open Conference.

On motion, Mr. Beynon was granted leave of absence, to take effect after the afternoon session.

Conference adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock p.m.

Session closed with the doxology, and benediction by the Rev. P. Addison.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 29.

The Conference reassembled at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John Semmens.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Sprague was granted leave of absence.

On motion of the Rev. P. Addison, the following were appointed on the Board of Whitby Ladies' College:—Revs. E. H. Dewart, D.D.; John Potts, D.D.; E. A. Stafford, D.D.; John Shaw, D.D.; J. F. German, M.A.; D. C. McDowell, and George Leech.

A Supplementary Report of the Sunday-school and Epworth League Board was presented and received.

Moved by Rev. A. E. Russ, and seconded by Rev. D. L. Brethour:—"Having heard, during the sessions of this Conference, of the lamented death of Miss Florence Austin, daughter of W. H. Austin, delegate of the General Conference, we convey to him our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this great bereavement that has come upon his esteemed and beloved family."

The resolution was adopted.

The delegation of the Bay of Quinte Conference reported that they had met pursuant to call. That the Rev. W. Williams, D.D., had presented his resignation as a member of the Book Committee, and that, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Williams, the Rev. E. Roberts was elected to fill the vacancy.

Rev. H. S. Matthews presented the following report *re* Toronto Conference:—At a meeting of the Toronto Conference delegates, the Rev. Dr. Parker was elected a member of the Book Committee for the said Conference.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Item 18. Moved to amend, by the Rev. John F. German,—That the first part of clause 2, page 87, Discipline, which reads "To renew the tickets quarterly in the classes," be eliminated, and the following be substituted therefor, "To give, after the fourth meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, a certificate of membership to each person returned as in good standing."

The amendment was lost.

Item of the report was adopted.

Items 19 to 29 inclusive were adopted.

It was moved by J. J. Maclaren, seconded by Rev. Dr. Douglas,—That par. 124 of Discipline be amended by striking out the word "members," in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "ministers and laymen." That par. 126 be amended by striking out the words "and six other persons appointed for that purpose by the General Conference."

The motion was adopted.

Items 30, 31, 32 and 33 were adopted.

Item 34 was amended by adding the word "resignation."

The item was adopted as amended.

Add word "transfer."

Change the words "each of the three" to "the first, second, and third."

The whole item was adopted as above amended.

Item 35 was adopted.

Items 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40. On motion, these items were referred to a sub-committee of five, to harmonize them with report of Committee on Annual Conferences; sub-committee to be composed of Revs. C. H. Paisley, John Wakefield, J. R. Gundy, S. Bond, and Mr. A. J. Donly.

Item 41, sub-item 1. Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Henderson, seconded by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.,—That the clause read as follows: "Any Quarterly Board interested may also appear, by not more than two representatives, such representatives to be appointed at the fourth Quarterly Official Meeting of the Circuit."

Moved in amendment to the amendment by A. J. Donly, seconded by Rev. Walter Rigsby,—That the Discipline be so amended that laymen shall have a place on each of the Annual Conference Standing Committees, excepting the Conference Special Committee, and that with this exception the Annual Conferences be composed of ministers only.

The amendment to the amendment was lost.

The amendment was also lost.

The item 41, sub-item 1, of the report was adopted.

Item 41 continued, sub-item 2, was adopted.

Items 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 were adopted.

Item 48, with sub-items, was adopted.

Item 49, as follows:—"What has been the average weekly attendance at class-meetings?"—*Lost.*

Items 50, 51 and 52 were adopted.

Item 53, sub-item 1, was lost.

Item 53, sub-item 2, was adopted.

Items 54, 55 and 56 were adopted.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to allow the Report of the Judicial Committee to be taken up.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2, sub-items 1 and 2, were adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4, sub-items 1 and 2, were adopted.

Item 5, recommending changing the name of the Church to "The Methodist Church in Canada," was lost.

Item 6 was adopted.

Item 7, held over for adjournment.

It was ordered that the Rev. W. H. Graham be allowed to move a resolution to reconsider the Report of the Embarrassed Trusts Committee, and that this be the first order of business to-morrow morning.

Mr. Wm. Johnston was granted leave of absence.

Conference adjourned. The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. R. Gundy.

MONDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 29.

The Conference opened at 7.30 p.m., Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. John McDougall.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the reports appointing the Rev. E. Roberts on the Book Committe, from the Bay of Quinte Conference, also of the Rev. Dr. Parker, from the Toronto Conference, be adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That Dr. Woodbury be granted leave of absence after the close of this session; also, F. B. Woodill, Rev. J. Wakefield and Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.A.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Dewart,—That par. 344 of the Discipline be changed to read, "on or before the third Wednesday in May," instead of the second Wednesday, as now.

The motion was adopted.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was resumed.

Item 7. Under this item, the Memorial of the Rev. J. H. Ruttan, on the case of the late Rev. Nelson Brown, was read to the Conference.

The item was adopted.

Item 8, to include Ontario, was adopted with amendment.

Pursuant to the above, the President nominated, and the Conference elected, the following as the Committee on Titles under the Torrens System: Rev. James Woodsworth, A. M. Peterson, G. W. Beynon, J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., and Hon. J. C. Aikins.

Items 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted.

Item 13, sub-sec. 1, was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Items 57 to 78 inclusive were adopted.

Item 79 amended as follows:—

Moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., seconded by Rev. B. Clement,—That the General Conference Special Committee be authorized to insert a clause or section in the Model Deed to prevent the loss of our church property arising from members of a Trustee Board combining to allow payments on mortgages to lapse, or arising from any breach of trust on the part of a Trustee Board, and to secure the necessary legislation therefor.

The amendment prevailed.

The Report of Committee on Discipline was further amended.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A, and

Resolved,—That the General Conference Special Committee, as it may deem expedient, be authorized to secure the necessary legislatio i incorporating in the Model Deed the items of the Reports of the Judicial Committee, the Committee on Discipline, and all reports of committees or commissions adopted, affecting the Model Deed.

Moved, in amendment to the Report of Discipline Committee, by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by Rev. E. Roberts,—That par. 286 be so changed as to read, in the first line, "Circuits and Missions."

The motion was lost.

Item 23*a* was adopted.

Item 34 adopted, as follows: "In paragraph 109 of Discipline, omit the words 'it shall further elect.'"

Item 80 was adopted.

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to harmonize certain parts of the Reports of Committee on Discipline and Committee on Annual Conferences was submitted, and considered *seriatim*.

An amendment was offered, by the Rev. Dr. Dewart, to sub-item No. 1 of item 36, as follows: The ministerial members of each Annual Conference shall meet, at the call of the President, at least one day before the regular annual meeting of the Conference, for the examination of ministerial character, and to consider and decide in regard to ministers against whom charges have been preferred.

The amendment was lost.

The report was adopted.

Item 36, Report of Committee on Discipline, was taken up.

Sub-item 1 was amended by adding "or at call of the President."

Sub-items 2 and 3 were adopted.

Sub-item 4 was amended by adding the words "and not for discussion."

Item 37, sub-items 1 and 2, carried.

Sub-item 3—in relation to this item, it was moved in amendment by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. S. Bond,—That the question, "Who are now appointed a Committee on Conference relations?" be inserted after question 2, under par. 152, of Discipline, and expunge the words "Conference relations" from sub-section 18 of Discipline, page 61.—*Carried.*

The item was adopted as amended.

Sub-section 4 was amended, on motion of Dr. Shaw, as follows: "Are there any objections or charges preferred against any of our ministers or probationers? To this inquiry, each District Secretary shall answer for his district; after which, time shall be given to each Chairman to report any charges preferred between District Meeting and Conference, and to report the progress made in the investigation of such charges."

Sub-item 10*a* adopted.

Sub-items 11, 12 and 13 amended, by motion of Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw. (See Report.)

Ordered that the same questions be inserted in order of business for District Meetings, superseding par. 174, 4-5.

Item 14 adopted.

The session closed with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. G. Scott.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 30.*

Conference opened at 9 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. C. Stewart, D.D.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, amended and approved.

The Rev. Wm. Kettlewell presented Report No. 3 of the Committee on Temperance.

Rev. Dr. Wilson and Mr. Warring Kennedy were granted leave of absence.

A telegram from Markham, sent by Dr. Crowle, protesting against Markham being cut off from the Toronto Conference, was received.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Embarrassed Trusts was reconsidered.

Moved in amendment to item of the report *re* St. Lawrence Camp Ground, by Rev. Dr. Potts, seconded by Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, and

Resolved,—That, having heard the statement of the Rev. W. H. Graham and others as to the St. Lawrence Camp Ground, we recommend the matter to the favorable consideration of the Committee of the Union Church Relief Fund, with the earnest hope that the Committee may see its way clear to assume the liability of interest annually, to the extent of $300, for a term of four years.—*Carried.*

On the call of the General Superintendent to nominate the members of the General Conference Special Committee, it was moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., that the General Conference Special Committee be composed of twenty-four members, of whom there shall not be less than six laymen. —*Lost.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The General Superintendent nominated the following persons as members of the General Conference Special Committee, which nomination was confirmed:—

Rev. Dr. Potts.
" Dr. Briggs.
" Dr. Burwash.
" Dr W. Williams.
" Dr. Douglas.
" Dr. Sanderson.
" Dr. Ryckman.
" Dr. T. G. Williams.
" E. Roberts.
" J. S. Williamson.
" T. W. Jolliffe.
" S. F. Huestis.

George A. Cox.
Warring Kennedy.
J. J. Maclaren, LL.D.
John N. Lake.
J. R. Inch, LLD.
Wm. Beatty, LL.B.
Richard Brown.
John T. Moore.
David Graham.
Alderman Boustead.
H. P. Moore.
Dr. Lavell.

COURT OF APPEAL.

The following twenty-four names were nominated by the General Superintendent, and the Conference proceeded to elect by ballot twelve of the number to form the Court of Appeal :—

Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland.	His Honor Judge Dean.
" Dr. D. G. Sutherland.	" Judge Deacon.
" Dr. Parker.	" Judge Jones.
" Dr. Sprague.	" Judge Chesley.
" Dr. Pirritte.	Hon. J. C. Aikins.
" Dr. W. I. Shaw.	J. J. Maclaren, LL.D.
" Dr. Antliff.	A. L. Morden, Q.C.
" Dr. Stone.	S. F. Lazier, Q.C.
" Dr. Hunter.	J. M. Ferris.
" S. Bond.	A. M. Peterson.
" James Gray.	Dr. Allison.
" George Webber.	E. J. Davis.

Revs. J. S. Williamson and T. W. Jolliffe, and Messrs. A. J. Donly and J. E. Irvine were appointed Scrutineers to count the ballots.

The Report of the Scrutineers on the Election of Members of the Court of Appeal was presented, as follows :—

First, in relation to the ministers, 83 votes cast—42 necessary to election. Rev. Dr Sprague, 77 ; Rev. Dr. A. Sutherland, 71 ; Rev. Dr. W. I. Shaw, 70 ; Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, 51 ; Rev. Dr. Antliff, 50 ; Rev. Dr. Parker, 46.

Secondly, in relation to the laymen, 89 votes cast—45 necessary to election. Hon. J. C. Aikins, 63 ; His Honor Judge Dean, 61 ; His Honor Judge Deacon, 60 ; J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., 60 ; His Honor Judge Jones, 56 ; His Honor Judge Chesley, 46.

The above were declared elected.

The Report of the Sub-Committee to harmonize certain parts of the Reports on Annual Conferences and Discipline was again taken up.

Clause 37, sub-section 15, amended by words "ordinary session."

The remaining sub-items were adopted.

Clause 38, sub-items 1 and 2, were adopted.

Sub-item 3, ordered to be transferred to 14.

Sub-items 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Sub item 8, amended by striking out "What has been the average weekly attendance at class?" and further amended by the following motion :—

Moved by Dr. Saunders, seconded by W. J. Jolliffe,—That the report of the Sub-Committee on Discipline be amended by adding the following question to No. 24 of Discipline, viz. : "What has been the number of deaths during the year?"—*Carried.*

Sub-sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were adopted.

Sub-section 15, amended by inserting "Financial Secretaries," and "Who are the Conference Treasurers for the Connexional Funds?"

Amend 38, by adding after sub-section 15, the following :—"What vacancies are there in the General Conference delegations? Who are

elected to fill vacancies in the General Conference delegations?" Further amend, "Who compose the Conference Special Committee?" And further amend, "What new Districts, Circuits and Missions have been formed?"

All the above were adopted.

Clause 39 Discipline, paragraph 143. The report was amended by erasing the words of the report and inserting instead thereof, "The Annual Conference in Special Session."

Report, as amended, was adopted, and may be found in the Report of the Committee on Discipline, published in Appendix.

Report of Committee on Discipline resumed.

Item 47*a* was adopted.

Item 81, amended by a motion that the Chair nominate a Committee of five to be associated with the Secretary of Conference to edit the Discipline.—*Adopted.*

The report was laid over.

At this stage Rev. T. G. Williams presented the Conference Postmaster with a donation from the members of the Conference, for his valuable services.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, the benediction being pronounced by Dr. Saunders.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept.* 30.

The Conference opened at 2 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. E. Roberts.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Chair nominated the following persons to be associated with the Secretary of the Conference in editing the Discipline:—Rev. Dr. Griffin, J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., Warring Kennedy, Esq, Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., Rev. Dr. Dewart.

The nominations were confirmed.

The Report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed.

Item 51*a*, moved to amend by Rev. J. W. Holmes, seconded by Mr. J. J. Maclaren. (See motion in Report.)

The report as a whole was adopted with amendments.

The consideration of Report No. 4 of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund was resumed.

Items 1, 2 and 3 adopted.

Item 4, as follows,—"The committee recommend that par. 411 be expunged, and that the whole amount of the ministerial subs riptions be available for payment of annual claims," was referred to the Commission on Superannuation Fund.

Item 5, in amendment to this item, it was moved by Rev. Dr. Henderson, seconded by Rev. George Richardson,—That the whole matter of the scale of payments be referred to the commission already appointed on the Superannuation Fund.—*Lost.*

Item 6 adopted.

Moved by W. Kettlewell, seconded by Dr. Ryckman,—To amend the report by adding the following:—

"*Resolved*,—That all present claimants continue to receive from the Fund according to the scale of 1886 and for the number of years therein provided."—*Carried.*

Report as amended was adopted.

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. W. Kettlewell,—That it be an instruction to the Editors of the Discipline to carefully rearrange the paragraphs relating to the Superannuation Fund, placing each in its appropriate subdivision.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. T. Pitcher, seconded by Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D.,—That all memorials, notices of motion, and recommendations from the Superannuation Fund Board be referred to the Commission on Superannuation Fund.—*Carried.*

On motion, the name of Dr. Douglas was added to the Commission on the Superannuation Fund.

Report No. 3 of Committee on Fraternal Delegates was taken up.

All the items were adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was next taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were adopted.

On motion, it was resolved to publish this report in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*.

Report of the Committee as a whole was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was considered.

The preamble was adopted.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Moved by Rev. F. B. Stratton, that the Report on Systematic Beneficence be printed in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan*.—*Carried.*

Report No. 3 of the Committee on the Course of Study was taken up, and considered item by item.

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2, as follows, That in literary subjects examiners may be selected from competent laymen, members of our Church.—*Lost.*

Item 3 adopted.

Item 4, as follows, was amended by resolution of Rev. Dr. Antliff:—(See Report, item 4.)

"Whereas, it appears that in some Conferences candidates are received on probation who have not completed all their preliminary course, we express the hope that in the best interests of the Church such departures from the spirit and letter of our law shall be discontinued."

Items 5, 6*a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*, *f*, *g*, 7 and 8 were adopted.

SECOND REPORT.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Appendix adopted.

Report of Committee as a whole adopted.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Work was next taken up and considered *seriatim*.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 5, as follows, was amended by resolution of Rev. A. M. Phillips. (See Report, item 5.)

"Your Committee having fully considered the question of the establishment of an order of Deaconesses, referred to it in the memorials on that subject, being in fullest sympathy with the employment of women in the work of the Church, and knowing that every encouragement is given for the exercise of their talents in promoting the work of God, is persuaded that the time has not come, in this country, for the establishment of an order of Deaconesses.

Resolved,—That the report as amended be adopted.

On motion, the report was reconsidered.

Moved, to amend by striking out of Rev. A. M Phillips' motion the clause relating to the appointment of a committee.—*Carried.*

The report as amended was adopted.

The Report on the Sustentation Fund was next taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3, (1), (2), were adopted.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, that the Report on the Sustentation Fund be amended by adding:

Resolved,—That in accordance with the foregoing action of the Conference, the Editor of the Discipline be instructed to insert a section in the Discipline entitled "Sustentation Fund."—*Carried.*

On motion to adopt the report as a whole, Rev. J. G. Williams moved that in item 3 the word "shall," after Annual Conferences, be struck out and "may" inserted.—*Carried.*

Report as a whole adopted.

Report of Committee on Transfers was next taken up.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Items 5, 6, 7 and 8, as follows, were lost.

5. With regard to a resolution of Rev. Dr. Henderson, asking that paragraph 129, clause 6, of the Discipline, be amended, your Committee cannot recommend the amendment asked for, but they recommend the following, which they deem sufficient, viz.: That in said clause the words "day and hour" be substituted for the word "date."

6. They also recommend that in paragraph 129, clause 9, for the word "date," the word "time" be substituted.

7. Your Committee having carefully considered a memorial from the Newfoundland Conference, respecting regular periodic transfers from and to that Conference, do not deem it wise that the prayer of the memorialists should be granted, but they recommend that the special attention of the Transfer Committee be called to the necessities of the men and the work in Newfoundland in a note appended to paragraph 129 of the Discipline.

8. Your Committee recommend that the following be added to clause

4 of the aforesaid paragraph 129, viz.: "except where the exigencies of the work positively demand it, and in any such case the transferred man shall have the right to be returned to the Conference out of which he was taken, after the lapse of the number of years included in two pastoral terms; and any such minister, whose transfer without his own consent is contemplated, shall receive notice thereof at least one month before the meeting of the Transfer Committee."

The report was laid over.

Moved by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts,

Whereas, the Bowmanville and Uxbridge Districts of the Toronto Conference were transferred to the Bay of Quinte Conference by vote of this General Conference; and whereas, several members endeavored to speak on the question, but had not the privilege of doing so; and whereas, there is considerable discontent and irritation in consequence of said transfer; and whereas, this Conference has appointed a commission to examine into the matter of the boundaries of Annual Conferences and report to the next General Conference:

Be it therefore resolved,—That the transfer of these Districts do not take effect until the first day of September, 1894.—*Lost.*

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Lathern was granted leave of absence at the close of this afternoon's session; also Rev. Wm. Williams, D.D.

On motion, the list of delegates present and absent at the call of the roll on Monday, and ordered to be printed, was, on reconsideration, laid on the table.

Conference closed with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. Dr. Lathern.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Sept.* 30

The Conference re-opened at 7.30 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., moved, seconded by Rev. George McRitchie, a reconsideration of the appointment of the General Conference Special Committee.—*Lost.*

The Report of the Committee on Transfers was again considered, and on motion to adopt as a whole, it was moved by Rev. T. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. P. Addison,—That should charges of a grave and serious character be preferred against any transferred minister during the time between the session of the Transfer Committee and the said transfer taking effect, the investigation of the charges shall be held and decided upon by the Conference to which said minister belongs at the time of such charges, and should the Conference so decide, the transfer shall not take effect.—*Lost.*

The report was, on motion, adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Ritual was considered *seriatim.*

Section I, sub item 1, as follows, was struck out of the report:—

I. Special resolutions were referred to us from Rev. Dr. Parker, asking that a change be made in the preamble to the order of ministration of baptism to infants; from Rev. Dr. Wilson, asking that the prayer which now precedes the ministration of said rite be made to follow the same; and from Rev. Dr Sprague, asking for a change in the wording of the same prayer. With regard to these, your Committee recommend:—

1st. That the following preamble to the order of baptism take the place of that now in the Discipline, page 181: "Dearly Beloved,—Forasmuch as our Lord Jesus Christ gave commandment to His Church to make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and whereas these persons present do bring this child and do now present *him* for Holy Baptism, we by this ordinance do recognize *him* as, through the grace of redemption, an heir of eternal life and a part of Christ's mystical body the Church; let us therefore pray for *him* that he may more and more be endued with heavenly virtues, and by the abounding mercy of God be kept faithful to the end of life, and attain to an everlasting reward."

Sub item 2 adopted.

Sub-item 3, as follows, lost:—

"That on page 182, the clause beginning, 'Grant that whosever be,' etc., be omitted, and that the same be also omitted from the order of baptism of adults, page 188."

Sub-item 4 (1) adopted.

Sub-item 4 (2), as follows, lost:—

"*Ques.*—Do you therefore solemnly engage to fulfil these duties so far as in you lies, the Lord being your helper?'

Sub-items 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Section II. On Reception of Members, adopted.

Section III. On the Lord's Supper.

Sub-items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 were adopted.

Sub-items 7, 8, 10, as follows, were lost:—

7. They further recommend that on page 197, line 2, that the word "we" be substituted for "our sinful souls and bodies."

8. That on page 196, in the rubric after the collect, the following words be added, "the people audibly joining with him."

10. That on page 199, line 20, instead of "there may be said," the words "then let us say" be substituted.

Sub items 11 and 12 were adopted.

Section IV Solemnization of Matrimony.

Sub-items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Section V. Burial of the Dead.

Recommending additions to the collect, was not adopted.

Section VI. Form of Ordaining Ministers.

Sub-items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Section VII. Renewing of the Covenant.

Sub-items 1, 2, 3 and 5, as follows, were not adopted:—

1. That on page 227, line 6, the words "poor prodigals" be omitted.

2. That on page 227, lines 8 and 9, the words "and a thousand-fold more children of hell by our sinful practice" be omitted.

3. That on page 228, line 10, the words "wretched sinners" be omitted.

5. That on page 228, all from beginning of line 23, "O blessed Jesus," etc., down to the word "death," in the first line of page 229, be omitted.

Sub-item 4 was adopted.

Section VIII. Sub-items 1 and 2, as follows, were not adopted :—

"In harmony with a memorial of the Nova Scotia Conference, your Committee recommend that provision be made by our Book and Publishing House to insert in new editions of our hymn-book the responsive portions of the Liturgy and Covenant service, and that pending the issue of such new editions, folders be prepared, of suitable sizes for insertion in the hymn-books now in use.

"With regard to a memorial from Grace Church, Winnipeg, and also a special resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Douglas, that a uniform order of service be laid down for use in all our churches, your Committee recommend that no change be made in the present rules for the order of public service."

The report as amended was adopted.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Statistics was resumed.

On motion to adopt the schedule recommended by the Committee, the following persons were appointed a special committee to prepare the schedule and make such changes as are necessary to harmonize with the Discipline, viz.: Wm. Johnston, Rev. T. W. Jackson and Rev. Dr. Briggs.

The report as amended was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Insurance of Church Property was taken up.

Item 1 was lost; whereupon it was moved that the whole report be laid upon the table.—*Carried.*

The Report on Itinerancy was next considered.

Items 1, 2 and 3, as follows, were lost :—

"Your Committee, having considered the various memorials and resolutions referred to it in relation to the practice of Quarterly Boards inviting ministers, is of the opinion that it is productive of injury to the best interests of the Church, as well as a departure from the principles of our Church government.

"We, therefore, recommend that while the General Conference fully recognizes the right of our people to petition for a particular minister, it should strongly urge upon them,

"1. To present their petition, when they propose to petition, to the Stationing Committee only, instead of negotiating with the minister concerned; and, having done so, to leave the decision with that body.

"2. That each Quarterly Board should recognize the right of every other Quarterly Board, by not seeking the removal of a minister until

his third year on a circuit, save with the full concurrence of said Quarterly Board.

"3. That such petitions should not be considered or decided on before the third Quarterly Meeting."

The remaining item of the Report No. 4, as follows, was adopted :—

"Your Committee further recommend, in relation to the memorial of the Conference of Manitoba and the North-West against ministers in the Eastern Conferences being invited to stations in that Conference, that no action be taken."

The Report of the Committee on Church and Parsonage Aid was considered.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2, as follows, was amended by a resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland. (See Report.)

"That the loans in Manitoba and the North-West be made only on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Missions, or Chairman of the District in which such loan is made."

Item 3 was referred to the Board of Missions.

Item 4 was lost.

Item 5 was struck out.

The items are as follows, viz.:—

3. That a Secretary and Accountant be employed to take charge of all the business of the Fund, at a salary of not more than $50 per year; whose duty shall be to answer all communications promptly, and secure the passing of acceptable loans in the shortest possible time.

4. That our people be urged to make donations and arrange for legacies to this Fund, so that it may soon become a Church Extension Fund, and the whole Church enjoy the benefits to be derived therefrom.

5. That in reference to the memorial of the Nova Scotia Conference, your Committee desire to state that the Church and Parsonage Aid Fund, as at present constituted, is confined exclusively to the eight Western Conferences.

Item 6, amended by substituting the name of Mr. J. B. Boustead for that of Hon. W. E. Sanford.

The report as amended was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Church Union was, on motion, adopted.

The Report of the Committee *re* Address of the Presbyterian Church of the United States was, on motion, adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty was taken up and considered item by item.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Moved, in amendment to item 3, by Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., seconded by Rev. W. Jackson,—That without pronouncing upon the legal questions involved in the claims of the Indians at Oka, we deeply regret the continuance among them of a state of agitation and dissatisfaction most prejudicial to their interests; further, we regret the fact that the Indian

Department has thought proper to discriminate against Protestant Indians in the annual distribution of gifts by the Government, and that we refrain from giving any other deliverance from this General Conference on the subject, except that we counsel the Indians to give fair and intelligent consideration to such offers of settlement of existing difficulties as may be made.

The amendment was lost.

The original item, with the erasure of the sentence pledging the Conference "to use every reasonable means to defend the claims," etc., was adopted.

Item 4 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted as amended.

The Report on Church Property was considered item by item.

Item 1 was adopted.

Items 2 and 3 were lost. They are as follows:—

2. In cities and towns where there are two or more churches, a committee, to be designated the Church Extension Committee, and composed of the Superintendents and Recording Stewards of the Circuits and Missions within the limits of said cities and towns, shall determine the advisability of the erection of a new church or churches in localities not already formed into Circuits or Missions, and without the sanction of said committee no new church shall be erected. The Chairman of the District within whose bounds it is proposed to erect a new church shall call the committee at the request of the Superintendent of any Circuit or Mission concerned, and when thus convened the committee shall elect its own chairman.

3. Your Committee also recommend that paragraph No. 258 of the Discipline be amended by adding after the word "District" the words "or where two or more Districts are affected, it shall be the duty of the Chairmen jointly."

Item 4 was adopted.

The report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

The Report on Returns of Boards and Committees was adopted.

The Report No. 3 on Temperance was adopted as a whole.

The Report of Special Committee on Resolutions *re* the late Dr. Nelles and Dr. Williams was referred to Rev. Dr. Sutherland and the Secretary for further action.

It was moved by Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher, seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D.,

1. That two laymen from each Methodist Church, with the pastors, where the next General Conference may be held, constitute a Billeting Committee.

2. That each member of the Conference who may attend shall pay to the Treasurer of the Billeting Committee the sum of $5. This money to be expended in defraying in part, and an equal sum per day, the expenses of all members for whom a free billet is not provided.

The motion was lost.

Moved by J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., seconded by Rev. S. Bond,—That the next regular session of the General Conference be held as near as may be convenient to the first Wednesday of September, 1894, the precise time to be determined by the General Special Committee.—*Carried.*

Resolutions of Thanks.

Moved by Dr. Inch, seconded by Rev. E. Evans,—That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Quarterly Board of Grace Church, Winnipeg, for their kind invitation to hold the next General Conference in that city; and the members of this Conference desire to assure the brethren of Grace Church and of the Manitoba Conference that should the Special Committee of the Conference, to which this matter has been referred, decide to accept the invitation extended, they will hail the decision with much gratification.

Moved by Dr. Inch, seconded by J. E. Irvine, Esq.,—That this Conference recognizes the valuable services rendered to the Church and to the public at large by the faithful reports of the Conference proceedings published in the daily papers. We extend hearty thanks to the publishers of the papers whose representatives have been present at the Conference, and assure them of our satisfaction with the ability and courtesy with which the reporters have discharged their duties. Special thanks are tendered to the publishers of the *Witness* and the *Star* for a daily supply of their valuable papers.

Moved by Rev. J. R. Gundy, seconded by Rev. John Kay,—That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to the friends in Montreal for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of the Conference during its present sessions, and also to the pastors of the city churches for their diligent and constant efforts to promote the comfort of the delegates; and that the pastors of the city churches be requested to convey this expression of thanks to their congregations next Sabbath.

Moved by Rev. J. S. Williamson, seconded by Rev. O. R. Lambly,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Trustees, for the use of the church during the present sessions.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, seconded by W. F. Hall,—That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Rev. S. F. Huestis, for the assiduous and efficient performance of his arduous duties as Secretary during its sessions.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. W. Williams, D.D., seconded by A. J. Donly,—That the hearty thanks of the General Conference be presented to the Billeting Committee, for their wise, able and successful arrangements for the accommodation and comfort of the members of the Conference.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. T. M. Campbell, seconded by Mr. A. J. Donly,—That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the telegraph and telephone companies, both of whom have served the convenience of the Conference at a loss to themselves.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, seconded by Rev. John Shaw, D.D., and

Resolved,—That we appreciate very highly the distinguished ability of the Rev. Dr Carman, our General Superintendent, who has presided with such painstaking patience over all the sessions of this General Conference for the last three weeks, which, in addition to his other laborious duties in delivering sermons and addresses, must have taxed very severely his strength of mind and body; and pray that he may be kept in health and strength during the Quadrennium, and that his life may long be spared to serve the cause of Christ and the Methodist Church.

Upon motion, the General Conference Special Committee was charged with the appointment of a Committee on Privileges.

Moved by Rev. C. H. Paisley, seconded by Rev. E. Evans,—That the agent appointed by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference to present the claim of said Conference for expenses incurred in the law case before the Civil Courts, be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund for the sum of $500, being the amount granted by this General Conference for that purpose.—*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. W. Jackson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Potts,—This Conference having heard the statements of the Board of Trustees of the St. Lawrence Camp Ground, and as in the judgment of this Conference said ground might be utilized for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom on earth; therefore be it

Resolved,—That this Conference earnestly recommend the Bay of Quinte and the Montreal Conferences to take such united action as in their judgment may be deemed best, for the purpose of holding on the said ground old-fashioned camp-meetings during the ensuing Quadrennium.

The Sunday-school and Epworth League Board reported the election of Warring Kennedy, Esq., as its Treasurer.

Moved by John J. Maclaren, LL.D., seconded by W. F. Hall,—That the Reports of Standing Committees and Boards to the next General Conference be presented in duplicate.

Moved by John J. Maclaren, LL.D., seconded by Rev. T. M. Campbell,—That all Boards and Standing Committees of this Conference do, on the first day of the next General Conference, make a return, giving in detail the following information:—

1. The number of meetings of the board or committee, and of each standing sub-committee thereof, held during the Quadrennium.

2. The number of meetings attended by each member.

3. The travelling expenses of each member.

4. The total expense of the holding of such meetings.

Moved by John J. Maclaren, LL.D., seconded by Rev. Dr. Ryckman, —That the rules, regulations, decisions and resolutions passed and adopted

at this Conference, as recorded in our JOURNAL, take effect forthwith, unless a later time has been expressly or impliedly fixed or provided; that the former laws and rules of the Church are repealed or amended,—

1. In all cases where any action has been taken, or provision adopted, having expressly or impliedly that effect.

2. In all cases where such former laws or rules are contrary to or inconsistent with the action of this Conference.

Where there is conflict or inconsistency between two or more enactments of this Conference, the latest decision shall be the binding one.

The business of the Conference having been completed, the Secretary read the Minutes of the current session, which were confirmed.

At 11.30 p.m., it was moved that the Conference do now adjourn.—*Carried.*

Prayer was offered by the General Superintendent, and the Conference closed.

A. CARMAN, D.D., LL.D.,
General Superintendent.

S. F. HUESTIS,
Secretary.

Sept. 30th 1890.

APPENDIX A.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Nominating Committee beg to report that, having met pursuant to your instructions, the Rev. Dr. Griffin was elected Chairman, and Mr. John T. Moore, Secretary.

With a view to greater efficiency, the plan is adopted of dividing the committees into groups designated "A," "B" and "C," respectively, which groups are composed as follows :—

"A."

Missions.
Book and Publishing Interests.
Course of Study.
Statistics.
General Superintendency.
Itinerancy.
Embarrassed Trusts.
Systematic Beneficence.
Public Services.

"B."

Superannuation Fund.
Memorials.
Sabbath Observance.
Finance.
Annual Conferences.
Transfers.
Sustentation Fund.
Centennial of Canadian Methodism.
Church Union.

"C."

Education.
Temperance.
Children's Fund.

"C."—*Continued.*

Church Property.
Sabbath-schools.
Discipline.
Ritual.
State of the Work.
Returns of Boards and Committees.

The meetings of these groups to be fixed for different hours, so as not to conflict, and all such daily meetings to be bulletined each morning before nine o'clock; the Chairman of each committee and the Secretary of the Conference to be charged with this duty.

Your Committee beg to report the following nominations upon the above committees:—

(A1) COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Chairman. Mr. A. J. Donly, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. A. Sutherland.	Wm. Burns.	Thomas H. James.
J. F. German.	Wm. Johnston.	Henry Lewis.
J. R. Gundy.	Dr. Douglas.	John McDougall.
W. W. Shepherd.	Dr. T. G. Williams.	J. Woodsworth.
A. C. Courtice.	J. Kines.	E. Robson.
J. S. Williamson.	Charles H. Paisley.	C. Bryant.
A. E. Russ.	Edwin Evans.	George Webber.
Dr. Griffin.	W. H. Heartz.	S. J. Shorey.
Dr. Hannon.	S. F. Huestis.	Dr. Potts.

Laymen.

Hon. J. C. Aikins.	Dr. Ford.	Wm. Crowe.
Dr. J. J. Maclaren.	W. F. Hall.	J. E. P. Peters.
R. J. C. Dawson.	Dr. Lavell.	Arthur W. Martin.
Cornelius Saunders.	W. H. Lambly.	A. M. Peterson.
Thomas Humphries.	Dr. Alexander.	M. H. Fieldhouse.
John Mann.	Dr. J. R. Inch.	A. C. Wells.
A. J. Donly.	Henry J. Thorne.	David Spencer.
W. M. Gray.	W. E. Dawson.	H. L. Lovering.
H. P. Moore.	Hugh M. Irvine.	J. H. Brethour.

(A2) COMMITTEE ON BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Rev. John Kay, Chairman. Rev. B. Clement, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Briggs.	Dr. Henderson.	Thomas Marshall.
Dr. Dewart.	J. E. Howell.	Robert Wilson.
Dr. Hunter.	A. B. Chambers.	George J. Bond.
Dr. Pirritte.	O. R. Lambly.	Robert W. Freeman.
John Learoyd.	R. Whiting.	Dr. Sparling.
Benj. Clement.	H. F. Bland.	Dr. Withrow.
J. W. Annis.	W. J. Crothers.	W. H. Heartz.
John Kay.	Dr. Lathern.	
Dr. D. G. Sutherland.	S. F. Huestis.	

Laymen.

Richard Brown.
John T. Moore.
Frederick Marr.
David Graham.
R. Pierce.
C. A. Barnes.
Thomas Hayne.
J. H. Beatty.
John Edmonds.
Thomas Hilliard.
Isaac Hord.
George Wilson.
E. D. O'Flynn.
A. P. Bradley.
W. Tees.
C. W. Coates.
F. B. Woodill.
Dr. F. S. Woodbury.
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J. L. Smith.

(A3) COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY.

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Dr. Briggs.
J. G. Scott.
W. J. Ford.
B. F. Austin.
G. A. Mitchell.
J. S. Ross.
Dr. Burns.
John Scott.
T. M. Campbell.
Dr. Douglas.
Dr. W. I. Shaw.
Dr. Ryckman.
J. C. Antliff.
D. W. Johnson.
Dr. Charles Stewart.
Howard Sprague, D.D.
G. J. Bond.
A. Stewart.
Dr. Burwash.
Dr. Reynar.
Prof. Dyer.

Laymen.

Wm. Beatty.
Dr. Ogden.
J. W. Ryckman.
J. C. Dance.
J. H. Smith.
Dr. Field.
James Mills.
Dr. B. Smith.
Judge Deacon.
G. M. Webster.
J. R. Lavell.
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Thos. Cullen.
R. W. Woodsworth.
T. W. Jackson.
G. R. Turk.
F. E. Nugent.
W. Jackson.
Dr. Saunders.
J. T. Pitcher.
E. E. England.
Thos. J. Deinstadt.
G. J. Bond.
E. B. Moore.
A. Andrews.
Dr. Griffith.
J. J. Rice.

Laymen.

Geo. Bowles.
F. Pickering.
W. S. Howell.
Wm. Ward.
W. McGibbon.
Jonathan Ellis.
W. H. Kerr.
W. J. Ferguson.
A. A. Batcheller.
J. M. Deacon.
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J. Graham.
John Wakefield.
J. Van Wyck.
Dr. Willoughby.
Geo. Richardson.
W. W. Carson.
Jas. Henderson.
Hugh Cairns.
J. A. Rogers.
Dr. Stewart.
Wm. Swann.
J. M. Harrison.
T. Argue.
John S. Clarke.
Amos Campbell.
Henry Lewis.
Dr. Badgley.
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Laymen.

Geo. A. Cox.
E. J. Davis.
Daniel McLean.
Dr. Willmott.
Wm. Bowman.
J. N. Kenny.
Judge Jones.
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W. G. Smith.
J. Rutherford.
J. H. Carson.
G. Bishop.
John Torrance.
J. J. Weddall.
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Warring Kennedy.
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J. Carrick.
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E. Chown.
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Wm. Jolliffe.
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W. J. Jolliffe.
E. B. Moore.
J. A. Clarke.
Thos. H. James.
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Laymen.

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Danl. McLean.
F. Pickering.
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W. Cushing.
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J. Van Wyck.
J. W. Holmes.
George Richardson.
Wm. Johnston.
Wm. Buchanan.
Dr. Saunders.
J. E. Mavety.
W. H. Heartz.
Thomas Marshall.
Dr. Sparling.
James Strothard.
James Gray.

Laymen.

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Dr. J. B. Willmott.
J. N. Lake.
J. Milne.
J. N. Kenny.
Jonathan Ellis.
James Lund.
W. M. Gray.
W. J. Ferguson.
W. H. Austin.
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A. B. Chambers.
Dr. T. G. Williams.
James Kines.
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Thomas J. Deinstadt.
John Semmens.

Laymen.

Richard Brown.
C. W. Switzer.
Wm. Ward.
Thomas McKittrick.
J H. Smith.
Judge Jones.
T. Hilliard.
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T. Watson Smith.
James Strothard.
Wm. Dobson.
H. Lewis.
James Woodsworth.
Joseph Hall.
George A. Bond.
Dr. C. Stewart.

Laymen.

Warring Kennedy.
Dr. Ogden.
George Bowes.
Thomas Hayne.
John Humphries.
J. H. Beatty.
John Mann.
Dr. Smith.
James Mills.
W. T. Hall.
John A. Holgate.
J. R. Lavell.
W. Tees.
C. W. Coates.
Dr. F. Woodbury.
M. B. Huestis.
H. A. McKeown.
J. E. P. Peters.
B. P. Richardson.
A. C. Wells.
John E. Irvine.

(B7) COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION FUND.

Rev. Dr. Antliff, Chairman.
Rev. J. J. Rice, Secretary.

Ministers.

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George Webber.
Dr. Johnston.
Thomas Cullen.
J. W. Annis.
J. S. Ross.
A. Cunningham.
W. Casson.
Dr. Griffith.
J. J. Rice.
Dr. Antliff.
James Henderson.
D. W. Johnson.
E. E. England.
Robert Wilson.
Wm. Swann.
A. Andrews.

Laymen.

David Graham.
J. N. Lake.
J L Smith.
H. Bishop.
Samuel Hunt.
Dr. Field.
Isaac Hord.
John Carrick.
George Wilson.
John Hull.
W. W. Dalgleish.
A. P. Bradley.
Wm. Crowe.
J. E. Irvine.
M. H. Fieldhouse.
H. M. Irvine.

(B8) COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL OF CANADIAN METHODISM.

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Rev. Prof. Dyer, Secretary.

Ministers.

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Dr. Potts.
Dr. Withrow.
B. F. Austin.
D. L. Brethour.
Dr. Henderson.
Dr. Reynar.
Prof. Dyer.
R. Whiting.
Dr. W. I. Shaw.
Dr. Lathern.
Howard Sprague, D.D.
John McDougall.
Thos. H. James.
Dr. Badgley.

Laymen.

Wm. Beatty.
Dr. J. J. Maclaren.
Fred. Marr.
E. R. Scratch.
A. Harley.
J. Stephens.
J. M. Ferris.
Judge Dean.
J. Bissell.
J. Torrance.
Judge Deacon.
Henry J. Thorne.
G. W. Beynon.
J. N. Freeman.

(B9) COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Chairman.
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Ministers.

Dr. W. J. Hunter.
Wm. Galbraith.
A. C. Courtice.
G. A. Mitchell.
J. E. Howell.
A. Campbell.
Dr. Griffith.
W. H. Graham.
G. G. Huxtable.
J. A. Rogers.
Dr. Chas. Stewart.
J. M. Harrison.
Dr. Burns.

Laymen.

John T. Moore.
Hon. J. C. Aikins.
J. C. Dance.
John Edmonds.
H. P. Moore.
R. Gordon.
Wm. Eyres.
J. M. Deacon.
J. Moorehouse.
Martin Lemont.
Jas. Huston.
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Dr. Aylesworth.
J. W. Annis.
J. S. Ross.
Dr. Burns.
B. F. Austin.
J. Van Wyck.
Dr. Griffin.
Dr. Henderson.
John Scott.
Dr. Burwash.
Prof. Dyer.
Dr. Douglas.
Dr. W. I. Shaw.
Dr. T. G. Williams.
Dr. Lathern.
W. H. Heartz.
Dr. Stewart.
G. J. Bond.
Dr. Sparling.
Jas. Woodsworth.
Dr. Badgley.

Laymen.

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Dr. J. J. Maclaren.
J. Milne.
R. Pierce.
J. H. Smith.
W. J. Robertson.
James Mills.
T. Hilliard.
Dr. Bruce Smith.
G. D. Platt.
Judge Dean.
Dr. Lavell.
Dr. Alexander.
Judge Deacon.
Dr. Woodbury.
F. B. Woodill.
Dr. J. R. Inch.
J. E. P. Peters.
A. M. Peterson.
G. W. Beynon.
Senator Sanford.

(c2) COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. W. H. Lambly, Chairman. — Rev. W. Kettlewell, Secretary.

Ministers.

H. S. Matthews.
E. Roberts.
W. W. Shepherd.
George Jackson.
D. L. Brethour.
W. Kettlewell.
T. M. Campbell.
F. E. Nugent.
J. S. Clarke.
O. R. Lambly.
J. Kines.
Dr. Ryckman.
W. J. Crothers.
James Strothard.
Thomas Marshall.
R. W. Freeman.
John Semmens.
E. Robson.

Laymen.

Hon. J. C. Aikins.
Fred. Marr.
J. Humphries.
William Ward.
Judge Jones.
S. F. Lazier.
J. Stephens.
W. Cushing.
E. D O'Flynn.
George Wilson.
J. H. Carson.
W. H. Lambly.
J. M. Deacon.
H. M. Irvine.
John E. Irvine.
Hon. J. J. Rogerson.
Thomas Nixon.
A. C. Wells.

(c3) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S FUND.

Rev. A. L. Russell, Chairman. — Mr. Walter McGibbon, Secretary.

Ministers.

Geo. Abbs.
James Gray.
A. L. Russell.
T. W. Jackson.
R. W. Woodsworth.
Geo. Buggin.
John Mills.
Wm. Burns.
Wm. Buchanan.
Wm. McGill.
W. H. Graham.
E. E. England.
C. H. Paisley.
Henry Lewis.
John McDougall.

Laymen.

J. H. Brethour.
Dr. Ogden.
J. C. Dance
Jonathan Ellis.
W. McGibbon.
J. W. Poole.
Isaac Hord.
John A. Holgate.
John Hull.
A. A. Batcheller.
G. W. Armstrong.
W. E. Dawson.
A. W. Martin.
M. H. Fieldhouse.

(c4) COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Rev. Richard Whiting, Chairman. Dr. J. B. Willmott, Secretary.

Ministers.

Wm. Galbraith,
Dr. W. J. Hunter.
J. G. Scott.
W. Rigsby.
A. E. Russ.
W. H. Laird.
J. W. Holmes.
J. E. Howell.
Wm. Johnston.
S. J. Shorey.
R. Whiting.
J. T. Pitcher.
D. W. Johnson.
Thos. Deinstadt.
T. Argue.
J. M. Harrison.

Laymen.

J. N. Lake.
Dr. J. B. Willmott.
J. N. Kenny.
E. R. Scratch.
Hon. W. E. Sanford.
Dr. Field.
R. W. McKenzie.
W. H. Kerr.
W. H. Austin.
R. Gordon.
E. Chown.
A P. Bradley.
J. H. Livingstone.
J. J. Weddall.
B. P. Richardson.

(c5) COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Isaac Tovell, Chairman. Rev. Dr. Withrow, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Withrow.
T. W. Jolliffe.
Dr. Potts.
A. M. Phillips.
A. C. Courtice.
B. Clement.
Isaac Tovell.
G. A. Mitchell.
A. Cunningham.
G. R Turk.
Dr. Griffith.
T. W. Jolliffe.
W. J. Jolliffe.
Dr. Saunders.
S. B. Dunn.
Edwin Evans.
Wm. Swann.
Dr. Stewart.

Laymen.

Ald. Boustead.
Richard Brown.
John T. Moore.
Warring Kennedy.
C. A. Barnes.
W. S. Howell.
John Mann.
James Lund.
W. M. Gray.
J. Carrick.
Wm. Johnson.
R. W. Clarke.
Geo. Bishop.
C. W. Coates.
M. B. Huestis.
M. Lemont.
G. H. West.

(c6) COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, Chairman. J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., W. G. Smith, Secretaries

Ministers.

Dr. Briggs.
Dr. Johnston.
Dr. A. Sutherland.
J. R. Gundy.
John Learoyd.
Wm. McDonagh.
J. Graham.
John Kay.
John Wakefield.
Dr. Griffin.
Dr. Willoughby.
T. M. Campbell.
A. B. Chambers.
Dr. Wm. Williams.
Dr. Antliff.
J. Henderson.
J. A. Rogers.
S. F. Huestis.
Wm. Dobson.
A. Andrews.
Jos. Hall.
Henry Lewis.
Dr. Henderson.
C. H. Paisley.
Dr. Dewart.

Laymen.

Dr. J. J. Maclaren.
H. L. Lovering.
Daniel McLean.
Wm. Beatty.
R. J. C. Dawson.
Wm. Bowman.
C. Saunders.
J. W. Ryckman.
A. J. Donly.
J. Hollinrake.
W. G. Smith.
H. P. Moore.
James Aylesworth.
Dr. Ford.
J. R. Lavell.
Judge Deacon.
J. Torrance.
Wm. McIntosh.
Wm. Crowe.
H. A. McKeown.
O. Neff.
J. N. Tuttle.
Dr. Inch.

(c7) COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Rev. George McRitchie, Chairman. W. J. Ford, Secretary.

Ministers.

J. F. German.
N. A. McDiarmid.
Dr. Stafford.
W. J. Ford.
D. L. Brethour.
George Richardson.
W. Casson.
Dr. Reynar.
J. J. Rice.
George McRitchie.
H. F. Bland.
J. E. Mavety.
S. B. Dunn.
Howard Sprague, D.D.
J. M. Harrison.
Thomas H. James.

Laymen.

George Bowles.
F. Pickering.
J. L. Smith.
Thomas Hayne.
J. H. Beatty.
J. Rutherford.
J. W. Armstrong.
J. M. Ferris.
W. Eyres.
W. Bow.
C. M. Webster.
W. Tees.
Henry J. Thorne.
J. N. Freeman.

(c8) COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Rev. James Woodsworth, Chairman. Rev. Dr. Wilson, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Pirritte.
Robert Cade.
A. M. Phillips.
Dr. J. Shaw.
Thomas Cullen.
Stephen Bond.
J. S. Williamson.
Dr. Hannon.
J. McAlister.
A. Campbell.
F. B. Stratton.
W. Jackson.
H. Cairns.
Wm. Ryan.
Robert Wilson.
Thomas H. James.
James Woodsworth.
C. Bryant.
R. W. Woodsworth.

Laymen.

Warring Kennedy.
A. Younie.
Joseph Tait.
Thomas McKittrick.
Samuel Hunt.
John Edmonds.
W. J. Ferguson.
J. Rutherford.
C. S. Wilson.
A. L. Morden.
J. Bissell.
D. McElroy.
H. E. Jefferson.
Hon. G. W. Bentley.
Alfred Penny.
M. H. Fieldhouse.
David Spencer.

(c9) COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Rev. J. A. Clarke, Chairman. Mr. W. F. Hall, Secretary.

Ministers.

Peter Addison.
George Webber.
Dr. D. G. Sutherland.
Dr. Henderson.
Wm. Johnston.
W. W. Carson.
G. G. Huxtable.
E. B. Moore.
J. A. Clarke.
T. Argue.
W. W. Shepherd.

Laymen.

David Graham.
C. W. Switzer.
A. Harley.
H. P. Moore.
W. F. Hall.
W. W. Dalgleish.
J. Moorehouse.
W. Vroom.
J. D. Chipman.
James Huston.
R. Pierce.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*
J. T. MOORE, *Secretary.*

Second Report.

Your Committee recommend that the additional committees to be nominated shall form another group, to be designated "D," which therefore would be composed as follows:—

"D."

Insurance of Connexional Property.
Business Committee.
Church and Parsonage Aid.
Consolidated Treasurerships.
Judicial Committee.
Civil and Religious Liberty.
Complimentary Invitations.
Reception of Fraternal Delegates.
Leave of Absence.
Address of Presbyterian General Assembly of United States.

The meetings of this group to be arranged so as not to conflict with "A," "B," or "C," and to be bulletined in like manner.

Upon the foregoing committees, the following nominations are made:—

(D1) COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE OF CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.

Hon. J. C. Aikins, Chairman. — Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. J. C. Antliff. — Wm. Kettlewell.

Laymen.

Hon. J. C. Aikins. — John T. Moore. — W. E. Dawson.

(D2) BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. R. Gundy, Chairman. — Rev. J. S. Williamson, Secretary.

Ministers.

J. R. Gundy. — T. Watson Smith. — Dr. T. G. Williams.
J. S. Williamson.

Laymen.

Dr. Lavell. — Dr. Ford.

(D3) COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID.

Rev. John Learoyd, Chairman. — Mr. Ransom Pierce, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. J. Shaw. — William Johnston. — R. W. Freeman.
J. Van Wyck. — G. G. Huxtable. — James Woodsworth.
J. E. Howell. — D. W. Johnson. — Joseph Hall.
John Learoyd. — Dr. Wilson.

Laymen.

J. N. Lake. — William Johnston. — J. E. P. Peters.
A. Harley. — E. Chown. — A. M. Peterson.
Isaac Hord. — H. E. Jefferson. — J. N. Tuttle.
R. Pierce. — Martin Lemont.

(D4) COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATED TREASURERSHIPS.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, Chairman. Dr. J. R. Inch, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. W. J. Hunter.
J. G. Scott.
John Kay.
J. McAlister.
Dr. Griffith.
James Kines.
T. Watson Smith.
Thomas Marshall.
A. Andrews.
C. Bryant.

Laymen.

Ald. Boustead.
J. Milne.
Hon. W. E. Sanford.
Thomas Hilliard.
J. M. Ferris.
George Bishop.
M. B. Huestis.
Dr. J. R. Inch.
James Huston.
A. C. Wells.

(D5) JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. Parker, Chairman. Mr. G. W. Beynon, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. W. R. Parker.
James Graham.
Dr. D. G. Sutherland.
Dr. Griffin.
A. B. Chambers.
Dr. T. G. Williams.
W. H. Heartz.
C. H. Paisley.
G. J. Bond.
J. M. Harrison.

Laymen.

Dr. J. J. Maclaren.
C. A. Barnes.
J. H. Smith.
Dr. Bruce Smith.
A. L. Morden.
J. R. Lavell.
Dr. Woodbury.
H. J. Thorne.
G. W. Beynon.
B. P. Richardson.

(D6) COMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Rev. Wm. Burns, Chairman. Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Galbraith.
Wm. McDonagh.
D. L. Brethour.
W. Casson.
Wm. Burns.
W. J. Crothers.
Dr. Lathern.
Dr. C. Stewart.
Henry Lewis.
Prof. Stewart.
E. Robson.

Laymen.

E. J. Davis.
C. Saunders.
James Lunn.
J. Carrick.
E. D. O'Flynn.
D. McElroy.
J. N. Freeman.
W. E. Dawson.
M. H. Fieldhouse.
David Spencer.

(D7) COMMITTEE ON COMPLIMENTARY INVITATIONS.

Rev. Dr. Henderson, Chairman. Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Henderson. J. T. Pitcher. E. B. Moore.

Laymen.

Dr. Lavell. Richard Brown.

(D8) COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Rev. Dr. Henderson, Chairman. — Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Henderson. J. T. Pitcher. Dr. Antliff.
Dr. T. G. Williams.

Laymen.

John Torrance. Judge Dean. Jos. Tait.
Dr. Alexander.

(D9) COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. A. J. Donly, Chairman. — Mr. W. M. Gray, Secretary.

Ministers.

Geo. Webber. W. H. Laird. T. J. Deinstadt.

Laymen.

W. M. Gray. A. J. Donly.

(D10) COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNITED STATES.

Rev. Dr. Burns, Chairman. — Dr. Ogden, Secretary.

Ministers.

Dr. Douglas. Dr. Potts. Dr. A. Sutherland.
Dr. Burwash. Dr. Griffin. Dr. Dewart.
Dr. Burns.

Laymen.

Judge Jones. Senator Sanford. Hon. G. W. Bentley.
Judge Dean. Hon. J. C. Aikins. Dr. Ogden.
Judge Deacon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*
J. T. MOORE, *Secretary.*

Third Report.

The Committee recommend that the Hon. W. E. Sanford, Dr. Henderson and S. F. Huestis be added to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also that Judge Jones and S. F. Lazier be added to the Judicial Committee.

The Committee on Indian Affairs is allotted to group "D," and meets in No. 4 vestry.

W. S. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*
J. R. GUNDY, *Secretary pro tem.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

I. That paragraphs 4, 8, 9 and 10 of the memorial from the Toronto Conference be referred to the Committee on Discipline; paragraph 6, to the Judicial Committee; and paragraph 7, to the Sabbath-school Committee.

II. That the memorial from the Rev. J. S. Ross be referred to the Committee on Discipline.

III. That paragraph 2 of the memorial from the Centenary Church, Hamilton, be referred to the Judicial Committee.

(1) That memorials from Alliston, Bracebridge, Bright, Fingal and Ancaster Quarterly Official Boards; Brampton, Collingwood, Walkerton, Norwich, Milton, Toronto East and Toronto West Districts; and from the Guelph Conference, respecting the election of lay delegates to Annual Conferences directly by Quarterly Official Boards, and to the General Conference by District Meetings, were given the fullest consideration. Your Committee find that, while it may be advantageous to make the changes asked for in certain instances, yet the best interests of the entire Church would not be so well served as under the present arrangements, and they would therefore recommend that no change be made.

(2) Concerning the notice of motion by Rev. Dr. Sprague, seconded by Rev. C. H. Paisley, "That the name of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference be changed to St. John Conference," your Committee recommend that no action be taken in the matter.

That Bowmanville and Uxbridge Districts be taken from Toronto and added to Bay of Quinte Conference.

(4) That in the matter of stationing ministers and the composition of the Stationing Committee, memorials received from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference and Brownsville Circuit, also notices of motion by the Revs. J. McAlister and A. B. Chambers, referred to us, were considered in their various bearings upon the Church as a whole, and your Committee recommend that no changes be made.

(5) In the matter of the memorial relating to the formation of an additional Conference in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, your Committee recommend that when there are thirty-five ordained ministers in the North-West Territories, and the majority of the Districts shall ask to be set apart as a Conference, the General Superintendent, with the consent of the Manitoba Conference, shall proceed to organize said Conference.

(7) The memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference, in the matter of Annual Conference collections for the expenses of ministers and laymen was duly considered, and it was decided that the Annual Conferences interested should determine the basis of such disbursement.

(9) Concerning the notice of motion given by the Rev. James Gray, concerning salaries, your Committee recommend that the salaries of all ministers and probationers in the active work, the officials of the General Conference, ministerial professors in colleges, evangelists recognized by any of the Annual Conferences, together with the several amounts paid to all claimants on the Superannuation or Supernumerary Funds, shall be

published in the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences to which they belong. Amended as follows: That the name of the office be inserted instead of the name of the man.

(10) A notice of motion by A. J. Donly, Esq., and a memorial from Uxbridge, relating to *ex-officio* members of General Conference, were submitted to your Committee, and they recommend that no action be taken.

(11) The memorial of the Toronto laymen, to amend section 132, by striking out certain clauses, was considered, and your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

(12) In the matter of keeping a record of attendance of the laymen at the General Conference, your Committee recommend that such record be not kept.

(15) In relation to the resolution of the Rev. S. Bond, that the parts of the Discipline relating to the powers and duties of the General Superintendent, Presidents of Annual Conferences, Chairmen of Districts, and Superintendents of Circuits be collected together, forming one chapter, with appropriate sections, we recommend the adoption of the same, and that this be an instruction to the editor or editors of the Discipline to give it effect.

JAMES KINES, *Chairman.*
J. H. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOK AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We respectfully recommend the following changes in the constitution of the Book Committee:—

1st. That clause 339 be amended by inserting the words "of the committee," at the close of the first line, and the words "and Japan," before the word Conferences in the fourth line; also the words "and Japan," before the word Conferences in the last line of clause 341, and the sixth line of clause 353. And also that the word "quarterly," in the 9th line, clause 361, be changed to "half-yearly."

2nd. That clause 363 be so amended as to provide that the editor of the *Methodist Magazine* and Sunday-school periodicals shall be under the control of the Book Committee, in the same manner as the other officers of the Publishing House.

Regarding the Report of the Western Section of the Book Committee, we report as follows:—

3. That having examined the Report of the Western Section of the Book Committee, we cannot but express our pleasure at the very satisfactory condition of its affairs; our appreciation of the fidelity, diligence and financial ability with which the business of the Book and Publishing House has been managed during the past Quadrennium, and recommend the Conference to adopt the Report and print it in the JOURNAL of the Conference

4. That we learn with pleasure that the *Christian Guardian* retains its position as one of the leading religious journals of our country, and continues to exert a potent influence for good in the homes of our people; and that its net profit for the Quadrennium was nearly $23,000.

5. Also that the *Methodist Magazine* and our Sunday-school periodicals retain their high standard in the departments of literature which they represent; and we appreciate the ability and fidelity with which the editors have conducted these connexional journals.

6. We also recommend the continuance of the arrangements of the last General Conference for the grant of a sum not to exceed $1,000 per annum for assistance to the editor of the *Guardian*.

7. The Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee was also read, and was ordered to be printed in the JOURNAL. Your Committee rejoice to learn that there has been a substantial increase in the volume of business, amounting to about $16,000 for the four years.

The Eastern Section place on record their high appreciation of the fidelity, diligence and ability with which the Book Steward and Editor have discharged the arduous and important duties connected with their respective departments.

8. Your Committee recommends that the grant of credit to the Eastern Section of the Book Committee of $10,000 without interest be continued.

9. Regarding a memorial from Bright Circuit, in the Niagara Conference, concerning the prices of books to local preachers and exhorters, we recommend its reference to the Book Committee.

10. The memorial from the Manitoba Conference, regarding the establishment of a branch Book Room in the city of Winnipeg, and the publication of a Church paper for that Conference, we recommend to be referred to the Book Committee.

11. A memorial from the Bay of Quinte Conference, requesting the publication of a cheap edition of our Church Hymn-book, we also recommend to be referred to the Book Committee.

12. Regarding the resolution of the Rev. Hugh Johnston, asking for the publication of a "Hymn and Tune Book" for our Church, we recommend as follows: That the question be referred to the Book Committee, with instructions to proceed with the publication of such a book.

13. On the memorials from the Bay of Quinte Conference, the Cannington District and St. Thomas District, with reference to the reduction of the subscription price of the *Guardian;* and from the St. Thomas District, as to the publication of a cheaper paper to take the place of the *Guardian* in the homes of our people, your Committee respectfully report:—"That having examined carefully the proposition to reduce the price of the *Guardian*, and having considered the propriety of publishing a separate paper as a reprint of parts of the *Guardian*," we recommend the following:—

Sub-sec. 1. That no change be made in the price of the *Guardian*, and that every effort be made to increase its efficiency and circulation.

Sub-sec. 2. That the subject of an additional paper be referred to the Western Section of the Book Committee, carefully to make estimates of

cost, etc. and if thought best to issue a paper in addition to *Home and School*, suitable for the Epworth League and the homes of the people.

14. Regarding the memorial from London Conference, *re* filling of vacancies on the Book Committee, we recommend:—That when vacancies occur in the Annual Conference representation on the Book Committee, by the transfer of such representative, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Conference thus affected at its next ensuing annual meeting.

JOHN KAY, *Chairman.*
B. CLEMENT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The approach of the time of the assembling of the Chief Court of the Methodist Church brings to the Western Section of the Book Committee the pleasant duty of reporting the operations and condition of the Book and Publishing House at Toronto. The term since the meeting of the last General Conference has been one of enlargement, extension and general prosperity. The constant and rapid growth of the business rendered imperative the necessity to secure larger and more commodious premises. This has been done, and in such manner as to furnish accommodation for all our Connexional offices, bringing them into convenient proximity to each other. The business itself has been largely extended. Under the feeling of duty to spread as widely as possible the periodical and other literature of the Church, as well as what is healthy and useful in the publications of other Houses, a still more aggressive policy has been adopted. Not only have the established agencies of the Church been kept in use, but every corner of the land has been visited by special agents to extend the trade. The increase in the sales herein reported will show the gratifying results. Though large profits have by no means been made a principal object, yet, by careful management, a very good return has been realized.

The constant growth of the Church, and its extension into the new settlements of our country, will furnish a continually increasing constituency with wants which it shall be the effort of this establishment to reach and supply, and so contribute largely to the righteousness which exalteth a nation.

ANALYSIS of the FINANCIAL STATEMENT or BALANCE SHEET of the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, on 31st March, 1890, and comparison of same with that of 31st of March, 1886, Valuators' Deductions having been previously made in both cases.

ASSETS.

	1890.	1886.	INCREASE.	DEC.
UNAVAILABLE ASSETS:	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Real Estate	116,370 29	37,500 00	78,870 29	.....
Mach'ry, Type, Plates, etc.	62,841 44	47,478 76	15,362 68	.....
Mortgage (King Street) Sinking Fund, etc	42,935 35	.....	42,935 35	.....
Total	222,147 08	84,978 76	137,168 32	.....

ASSETS—(CONTINUED.)

	1890.	1886.	INCREASE.	DEC.
AVAILABLE ASSETS:	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Books and Stationery	92,734 33	86,907 93	5,826 40	.....
Cash.....	10,422 93	5,867 49	4,555 44	.....
Bills Receivable.....	14,511 16	20,870 33	....	6,359 17
Outstanding Debts	106,942 22	89,065 04	17,877 18	.....
Paper, for Printing, etc. ..	13,939 65	13,588 75	350 90	.....
Montreal Book Room.....	10,492 18	10,344 76	147 42	.....
Halifax Book Room	9,744 81	6,429 87	3,314 94	.....
Total	258,787 28	233,074 17	32,072 28	6,359 17
Total Assets.....	480,934 36	318,052 93	169,240 60	6,359 17

LIABILITIES.

PERMANENT LOANS:				
Super'd Ministers' Fund ..	.....	20,807 50	.....	20,807 50
Victoria University	4,654 80	4,497 39	157 41	.....
Debentures at five years ..	84,400 00	.....	84,400 00	.....
" ten " ..	57,400 00	.....	57,400 00	.....
Total	146,454 80	25,304 89	141,957 41	20,807 50
SUBJECT TO EARLY PAYMENT				
Periodical Subscribers	30,527 57	31,791 35	.....	1,263 78
Bills Payable	12,875 22	6,888 68	5,986 54	.....
Sundry Creditors	34,706 12	51,406 11	.....	16,699 99
Total	78,108 91	90,086 14	5,986 54	17,963 77
Total Liabilities....	224,563 71	115,391 03	147,943 95	38,771 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROFITS AND EXPENSES for the Quadrennial Terms ended 31st of March, 1890 and 1886.

	1890.	1886.	INCREASE.	DEC.
GROSS PROFITS:	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Goods	89,380 28	89,614 46	....	234 18
Printing Office	35,812 90	21,271 74	14,541 16	....
Christian Guardian	52,849 03	43,173 93	9,675 10	....
Methodist Magazine	5,206 26	2,174 51	3,031 75	....
Pleasant Hours.....	6,986 15	4,225 53	2,760 62	....
Home and School.....	6,063 68	*988 38	5,075 30	....
Sunbeam	5,134 53	2,380 50	2,754 03	....
Happy Days	3,383 94	....	3,383 94	....
S. S. Banner	13,211 14	8,388 25	4,822 89	....
Berean Leaf.....	7,252 95	3,759 48	3,493 47	....
Berean Leaf (Quarterly)...	3,614 11	2,432 07	1,182 04	....
Bindery	14,745 56	11,390 14	3,355 42	....
Rent of Rooms	1,575 47	....	1,575 47	....
Interest	1,737 30	....	1,737 30	....
King Street Real Estate....	1,524 86	....	1,524 86	....
Total	248,478 16	189,798 99	58,913 35	234 18

* For three and a quarter years.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT—(CONTINUED).

	1890.	1886.	INCREASE.	DEC.
EXPENSES AND DEDUCTIONS:	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Salaries	108,626 84	81,010 34	27,616 50	....
Book Room Expenses	23,342 08	13,837 40	9,504 68	....
Interest	....	3,221 23	...	3,221 23
Insurance	4,135 30	2,738 71	1,396 59	....
Bad Debts*	15,220 79	6,925 81	8,294 98	....
Exchange	....	1,459 33	....	1,459 33
Binding Machinery*	707 75	956 31	....	248 56
Printing Machinery*	4,258 47	6,021 49	....	1,763 02
Printing Material*	5,595 97	5,790 34	....	194 37
Real Estate*	1,461 52	3,487 22	....	2,025 70
Furniture*	749 98	620 37	129 61	....
Stereotype Machinery*	640 06	198 10	441 96	....
Rent (right of way to Court Street)	300 00	175 00	125 00	....
Happy Days	...	185 51	...	185 51
Cuts*	1,560 98	....	1,560 98	....
Moving Expenses	3,060 24	....	3,060 24	....
Periodical Stock	42 50	....	42 50	....
Total	169,702 48	126,627 16	52,173 04	9,097 72
Net Increase	...	...	43,075 32	...
Net Profit after all Reduct'ns	78,775 68	63,171 83	....	....
APPROPRIATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE:				
Superan'ated Ministers' Fund	22,000 00	10,000 00	12,000 00	....
Sundries	3,866 93	112 00	3,754 93	....
Total	25,866 93	10,112 00	15,754 93	....

*Deductions by Valuators.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

	$ c.
Capital, 1st April, 1886	202,661 90
Added by Profits	78,775 68
Added by Robinson's Annuity falling in	800 00
	282,237 58
Less Appropriations made by the Committee	25,866 93
Capital, 31st March, 1890	256,370 65
Increase	53,708 75

SALES AND GROSS PROFITS OF GOODS.

	1890.	1886.	INCREASE.	DEC.
	$ c.	$ c	$ c.	$ c.
Total Sales (Goods only)	511,457 93	410,191 56	101,266 37	....
Gross Profits (Goods only).....	89,380 28	89,614 46	....	234 18

THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.

The *Christian Guardian*, after an honorable and useful career of over sixty years, still displays the vigor and energy of youth, in its opposition to error and defence of truth. By the information furnished from week to week respecting the progress of religion at home and abroad; by its wholesome lessons for the conduct of life, adapted to all classes; by its earnest advocacy of all our connexional enterprises; and by its effective vindication of the doctrinal teaching and practical methods of our Methodism, it has been a potent influence for good in the homes of our people, and has promoted the interests of every department of our work. Wherever the *Guardian* is read by our people they are brought into more intelligent sympathy with our missionary, educational, publishing, and evangelistic work.

Owing to circumstances, arising out of local feeling and differences of opinion on some burning questions, the path of the *Guardian* during the past four years has not been uniformly smooth, nor the condition of things favorable to the extension of its circulation. But in spite of unfavorable circumstances, and some fluctuations in the circulation, it has faithfully held on its way, and made a good record for the Quadrennium that has just closed, the profits earned by the paper being in advance of those of any former period.

The following are the figures for the past four years:—

Total Circulation for term ended 1890.....	(vols.)	54,877
" " " 1886.....	(do.)	55,739
Decrease		862
Average Annual Circulation for term ended 1890....		13,719
Circulation 31st March, 1890		13,094
" " 1886		14,859
Net Profit for term ended 1890		$22,935 29
" " " 1886		23,904 55
Decrease		$969 26

There has been an increase in the cost of producing the paper in its present form.

In the term ended 1890 all expenses have been fully considered, and the proportions of them placed to *Guardian* and other periodicals, which was not previously done. Only the proportions of salaries having been then deducted in finding net gain.

Estimated now for this term the same way as before, the comparison would stand:

Net profits of *Guardian*, Term ended 1890	$30,658 32
" " " " " 1886	23,904 55
Increase	$6,753 77

The Methodist Magazine.

Notwithstanding the keen competition of numerous high class magazines, both British and American, which have an immense circulation, it is gratifying to report that our own *Methodist Magazine* not only holds its own, but that it has during the Quadrennium made substantial progress in circulation, and has exhibited continuous improvement in literary character, in religious influence, and in artistic illustration. In the sixteen years of its existence, it has proved its value as a medium for discussing important problems of religious and social progress, especially of problems affecting our own Church and country. It has distributed over half a million numbers of one hundred pages each (including insets), or over fifty million pages of wholesome, instructive, religious family reading throughout the Dominion. In an age when frivolous and pernicious literature so largely abounds, this is a consideration of much importance. It has found readers also in almost every State of the American Republic, in Great Britain and Ireland; and even in Ceylon, India, China and Japan. It is something to the credit of Canadian Methodism, that when so many attempts to establish a Methodist monthly in the large and wealthy Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States have failed, that of the much smaller and poorer Methodist Church in Canada has been so successful. Nor is this credit lessened by the fact that many endeavors have been made in Canada to establish a monthly magazine on purely secular lines, all of which have been fruitless; while the *Methodist Magazine*, which is frankly denominational and avowedly religious in its purpose and character, was never so strong nor exhibited such vitality as to-day. No other Canadian magazine has ever attempted such copious and high-class illustration or such mechanical excellence in letter-press; and we know not any other country, with an English-speaking population so sparse as our own, which has undertaken such an enterprise. It has assisted also to develop the literary ability of the writers of Canadian Methodism, and, as an organ common to the entire Church, has been a tangible bond of union among its widely-severed parts, from Bermuda to Japan. The circulation for the Quadrennium, as compared with the previous Quadrennium, has been as follows:—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	(vols.)	12,469
" " " 1886	(do.)	11,732
Increase	(do.)	737
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890		3,117
Circulation 31st March, 1890		2,961
" " 1886		2,925
Net Profit for Term ended 1890		$306 11
" Loss " " 1886		664 15
Increase of Profit		$970 26

If, as shown in the case of the *Guardian*, the comparison with the previous term were made on the same principle of calculation as before, it would now stand :—

Net Profit for term ended 1890	$2,027 71
" Loss " " 1886	664 15
Increase	$2,691 86

The Sunday-School Periodicals.

In this department of our Church work, a very remarkable development in production and in numerical circulation has taken place. That circulation has increased from a total of 103,729 on March 31st, 1882, to 194,076 on March 31st, 1886, and to 252,566 on March 31st, 1890. But these figures do not represent the aggregate circulation, as many schools are not open in March. These papers are nearly all stereotyped, and are printed so close to the estimated requirements that sometimes two or three editions are required to meet the demand.

These papers have also greatly improved in mechanical excellence and in style of illustration. There is scarcely a hamlet in the English-speaking parts of the country where they do not penetrate. From their cheapness, and by their distribution through the Sunday-schools, they reach many who possess no other religious reading, and in many cases no other reading of any sort. They do not lay claim to very high literary art. They are adapted to the comprehension of the humblest. But they bring the Word of Life to many by whom the voice of the living preacher is seldom heard. They are of much assistance to scores of thousands of faithful Sunday-school teachers in the instruction of the young people committed to their care. They focus upon the selected lessons all the light that can be concentrated from various sources, so as to be a continuous commentary, by some of the best Biblical scholars living, brought within the reach of the most remote, the poorest, and the humblest of those self-denying teachers, and of the scholars under their instruction. These papers are permeated throughout with sentiments of loyalty to Methodist doctrine and practice ; with loyalty to Queen and country ; with implacable hostility to the twin evils, intoxicating liquors and tobacco ; with love for pure, sound, wholesome literature ; and, above all, they are filled with those holy teachings which make wise unto salvation. They furnish important vantage ground for moulding, in large degree, the future of the Church and nation, by influencing toward piety and godliness, in the most susceptible and formative period, the minds of the young people of Methodism. Of these papers, over 160,000 pages are printed for every working-day in the year. The influence of such a stream of directly religious teaching proceeding from the press is incalculable—only the Great Day shall reveal it.

It is a gratifying fact that the cheap foreign periodicals, which once had a large circulation in our schools, have in very large measure been superseded by our own papers, which, for their size and character, are among the cheapest in the world. The following are the details of the administration of the Sunday school periodicals :—

PLEASANT HOURS—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	$174,925
" " " 1886	142,897
Increase	32,028
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890	43,731
Circulation 31st March, 1890	48,272
" " 1886	35,863
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$2,062 41

HOME AND SCHOOL—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	154,582
" 3yrs. and 4mos. of Term ended 1886	94,043
Average Annual Circulation for Term 1890	38,645
Circulation 31st March, 1890	43,093
" " 1886	30,538
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$1,177 77

SUNBEAM—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	111,501
" " " 1886	86,300
Increase	25,201
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890	27,875
Circulation 31st March, 1890	31,724
" " 1886	22,592
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$2,582 67

HAPPY DAYS—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	87,633
Circulated only 3 months in term ended 1886	
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890	21,908
Circulation 31st March, 1890	24,789
" " 1886	15,354
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$884 97

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BANNER—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	49,482
" " " 1886	38,970
Increase	10,512
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890	12,370
Circulation 31st March 1890	12,769
" " 1886	10,484
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$8,525 11

BEREAN LEAF (Monthly)—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	229,660
" " " 1886	173,875
Increase	55,785
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890	57,415
Circulation 31st March, 1890	69,042
" " 1886	41,510
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$5,095 95

BEREAN LEAF (Quarterly)—

Total Circulation for Term ended 1890	$133,495
" " " 1886	118,975
Increase	14,520
Average Annual Circulation for Term ended 1890	33,374
Circulation 31st March, 1890	22,877
" " 1886	37,735
Net Profit for Term ended 1890	$1,457 11

RECAPITULATION OF NET PROFITS ON METHODIST MAGAZINE AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL PERIODICALS

METHODIST MAGAZINE	$306 11
PLEASANT HOURS	2,062 41
HOME AND SCHOOL	1,177 77
SUNBEAM	2,582 67
HAPPY DAYS	884 97
S. S. BANNER	8,525 11
BEREAN LEAF (Monthly)	5,095 95
BEREAN LEAF (Quarterly)	1,457 11
Net Gain for the Term ended 31st March, 1890	$22,092 10
" " " " 1886	8,969 26
Increase	$13,122 84

ADVERTISING.

CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN—

Receipts for Advertising for Term ended 1890	$33,313 27
" " " 1886	23,231 71
Increase	$10,081 56

METHODIST MAGAZINE—

Receipts for Advertising for Term ended 1890	1,719 12
" " " 1886	1,310 00
Increase	$409 12

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BANNER—

Receipts for Advertising for Term ended 1890	1,789 12
" " " 1886	996 75
Increase	$792 37

NOTE.—These Advertising figures are not to be taken as additional to the foregoing Financial Statements of these Periodicals, as they are incorporated into the items for both 1886 and 1890.

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The benefit of the change from the premises on King Street, so long and so usefully occupied by the Book and Publishing House, to the much more light and airy, as well as more solid and generally commodious premises now occupied, has been felt as much in the Printing Department as in any other. The advantages of solid foundations for the presses, and

of sufficient space for the compositors, are very great, and are being realized, and will yet more largely be realized in the expansion of the business rendered possible.

An excellent class of machinery is in use, amounting in value to $28,068.45, distributed thus :—

Engine and Boiler Room	$3,608 08
Press Room	24,261 37
Composing Room	199 00
	$28,068 45

Those portions of this machinery which have been in use for more than a short time have had deducted from their inventory valuation during the Quadrennium now closed, $4,258.47. During this same term the following new machinery has been purchased :—

1 large Two-Cylinder Press 1 Pony Press 1 large Stop-Cylinder Cottrell Press 1 50 horse-power Engine 2 " " Boilers	$10,642 67
The amount of printing machinery on hand at the commencement of the Quadrennium was	$21,684 25
Added since	10,642 67
	32,326 92
Less Valuators' Deductions	4,258 47
Now on hand, as above	$28,068 45
Net Profit of the Department for this Quadrennium	$10,769 85

With the Printing Department is associated the

ELECTROTYPING AND STEREOTYPING BRANCH,

indispensable to the profitable illustration and printing of the publications of the House.

There is in use in this Branch machinery to the value of $1,963.92, after reductions by valuators of $640.06.

The following was purchased during the Quadrennial term now closed :—

1 Dynamo 1 Chuck Lathe 1 Rougher Machine 1 Black Lead Machine	$1,095 00

THE BINDERY.

This Department also has benefited very greatly by the change of location. The difference between their old pent-up quarters on King Street and their present light, airy and roomy work and store rooms is very great indeed. The employees work with much greater comfort to themselves and advantage to the Concern.

The machinery of the Department, which is now very conveniently placed, amounts in value to $6,958.01, after reduction by valuators during the term of $707.75.

During the term the following new machinery has been added:—

1 Wire Stitcher 1 " 1 " 1 Signature Press 1 Corner Cutter 1 Rounding Machine 1 Job Backing Machine 1 Acme Paper Cutter Belting, Hangers, and Pulleys Sundry Binders' Tools	$2,764 34

The amount of Binding machinery on hand at the commencement of the Quadrennium was	$4,901 42	
Added since	2,764 34	
	7,665 76	
Less Valuators' Deductions	707 75	
Now on hand, as above	$6,958 01	
Net Profit of the Department for the Quadrennium		$8,731 48

The Book Publishing Department.

In the Methodist Church, which has now grown so large, and which we hope to see continue to grow indefinitely, there are not a few whose ability, and culture, and tendency, have enabled them to write what is worth reading. Their number will doubtless increase in proportion to the increase of the Church. It is of much importance that their works should be identified with the Church, not only by their authorship, but that they should be brought out and put before the public by publishers associated with and under the direction of the Church. This work is being done by your House, and in such manner that no one need be ashamed of the books which appear with its *imprimatur* upon them.

The total quantity of paper used during the four years ended 31st March, 1890, is 37,974 reams.

Books, Pamphlets, etc.	11,316 Reams.
Christian Guardian	6,934 "
Methodist Magazine	1,752 "
Pleasant Hours	5,683 "
Home and School	5,032 "
Sunbeam	1,807 "
Happy Days	1,421 "
Sunday-school Banner	2,301 "
Berean (Monthly)	1,007 "
Berean (Quarterly)	721 "
Total	37,974 Reams.
Quantity used for Term ended 1886	24,213 "
Increase	13,761 Reams.

Comparative Statement of the Number of Hymn-Books Printed.

Term ended 1890.	Term ended 1886.	Decrease.
120,150	173,810	53,660

Comparative Statement of the Total Issues of the House, Including Hymn-Books.

	Term ended 1890.	Term ended 1886.	Increase.
Books	984,037	645,988	338,049
Pamphlets, Tracts, etc.	1,634,764	365,539	1,269,225

Deductions by Valuators.

These deductions are made by gentlemen unconnected with the House, each of whom is an expert in the department in which his services were rendered.

Values have been freely reduced during the term, leaving a sure basis of value to all assets at the figures found in the statements.

The deductions which have been made during the term are:—

Book Debts	$15,220 79
Goods	12,043 52
Binding Machinery	707 77
Printing Machinery	4,258 47
Printing Material	5,595 97
Real Estate	1,461 52
Furniture	749 98
Stereo Machinery	640 06
Electrotypes (Engravings)	1,560 98
Periodical Stock	42 50
	$42,281 56

Real Estate.

On reporting the removal of the establishment to the new premises now occupied by it on Richmond and Temperance streets, it seems an opportune occasion to give a short sketch of the origin and growth of the business to the present time.

At the meeting of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, held at Ancaster, September, 1829, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a religious newspaper, under the direction of Conference, and to devise ways and means for accomplishing the same. The Committee was composed of the following:—Franklin Metcalf, William Ryerson, Philander Smith, David Wright, James Richardson, Thomas Madden, and Anson Green. They reported:—

"1. That it is the opinion of your Committee that a weekly paper should be established under the direction of the Conference, of a religious and moral character, to be entitled the *Christian Guardian*.

"2. That the place of its location be the town of York.

"3. That the sum of $700 is sufficient to purchase all the apparatus for a printing establishment.

"4. That the sum of $2,050 will meet the annual expense of such a paper.

"5. That the annual income of the office will be at least $2,800, leaving a balance in favor of the office of $750 annually.

"6. That stock to the amount of $2,000 be raised by dividing it into 100 shares of $20 each, half of which to be paid immediately, and the

remainder subject to the call of the persons who may be appointed to superintend the publishing of the paper; the said stock to be repaid with interest as soon as the avails of the concern will admit of it.

"7. That the members of the Conference do take up the shares among themselves; but if all be not disposed of in that way, that they use their influence with their friends to have the remainder taken up immediately.

"8. That a Committee of five persons be appointed annually by the Conference to superintend the publishing of the paper and other printing that may be done in the office, and that the General Superintendent of our Church and the preacher in charge of the station at York, be *ex-officio* members of said Committee, three of whom shall form a quorum for transacting business.

"9. That the Conference appoint an Editor, or Editors of the paper annually, by ballot, without debate, who shall be responsible for his or their conduct as Editor or Editors, to the Publishing Committee in the interval of Conference.

"10. That the Editor be appointed an agent to procure the apparatus and materials necessary for commencing the paper.

"11. That the price of the paper be 12s. 6d. currency per annum if paid in advance, or 15s. if not paid previous to six months from the time of receiving the first number, exclusive of postage.

"12. That all our ministers, travelling and local, be agents to the paper, and every agent who may procure fifteen subscribers, and use his best endeavors to make collections and obtain subscribers annually, shall be entitled to a paper gratis.

"(Signed) F. METCALF, *Chairman.*"

This report was adopted by the Conference, and Egerton Ryerson was appointed Editor and Franklin Metcalf Assistant Editor, and the following were appointed (in addition to those already *ex-officio* members) the Committee to superintend the printing establishment:—James R. Armstrong, William Patrick, James S. Howard, Esq., Thomas D. Morrison, M.D., and Barnabas Brennan.

According to Resolution 10, Egerton Ryerson was appointed agent to procure apparatus, etc., and he was furnished with the following certificate:—

"This may certify that the bearer, Rev. Egerton Ryerson, is appointed agent for procuring a printing establishment for the Canada Conference, and he is hereby commended to the Christian confidence of all on whom he may have occasion to call for advice and assistance for the above purpose.

"WILLIAM CASE, *Superintendent.*

"JAS. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

"Ancaster, U. Canada, Sept. 4, 1829."

On the 21st November, 1829, the first number of the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN was published "in March Street, north of the new Court House," "Egerton Ryerson and Franklin Metcalf, Editors." It was an eight-page paper, $13\frac{1}{4} \times 10\frac{1}{4}$ inches, three columns on a page.

On the 19th December, 1829, this advertisement appears:

"In press, and will shortly be published, 'A Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.' Agents will please send their orders as soon as possible."

This appears to have been the first book published at the office.

On the 11th September, 1830, the following appears:

"FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

Excellent Bibles and Testaments, printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society, at very low prices; Methodist Hymn-Books and Watts' Psalms and Hymns, of different qualities and sizes; also Sunday-School Hymn-Books of different kinds, and a small assortment of Sabbath-school books. We hope to obtain a larger supply shortly."

Thus they began to sell books.

On January 22nd, 1831, a list is published in the *Guardian* of "Books on sale at the *Guardian* Office." There are seventy-nine different books, including Bibles, Testaments, Hymn-Books, Catechisms, Commentaries, Biographies, school books, etc.

In the Minutes of 1833 (when the union with the English Conference took place, and the Church assumed the title of The Wesleyan Methodist Church in British North America), will be found:—

"Question 12—What are the arrangements of the Conference with regard to books?"

"*Resolved*—1. That a Depository of Books be established at York, and that a Book Committee be appointed, consisting of the Chairman of the York District, the Superintendents of York Station and the Yonge Street Circuit, Brothers William Case, Joseph Stinson and Egerton Ryerson, who shall have power to order books from Great Britain and the United States, to examine accounts, and otherwise manage the concern.

"2. That the Book Committee render to each Conference a detailed account of the state of the concern.

"3. That Brother Egerton Ryerson be appointed Book Agent.

"4. That no preacher shall order or in any way procure books for sale, except through the Book Agent or Committee.

"5. That the preachers be respectively held responsible for all books they order, and that they be allowed a discount of ten per cent. on all such books."

Thus the sale of books already begun was formally recognized and arranged for.

In 1835, Matthew Lang is appointed Book Steward, and Ephraim Evans, Editor. Also, the same year, William Lord and Egerton Ryerson (President and Secretary of the Conference) delegates to attend the American General Conference in Cincinnati, in May, 1836, in order to negotiate on the claims of this Conference upon the New York Book Concern. In this, according to living testimony, they were not successful, the American brethren merely promising them special discounts on their purchases.

In 1837, Ephraim Evans was again appointed Editor, and John Ryerson was appointed Book Steward, and extended regulations for the management of the concern were formulated and published.

The Establishment, which began its operations in March Street, had several removals before it became settled in its own building at 9 Wellington Buildings, King Street.

On 15th January, 1831, the *Guardian* informs us: "The *Guardian* Office is now removed to a new brick building over the store of Mr. J. R. Armstrong, King Street; place of entrance between the stores of Messrs. Armstrong & Strange."

In November, 1832, it was removed to Jordan Street, a few doors south of King Street; and on the 16th July, 1834, the *Guardian* appeared dated from Toronto Street, west of the jail.

On 12th April, 1838, a deed was executed (vellum 2 feet 2 inches × 2 feet 5 inches—2 pages) by Grant Powell, John W. Gamble, and D'Arcy Boulton, on behalf of the magistrates of the Home District, to Ephraim Evans, granting for the sum of £700, Lot No. 9, North side of King Street, Court House Square, 27 feet 5¾ inches on King Street by 156 feet to a roadway. And on 16th July 1840, Ephraim Evans conveyed to John Ryerson, of Toronto; Roley Hyland, Streetsville; Hamilton Biggar, Stamford; Henry Wilkinson, Prescott; John Beatty, Cobourg; Alexander McNab, Township of Toronto; and David Wright, Markham, the same piece of property, and the deed sets forth that it had been purchased by Ephraim Evans on behalf of the Wesleyan Church for the accommodation of their Book and Printing Establishment.

On this lot, according to the condition in the deed, a brick building was erected, and on the 8th November, 1838, the plant and stock were removed to it, and the business commenced there, with Egerton Ryerson, Editor, and John Ryerson, General Book Steward.

The resolutions of Conference in 1837, with regard to the Book Room, indicate a purpose to enter more largely into the business, and having now premises of their own, larger and more suitable and central, the work took a new start on a larger scale, and has gone on extending from that time till now—a period of more than fifty years—and to-day the Concern occupies a foremost place among the Publishing and Book-selling Houses of the Dominion. During the period alluded to, viz., from 1838 to 1889, that of the occupancy of their premises on King Street, the following were elected to the offices of Book Steward and Editor:—

BOOK STEWARDS.

1838 to 1842— 4 years	.....	REV. JOHN RYERSON.
1842 to 1844— 2 "	.....	" ALEXANDER MCNAB.
1844 to 1854—10 "	16 yrs.	" ANSON GREEN.
1859 to 1865— 6 "		
1854 to 1859— 5 "	.....	" GEORGE R. SANDERSON.
1865 to 1879—14 "	.....	" S. ROSE.
1879 to 1889—10 "	.....	" WILLIAM BRIGGS.

EDITORS.

1838 to 1840— 2 years	.....	REV. EGERTON RYERSON.
1840 to 1844— 4 "	.....	" JONATHAN SCOTT.
1844 to 1846— 2 "	.....	" GEORGE F. PLAYTER.
1846 to 1851— 5 "	.....	" GEORGE R. SANDERSON.
1851 to 1860— 9 "	.....	" JAMES SPENCER
1860 to 1869— 9 "	.....	" WELLINGTON JEFFERS.
1869 to 1889—20 "	.....	" EDWARD H. DEWART.

At the General Conference of 1874, when the union with the Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church in Canada was formed, the organ of that Church, *The Evangelical Witness* was amalgamated with the *Christian Guardian*, the Rev. Dr. Dewart was re-elected Editor of the *Christian Guardian* and the Rev. David Savage was added to its staff until the next Annual Conference, or longer, at the option of the Book Committee --he continued until 1875.

Rev. W. H. Withrow was, in 1874, elected Assistant Editor of the *Christian Guardian* He within that year, with the consent of the Book Committee, commenced to edit the *Methodist Magazine*, and another arrangement was made for the *Guardian*. In 1878 he was elected Editor of the *Magazine*, and at the Union General Conference (when the Methodist Church in Canada, the Episcopal Methodist Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, and the Bible Christian Church in Canada, became one Church with the title of "The Methodist Church") he was re-elected Editor of the *Methodist Magazine* with the addition of the Sunday-school periodicals, and so continues till this time.

At the same Union General Conference the *Canada Christian Advocate*, the organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, was united with the *Christian Guardian*, and the Rev. S. G. Stone, the Editor, was elected Associate Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, which office he held till 1886.

For a number of years the premises on King Street were felt to be too small for the operations of the Concern, already large and rapidly growing. every inch of ground had been utilized, and that both in cellar and attic, and many consultations were held as to the best method for obtaining increased accommodation, without any conclusion being arrived at, until the building and site of the well-known Richmond Street Church was, after a forty-four years' term of great usefulness, offered by its trustees for sale, the business changes in that part of the city having made it a difficult matter to keep up a congregation there. The church was purchased for a little over $30,000, and additional buildings having been erected, making the cost of the whole $116,370.29, the establishment was removed to these beautiful quarters on the 1st September, 1889.

THESE NEW PREMISES

are situated on Richmond Street West, in close proximity to Yonge Street, Toronto's main artery, and have a frontage of 100 feet, and running 176 feet through to Temperance Street. The church building stood in the centre of the block. Both frontages have been fully built up with handsome structures of four storeys high. The Temperance Street frontage contains several of the manufacturing departments, as well as the wholesale trade department, and an entire flat at present available for rental. The whole of the old church structure was retained, and is now a building of four storeys, including the basement, which is one of the airiest and best lighted press-rooms in the Dominion. The ground floor contains the offices of the institution and a magnificent stock-room. Over this, on what was the level of the church gallery, beams and columns, with heavy floor of joist, form the compositors' room—a truly noble room. Over this and above the old church ceiling has formed the sheet room, an indispensable adjunct of a publishing house. The Richmond Street extension of 100 feet frontage, on the ground floor is divided into three

stores, one of which is occupied by the Concern as its retail book store, the other two being rented as offices. The centre is taken up with entrance to the upper part of the building, the first floor of which contains the whole of the connexional offices, an arrangement that fills a long-felt want.

The two upper floors are fitted up with offices for public rental, except a roomy comfortable Board-room, now generally used for all connexional purposes. The upper part of this building is reached by a hydraulic elevator, in addition to comfortable and roomy flights of stairs. The entire structure is known as Wesley Buildings.

The officers of the institution now are:—

Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., - Book Steward.
Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., - Editor *Christian Guardian*.
Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Editor *Methodist Magazine* and Sunday-school periodicals.

The King Street property was sold for $39,524.86 net.

The Richmond Street property cost—land and buildings—$116,370.29.

This change of property has been the principal cause of a large increase of Assets (increase, $162,881.43) and of Liabilities (increase, $109,172.68) at the close of this term. This increase of Liabilities is more than covered by the following *Special* Assets:

Increase in value of Real Estate	$78,870 00
Mortgage on Account of Real Estate	30,000 00
Sinking Fund	12,000 00
	$120,870 00

The latter two items yielding interest at a little higher rate than that paid on the increased Liabilities, and the parts of the building not in use for the purposes of the Establishment itself—amounting to about one-third—yielding a gross rental of about $4,900, which will net nearly $3,000 per annum, or more than 7 per cent on one-third the value of the entire property.

The remainder of the increase of Assets, after deducting the above items of $120,870, is spread over the whole establishment, largely consisting of new machinery for the manufacturing department, and is not remarkable, when it is considered that the net profits of the Concern were $78,775 for the term.

The Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

In the last Quadrennial Report it was stated: "During the Quadrennium the House has contributed $10,000 to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. This is double the amount granted during the term ended 1882."

The present Report is that the amount of 1886, viz., $10,000, has this term been more than doubled, as the amount granted is $22,000.

The Montreal Book Room.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages of location in a community where the large majority is Roman Catholic, and of the intensely keen competition of the trade, our Montreal Branch is showing gratifying symptoms of vitality and progress. The sales have increased during the Quadrennium $4,412.52; and the net profits, after making deductions

for depreciation, etc., are $1,752.63, being an increase of profit over the previous Quadrennium of $356.72. The capital stock is now $3,383.73. In each of the last two years the stock has been turned over about three times.

The following summary will give a pretty correct idea of the business :—

Cash and Credit Sales :

1887	$13,507 88
1888	14,349 99
1889	17,402 97
1890	16,737 03
	$61,997 87
Sales for the Term ending 1886	57,585 35
Increase	$4,412 52

The Net Profits are :

1887	$6 57
1888	210 80
1889	703 64
1890	831 62
	$1,752 63
Profits for the Term ending 1886	1,395 91
Increase	$356 72
Total Assets	$14,004 23
Total Liabilities	10,620 50
	$3,383 73

REPORT OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Eastern Section of the Book Committee begs to present the following report :—

When, four years ago, your Committee entered upon its duties, the outlook for the Book Room and *Wesleyan* was not very promising ; but we are gratified to say that we are able to report an improvement in both these departments, as compared with the last quadrennial statement.

For instance, in the report to the last General Conference the deficiency of assets, as compared with liabilities, was $1,675.15 ; add to this, old subscriptions due *Wesleyan* for several years that could not be collected, and written off in the following year, $750 ; making a total of $2,425.15. This deficiency has been reduced to $1,439.02, which is an improvement during the Quadrennium of $986.13.

In reference to the *Wesleyan*, your Committee may say that, while during the first year of the reduction of the subscription from $2 to $1.50 the paper went behind about $500, through the increased number of subscribers and the more prompt payment of subscriptions it has been brought up to a practically paying basis. In view of prospective arrangements for reduced cost of printing, we consider the outlook for the paper to be still more hopeful for the future. The present circulation is 3,350 copies.

With regard to the Book Room, your Committee may say that the financial statement shows a very substantial increase in the volume of business, amounting to about $16,000 during the four years. The actual improvement in the four years may be seen from the fact that while the previous Quadrennium showed a net loss of $C36, that just closing shows a profit of $1,874.53, being a relative gain of $2,510.53.

The Committee desire to express its view that this gratifying improvement is in part due to the action of the General Conference in authorizing the Toronto Book Room to grant a credit of $10,000 to the Eastern Book Room without interest; and we would therefore recommend the continuance of the credit, more especially in view of the fact that this amount scarcely equals one year's business between the two concerns

We append a financial statement, showing in detail the business of the Quadrennium and present condition of the concern.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to place upon record their appreciation of the fidelity, diligence and ability with which the Book Steward and Editor have discharged the arduous and important duties connected with their respective departments.

SALES AND GROSS PROFITS OF GOODS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDING MARCH 31, 1890

	Sales.	Profits	Percentage of Profits.	
1886-7,	$17,904 03	$3,593 97	20%	
1887-8,	20,971 77	3,847 40	18%	
1888-9,	24,426 30	4,676 40	19%	
1889-90,	24,812 64	4,539 90	18%	
Total,	$88,114 74	$16,657 67	18.9	Average.
Last Quadrennium,	72,059 88	13,470 05	18.9	
Increase,	$16,054 86	$3,187 62		

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Gross profits 1883-86,	$13,470 05	Expenses, $14,106 00	Loss,	$636 00
" 1887-90,	16,657 67	" 14,783 14	Gain,	1,874 53
Comparative improvement.....				$2,510 53

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1883 86,	$21,442 00	Average,	$5,360 50	per annum.
1887-90,	22,186 07	"	5,546 50	"
Increase	$744 07	"	$186 00	"

WESLEYAN.

Gross Profits, 1883-86,	$6,111 43	Expenses, $6,600 00	Loss,	$489 57
1887,	546 35	" 1,800 00		1,253 65
1888,	1,728 33	" 1,800 00		71 67
1889,	1,800 00	" 1,800 00		
1890,	1,756 59	" 1,800 00		43 41
	$5,831 27	" $7,200 00		$1,368 73

SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEETS.

1887,	Assets,	$21,344 55	Liabilities,	$24,060 52	Deficit,	$2,715 97
1888,	"	21,724 92	"	24,382 00	"	2,657 28
1889,	"	20,298 16	"	22,073 01	"	1,774 85
1890,	"	21,943 42	"	23,382 44	"	1,439 02

NET PROFITS FOR QUADRENNIUM.

Per Merchandise Account		$1,874 53
Less Balance Profit and Loss Account, bad debts written off	$269 67	
" *Wesleyan*, loss	1,368 73	
		1,638 40
Actual net gain		$236 13
Deficit 1886, per Balance Sheet		$1,675 15
Gain for Quadrennium		236 13
Deficit 1890, per Balance Sheet		$1,439 02

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST MARCH, 1890.

Assets,		*Liabilities.*	
Cash on hand	$873 30	Amount on interest	$9,604 71
Bills receivable, etc.	836 00	Toronto Book Room	10,007 69
Ledger account, less 10%, to meet bad and doubtful debts	8,717 49	Ledger accounts	1,991 51
W. Theakston	300 00	*Wesleyan*, advance payments	1,778 63
Wesleyan	1,663 68		
Stock on hand	9,553 05		
Balance	1,439 02		
	$23,382 54		$23,382 54

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF METHODISM IN CANADA.

Pursuant to Resolution, page 129 of the JOURNAL,—"That the question for the arranging for the observance of the Centennial of Methodism in Canada be referred to the General Superintendent and the Conference Special Committee," the General Conference Special Committee appointed the following as the Committee on Centennial:—General Superintendent, Revs. Dr. Johnston, Dr. Parker, Dr. Stafford, Dr. Stone, J. F. German, D. L. Brethour, S. J. Shorey, E. Roberts, and T. W. Jolliffe; the Hon. John Macdonald, W. W. Robinson, J. N. Lake, Ald. Boustead, and James Mills.

The Committee has held two meetings during the Quadrennium, and at the last meeting, held on the 20th December, 1889, the following resolutions were adopted:—

First. That the celebration begin with a public meeting, to be held in Montreal during the session of the General Conference.

Second. That the Annual Conferences of 1890 be requested to arrange for meetings and celebrations to follow the meeting held by the General Conference.

Third. That the object of these meetings be (1) Thanksgiving to God and the education of our people in our history, doctrines and polity.

(2) The raising of funds by contributions and subscriptions, to be distributed as follows: (*a*) One-half the gross amount secured within the bounds of each Conference to be available for its own Sustentation Fund. (*b*) Of the remaining half, a portion shall be applied toward the extinction of the debt of the Union Church Relief Fund. (*c*) The balance shall constitute a Church Extension Fund, to be under the control of a Central Committee, to be appointed by the General Conference.

Fourth. That papers upon the subjects indicated below, and historical sketches of the several branches of the Methodist Church as they existed before the union, be prepared and published in a volume, to contain about 300 pages, and to be called the "Centennial Volume of Canadian Methodism."

1. "A Paper on the Origin and Providential Mission of Methodism," by Rev. George Douglas, D.D., LL.D.
2. "Historical Sketch of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada," by Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D.
3. "Historical Sketch of the New Connexion Methodist Church in Canada," by Rev. William Williams, D.D.
4. "Historical Sketch of Methodism in the Eastern Provinces," by Rev. Dr. Lathern.
5. "Historical Sketch of the Methodist Church of Canada," by Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D.
6. "Historical Sketch of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada," by Rev. S. G. Stone, D.D.
7. "Historical Sketch of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada," by Rev. J. C. Antliff, D.D.
8. "Historical Sketch of the Bible Christian Church in Canada," by Rev. George Webber.
9. "A Paper on the Union Movement in Canada," by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.
10. "Historical Sketch of the Methodist Church," by Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent.
11. "A Paper on Methodist Literature, and the Sunday-school," by Rev. Dr. Withrow.
12. "Canadian Methodism in Relation to Education," by Rev. Dr. Burwash.
13. "Canadian Methodism in Relation to Missions," by Hon. Senator Macdonald.
14. "Statistics," by J. N. Lake, Esq.
15. The Introduction to the volume to be written by Rev. G. R. Sanderson, D.D.

A Committee of Publication was also appointed.

The response on the part of the brethren who were requested to prepare these historical sketches was prompt and hearty, and several valuable papers are now in the hands of the Publication Committee; but the death of the Rev. Dr. Williams, who took a deep interest in the matter, the expense involved in the publication of a Centennial volume, and other vital questions engaging the attention of the Methodist public, influenced the committee to postpone all action to this session of the General Conference.

While the unanimous judgment of the committee is that, having come

to the closing days of the first hundred years of our denominational history, we can recount the deeds of the past with pride and love, and make the occasion not only a blessing to our united Methodism, but a joy and inspiration to the whole brotherhood of believers; yet as the financial pressure upon the Church through its various enterprises is already excessive, the committee has not felt free to add to these burdens, and so beg leave to refer the whole matter of the Centennial Celebration to this Conference for final action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH JOHNSTON, *Convener.*

Report No. 2.

Your Committee had before it, with other correspondence, a circular issued by Dr. Monroe, Secretary of the Commission appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, on the proposed Ecumenical Council of 1891. This circular stated that the Methodist Church of Canada would be entitled to twenty-four delegates, and asked that a Committee of Correspondence be appointed by this General Conference, to meet with the committees from other Methodist bodies at Philadelphia, Pa., November 19th, 1890.

It was resolved to recommend as follows:—

1. That this General Conference express its entire approval of the proposed Ecumenical Council of 1891, and also it readiness to heartily co-operate in carrying it out upon the plan proposed.

2. That twenty-four representatives (12 ministers and 12 laymen) be elected by ballot with open nomination, and that afterwards, in the same way, five ministers and five laymen be elected as reserves, who, in case of vacancies, shall take such vacancies in the order of succession of appointment.

3. That the twenty-four representatives so elected shall meet during the present session of Conference to appoint the Committee of Correspondence.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Chairman.*
W. P. DYER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

Your Committee recommend,

1. The publication of a Memorial volume of about 300 pages, 12mo, on the lines set out in the report of the Standing Committee on the Celebration of the Centennial of Canadian Methodism; that said volume be published as soon as possible, and sold at the lowest possible figure.

2. That the Conference appoint the following committee to supervise the publication of said volume:—Editors of *Guardian*, *Wesleyan* and *Magazine*, Book Stewards, Revs. Dr. Reynar, Dr. Badgley, Dr. Antliff Dr. Johnston and George Webber.

3. That memorial services be held on the first Sunday in March, 1891, in commemoration of the centennial of the death of John Wesley.

4. That wherever practicable, public meetings be held in the week following the first Sunday in March, to celebrate the centennial of Canadian Methodism.

5. That voluntary offerings be received, and that each Annual Conference shall raise a fund, to be applied as such Conference shall direct.

6. Amended as follows:—"That each delegate to the Ecumenical Council shall pay his own expenses."

For original items 5 and 6, see JOURNAL (twelfth day, afternoon session).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Chairman.*
W. P. DYER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S FUND.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That as no memorials or other papers were placed in the hands of your Committee relative to this Fund, and not having any instructions from the Conference, it was unanimously resolved, that we recommend no change in the constitution of this Fund.

A. L. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*
W. MCGIBBON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee had before them no report but the financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of the past four years; and while it appears the Fund has not accomplished all that the last General Conference had anticipated; and while the attendance at the meetings of the Committee during the four years was confined to three or four brethren, whose time was too fully employed elsewhere to give the attention to this Fund which it deserved; your Committee is of the opinion that the Fund is of such value and importance, and may be made of such great service in the extension of our work in the newer fields of labor, that a vigorous effort should be put forth, and the intentions of the General Conference, in its organization, should be carried out.

We would recommend,

1. That the moneys loaned by the Old Church and Parsonage Fund of Manitoba and the North-West be called in as fast as possible, on such terms as may appear to the Committee to be equitable and expedient; and that the Superintendent of Missions for the North-West be instructed to assist in the carrying out of such settlement on the best possible terms, and subject to the approval of the Committee.

2. That all applications for loans in the North-West must be endorsed by the Superintendent of Missions, in addition to the Quarterly Board, the Superintendent of the Circuit, and the Chairman of the District.

6. That the Committee be composed as follows:—Ministers: Dr. A. Sutherland, J. F. German, J. H. Starr and W. J. Maxwell; Laymen: J. N. Lake, J. B. Boustead, Dr. W. W. Ogden, Dr. J. B. Willmott and H. J. H. Fudger, with the General Superintendent as chairman.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEAROYD, *Chairman.*
RANSOM PIERCE, *Secretary.*

BALANCE SHEET.

	Dr.	Cr.
Church and Parsonage Aid Fund		$8,676 54
Legacy Account		9,987 50
Dominion Bank	$162 06	
Interest Account		1,122 95
Missionary Society, on deposit	6,298 50	
Expense Account	40 75	
Milford	448 31	
Burnside	367 45	
Chater	97 24	
Carberry	593 94	
Turtle Mountain	528 63	
Qu'Appelle	625 54	
Moose Mountain	270 26	
Regina	661 90	
Moose Jaw	464 90	
Medicine Hat	397 08	
Crystal City	243 08	
Virden	849 99	
Broadview	661 82	
Dominion City	819 30	
Souris and Plum Creek	425 74	
Manitou	243 00	
Prince Albert	479 27	
Minnedosa	465 99	
Fort Qu'Appelle	349 53	
Calgary	532 17	
Brighton		39 96
Fort McLeod	441 00	
Banff	380 00	
Birtle	410 00	
Sudbury	252 00	
Chapleau	252 00	
Progress Church (Minden)	155 00	
Providence Church (Minden)	110 50	
Treherne	350 00	
Grand Valley	300 00	
Souris	900 00	
Hebron	150 00	
Gelert	125 00	
Suspense account		25 00
Total	$19,851 95	$19,851 95
Cash in Bank		162 06
" hands of Missionary Society		6,298 50
Loans to Churches, etc		13,350 64
		$19,811 20
Church and Parsonage Aid Fund	$8,700 75	
Legacy Account	9,987 50	
Interest	1,122 95	
		$19,811 20

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—Fraternal salutations, expressed by resolutions, were exchanged between the General Conference of 1886 and the Provincial Synod of the Church of England, in session at the same time in the city of Montreal.

Before the close of that Conference a second communication was received from the Provincial Synod asking the General Conference to appoint a committee to meet with the committee that had been appointed by the Synod, and such committees as might be appointed by other Christian bodies, for the purpose of considering the possibility of an honorable union between the Protestant Churches of this country. In accordance with that request your Committee were appointed.

Your Committee met the committees of Anglican and Presbyterian Churches in the lecture-room of Association Hall, Toronto, on April 24th, 1889, at 8 p.m. To the great regret of the Committee, two of the most valued members had been removed by death—the Rev. Dr. Nelles and the Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter. Of the remainder, the following were present:—The General Superintendents, Drs. Carman and Williams; Dr. Ryckman, Dr. Harper, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Burwash, Dr. Gardiner, Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. D. G. Sutherland, Rev. Wm. McDonagh, the Hon. J. C. Aikins and Judge Jones.

On meeting with the committees appointed to represent the other Churches, your Committee found themselves associated with clergymen and laymen of the highest official position, and of the most commanding influence in their respective Churches—a fact which may be taken as indicating their apprehension of the gravity and importance of this movement for union.

The joint committee held four sessions, at the first of which, the Rev. A. Sweatman, Anglican Bishop of Toronto, presided; at the second, the Rev. Dr. McMullen, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; at the third, the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church; and at the fourth, the Rev. C. Hamilton, Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara. Three Secretaries were appointed—one from each of the Churches represented.

The first question discussed by the joint committee was that of Incorporate Union. A very brief paper, having the form of a resolution, but not intended as such, was offered to the Committee by the Rev. Principal Cavan. Its adoption would have affirmed the principle of Incorporate Union, and would have pledged the Committee to efforts to secure it. The paper was discussed at length, but was not submitted for adoption. No expression was given by the Committee as to the desirableness, or otherwise, of the unity that had been under consideration.

The next subject of discussion was, "The amount of unity already existing in doctrine, worship, and modes of action, between the three bodies." This subject occupied the time of the committee until very near the close of the Conference, and included papers by Anglican brethren on the "Holy Scriptures," and on "Creeds." The last matter that engaged the attention of the Conference, was a paper on the "Historic Episcopate." It was read merely, not discussed. No attempt was made throughout the Conference to formulate a "Basis of Union." With the

most cordial expressions, by the members, of Christian regard for each other, the Conference closed.

It may be added that the Anglican portion of the joint committee seemed to be strongly and unanimously in favor of Union. In both the Presbyterian and Methodist sections there did not seem to be the same coincidence of thought and opinion. However, nothing could exceed the courtesy and kindliness of spirit, language, and discussion that prevailed throughout the entire Conference. In an important sense, "it was good to be there."

Your Committee beg to report further that both the Anglican and Presbyterian representatives intimated their intention to move their respective Churches to reappoint their committees and make arrangements for subsequent Conferences.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that this General Conference appoint, or reappoint, its section of the joint committee, with instructions to attend any similar Conferences to which they may be invited, in order that the Methodist Church may be represented in such negotiations as may be undertaken with a view to Union among the Protestant Churches of this country.

It remains to be said that since the Conference of the joint committee in Toronto, the Anglican Synod has held another annual session, at which the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That a joint committee of both houses on Christian Union be appointed, to hold itself in readiness to confer with similar committees that may be appointed by other Christian bodies for this purpose, upon the preliminary basis embodied in the Lambeth resolutions.

That part of the resolutions passed by the Lambeth Conference which sets forth the necessary basis of negotiations for Union is as follows:—

In the opinion of this Conference (the Lambeth Conference) the following articles supply a basis on which approach may, by God's blessing, be made towards home reunion:—

1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as containing all things necessary to salvation, and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith;

2. The Apostles' Creed as the baptismal symbol, and the Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith;

3. The two Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord—ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by Him; and

4. The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church.

Your Committee would submit to the General Conference that the adequacy or inadequacy of the Creeds mentioned as a doctrinal basis may be a proper subject of discussion in any future negotiations that may be held, and especially that the Historic Episcopate must be defined in harmony with the teachings of the New Testament regarding the constitution of the Christian Church and the identity of the New Testament bishop and presbyter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. RYCKMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION.

Your Committee on Church Union beg to report, that the following communications were laid before it, viz.:—

1. Report of Committee on Christian Union.
2. Letters from Rev. Provost Body, Secretary of Church Union Committee.
3. Report of Fraternal Delegate to the Evangelical Association.
4. Resolutions passed by the Conference of the Evangelical Association.

Your Committee recommend:—

1st. That this Conference desires to place on record its devout thankfulness to our Father in heaven for the increasing indications of the spirit of unity among the Protestant Churches of this country.

2nd. That this Conference most heartily approves of the action of the committee appointed four years ago, as presented in its report of the meeting held with the representatives of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches in the city of Toronto.

3rd. That this Conference would be greatly gratified if an organic union of the P otestant Churches could be effected; and finds the first three resolutions of the Lambeth Conference, referring to negotiations for union, fairly satisfactory; but insists that the fourth, referring to the Historic Episcopate, must be defined in harmony with the identity and essential equality of the office of Presbyter and Bishop.

And further submits that the adequacy or inadequacy of the Lambeth resolutions as a doctrinal basis would be a proper subject of discussion in future negotiations.

In reference to the Presbyterian Church, your Committee rejoice to learn that some measures have been adopted, and some progress made during the past Quadrennium in the direction of union, and is strongly of the opinion that the time has come when some practical steps might profitably be taken to bring about a better understanding in reference to the work on mission fields, and that an amicable arrangement might be made between the two Churches which would prevent any unseemly rivalry, and the unnecessary expenditure of men and means, especially in the sparsely settled Districts of Nipissing, Algoma, Manitoba and the North-West.

With regard to the Evangelical Association of Canada, your Committee rejoice to learn that although no definite steps have been taken towards union, yet the most friendly relations have existed between their Church and our own.

The Committee appointed by the last General Conference on union with the above Church has not been called to meet during the last Quadrennium; and, whereas the Evangelical Association still desire the way to be left open for negotiation, your Committee recommend the Conference to appoint a special committee, consisting of the following, viz:—the General Superintendent, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Hunter, Rev. G. A. Mitchell, Rev. J. E. Howell and Thos. Hilliard, Esq., to meet any committee that may be appointed by the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association, to prepare a basis of union to be submitted to the Conferences of both Churches.

And that we further recommend the Conference to appoint the Rev. J. E. Howell and the Hon. J. C. Aikins as fraternal delegates to the next Annual Conference of the said Evangelical Association.

Your Committee recommend that the following address be accepted as an expression of the views of this Conference on the subject of Christian Union; that it be printed in the JOURNAL, and published in the Connexional organs as an open letter to all Protestant Churches.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, to all the followers of Christ everywhere, who desire the "Unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace," greeting:—

With all sincere Christians, we desire to see a closer union among those who labor for the universal prevalence of Christianity. We feel the urgency of the command, "Preach the Gospel to every creature," and we are painfully satisfied of the sad fact that the dissensions and divisions of Christendom tend rather to emphasize denominational interests at home, than to spread a knowledge of Christ among the teeming millions abroad. That two-thirds of the human family have yet to hear of the Saviour is enough to rouse His followers to the necessity of urgency in the adoption of any and every measure calculated to hasten the spread of the Gospel. The utilization of all available forces for foreign service is strongly demanded. That can be secured only by the rational and harmonious arrangement of our resources at home. We rejoice in the manifest signs of the times; in the willingness exhibited by many to merge their minor differences for the sake of the common good; to remove the emphasis from ideas that for generations have been almost rallying points, if by such concessions more united action could be secured.

It is not to be expected that any would sacrifice what they considered truth, essential truth, even for the sake of union. Truth must be retained at all hazards. But the great mass of ritual, ordinances, and discipline, adopted on the ground of Christian expediency, but not appointed by divine authority, as absolutely binding on all parts of the Church in all ages, might well be subjects of modification, or change; if such modification would tend to bring closer together those who should stand shoulder to shoulder as members of a common militant body. We rejoice in believing that a consensus on all the essential elements of our holy religion is possible, even now, among several of the larger bodies of Canadian Protestantism. And this Church holds itself ready to confer with the representatives of all Christian bodies desirous of a closer union, and to co-operate to its utmost ability in the endeavor to secure that end.

From the very origin of this Church, in the days of our fathers, up to the present time, the ministrations of our pulpit have been marvellously blessed by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, in the conversion of souls, until we have been forced to exclaim gratefully and often, "What hath God wrought?" From this, and other considerations to us equally valid, it may naturally be inferred that no movements looking to union can hope to be successful with us that would call in question, either directly or indirectly, the validity and Scriptural authority of our ministry. Methodism claims for its ministry the divine anointing, the seal of the Spirit These have been graciously vouchsafed to us; and in this do we rejoice. But we claim no more for ourselves than we most cheerfully concede to sister Churches. The good hand of the Lord has

been with them also; and in this also do we rejoice. And here we would express our conviction that any method that would help to bring the different Churches together must admit at once and unreservedly the validity and equality of the ministry of the contracting parties.

We would suggest as a tentative and educating measure the occasional interchange of pulpits, and the recognition of a common brotherhood at the Lord's table, among those who seriously aim at Christian union. This has been practised among several of the Protestant Churches, with the most gratifying results. Among those who exchange pulpits, and who meet together in ministerial associations, there is a constantly increasing conviction, that the central truths of Christianity are dearer to them than mere shibboleths, and that there is a nobler work than the mere emphasizing of denominational peculiarities. To all such the Methodist Church extends its hand, and opens its heart; and sinking, as far as may be necessary, customs based on mere expediency, would join in giving emphasis to the "name which is above every name."

Hoping that these statements may aid in placing our Church fairly and fully before our Christian brethren everywhere, and inviting all to a closer union in the bonds of Christian love,

We subscribe ourselves your brethren in Christ.

A. CARMAN,
General Superintendent of Methodist Church.
S. F. HUESTIS,
Secretary.

Your Committee would further recommend to the General Conference that the following ministers and laymen be appointed a standing committee for the ensuing Quadrennium, viz.:—The General Superintendent; Revs. Dr. Burns, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Burwash, Dr. T. G. Williams, Dr. Ryckman, Dr. Stewart, Dr Douglas, Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. Griffith; Hon. J. C. Aikins, Jas. Mills, Rev. George Webber, Judge Jones, George A. Cox.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES STEWART, *Chairman.*
GEORGE G. HUXTABLE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL.

The Court held only two sessions during the Quadrennium; the first extending over two days, January 11th and 12th, 1888, and the second on the 3rd of September, 1890.

At the first session the following appeals were heard and determined:—

1. An appeal by the London Conference against the transfer of the Rev. J. W. Annis, M.A., to that Conference, on the ground that there was no vacancy, and it could not legally be made under par. 129, 12 of the Discipline, as claimed. The Court held that there was, in this case, no decision of the General Superintendent on a question of law within the meaning of par. 128, 3*c*, and there was no appeal to this court. That inasmuch as the President of the London Conference had ruled that Mr.

Annis was a member of that Conference, and that decision was not appealed from, the Conference had acquiesced in it. The Stationing Committee had also stationed him. The appeal was consequently not allowed.

2. An appeal by the Rev. E. S. Rupert, of the Guelph Conference, against a decision of that body. A minister of that Conference having been charged with a violation of the Seventh Commandment, was found guilty by the Committee of Trial. This finding was confirmed by the Conference, which decided to place his name on their Minutes in answer to Question 15 of par. 152 of the Discipline, hence the appeal. Objection was taken that proper notice was not given to the Conference, and that the case was not appealable. The Court held that the only notice appellant had to give was to the General Superintendent, under par. 128, 6, and found that verbal notice had been given to the Conference in addition. It further held that the case was appealable under par. 139; that as the Committee and Conference had found the accused guilty of an offence falling under par. 229, it had exceeded its jurisdiction in imposing a different penalty from that prescribed in the Discipline, and the Court had jurisdiction under par. 128, 3*c*. The appeal was, therefore, allowed; and it was declared that under par. 229 the accused should have been deposed from the ministry and expelled from the Church, and the Minutes amended accordingly.

3. An appeal by the Rev. E. B. Harper, D.D., against the finding of a Committee on a charge respecting an alleged invasion of the St. Vincent Circuit, Toronto Conference, by the Superintendent of the Woodford Circuit, Guelph Conference. Objection was taken that the Committee was not one, under par. 284 of the Discipline, on Conference Boundaries, but one appointed to try specific charges against a minister. The Court held that the objection was well founded, and that it had no jurisdiction to entertain the appeal.

At the second session, the following appeals were heard and determined:—

4. An appeal by the Rev. John Shaw, D.D., against a decision of the Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., General Superintendent, while presiding in the Toronto Conference. In May, 1888, the Quarterly Board of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, appointed two laymen to attend the Annual District Meeting on account of the Rev. John Shaw, D.D., and Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., belonging to that Circuit. The Chairman of the District ruled, that as these ministers were not in the pastoral work on the Circuit, the laymen were not entitled to sit in the District Meeting. In the Annual Conference, a complaint of maladministration of discipline was brought against the Chairman. The General Superintendent ruled that the Chairman had properly decided. An appeal was taken from this decision. The Court held that as these two ministers were in the active work, and appointed to that Circuit by the Stationing Committee, the Quarterly Board had a right to send the two laymen to the District Meeting, and allowed the appeal.

5. An appeal by the Rev. T. M. Campbell, of the Guelph Conference, from a decision of the President on a question of law in the Conference, having been heard by the Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, after the death of the Rev. Dr. Williams. The appellant was dissatisfied, and claimed that the surviving General Superintendent could not exercise the

judicial powers laid down in par. 128, 3*g*, of the Discipline. The Court considering that par. 116 provides for the election of one or more General Superintendents, and that while the last General Conference elected two, the committee named in par. 126 had the right to decide whether a successor to the late General Superintendent should be elected ; and inasmuch as that body decided not to elect a successor, the Rev. Dr. Carman had a right to hear such an appeal as if he had been alone elected General Superintendent by the General Conference. The appeal was consequently not allowed.

6. An appeal by the Rev. E. S. Rupert, M.A., against a decision of the Guelph Conference, declining to receive the decision of the General Superintendent rendered under par. 128, 3*g*, in an appeal under par. 128, 3*a* and *c*, in which the General Superintendent held that the Conference had exceeded its jurisdiction in indefinitely postponing the question of the passing of a sentence which this Court had held it should pass. The objection was urged before the Court that one General Superintendent could not hear and decide such appeals. The Court, following its own decision in the preceding case, held that the surviving General Superintendent had jurisdiction, affirmed his decision, and allowed the appeal.

7. Appeal by a minister of the Niagara Conference from a decision of a special session of the ministerial members of that body, expelling him for the offence of bigamy, and from the decision of the President in not allowing a motion in amendment of the sentence. The General Superintendent having heard the appeal, sustained the Conference and the President, and dismissed the appeal. This action was affirmed by the full Court.

A. CARMAN, *President.*
JOHN J. MACLAREN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

That the following memorials referred to this Committee be returned to the Conference, with a view to a more appropriate reference, viz.:—

1. The memorial of the Manitoba Conference and the letter of the Rev. T. M. Harrison, in reference to Titles of Church property in the North-West Territories,—to be referred to the Judicial Committee.

2. Memorial of Nova Scotia Conference in reference to Church Extension and Parsonage Aid,—to Church and Parsonage Aid Committee.

3. Memorial of Bay of Quinte Conference, in reference to Statistics,—to Statistical Committee.

4. Memorial of Bay of Quinte Conference, referring to Insurance,—to Committee on Church Insurance.

All of which is respectfully submitted

R. WHITING, *Chairman.*
J. B. WILLMOTT, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2.

That, in reference to the memorial of certain members of the Church in Winnipeg, and the motion of Dr. J. J. Maclaren on the selection of Church sites, your Committee recommend that the following paragraph be added to the section of the Discipline on Churches, page 115, viz.:—

When it is proposed to erect a new church within the bounds of any circuit or mission, the Superintendent of such circuit or mission shall notify the Chairman of the district, indicating the proposed site; and the Chairman shall notify the Superintendent of any circuit or mission affected thereby; and if objection be made, and the parties cannot agree, then the difficulty shall be settled by arbitration.

In reference to the memorial *re* the St. Lawrence camp-ground, your Committee, being advised that another committee of this Conference had considered and reported on the matter, make no report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. WHITING, *Chairman.*
J. B. WILLMOTT, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY.

Report No. 1, recommending the appointment of a Central Board of Examiners, was not adopted.

Report No. 2.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

1. We recommend that all paragraphs relating to the Board of Examiners, and regulations relating to the examination of Conference students and probationers, be consolidated in one place or under one chapter, viz., par. 149, 171, sub-secs. 2 and 3; 172, sub-sec. 3, and 181; and any other paragraphs which may be added by this Conference.

2. That Superintendents of Circuits report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners immediately after the third Quarterly Meeting the names and addresses of all candidates coming up for examination in the Preliminary Course.

3. That a manual be printed for the use of candidates and probationers, giving full directions for their guidance in their course of study, and all questions relating to the same; and that Revs. Dr. Burwash, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Stewart and Dr. Ryckman be requested and authorized to prepare and publish the said manual.

4. In the matter of the memorial of the Toronto Conference, as to probationers meeting during the year for "instruction and drill upon their various studies, after the manner of the Itinerant Club of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States," we very strongly recommend that Annual Conference Boards of Examiners arrange for such gatherings, to be held so far as the circumstances permit.

5. In the matter of the motion relative to certificates from Albert College, we beg to report that in our opinion no action is needed, as such certificates coming from one of our connexional institutions are provided for in Discipline, par. 187, sub-sec. 2.

6. We recommend that par. 149 (page 59) be amended by changing Provincial into Provincial Teachers' Certificates of the first or second class.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

1. In the matter of the resolution proposing the insertion in the course of study of a suitable work on the relation of Christianity to socialism, we recommend that probationers extend their reading so as to be conversant with the various social problems of the day; but that at present no examination be required in this department, in view of the enlargement of the curriculum in other directions.

3. On the memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference, asking that doctrinal standards be formulated suitable for oral examination, we are of opinion that our Church Catechisms may fully serve the purpose in view.

4. We recommend that par. 172, 2, be amended by erasing the last sentence and substituting therefor, "He must have a certificate of having completed his Preliminary Course. He may, however, be received on probation in case he has not passed in the subject of Greek, provided that his standing as a probationer shall not be given until at college, or in Conference examinations his requirements in Greek be met."

5. We recommend that in par. 181, sub-sec. 11, the words commencing "but prior to being recommended," to the end, be erased, and that the substance thereof be stated at the end of the college curriculum, as per appendix annexed.

6. We recommend the following changes in Discipline:—

(*a*) Par. 149, 7th line, after "candidates," erase "to be presented to the Annual District Meeting," and insert instead, "and probationers who shall present them to the Annual District Meeting, and shall be prepared to submit them at any time to Conference or college authorities when required to do so."

(*b*) Par. 171, 2, 4th line, substitute "results" for "character."

(*c*) Par. 171, 3, 5th line, after "Secretary," erase remainder, and insert "of each Conference or College Examining Board to give a record of standing in each subject, and for this purpose every probationer shall forward to the Secretary his certificate for entry of additional subjects to his credit in time to submit it to the Annual District Meeting."

(*d*) Par. 171, 7, 2nd line, after "probationer" insert "except as elsewhere provided."

(*e*) Par. 181, 9, change to read, "Graduates in Arts who shall complete the course prescribed for them, shall be allowed one year on their probation."

(*f*) Par. 181, 12, 5th line, change to read "By the faculty of the University or College."

(*g*) Par. 181, 15, 2nd and 3rd lines, change to read "Victoria University, Mount Allison University, the Wesleyan Theological College, or at Wesley College, Winnipeg."

7. We recommend that Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., and Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., be authorized to prepare a form of Certificate of Examinations which shall serve in all the Conferences.

8. We have considered the various memorials and resolutions submitted to us regarding text-books and subjects of study, and we respectfully submit herewith the revised curricula for the ensuing Quadrennium.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM I. SHAW, *Secretary.*

COURSES OF STUDY.

The following Curricula were adopted for the ensuing Quadrennium, to take effect after the Annual Conferences, 1891 :—

I. ORDINARY COURSE.

PRELIMINARY.

1. ENGLISH BRANCHES.
   - English Grammar.
   - Composition, including Essay on subject designated by examiners at the time of examination.
   - Arithmetic.
   - Geography.
2. ENGLISH LITERATURE.
   - Brooke's Outlines of English Literature, and Selection from Macaulay's Essays, Warren Hastings (Ontario School series). (One paper.)
3. HISTORY.
   - Smith's Shorter Histories of Greece and Rome (one paper).
   - Ontario Public School History of England and of Canada.
   - Smith's New Testament History.
4. GREEK GRAMMAR.
   - Harkness' First Greek Book, or Goodwin with White's Exercises, as far as Syntax, as may be determined by each Examining Board.
5. THEOLOGY.
   - Wesley's Sermons, I. to XX., (Burwash).
   - Methodist Catechism, No. II.

FIRST YEAR.

1. BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION.
   - Barrow's Introduction, Parts I. and II.
2. BIBLICAL HISTORY.
   - Smith's Old Testament History.
3. THEOLOGY.
   - Wesley's Sermons, XX. to LII., (Burwash).
   - Fletcher's Check, V., and Steele's Antinomianism Revived (one paper).
   - Wesley on Christian Perfection.
4. GREEK GRAMMAR.
   - Harkness' First Greek Book, or Goodwin with White's Exercises, Syntax to end, as may be determined by each Examining Board.
5. ENGLISH LITERATURE.
   - Spencer on Style, and
   - Gray's Elegy, Longfellow's Psalm of Life and Resignation (one paper).
6. THE ENGLISH BIBLE.*
   - Sermon on the Mount.
7. HOMILETIC EXERCISE.†

* Questions to be confined to the English Text.

† Sketch of sermon to be prepared on one of three texts designated by Examiner at the time Examination. Value of sketch to be reported in the general standing.

SECOND YEAR.

1. HERMENEUTICS.
   Barrow's Introduction, Part IV.
2. EXEGESIS.
   Gospel of St. John in Greek, Chaps. I. to X.
3. CHURCH HISTORY.
   Blackburn's History of the Christian Church.
4. THEOLOGY.
   Pope's Theology, Vol. I.
5. RHETORIC.
   Hart.
6. THE ENGLISH BIBLE.*
   Genesis and Exodus.
7. HOMILETIC EXERCISE.†

THIRD YEAR.

1. EXEGESIS.
   The Epistle to the Romans in Greek, Chaps. I. to IX. inclusive, with Burwash's Commentary.
2. HOMILETICS.
   Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
   Homiletic Exercise.†
3. CHURCH HISTORY.
   Stevens' History of Methodism (to the Death of Wesley).
   History of Methodism in Eastern British America, T. Watson Smith, Vol. I., for Maritime Conferences.
   Centennial Memorial Volume of Canadian Methodism for other Conferences.
4. THEOLOGY.
   Pope's Theology, Vol. II.
5. LOGIC.
   Fowler's Logic, Deductive and Inductive.
6. THE ENGLISH BIBLE.*
   Acts of the Apostles.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. THEOLOGY.
   Pope's Theology, Vol. III.
2. APOLOGETICS.
   Bowne's Philosophy of Theism.
   Beet's Credentials of the Gospel and Temple's Relation between Science and Religion (one paper).
3. MORAL PHILOSOPHY.
   Janet's Theory of Morals.
4. MENTAL PHILOSOPHY.
   Dewey's Psychology.
5. DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.
   Including Model Deed and Statutes published in the Discipline.
6. THE ENGLISH BIBLE.*
   1st and 2nd Samuel and 1st and 2nd Kings.
7. HOMILETIC EXERCISE.†

* Questions to be confined to the English Text.
† Sketch of Sermon to be prepared on one of three texts designated by Examiner at the time of Examination. Value of sketch to be reported in the general standing.

II. COURSE FOR GRADUATES IN ARTS.

PRELIMINARY.

1. THEOLOGY.
   Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII. (Burwash).
   Methodist Catechism, No. II.
2. BIBLICAL HISTORY.
   Smith's New Testament History.

FIRST YEAR.

1. BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION.
   Barrow's Introduction, Parts I., III., IV.
2. THEOLOGY.
   Fletcher's Check, V., and
   Steele's Antinomianism Revived (one paper).
   Wesley on Christian Perfection.
3. BIBLICAL HISTORY.
   Smith's Old Testament History.
4. APOLOGETICS.
   Bowne's Philosophy of Theism.
   Beet's Credentials of the Gospel and Temple's Relation between Science and Religion (one paper).
5. EXEGESIS.
   Sermon on the Mount, in Greek. (Matthew.)
6. HOMILETIC EXERCISE. (See Ordinary Course.)

SECOND YEAR.

1. EXEGESIS.
   Westcott on the Canon.
   John's Gospel in Greek, with Westcott's and Godet's Commentaries.
2. CHURCH HISTORY.
   Fisher's History of the Church.
3. THEOLOGY.
   Pope's Theology, Vols. I. and II.
4. THE ENGLISH BIBLE.
   Genesis and Exodus.
5. HOMILETICS.
   Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
   Homiletic exercise. (See Ordinary Course.)

THIRD YEAR.

1. EXEGESIS.
   Epistle to the Romans in Greek, with Burwash's Commentary.
2. CHURCH HISTORY.
   Stevens' History of Methodism (to the death of Wesley).
   Smith's History of Methodism, Vol. I., for Maritime Conferences.
   Centennial Memorial Volume for other Conferences.
3. THEOLOGY.
   Pope's Theology, Vol. III.
   Sheldon's History of Doctrine.
4. CHURCH POLITY.
   Rigg's Organization of the Christian Church.
   The Discipline of the Methodist Church.
5. THE ENGLISH BIBLE.
   The Acts of the Apostles.
6. HOMILETIC EXERCISE. (See Ordinary Course).

III. COURSE FOR PROBATIONERS AT COLLEGE WHO ARE NOT UNDERGRADUATES IN ARTS OR DIVINITY.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology.
2. Exegesis.
   Selections from the Greek Testament.
3. Rhetoric and the English Language.
4. Logic.
5. Church History, or Hebrew, or Selections from the Vulgate, or Physical Science.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Systematic Theology.
2. Exegesis.
   Selections from the Greek Testament.
3. Homiletics and Elocution.
4. Metaphysics.
5. Church History, or Hebrew, or Selections from the Septuagint, or Physical Science.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Historical Theoltgy.
2. Exegesis.
   Selections from the Greek Testament.
3. Homiletics.
4. Ethics and Christian Evidences.
5. Old Testament Exegesis, or Physical Science, or Patristic Selections.

It is required that students must pass an examination on Wesley's Sermons Stevens' History of Methodism, and the Discipline, unless they have previously passed on these subjects.

IV. FRENCH COURSE.

1. Grammaire Française et Composition.
2. Arithmétique et Géographie.
3. Histoire Universelle (Duruy).
4. Catéchisme Méthodiste, No. II.
5. Articles de Religion et Régles Générales de l'Eglise Méthodiste.

Première Année.

1. Vie de Jean Wesley (Lelievre).
2. Voie du Salut (Wesley).
3. Perfection Chrétienne (Wesley).
4. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), Part I., Chaps. I. à III.
5. Etude Biblique (Godet), Vol. I.
6. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. I.
7. Epître de St. Jacques (Chapuis). On requiert la lecture des sermons de Wesley, 1re Serie, No. I. à XXVI.

Deuxième Année.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), Part I., Chaps. IV. à VII.
2. Etude Biblique (Godet), Vol. II.
3. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. II.
4. Histoire de la Litterature Française (Vinet), Vol. I.
5. Philosophie (Traité Elémentaire par Janet), pp. 1-316.
6. Histoire de l'Eglise (Bonnefon).
7. Rhétorique (Girard). On requiert la lecture des sermons de Wesley, Ire Serie, No. XXVII. à LII.

Troisième Année.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Augus), Chaps. I. à IV.
2. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vol. III.
3. Histoire de la Litterature Française (Vinet), Vol. II.
4. Histoire des Dogmes (Bonifas), Vol. I.
5. Homilétique (Vinet).
6 Philosophie (Janet), pp. 317-715.
7. Traité de la Vérité de la Religion Chrétienne (Abbadie), Vol. I.

Quatrième Année.

1. Manuel de la Bible (Angus), Part II., Chaps. V. à VII.
2. Histoire de la Réformation (D'Aubigné), Vols. IV. et V.
3. Histoire des Dogmes (Bonifas), Vol. II.
4. Traité de la Vérité de la Religion Chrétienne (Abbadie), Vol. II.
5. Philosophie (Janet), pp. 716-951.
6. Cours de Physique sans Mathématiques (Ganot).
7. Discipline de l'Eglise Méthodiste.

All of the above books in the French Course of Study, except the last, may at present be obtained from M. A. Chastel, Librairie Evangélique, 4 Rue Roquépine, Paris, France.

In case of text-books being out of print, the Principal of the French Methodist Institute, with the Principal and Registrar of the Wesleyan Theological College, are authorized to designate equivalents for them.

V. SPECIAL COURSE FOR MISSIONARIES.

Native Japanese, Chinese and Indian candidates for the ministry shall pursue such course of study as the Conference Board of Examiners may frame, it being understood that, as far as possible, the work prescribed shall harmonize with the ordinary course of study.

English-speaking candidates for Indian mission work in the Manitoba and North-West Conference may take House's Cree Grammar instead of Greek.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

Your Committee had placed before it the resolution of Rev. Dr. Lathern, asking for the appointment of a Committee of Privileges ; and a motion from the Rev. A. C. Courtice in regard to public provision for education, and would submit for the adoption of the General Conference as follows :—

Our civil and religious liberties are a heritage transmitted to us by the sacrifices of our honored forefathers. For them, we feel devoutly thankful to the Father of mercies. We regard any invasion of those liberties with grave apprehension and deep solicitude. On the one hand, we claim no rights for ourselves which we do not cheerfully accord to our fellow-subjects ; and, on the other, we will not submit to any stealthy or open encroachment upon this invaluable possession without the most vigorous protest and the employment of all rightful means of resistance.

Your Committtee would, therefore, recommend that the General Conference appoint a Standing Committee of Privileges, etc., to watch parliamentary legislation and government action during the Quadrennium, and, if necessary in any emergency, to co-operate with other Protestant bodies for the maintenance of civil and religious rights and privileges, such committee to be composed of two members—one minister and one layman—from each Annual Conference, and to be formed into Western and Eastern sections, and all needful business to be conducted, as far as possible, by correspondence.

The constant aggression of the Romish Church, and especially its recent assumptions, we regard as a sufficient justification for this recommendation. Its encroachment upon the civil and religious liberties of the Protestants of this Dominion, is manifested in the incorporation of the Jesuits in 1887; in the passing of the Jesuits' Estates Act in 1888, in the preamble of which Act there are statements which accord to the Pope of Rome—a foreign potentate—a recognition of rights and privileges which is an invasion of Her Majesty's supremacy, in the payment out of the Provincial Treasury the sum of $400,000 to the representative of the Pope, to be divided according to his wishes; and in the action of the Dominion Government, which, by a large majority, refused to take steps to secure the disallowance of said Act.

This encroachment upon the rights and liberties of Protestants is still further manifested by the authority which the Roman Catholic hierarchy of the Province of Quebec has acquired, enabling it to divide parishes in such a way as to be prejudicial to the municipal and civil interests of the Protestant minority; and in the intolerance and injustice inflicted on the Oka Indians.

In addition to the appointment of the said Committee of Privileges, your Committee would, therefore, recommend the General Conference to protest:—

1. Against the interference of any Church in the affairs of the State, and its efforts to make the State subservient to its own interests; and

2. Against any grants from the public funds for the endowment or support of any purely ecclesiastical or sectarian institutions.

In regard to the Oka Indians, your Committee report that it has received information from the Rev. W. Scott, representing the Indian Department, and from Chief Timothy, representing the Indians. After careful consideration, it seems to your Committee that the lands claimed by the Indians were originally given in *trust* to the Seminary of St. Sulpice, to be used for the benefit of the Indians in their civilization, education and religious instruction. As those Indians are British subjects, and, as it is a fundamental principle in the British constitution that no person shall be wronged, oppressed or persecuted for his religious belief, or his mode of worshipping God, therefore, your Committee maintain that it is the duty of the Dominion Government to see that the Indians are not subjected to inconvenience or disability because they have seen fit to renounce Romanism and accept Protestant Christianity.

While the offer of the Government, as presented by Rev. W. Scott, is not destitute of a measure of liberality, when considered merely from the financial standpoint, yet there are some things which have no equivalent in money.

The Indians are warmly attached to the place of their birth and to the inheritance made sacred by the memories of their forefathers. Your Committee regard it as a wrong and a cruelty, incapable of vindication, to compel them to leave the homes of their childhood and the graves of their ancestors simply because they became Protestants. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that the General Conference protest against the wrongs and persecutions inflicted upon the Indians, and repudiate and condemn the recent action of a Minister of the Crown, who, in the exercise of the functions of his office, has seriously trespassed on the civil rights of the Protestant Indians of Oka, by threatening to withhold their share of the scanty pittance which, as a part of the Oka people, they have heretofore received, and that this whole matter be entrusted to the Committee of Privileges, or to a special committee to be appointed, whose duty it shall be to guard the Indians against unrighteous interference.

With reference to public education, your Committee rejoice in the liberal provision made in all our Provinces for the cause of education, but regrets the existence of differences of public policy in the various Provinces. It cherishes the hope, both on patriotic and religious grounds, that our educational system, though under provincial management, will yet become a uniform and national system, and remain thoroughly Christian throughout the Dominion. It is of the opinion that it is the duty of the State to provide educational facilities for the whole people; and that it is of the utmost importance to guard against the growth of religious bigotry in the work of public instruction. It, therefore, most heartily approves of the policy which looks toward the establishment of a system of purely unsectarian schools in all the Provinces of the Dominion, and expresses its gratification that the said system has been adopted by the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba.

Your Committee would recommend the General Conference to request all the Annual Conferences, in their Educational Anniversaries, to give prominence to the public school system, as well as to the denominational interests, and to impress upon our people two things of vast importance, viz.: 1st, The use of the Holy Scriptures in Public and High Schools; and 2nd, The employment of those teachers only who have a good moral and religious character. In this way, we may hope that the youth of our land will grow up under the hallowing influences of truth and righteousness, and our Canadian people become strong and prosperous.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. BURNS, *Chairman.*
WM. GALBRAITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF TREASURERSHIPS.

Resolution of General Conference, page 93, JOURNAL of 1886: "That in order to the more careful consideration of the subject of consolidation of treasurerships, a Commission be appointed, whose duty it shall be during the present Quadrennium to draft a scheme to be submitted to the General Conference of 1890, and that the suggestions and resolutions of

said commission be published for the consideration of the delegates elect of the next General Conference, not later than the 1st July preceding the session, and that the following compose the Commission:—Hon. W. E. Sanford, Hon. John Macdonald, Messrs. E. Gurney, Geo. A. Cox, J. N. Lake, J. T. Moore, and Revs. Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Briggs, Dr. Stone, Dr. W. J. Hunter, John B. Clarkson."

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON CONSOLIDATION OF TREASURERSHIPS.

Your Commission appointed by the General Conference of 1886, to consider and report upon the propriety of consolidating the management of the various Connexional Funds, as far as the treasurership of the same is concerned, beg to submit the following facts and recommendations:—

1. During the Quadrennium, four meetings of the Commission have been held, at which the questions involved in the proposal were carefully considered.

2. We find that the following are the Funds which it is proposed to place in charge of one General Treasurer:—

(*a*) The Missionary Fund.
(*b*) The Superannuation Fund.
(*c*) The Educational Fund
(*d*) The General Conference Fund.
(*e*) The Union Church Relief Fund.
(*f*) The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.
(*g*) Any other Funds which may be established by the General Conference and assigned to this management.

3. In submitting such a proposal, three results are aimed at. (1) The highest efficiency of administration; (2) Economy of management; (3) Separation of financial from secretarial duties, in order that the Secretaries may devote their undivided time to the general work of their respective departments. Whether these results can be reached or not, may be inferred from the information presented in this report.

4. Under the present system the staff employed and the cost of management involved are as follows:—

(*a*) Missionary Society:

General Secretary	$2,000
House rent, taxes, etc	500
Assistant	1,200
House rent, taxes, etc	400
Accountant	1,000
Clerk	468
Rent, taxes, heating, and caretaking of offices	748
Total	$6,316

(*b*) Superannuation and General Conference Funds:

Treasurer	$1,000
Accountant	250
Rent, taxes, heating, caretaking	150
Total	$1,400

NOTE.—The Treasurer has received no remuneration during this Quadrennium for the management of the General Conference Fund; but the sum of $50, in above item of rent is charged to that Fund.

(c) Educational Fund:

General Secretary	$2,500
House rent, taxes, etc	500
Clerk	240
Rent of office, taxes, heating caretaking	162
Total	$3,402

NOTE.—At present, one-half of this amount is paid out of the Educational Fund, and one-half out of the Federation Fund.

The Union Church Relief, and the Church and Parsonage Aid Funds have heretofore cost the Connexion nothing for management, but it can hardly be expected that brethren will be found in the future who can afford to give the necessary time and labor to this work without remuneration. And the same may be said of the General Conference Fund.

5. It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the actual cost of management of all these Funds in the items of salaries and rent during the past Quadrennium has been a little over $11,000 per annum; but if the present system be continued, and remuneration given for work which has hitherto been done gratuitously, the annual cost will be somewhat increased.

Under the plan of consolidation it is proposed that there be one Treasurer for all these Funds, with such clerical assistance as may be found necessary; that the work be done in the rooms now occupied by the Missionary Society; that the various Funds contribute *pro rata* to the expenses of the Treasurer's Department; that the various Boards or Committees retain control of their respective Funds, but that a Joint Committee, representing all the Boards, be appointed to deal with matters of expenditure which belong to all the Boards in common, and not to any one exclusively.

6. It is also proposed that there shall be a Secretary of Missions, and a Secretary of Education as at present, and that such provision be made for the secretarial duties connected with the other Funds as the General Conference may deem expedient and necessary.

Along the line proposed two methods would be open to the General Conference. First, to elect a General Treasurer who, as a salaried officer, would give his entire time to the duties of the office; or secondly, to elect, as at present, some prominent layman as General Treasurer, with provision for the appointment of a salaried deputy or cashier who, under the direction of the General Treasurer, would be responsible for the office work connected with the management of the several Funds, such assistance being provided as may be found necessary.

7. In either case the salaried staff would be approximately as follows:—

(1) General Secretary of Missions.
(2) General Secretary of Education.
(3) Treasurer or Cashier.
(4) Clerk in Treasurer's office.
(5) Stenographer and General Clerk.

It is our opinion that such a staff would be adequate to the work required, and the changes proposed would effect a saving of say $2,000 a year, or upwards.

We, therefore, submit the following scheme in accordance with our instructions.

1. That the following Funds be placed in charge of one Treasurer, namely :—

(*a*) The Missionary Fund.
(*b*) The Superannuation Fund.
(*c*) The Educational Fund.
(*d*) The General Conference Fund.
(*e*) The Union Church Relief Fund.
(*f*) The Church and Parsonage Aid Fund.
(*g*) Any other Connexional Funds that may be ordered by the General Conference.

2. That each Board or Committee having the management of Funds represented in the foregoing arrangement, shall appoint from among its members one or more representatives, to form, with representatives from the other Boards, a Joint Committee, to be known as "The Joint Committee on Connexional Funds," the proportion of representatives to be as follows :—Missionary, 5 ; Superannuation, 3 ; Educational, 2 ; General Conference, 1 ; Union Church Relief, 1 ; Church and Parsonage Aid, 1.

3. That the Joint Committee shall have authority to appoint a Cashier, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer of the various Funds.

4. To fix the location of the General Offices.

5. To determine what assistance shall be employed in the Treasurer's Department.

6. To fix the remuneration to be paid to the Cashier and his assistants, and the amounts necessary for all other expenses of the Treasurer's Department ; also the proportion to be paid by the various Funds represented.

7. To define the duties of the Cashier, and to see that the same are duly performed.

8. To require the Cashier to furnish bonds, or other acceptable security, of such amounts as it may determine, for the safe custody of the Funds committed to his charge.

9. To determine in what bank or banks moneys belonging to the various Funds shall be deposited.

10. To direct and require the Cashier to sign all cheques and notes, and to endorse all acceptances in connection with any of the Funds, and to direct and require that all such cheques and notes shall be countersigned by the Secretary of the Fund concerned.

11. To determine by whom cheques and notes shall be countersigned in the case of Funds embraced in this scheme but not represented by a Secretary.

12. To arbitrate upon, and finally settle any dispute or difficulty that may arise between any of the Secretaries and the Cashier.

W. E. SANFORD, *Chairman.*
W. J. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have carefully considered the Report of the Commission on Revision of Discipline, and the large number of motions and memorials referred to them, and respectfully submit as an appendix hereto a memorandum of the changes which they recommend this Conference to adopt.

W. S. GRIFFIN, *Chairman.*
JOHN J. MACLAREN, } *Secretaries.*
W. G. SMITH, }

MONTREAL, September 25th, 1890.

Appendix to the Report of the Committee on Discipline.

CHAPTER II.

2. Page 22.—Part I., let section III. read as follows: "The duty of a minister and probationer—Matter and manner of preaching—Visiting from house to house."

3. Paragraph 61.—Remain as at present.

4. Paragraph 62.—Remain as at present.

5. Paragraph 63.—A minister or probationer should use all the means of grace himself, and urge the use of them on others, such as:

1. Prayer—private, family and public; consisting of deprecation, petition, intercession and thanksgiving.

2. Searching the Scriptures.

3. The Lord's Supper.

4. Fasting and abstinence.

5. Christian Conference. Ministers should manifest an interest in the spiritual welfare of each other by speaking freely to each other upon the subject of personal religion. They should take great care not to despise each other's gifts or speak lightly of each other, defending each other's character in everything as far as is consistent with truth.

5*a*. Omit paragraphs 69, 70 and 71.

6. Next insert paragraphs 72 and 73 as 64 and 65.

7. Paragraph 66.—It is by no means advisable for us to preach in as many places as we can without forming any societies. We should endeavor to preach most where there is the greatest number of quiet and willing hearers, where there is most fruit. We ought diligently to observe in what places God is pleased at any time to pour out His Spirit more abundantly, and at that time to send more laborers than usual into that part of the harvest.

8. Paragraph 67.—We can further assist those under our care by instructing them in their own houses. Family religion is wanting in many homes. What avails public preaching alone? We must, yea, every minister and every probationer must instruct the people from house to house. Let this be done, and that in good earnest.

9. Omit sections IV., V., VI., VIII. and IX. as separate sections, retaining only what is above proposed to be incorporated in section III.

10. Paragraph 90, line 8.—Strike out the words "member or."

11. Paragraph 95, line 3.—Insert the word "catechumen" before the word "classes," and add to the paragraph the following words: "and make returns of the same in a separate column to the Annual District Meeting." It is understood, however, that they shall not necessarily be included in the column headed "Total membership of the Church."

12. Paragraph 97, line 1.—Let the morning service consist of—1st, Doxology; 2nd, Hymn; 3rd, Prayer; 4th, Anthem or hymn; 5th, a Scripture lesson out of the Old and one out of the New Testament, the minister and congregation may read a portion responsively; 6th, Hymn; 7th, Sermon; 8th, Prayer; 9th, Collection; 10th, Hymn; 11th, Benediction; at the close the congregation to bow their heads in silent prayer. Let one hymn or more be read verse by verse alternately with the singing.

12*a*. Paragraph 99.—Read, "Let all our members be enrolled in classes, and in order," etc. (to end of paragraph as now).

13. Paragraph 100.—"Non-members should be admitted to the class-meeting with the utmost caution."

SECTION IV.—PRAYER-MEETINGS.

14. Paragraph 101.—"Let meetings be held each week for prayer, fellowship, instruction in the Word of God, and spiritual edification."

SECTION V.—LOVE-FEASTS.

15. Paragraph 102.—Present paragraph 103, changing word "shall" to "may."

SECTION VI.—SOCIETY MEETINGS.

16. Paragraph 103.—Present paragraph 104.

SECTION VII.—(To replace paragraphs 100 and 101.) EXCLUSION FOR NEGLECT OF THE MEANS OF GRACE.

17. Paragraph 104.—"If any members of the Church repeatedly and without sufficient reason neglect any of the means of grace, such as class-meeting, prayer-meeting, public worship, the Lord's supper, the ordinances of God, let the Superintendent, or his assistant, visit and admonish them; and if they continue their neglect, let them receive notice of exclusion. Nevertheless, it shall be the privilege of all persons who are laid aside for neglect of the means of grace, and not for immoral conduct, to appear before the Leaders' Meeting or Quarterly Official Board, to show cause why their names should be continued on the roll of membership, and if there be promise of amendment, let them still be borne with."

18. As to the proposal to abolish Quarterly Tickets, your Committee recommend that the Book Committee consider whether a better ticket could not be furnished without increasing the cost.

19. Paragraph 105.—Change to: "The General Conference shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, elected as hereinafter provided, and shall meet quadrennially."

20. Combine paragraphs 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110 with paragraphs 144 and 145, and insert them under the head of Annual Conferences, as hereinafter set out, as being Annual Conference business, making them agree with the Basis of Union and with each other.

21. After paragraph 105 insert 116.

22. Next insert 113, 111, 112 and 114.

23. Change paragraph 111 to read: "Fifty members of the General Conference shall form a quorum for the transaction of business."

23*a*. Make present paragraph 114, 4, paragraph 114, 3, and let paragraph 114, 3, become 114, 4, and read as follows:—

"It shall not make any change in the General Rules of our Society, except by a three-fourths majority, and if required by either order of ministry or laity, a two-thirds majority of each order, voting separately."

In view of the above, omit the note following paragraph 114.

24. After paragraph 114 insert the following from the Basis of Union, (the General Conference, paragraph 2) page 264: "No change shall be made in the Basis of Union, affecting constitutional questions, or the rights and privileges of ministry or laity, except by a three-fourths majority of the General Conference, and, if required by either ministry or laity, a two-thirds majority of each order, voting separately."

25. Paragraph 117.—Read: "The General Superintendents shall hold office," etc.

26. Omit paragraph 118, as creating an inequality.

27. Change the first sentence of paragraph 119 to read as follows: "The General Superintendents shall be members and chairmen, *ex-officio*, of all Standing Committees and Boards appointed by the General Conference, with the right to vote; but the one presiding shall have a casting vote only."

28. In paragraph 125, strike out the last seven words and substitute the following: "as hereinafter provided."

29. That the following be inserted before paragraph 127:—

"When any vacancy occurs during the Quadrennium in any Board or Committee of the General Conference by death, resignation or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the surviving members of such Board or Committee, unless some other provision has been made for filling such vacancy."

30. After paragraph 130, insert paragraph 133, and then paragraph 135, changing the latter to agree with the Basis of Union (paragraphs 4 and 7, page 265), to read as follows: "Each Annual Conference shall elect by ballot, without debate, from among its ministerial members, a President. It shall also elect by ballot, without debate, a Secretary," etc.

31. Insert paragraph 131 after 200.

32. Paragraph 134, line 5. Omit the words "of the previous year."

That paragraph 124 of Discipline be amended by striking out the word "members" in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof, "ministers and laymen."

That paragraph 126 be amended by striking out the words "and six other persons appointed for that purpose by the General Conference."

33. After paragraph 142, insert paragraphs 137, 160, and 161, omitting paragraph 138.

34. After paragraph 143, insert the following, to take the place of the present paragraph, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 144 and 145:

"144. Each Annual Conference, at the session next preceding each quadrennial meeting of the General Conference, shall divide into Ministerial and Lay Electoral Conferences, for the purpose of electing delegates; each body electing its own representatives. They shall be elected by ballot from within the jurisdiction of the Annual Conference electing them.

"145. The ministerial delegates shall consist of one member for every twelve ministerial members of each Annual Conference; provided, nevertheless, that a fraction of one-half shall entitle a Conference to an additional representative.

"146. Each delegate to the General Conference must receive a majority of the votes of the members of the Electoral Conference who may be present and vote, in order to an election.

"147. No layman shall be chosen a delegate to the General Conference who is under twenty-five years of age, or who has not been a member of the Church continuously during the five years next preceding his election.

"148. Each Electoral Conference, after the election of the number of delegates to which it is entitled, shall further proceed to elect a reserve delegate, and in addition, one reserve delegate for every ten members, or fraction thereof of one-half, it is entitled to send.

"149. The Secretary of each Electoral Conference shall report to the Annual Conference the names of the delegates elected to the General Conference, in the order of their election; and the President and Secretary shall report, as soon as practicable, their names and addresses to the Secretary of the General Conference.

"150. When vacancies occur in the delegation before the meeting of the General Conference, by reason of death, resignation or other cause, the reserves of the respective Annual Conferences shall have precedence in the order of their election, and be notified thereof by the President of their Annual Conference.

"151. At the first, second and third Annual Conferences succeeding a General Conference, all vacancies in the delegation by reason of death, resignation, transfer or other cause, shall be filled according to the rules in the preceding paragraphs, further ministerial and lay reserve delegates being elected to succeed those who have been taken to fill vacancies, or who have been advanced to a higher place on the list."

35. Paragraph 148.—"Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Conference Missionary Committee, which shall consist of the President of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, and one layman elected by ballot by the laymen of each Annual District Meeting.

36. Paragraph 152.—(1) The ministerial members of each Annual Conference shall hold a special session (to be called the Ministerial Session) for the business to be transacted by ministers alone, in advance of the meeting of the Annual Conference for general business. Such special session shall be presided over by the General Superintendent or the President, and shall be held at least one day prior to the meeting of the Annual Conference, as may be determined by the previous Annual Conference or at call of the President.

(2) Should it be found necessary, a special Ministerial Session may be held at any time during the sessions of the Annual Conference.

(3) The Ministerial Session shall examine the character and qualifications of all ministers, etc. Paragraph 139, Discipline.

(4) A record of the proceedings of the Ministerial Sessions shall be kept by the Secretary, who shall report the same to the Annual Conference, for information and insertion in the JOURNAL of Conference, and not for discussion.

37. Paragraph 153.—The business of the Ministerial Session shall proceed in the following order :—

1. The presiding officer shall open the session with the usual devotional services, and shall then cause the roll of the ministerial members of the Conference to be called.

2. What ministers or probationers have been transferred to or from this Conference?

3. Who are appointed as a Committee on Conference Relations?

4. Are there any objections or charges preferred against any of our ministers or probationers?

To this inquiry, each District Secretary shall answer for his District, after which time shall be given to each Chairman to report any charges preferred between District Meeting and Conference, and to report the progress made in the investigation of such charges.

5. What probationers for the ministry are now received into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?

6. What probationers for the ministry remain on trial?

(*a*) Who are the probationers of three years?
(*b*) Who are the probationers of two years?
(*c*) Who are the probationers of one year?
(*d*) Who are the probationers on the list of reserve?

7. What candidates for the ministry are now received on trial?
8. Who are the superannuated ministers?
9. Who are the supernumerary ministers?
10. Who are now located?
10 (*a*) Who have resigned from the ministry of our Church, and entitled to credentials of standing?
11. Who are dropped in silence for irregular withdrawal from our work?
12. Who are suspended from the ministry?
13. Who are deposed from the ministry and expelled from the Church?

Expunge paragraphs 132 and 140 of Discipline.

14. The business of the ordinary session of the Annual Conference shall proceed in the following order :—

(1) The Presiding Officer shall open the Conference with the usual devotional services, and shall then call for the names of the laymen reported as elected by the District Meetings; after which the roll of the members shall be called.

(2) The Conference shall then elect by ballot its President, and then its Secretary, after which it shall fill any vacancies in the office of Chairmen of Districts.

38. What is the report of the Special Session of the Conference? What is the report of the Conference Special Committee?

1. Who compose the several Conference Committees? The Stationing Committee? Pastoral Address? Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolu-

tions? Statistical Returns? Sabbath-schools? Contingent Fund? Education of Candidates for the Ministry? The Missionary Committee? Temperance? Credentials? State of the Work?

2. What ministers or probationers for the ministry have died during the year?

4. What probationers for the ministry are appointed to attend Victoria University, the University of Mount Allison College, the Wesleyan Theological College, or Wesley College, Winnipeg?

5. Who compose the Board of Examiners for this year?

6. What minister is appointed by this Conference to the General Board of Missions?

7. What layman has been appointed to the General Board of Missions by the lay members of the Conference Missionary Committee?

8. What vacancies are there in the General Conference delegations?

9. Who are elected to fill vacancies in the General Conference delegations?

10. Who compose the Conference Special Committee?

11. What new Districts, Circuits and Missions have been formed?

12. What is the number of church members, churches, and other places of worship, and attendance on worship on each Circuit and Mission? What is the number of deaths of members, baptisms administered, and of marriages solemnized by each minister?

13. What is the number of ministers, probationers for the ministry, and laymen in the Quarterly Official Board? Of Sabbath-schools? And (at the Conference preceding the General Conference) what connexional property is returned? These questions shall be answered in accordance with the authorized Conference Schedules.

14. What has been collected on each District for the various Connexional Funds? Have these amounts been remitted at the proper time to the several Treasurers, and paid over to the several claimants?

15. What are the reports of the several Committees?

16. Have the District Sabbath-school Conventions been held?

17. What further measures can be adopted for the promotion of the work of God within or beyond the bounds of the Conference, and what are the recommendations of the District Meetings on this important subject?

18. Where are the ministers and probationers for the ministry stationed for the ensuing year?

19. Who are the Chairmen of Districts and the Financial Secretaries for the ensuing year? Who are the Conference Treasurers for the Connexional Funds?

39. That Paragraph 143.—(Discipline), read: "The Annual Conference in special session," etc.

41. Paragraph 156.—Let paragraph 156, 1 and 2, read as follows: "The Stationing Committee shall meet at the call of the President, at the place appointed for holding the Annual Conference, previous to the commencement of its sessions.

"1. The Stationing Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary during the sessions of the Conference, for the revision of the stations; and any minister shall have the right to appear before the committee to represent his case in regard to his appointment. Any Quarterly Board interested may also appear by not more than two representatives, appointed at

a regular meeting of the Board, or at a meeting of the members of the Board called for this purpose only, by the Superintendent or two other members of the Board, a majority being present, all having been duly notified.

"2. The first draft of stations, in printed form, shall be placed on the table of the Conference at the close of the first session, and copies shall be supplied to the members; the second and final draft at any time before the close of the Conference, as the Conference may order."

42. Paragraph 158.—Add, "Where a Circuit or Mission has no minister or probationer, but only a supply, the Quarterly Official Board may elect by ballot a lay delegate, who shall be a member of the Annual District Meeting."

43. Paragraph 167.—Add, "The Chairman and Secretary of the District shall forthwith send to the Secretary of the Conference a list, certified by them, of such lay representatives, and from such lists shall be compiled the roll of lay members of the Annual Conference."

44. Omit paragraph 159, as superfluous.

45. Change paragraph 162 to read as follows: "162. The duties of the chairman of a District are," etc.

46. Omit paragraph 163. (See paragraph 232.)

47. Let the following paragraphs follow 158, viz.: 165, 168, 166, 169, 170, 171, 172, 181, 173, 174, 175, 176 and 177.

47*a*. Paragraph 172, 5, p. 74.—Insert after the words "necessity of," in the 4th line from foot of page, the words "holiness both of heart and life, and the proper eternity of."

48. Let the following be substituted for paragraph 178, questions 12 and 13, and paragraph 179:

"12. What minister is elected to represent the District on the Stationing Committee?

"13. What minister and layman are elected to represent the District on the Sabbath-school Committee of the Annual Conference? (See paragraph 321.)

"14. What laymen are elected as members of the Annual Conference?

"15. Can any measures be adopted for the promotion of the work of God in the District?

"16. Where shall the next District Meeting be held? (See paragraph 165).

"17. What layman has been elected to the Annual Conference Missionary Committee?"

After paragraph 178 insert 167.

After paragraph 167 insert 162 and 164.

Paragraph 185. After the words "new District," insert the words "or otherwise."

The Quarterly Official Board. Arrange the paragraphs of this section in the following order: 188, 189, 190, 194, 191, 192, omitting 193, as superfluous.

50. Paragraph 183.—The Financial District Meeting shall be composed of the Superintendents of Circuits, and a lay delegate from each Circuit and Mission in the District, appointed by the Quarterly Official Board.

51. Paragraph 188.—After the word "leaders," in 5th line, insert "and assistant leaders."

51*a*. Special meetings of the Quarterly Official Board may be convened by the Superintendent for special business, to be named in the notice duly given to the members of the Board.

52. Paragraph 191, 4.—Line 3, after the word "leaders," insert "and assistant leaders."

53. Paragraph 191, 6.—Insert, after the word "Discipline," in 9th line, the following, "also to report the number of vacancies, if any, in the Trustee Boards."

54. Paragraph 194, 3.—Line 5, change "Steward" to "lay delegate."

55. Paragraph 194, 4.—After the word "purpose," in 7th line, insert, "The Superintendent shall nominate at least three more than the number of Stewards to be elected. After the nominations are all made, the election shall be by ballot."

56. Paragraph 194, 5.—Add the following, "at the third meeting of the Quarterly Official Board to receive the audited statement of Trustees referred to in section 23 of the Model Deed."

57. Let the paragraph 194, 6, 3, read as follows: "3. To elect by ballot, without debate, the lay delegates to attend the Annual District Meeting, in the proportion of one delegate for each minister or probationer in the active work on the Circuit. If there be no minister or probationer on the Circuit or Mission, but only a supply, to elect one lay delegate as above."

58. Paragraph 207.—Add the following: "11. To audit the books and accounts of Trustees, in accordance with section 11 of the Model Deed."

59. Paragraph 210.—Add the following: "3. To act as Treasurer of the Quarterly Official Board, unless the Board elects some other person to that office."

60. Paragraph 213.—After the word "accuser," in the 1st line, add "or a material witness."

61. Let paragraph 215 follow 213, and add the following words from paragraph 216, "All charges shall be in writing."

62. Let paragraph 217 follow next, omitting the last sentence.

63. Let paragraph 216 follow next, reading as follows: "A copy of the charges with a notice," etc.

64. Let paragraph 214 follow next.

65. Let paragraph 218 follow next, "reading as follows: A Committee of Trial shall consist of five, of whom three shall form a quorum, and, if they agree, may render a verdict. The officer who is to preside at a trial shall summon the qualified persons to compose the committee. Persons preferring charges or being material witnesses, shall not be eligible as members of the committee."

66. Paragraph 220.—Add the following: "but this shall not be understood as authorizing or permitting the employment of professional counsel in our Church courts."

67. Let paragraph 225 read as follows: "Any amendment of the charges, or any addition thereto may be allowed at any time, if the committee consider the same to be in the interest of justice, provided, the accused be allowed such opportunity as the committee think reasonable to meet such amended or new charges."

68. Place the heading "Appeals" after, instead of before, paragraph 244, and amend paragraph 244 by making it read as follows: "244. In the case

of the trial of a minister (other than a General Superintendent), or of a probationer, the whole of the evidence and papers shall be laid before the next ensuing Annual District Meeting to which he belongs, for its information, and subsequently forwarded to the Annual Conference. If the decision be rendered between the holding of the Annual District Meeting and the Conference, the documents shall be forwarded directly to the Annual Conference."

69. Insert the word "annual" before the words "District Meeting" wherever they occur in paragraphs 246 and 252.

70. In paragraph 247 for the last line substitute the following: "Let their report be considered as a charge, and let a trial be had thereon."

70*a*. In paragraph 254, strike out all after the words "paying them," and substitute the following: "Let their report be considered as a charge and let a trial be had thereon."

71. Paragraph 263.—Strike out "Deed of Settlement," and substitute "Book of Discipline and Model Deed."

72. Paragraph 270.—After the word "die," insert the words "resign his office as Trustee."

73. Let paragraph 271 read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Trustees, for the time being, to keep a book of record in which the names of the Trustees shall be entered, together with the names of their respective successors, giving in each case the date when each became a Trustee, and the date when each ceased to be a Trustee, and the cause of his ceasing to hold the office."

74. Paragraph 272. Add at the end of the paragraph the words "and one Mission Conference, Japan."

75. Omit paragraphs 273 to 283 inclusive.

76. Paragraph 363. Place the words "under the direction of the Western Section of the Book Committee," after the word "periodicals," instead of their present place.

77. It is recommended that the mode of electing or appointing all Circuit officials be placed together to form a chapter or section in the Discipline.

Report amended as follows:—

1. That the General Conference Special Committee be authorized to insert a clause, or section, in the Model Deed, to prevent the loss of our church property, arising from members of a Trustee Board combining to allow payments on mortgages to lapse, or arising from any breach of trust on the part of a Trustee Board, and to secure the necessary legislation therefor.

2. That the General Conference Special Committee, as it may deem expedient, be authorized to secure the necessary legislation incorporating in the Model Deed the items of the Reports of the Judicial Committee, the Committee on Discipline, and all reports of committees or commissions adopted, affecting the Model Deed.

78. Regarding the various proposals to amend the Model Deed, the Committee would call attention to the fact that any change in the Deed will require legislation, and they are not prepared to advise immediate action on that line; but they are in favor of the following changes, and recommend that they be embodied in the first legislation which the Church may seek to obtain:—

1. To provide greater facilities for the removal of Trustees who do not perform their duties, as prayed for by the Toronto Conference.

2. For power to reduce the number of Trustees to any number not less than five, where the number is found to be too large, in accordance with the motions of the Rev. J. Kay and Rev. W. Kettlewell.

3. To insert the words "or on his ceasing to be a member thereof," after the word "church," in line 34, in accordance with the motion of A. J. Donly.

79. The Committee do not recommend the adoption of the memorials and motions referred to them which are not included in the foregoing recommendations.

80. That the regulation relating to the amalgamation of missions, on page 114 of the JOURNAL of the General Conference of 1886, as amended by this Conference, recommended by the Committee on Missions, be inserted in the Discipline.

81. Amended by a motion, that the Chair nominate a committee of five, to be associated with the Secretary of Conference, to edit the Discipline.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

Your Committee have heard with great pleasure the Report of the General Secretary of Education, and rejoice in the gratifying success which has crowned his work in nearly doubling the income of the Society during the Quadrennium.

1. They recommend to the Conference that the report, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Educational Fund, be received and printed in the JOURNAL of the General Conference.

2. They further recommend that the Report of the Board of Regents of Victoria University be received and published in the JOURNAL, together with the Bursar's report.

3. They recommend that the Report of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, be received and printed in the JOURNAL.

4. They recommend that the Report of the Board of Regents of the University of Mount Allison College be received and printed, together with the Treasurer's statement.

5. They recommend that the Report of the Board of Albert College, Belleville, be received and printed, with the accompanying financial statement.

6. They recommend that the Report of Wesley College, Winnipeg, be received and printed.

7. They recommend that the Report of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, be received and printed.

8. They recommend that the Report of the Methodist College of Newfoundland be received and printed.

9. They recommend that the Report of Alma College, St. Thomas, be received and printed, with the exception of Section 8.

10. They recommend the following as the Boards of the foregoing institutions respectively :—

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11. Your Committee recommend that the Report of the Board of Regents and Advisory Committee be received and filed. With regard to the subject therein presented, and also presented in a number of resolutions referred to us, the Conference has already taken final action.

12. Your Committee recommend further the following resolution :—

* To have, when present, a seat with members of the Board and a right to tender advice.

Re FEDERATION.

Regarding the resolution of the General Conference re-affirming the decision of the General Conference of 1886, respecting the Federation of Victoria University with the University of Toronto, which has been referred to this Committee, we recommend that the Board of Regents be authorized and directed to take all the steps necessary to erect college buildings, complete the said Federation, and remove Victoria to Toronto at as early a period as may be found practicable. And further, that the Board of Regents be authorized to obtain any legislation necessary to give effect to the decision of the General Conference on this subject.

13. We recommend the following amendments to the Constitution of the Educational Society, Discipline, page 125 :—

That section II. be amended by striking out the words "higher mission schools" from the 3rd line.

That section III., page 126, be amended by changing "two," in the first line, to "one."

That section VII. (299, page 127) be amended to read as follows :—"The Treasurer of each Annual Conference shall, immediately at the close of his Conference, or not later than the 15th of July following, transmit to the General Secretary, and to the Secretary of the Board of Management, an audited statement of his accounts for the year. He shall also remit to the General Treasurer three-fourths the amount available, viz. : (*a*) The net amount raised by his Conference, and loans repaid by students, retaining the other fourth to be disbursed under the direction of the committee of his Conference. (*b*) This portion of one-fourth shall be disbursed by said committee as a loan fund in loans, without interest, and secured by notes payable within ten years to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Committee, and to defray expenses of Conference examinations ; (*c*) in payment of fees of twenty dollars to each student, which fees shall be a grant and not a loan.

The General Treasurer shall disburse the funds received by him, first, for the payment of expenses authorized by the Board of Management.

Secondly, for aiding the institutions in which our ministry are educated, in the following proportions : Victoria University (including Albert College), 50 per cent. ; the University of Mount Allison College, fourteen per cent. ; Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, eighteen per cent. ; Wesley College, Winnipeg, eighteen per cent.

14. Paragraph 300 of Discipline shall be amended by adding the following as No. 3 : "Undergraduates of Victoria or Toronto University shall be appointed to Victoria ; those of McGill, to Wesleyan Theological College. Other students in the Central Conferences shall be equally divided between Victoria and Wesleyan Theological College. The students of the Western Conferences may be appointed to Wesley College, and those of the Eastern Conferences to Mount Allison University." The same section shall be further amended by adding the following as No. 4 : "The Treasurer of each Annual Conference shall keep a book in which shall be entered the amounts of notes given by students, and the time when they fall due."

15. To paragraph 302 add the following : "All notes given by students for loans shall be held in trust by the General Treasurer, and when they mature, they shall be forwarded to the local Treasurer for collection."

16. We recommend the following substitute for sub-section 9, page 81, of the Discipline, and part of sub-section 11, page 82 :—

Probationers who in one of our Connexional Institutions have proceeded to the degree of B.D. or B.A., with full theological options, including Homiletics, shall be allowed two years on their probation, provided that in every such case the candidate shall have spent six months in circuit work during his college course. Other graduates in Arts shall be allowed one year.

17. We recommend that Wesley College, Winnipeg, be permitted to take the necessary steps to secure legislation for conferring degrees in divinity.

18. *Resolved*,—That the General Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Board of Management of the Educational Society, be hereby requested and authorized to correspond with the Treasurers of the Annual Conferences, with a view to securing uniformity in the administration of the Fund, in harmony with the provisions of the Discipline.

19. Whereas there is a most glaring and humiliating evil in the recognition in our Church records, written and printed, of academic titles which are given by inferior or fictitious educational institutions and which are discreditable to the men who assume them as well as to the Church, if they be officially recognized : it is, therefore, an instruction to the Examining Board of each Annual Conference to determine what titles shall be recognized in the records of the Conference.

20. We recommend that the memorial from the Trustee Board of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, *re* Victoria University be referred to the Board of Regents.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Name.	Assets.	Annual Income.	Annual Expenditure.	Staff.	Students, 1890.	Graduates.
Victoria University, Arts ..	$230,000	$20,000	$20,500	12	194	581
" " Theology					65	84
" " Law	....	....	....	..	21	116
" " Medicine..	....	....	....	..	276	1569
Mt. Allison " Arts	125,000	12,000	10,000	8	293	159
" " Theology..	15,000					
" Male Academy.....	30,000	11,000	11,000	5		
" Ladies' "	45,000	18,450	17,750	10		
Albert College	54,000	12,000	12,000	11	173	..
Wes. Theo. College, Montreal	105,000	6,000	6,000	6	42	7
Alma Ladies' College	110,000	23,000	21,500	20	214	45
Wesley College, Winnipeg ...	....	7,500	7,500	6	35	2
Wesleyan College, Stanstead .	60,000	5,600	6,000	8	107	176
Meth. Coll., St. John's, Nfld..	45,000	4,900	6,224	8	328	..
Wes. Ladies' Coll., Hamilton.	83,200	21,500	21,500	17	146	300
Ontario " " Whitby ..	80,000	22,000	22,000	19	155	118
L'Institut Meth. Français....	50,000	5,459	5,459	3	43	..
Anglo-Japanese College	10,000	11,000	11,000	11	100	..
Tokyo Ladies' "	6,500	5,000	5,000	7	250	..
Mt. Elgin Institute (Indian)*.	....	4,800	4,800	6	80	..
Total	$1,048,700	$190,209	$188,233	157	2522	3157

* Government Property.

The last four are Missionary Institutions, and are mostly dependent upon missionary grants from the General Board or from the Woman's Missionary Society. In addition to these, there are 43 other Mission schools. There are also 136 Methodist day schools in Newfoundland, under the denominational school system of that Province.

WILLIAM I. SHAW,
Secretary Board of Management, Educational Society.

Second Report.

In re notice of motion sent to this Committee, relating to a grant from the Educational Fund for the Methodist College, St. John's, Newfoundland, it was ordered that

Whereas, the constitution of our Educational Fund precludes granting the prayer of the petitioners; and

Whereas, the work done by the college referred to is largely of a missionary character;

Resolved,—That the Committee recommend that the communication be referred to the Committee on Missions.

GEORGE DOUGLAS, *Chairman.*
N. BURWASH, *Secretary.*

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

The duties assigned to me were defined by the last General Conference in the following resolution:—

"We recommend the General Conference to appoint a Secretary of Education, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and promote the scheme of College Federation, and to further the interests of the Educational Society."

To the work assigned in the latter clause of the resolution, I shall confine the first part of my report.

At the time of the last General Conference the income of the Educational Society was $11,954. The progressive interest in the great work of Christian higher education has been steadily maintained and increased during the Quadrennium, as will appear from the following comparative statement:—

Income—1887,	$14,035 16	Increase,	$2,080 40
" 1888,	16,456 27	"	2,421 11
" 1889,	19,685 08	"	3,201 81
" 1890,	20,345 00	"	686 90

The slight increase of last year over the former years of the Quadrennium may be accounted for by the condition of the roads during the past winter, and the widespread prevalence of "la grippe."

The following items from the Educational reports of the Quadrennium may be of interest to the Conference:—

Expenses of Deputation for four years.....	$2,100 03
" Examinations for four years	1,522 00
Amount of Loans to Students for four years.....	14,605 44
" Grants for Fees " "	2,815 64
Expenses of Local Treasurers " "	165 33
No. of Students' Notes to date, 214 ; Value.....	17,628 10

The importance of this work to the future of our Church, and also of our country can hardly be over-estimated. By this means scores of young men, called of God to the work of the ministry, are annually furnished with the training necessary to their great work. But of equal, if not greater importance, is the fact that hundreds of cultured young men and women go forth every year from these academic halls to become influential members of society, and not a few of them, to become pillars in the Church of God, and leaders in all good works. With increased intelligence and more thoroughly trained minds, these young people, who are the hope of the future, must bring to their work not only better methods, but also broader conceptions of Christian duty, and a more permanent, because a more intelligent, consecration to the service of Christ.

The second department of work assigned to me by the General Conference, was the raising of an endowment and building fund for Victoria University, in order to the effective completion of Federation.

Until the close of the Conference year of 1886-7, the claims of Elm Street Church upon my time precluded any systematic organization or canvass through the country generally. My attention was, therefore, directed mainly to the City of Toronto, and by the close of the Conference year subscriptions were secured amounting to the sum of $130,000.

At the Conference of 1887, a systematic plan was adopted to cover the entire field within the Province of Ontario. About $250,000 were apportioned to the Conferences within these limits, and the apportionments were generally accepted by the Conferences at the sessions of that year.

Very encouraging subscriptions were obtained at several of the Conferences, and hearty sympathy was accorded to the movement by the great majority of the ministers and laymen present. Either at the Conference or at a meeting of the Conference Special Committee shortly after, a distribution of the amount accepted by each Conference among the several districts was made, and arrangements effected for holding district conventions throughout our work.

During the following year, with the assistance of several brethren, lay and clerical, a convention was held in each principal district in the Province of Ontario. In connection with each convention a public meeting was held, and subscriptions secured, thus largely effecting a canvass of the principal centres. The result by the first of May, 1888, was a subscription list of $195,000.

This form of work was continued at the following Annual Conferences, and up to the month of October of that year. At that date a meeting of the Board of Regents with the Advisory Committee appointed by the last General Conference was called, and it was decided that, if by the first of May, 1889, the sum of $100,000 cash should be secured, and the subscription list should be advanced to, say, $250,000, the Board should take into consideration the propriety of proceeding at once with the buildings, and other steps towards Federation.

Pursuant to these resolutions, I addressed myself first to the completion of the canvass in the City of Toronto.

Sermons were preached in all our churches in the city in the month of December, and subscriptions solicited by committees of influential laymen, the result being an increase in the subscription list of over $20,000.

When the Board and Advisory Committee assembled on the 2nd of May, 1889, the subscription list stood at $250,613.25, of which $108,112.62 had been placed in the hands of the Treasurer in cash and accepted bank paper.

At this date an injunction was served upon the Board of Regents restraining them from further proceeding in the matter of Federation, and rendering further progress in the matter of securing subscriptions or cash payments exceedingly difficult.

The subscription list at present stands at nearly $270,000.

During the past year the University has lost one of its best friends, and the Church one of its most devoted members, in the decease of the late Wm. Gooderham. By the provisions of his will, a further sum of $200,000 is now available for the Federation fund. The amount named at the last General Conference is thus fully provided for, though the terms of Mr. Gooderham's will require a slight increase of estimate which can easily be covered in the near future should this Conference so order.

In making this report, we cannot but express our gratitude to the great Head of the Church, who has sustained us in a work of unprecedented difficulty and perplexity, and has brought us to so satisfactory a point in this great educational movement. We have also to thank our brethren in the ministry of our Church in the Conferences and many noble laymen for their co-operation and sympathy in this work. Without their help the success realized would have been impossible.

We cannot but refer also to the wonderful spirit of liberality which God hath poured upon the Church in this movement. Thirty subscribers consecrate nearly $150,000 to this work, in sums varying from $1,000 to $30,000. The legacy of the late Mr. Gooderham is the largest ever left to our Church for the work of God, and involves a corresponding responsibility.

And among the nearly 4,000 minor subscribers there are hundreds who have given according to their means with a princely liberality.

It is therefore with strong faith in the future of our Educational work that this report is respectfully presented for your consideration.

JOHN POTTS,
General Secretary of Education.

The following is a tabulated statement of our present educational work :—

COLLEGES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, 1890.

	Institution organized.	COLLEGE.	PRINCIPAL.	No. of Students.
1	1836	Victoria University, Cobourg, Ont.	Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., Chancellor.	507
2	1842	Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B.	J. R. Inch, Esq., LL.D.	293
		" " Ladies' College " "	Rev. B. C. Borden, M.A.	
		" " Academy " "	C. W. Harrison, Esq., M.A.	
3	1873	Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, Que.	Rev. G. Douglas, D.D., LL.D.	42
4	1857	Albert College, Belleville, Ont.	Rev. W. P. Dyer, A.M.	173
5	1877	Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, Ont.	Rev. B. F. Austin, A.M., B.D.	212
6	1873	Wesley College, Winnipeg, Man.	Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D.	35
7	1872	Wesleyan College, Stanstead, Que.	Rev. F. McAmmond, B.A.	110
8	1862	Methodist College, St. John's, Newfoundland.	R. E. Holloway, Esq., B.A., F.C.S.	356
9	1861	Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, Ont.	Rev. A. Burns, D.D., LL.D.	145
10	1874	Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, Ont.	Rev. J. J. Hare, Ph.D.	170
			Total No. of Students	2043

STATEMENT OF GENERAL TREASURER OF EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June, 1887.

Balance on hand from last year				$13 14
Received two-thirds income from	Bay of Quinte Conference		$918 14	
" "	Guelph "		1,107 20	
" "	Toronto "		2,168 16	
" "	London "		1,057 10	
" "	Niagara "		1,218 72	
" "	Nova Scotia "		382 13	
	" Bal. from last year		8 00	
" "	Brit. Columbia Conference		39 00	
" "	Manitoba "		177 75	
" "	New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference		434 69	
" "	Montreal "		1,826 10	
From J. E. Hockey, in payment of note			70 00	
				9,406 99
				$9,420 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants to Colleges—			
Victoria University	$5,025 00		
Wesleyan Theological College	1,675 00		
Mount Allison University	1,675 00		
		$8,375 00	
Dr. Potts, half cost furnishing house	500 00		
" salary of assistant	250 00		
Rent	78 11		
		828 11	
Dr. Shaw, for issuing Report, 1886		28 73	
Allowance to Manitoba student		50 00	
Travelling Expenses—			
Dr. Burwash	24 20		
New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia Delegates	12 00		
Dr. Douglas	38 00		
Dr. Nelles	10 00		
		84 20	
Dr. Burwash, for stationery, postage, etc.		3 85	
Commission on cheques		7 56	
Balance on hand		42 68	
			$9,420 13

RECEIPTS.

June, 1888.

Balance on hand from last year				$42 68
Received two-thirds income from	Bay of Quinte Conference		$826 35	
" "	Guelph "		1,154 98	
" "	Toronto "		2,783 06	
" "	London "		980 00	
" "	Niagara "		1,430 79	
" "	Nova Scotia "		818 73	
" "	British Columbia "		66 56	
" "	Manitoba "		155 81	
" "	New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference		523 25	
" "	Montreal "		1,721 93	
				10,461 46
				$10,504 14

Disbursements.

Grants to Colleges—

Victoria University	$5,100 00	
Wesleyan Theological College	1,700 00	
Mount Allison University	1,700 00	
		$8,500 00
General Secretary, salary	1,250 00	
Rent	250 00	
Office expenses	351 13	
		1,851 13

Travelling Expenses—

Dr. J. R. Inch	3 00	
Rev. Dr. Douglas	21 93	
" "	22 07	
" Dr. Burwash	21 00	
		68 00
Commission on cheques		10 15
Balance on hand		74 86
		$10,504 14

Receipts.

June, 1889.

Balance on hand from last year				$74 86
Received two-thirds income from	Nova Scotia Conference		$393 77	
" "	New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference		675 27	
" "	Montreal	"	2,053 56	
" "	Bay of Quinte	"	1,109 56	
" "	Toronto	"	3,229 48	
" "	Niagara	"	1,431 61	
" "	London	"	1,694 50	
" "	Guelph	"	1,101 20	
" "	Manitoba	"	233 81	
" "	British Columbia	"	83 57	
				12,006 33
				$12,081 19

Disbursements.

Grants to Colleges—

Victoria University	5,910 00	
Wesleyan Theological College	1,970 00	
Mount Allison University	1,970 00	
		$9,850 00
General Secretary, salary	1,250 00	
Rent	250 00	
Office expenses	624 85	
		2,124 85

Travelling Expenses—

Rev. Dr. Shaw	21 00	
" Dr. Stewart	21 00	
" Dr. Burwash	7 00	
" Dr. Douglas	35 00	
		84 00
Commission on cheques		11 99
Balance on hand		10 35
		$12,081 19

RECEIPTS.

June, 1890.

Balance on hand			$10 35
Received two-thirds income from Nova Scotia Conference	$448 12		
" " New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference	762 60		
" " Montreal "	2,034 71		
" " Bay of Quinte "	1,103 03		
" " Toronto "	2,937 58		
" Bal. in Treasr's hands	360 65		
" " Niagara Conference	1,548 74		
" " London "	1,209 22		
" Bal. in Treasr's hands	34 16		
" " Guelph Conference	1,224 91		
" " Manitoba "	140 11		
" " British Columbia "	104 47		
		11,908 30	
		11,918 65	
Balance due Treasurer		56 26	
		$11,974 91	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants to Colleges—			
Victoria University	$5,550 00		
Wesleyan Theological College	1,850 00		
Mount Allison University	1,850 00		
Wesleyan College, Manitoba	500 00		
		9,750 00	
General Secretary, salary	1,250 00		
Rent	250 00		
Office expenses	657 28		
		2,157 28	
Travelling Expenses—			
Prof. J. Burwash and Dr. Inch	22 60		
Rev. Dr. Douglas	10 00		
" Dr. Shaw	23 20		
		55 80	
Commission on cheques, etc.		11 83	
			$11,974 91

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of Victoria University, the Board of Regents beg to submit to the General Conference of the Methodist Church the following report:—

It is our first and painful duty to record the well-known fact that at the close of the first year of this Quadrennium the Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL.D., for thirty-six years at the head of the institution, was removed from his life-work after a brief illness, having just completed the sixty-fourth year of his age. We cannot but here pay a last tribute to his great executive ability, his brilliant talents in the pulpit, on the platform and in the University lecture-room, and his untiring zeal and supreme devotion to the great work of his life. The record of these is one with the history of the University itself. Following him there have also passed from our Senate chamber to rest and reward, Dennis Moore, Esq.,

Wm. Gooderham, Esq., the Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., Hon John Macdonald, R. I. Walker, Esq., and D. C. McHenry, M.A. These at our last General Conference were still in the full work of active life. Four others, already retired through the infirmities of age, but long intimately associated with the history of our University, have also closed their earthly career—Wm. Kingston, M.A., the Rev. E. Wood, D.D., the Rev. R. Jones, and the Rev. S. Rose, D.D. But two living links remain to connect us with the founders of the institution, the Rev. Ephraim Evans, D.D., of London, who was one of the first Agents, and the Hon. Billa Flint, of Belleville, one of the first Trustees.

Though deprived of the wise counsel and able co-operation of these venerated men, the Board of Regents have used their best efforts to secure the highest efficiency in the work committed to their care, and they hope not without success. Four years ago the entire staff in Arts consisted of seven professors with one in Theology. We have now eight professors in Arts and three in Theology, who also each carry one Department in Arts work. We are thus able to offer our students in the Departments of Languages and Literature and of Philosophy advantages quite as complete as any other Canadian University, while those of Mathematics and Science have been maintained as in the past.

The appreciation of this work by the youth of the country will appear from the following tabular statistics of the past four years :—

TABLE I.—AGGREGATE OF FOUR YEARS, 1886-90.

	Arts.	Theology.	Law.	Medicine.	Total.	Increase.
Matriculants	*221	..	..	..	..	41
Students in attendance.	439	123	38	..	..	77 (Arts & Theology)
Graduates	97	8	19	312	436	61

* Of these, 35 matriculated from Albert College, of Belleville, of whom 33 passed to senior matriculation in Albert College.

TABLE II.—PRESENT STATISTICS.

	Arts.	Theology.	Law.	Medicine.	Total.	Increase.
Total students	194	66	21	†276	557	*30
Undergraduates in full standing	162	50	21	†276	509	*45
Total graduates	581	84	116	1569	‡2350	452
Graduates, 1890	30+6¶	4	5	80	125	..

* In Arts, Theology and Law, at Cobourg.

† Actually matriculated in Victoria University, instead of all who were enrolled in affiliated schools as formerly.

‡ This is the number of graduates by faculties. As the same person may hold degrees in more than one faculty, the number of Alumni is 2271.

¶ 6 M.A.'s.

These statistics represent a continuous and healthy growth throughout the Quadrennium, as will appear from the increased averages. The average attendance of students in Arts for the four years has been 183, an increase of 37 ; the average number of matriculants, 55, an increase of 10 ; and the average graduates in Arts, 24, an increase of six, or more than thirty per cent. above the preceding periods, or any other four consecutive years in the history of the University.

This advance has been made by considerable effort on the part of the Faculty of Arts and the Senate of the University, as well as of the Board of Regents. The staff has been increased from eight professors in Arts to twelve, including an associate professor absent in Europe, and the professor of New Testament Exegesis. These men have all had the advantages of extensive post-graduate studies in Europe, or in the best Universities of this continent. Many of them are men of mature experience in educational work, while the younger men have brought back to us the highest honors of the best German Universities. Your Board can, therefore, speak with the fullest confidence as to the high character of the advantages offered to the youth of our country in this institution of the Church.

This important extension of our teaching staff has involved an increase of annual expenditure of some $2,500 a year. In the meantime our ordinary income has increased by $4,300, and is within $432 of meeting the cost of maintenance this past year. It will thus be seen that the Board has advanced the efficiency of the institution as rapidly as the means at their disposal will admit. As will be seen, our present income from ordinary revenue is $20,291.44. Our expenditure for maintenance is $20,733.38.

Corresponding to this extension of our teaching staff, the Senate of the University have endeavored to extend and perfect the curriculum of the degree of B.A., which now affords instruction in the following departments of study :—

Departments.	Weekly	
	Lectures.	Attendance.
Civil Polity, including Political Economy	6	47
Philosophy, including Ethics and Logic	17	91
Apologetics	2	35
Biblical Literature	1	20
Latin and Greek Languages	29	55
English Literature	9	94
Mathematics	16	80
Biology, with laboratory work additional	3	41
Chemistry " " "	4	60
Physics (1889) " " "	5	34
Mineralogy " " "	2	35
Geology " " "	2	26
Oriental Languages	9	30
French	15	49
Italian	7	17
German	13	40

In addition to these courses for the Arts degree, the staff maintain the following courses in Theology :—

Systematic Theology and History of Doctrine	10	23
Church History	4	3
New Testament Exegesis	9	29
Church Polity and Homiletics and Practical Theology	4	19
Biblical Theology	2	3
Old Testament Exegesis and Literature	2	2
Theistic Philosophy	1	27

These figures speak for themselves, both as to the extent of ground covered by our own curriculum and the amount of instruction afforded by our staff.

The work in the Faculty of Law consists entirely of examinations for the degree of LL.B., and the post-graduate degree of LL.D. Twenty-one students are pursuing this course, and the work is rendered more efficient by the appointment of a salaried Secretary.

In the Faculty of Medicine, the Board of Examiners has been strengthened by embracing representatives of all affiliated schools, as well as of graduates in the general profession, and the reputation of the University is carefully guarded by their painstaking work.

From this summary of the work done, we may hope for a continuance of that moral and financial support, and of that patronage of our University which has been accorded to her in the past; and can assure the Church that no pains will be spared to make the work done as fully worthy of her confidence as our means will permit.

In regard to the moral and religious character of our work, the past four years have been eminently satisfactory. The high Christian tone of the great majority of the students has helped the weak and held in check the very few who might otherwise have wandered, and nothing beyond an occasional word of advice has been necessary to maintain satisfactory discipline. All our social means of grace are maintained in the highest efficiency, and while the spiritual life of all has been helped, not a few have, for the first time, been led to full decision for Christ. Special care has been taken at that critical point when, under the influence of scientific and philosophical studies, the mind passes into a new and higher intellectual life, to guide that life into the theistic conception of the universe as the ultimate truth of all philosophy, as well as the solid foundation of moral and spiritual life, and we know of no instance in which our labor in this behalf has failed.

On the subject of the Federation of Victoria University with the University of Toronto, referred to this Board for executive action by the last General Conference, we have prepared and submit a report in connection with the Advisory Committee appointed by the General Conference. The Rev. Dr. Potts, the Secretary of Education, has also prepared a full report of the progress of his work in securing the necessary funds.

As the General Conference entrusted to the joint body the duty of considering all questions of general policy as to the time and manner of carrying Federation into effect, the work of this Board was limited to the following matters :—

1. To arrange with the Secretary of Education the financial details of his work, and the form of subscriptions.

2. To select a site for the new location of our University in the city of Toronto, and to make necessary arrangements for securing the same.

3. To secure plans and estimates for the necessary buildings.

4. To take the necessary steps to place our University in federation according to the terms of the Federation Act, when advised by the joint body to do so.

5. To let contracts, and proceed to the erection of the necessary buildings.

At a meeting held on the 16th of September, 1886, the necessary details of the work of the Secretary of Education were arranged. At an adjourned meeting held two days later, committees were appointed on site and building, plans and estimates.

As a result of the work of these committees and of this Board, we have to report as follows :—

1. An engagement from the Government of Ontario has been secured, guaranteeing us a site situated in the University Park, Toronto, facing the head of St. Mary's Street on the east, and bounded by the extension of Czar Street on the north; about five acres in extent. The terms are as follows: The annual rental while we continue in federation is one dollar. Should we remove from federation, the site is to be retained at a rental to be fixed by arbitration, or may be purchased at a valuation to be fixed by arbitration now, and the valuation to be made at date of our negotiation, viz.: the early part of 1887, and the land to be valued for academic purposes. An arbitration has been held for the purpose of determining this value, but as the arbitrators had not full instructions, their work has not been completed.

After some preliminary attempts at securing plans by competition, the Secretary of the Board visited a number of American Universities which have been recently furnished with modern buildings, and submitted sketches to the Board of a group of buildings, including a main building for lecture-rooms and offices, a residence for sixty to a hundred students, a chapel and a library with provision for seminary work. Wm. G. Storm, Esq, R.C.A., C.E., was appointed architect and submitted plans of the main building and an outline of the residence. Tenders for the main building have been obtained, warranting the Board in saying that it can be completed for about $135,000. The material is Credit Valley stone, and the building will be in every way creditable to our Church and modern in all its provisions.

In the month of October, 1888, we were advised by the joint body that in their opinion "the proper steps should be forthwith taken to place Victoria University in federation with the Provincial University as soon as the continuance of our degree-conferring power could be secured till the date of removal to Toronto." We were further advised to let contracts and proceed with the erection of the buildings on the first of May following, if $100,000 in cash could be secured from the subscription list.

After considerable deliberation on the first point as to what body could constitutionally give the required notice, it was decided to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the required notice. A meeting of the Senate was accordingly convened, and that body declined to concur

"until the amount subscribed is sufficient to make the entrance of Victoria into Federation financially safe." On the 2nd day of May, 1890, a meeting of the Board, at which thirty-one members were present and answered to their names, was convened to receive further communication from the Secretary of Education and the joint body as to the work in hand.

At this point, before any action was taken by the Board, an injunction from the High Court of Justice restraining the Board from giving notice of Federation, from removing the University from the town of Cobourg, and from the erection of buildings in the city of Toronto, was served upon the Chairman of the Board. This injunction was obtained at the suit of the town of Cobourg, as donors to the College of five acres of land, in the year 1857; of Andrew Hewson, and J. V. Gravely, and Wm. Kerr, as subscribers to the Faraday Hall Fund, and all other funds in connection with, and for the support of, Victoria University; and of Wm. Kerr and Henry Hough, suing on behalf of themselves and all other members of the Senate. The claims of the plaintiffs were fourfold: 1. Alleged contract with the town of Cobourg in 1857. 2. Alleged contracts with the subscribers to Faraday Hall in 1874-5, and other funds of the University. 3. Legal objections, denying the right of the Board to remove from Cobourg. 4. A claim on behalf of the Senate, that the Senate alone has the power to pass upon the question of the surrender of the degree-confering power and the federation of the University with the University of Toronto.

Upon the service of this injunction, B. M. Britton, Esq., Q.C., was appointed our solicitor for this action, and a committee appointed to confer with him in all necessary matters. C. Moss, Esq., Q.C., was also retained as counsel.

At a preliminary hearing, before the Honorable the Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, the injunction was continued on the ground that the Senate should concur until the case could be tried on the other three grounds. Immediately on this decision, a meeting of the Senate was called in the city of Toronto, and the assent of the Senate to Federation obtained, though fifteen members protested against the legality of the meeting. On laying this action of the Senate before the Court, with a view to dissolution of the injunction, our application was refused, on the ground that a meeting of the Senate in the city of Toronto was illegal.

The final hearing of the case was commenced at the Fall Assizes in the town of Cobourg, November 8th, 1889, and continued and completed at Osgoode Hall on the 12th of that month, before the Honorable Justice McMahon, of the Court of Common Pleas. The case was afterwards argued; judgment was delivered on the 9th of August last, dissolving the injunction on the three first issues, subject "to the rights of the plaintiffs, the town of Cobourg, to damages by way of compensation for the five acres of land deeded to the College, and also to the rights of the other plaintiffs and those on whose behalf they sue—subscribers to the Faraday Hall Fund—to a refund of the amount subscribed and paid thereto." The costs of the action on these two points were awarded against the Board.

On behalf of the Senate, the injunction is continued "until a proper meeting has been called, and a resolution has been passed based upon a proper vote assenting to the scheme of Federation."

The former part of this judgment, based upon a most able review of the whole case, fully sustains the right of the action of the last General Conference which, in its estimates had provided for exactly what this judgment requires.

The facts which we have above narrated have prevented our reporting to the Conference the full consummation of the work committed to us at the last General Conference. We have only been able to remove a most formidable preliminary obstacle, and with the aid of the able Secretary of Education to secure a large part of the necessary funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN,
Chairman of the Board of Regents.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BURSAR OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY,

For Four Years, 1887 to 1890 inclusive.

1887.

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Interest received and accrued	$13,165 54	Interest on mortgage and Bank advances	$953 25
Fees	4,833 10	Salaries	15,175 00
Educational Society	3,523 52	Expense	1,061 72
Room rent	119 60	Travelling expenses	276 70
Prizes	112 50	Repairs	63 21
		Fuel	311 54
		Prizes	159 62
		Printing and advertising	574 51
		Insurance	127 00
		Salaries, etc., Dr. Rose	1,214 15
		Balance	1,837 56
	$21,754 26		$21,754 26

1888.

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Interest received and accrued	$9,766 04	Interest on mortgage and Bank advances	$1,181 66
Fees	4,938 77	Salaries	16,565 01
Educational Society	5,025 56	Expense	972 97
Room rent	60 00	Travelling expenses	170 80
Prize	52 50	Repairs	193 08
Balance	940 26	Fuel	432 92
		Printing and advertising	701 95
		Insurance	71 00
		Prizes	252 21
		Funeral expenses, Dr. Nelles	241 53
	$20,783 13		$20,783 13

1889.

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
Interest received and accrued.	$9,103 46	Salaries	$16,800 00
Fees	4,638 00	Interest on mortgages	3,361 93
Educational Society	5,100 00	Interest on Bank advances and Bills payable	1,744 81
Victoria League	310 00	Annuity	300 00
Room rent	29 00	Expense	664 07
Prize	80 00	Travelling expenses	130 65
Balance	5,468 16	Repairs	409 28
		Fuel	418 41
		Prizes	95 25
		Printing and advertising	429 05
		Insurance	172 50
		Rev. Richard Jones	202 67
	$24,728 62		$24,723 62

1890.

Rrvenue.		Expenditure.	
Interest received and accrued.	$9,210 21	Interest on Mortgages, Bank Account, and Bills payable	$3,849 10
Fees	5,099 73	Salaries	17,725 00
Educational Society	5,910 00	Annuity	300 00
Room rent	71 50	Law Expenses	2,117 66
Prize	115 00	Expense	644 79
Balance	6,708 70	Travelling Expenses	553 29
		Repairs	751 55
		Printing aud Advertising	573 55
		Fuel	384 15
		Insurance	27 00
		Prizes	189 05
	$27,115 14		$27,115 14

1890.

Assets.		Liabil ties.	
Cash Value of Securities	$146,397 56	Capital Stock	$34,202 57
Buildings and Grounds	30,000 00	Theological End. Fund	30,348 00
Faraday Hall	27,581 13	Ryerson Chair	23,423 15
Furniture, Apparatus	2,605 56	Conf. Life Association	15,000 00
Library	1,930 62	Canada Landed Cr. Co.	7,000 00
Apparatus	3,139 27	Endowment Fund	92,167 10
Minerals	800 00	Bank of Toronto	25,254 43
Accrued Interest	3,571 99	Bills payable	3,525 00
Deficiency	14,894 18		
	$230,920 25		$230,920 25

Examined and found correct.

Thos. S. Keough, F. Byrne. } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE.

The Board of the University of Mount Allison College beg leave to present the following Quadrennial Report. The calendars for the past four years show an increase in the number of students, the aggregate of which for the several branches of the Institution are given below :—

1886–7	Total attendance	256
1887–8	" "	270
1888–9	" "	277
1889–90	" "	293

At the University proper, the average attendance during the four years was seventy-five, an increase of eighteen on the previous Quadrennium. The enrolment for 1889-90 was ninety-eight. The total number of graduates to present date is as follows :—

In Arts	146
In Science	6
In Philosophy	2
In Divinity	5
Total	159

Of these, forty-three graduated during the Quadrennium under review, an increase of twenty-one as compared with the number graduated during the preceding four years.

Careful attention has been given during the Quadrennium to a revision of the Arts Curriculum, so as to adapt it more perfectly to the changed demands of the times as recognized by the older universities in Europe and America. Our Faculty of Arts now numbers eight well qualified Professors, an increase of two since our last report.

With great pleasure your Board calls attention to the handsome gift of $7,000 to his *Alma Mater* by the Rev. Ralph Brecken, M.A. Of this sum, $1,000 have been expended for the enlargement of our library, which is now one of the best college libraries in the Maritime Provinces; $1,000 have been appropriated for the purchase of additional apparatus in the department of Physical Science ; and the remaining $5,000 constitutes a foundation for scholarships, for the aid, under judicious regulations, of students needing financial assistance. This timely gift, added to former bequests for similar purposes, enables us to assist worthy students to the amount of about $600 annually.

The Rev. C. Stewart, D.D., Dean of the Faculty of Theology, whose religious oversight of the spiritual interests of the students, and whose indefatigable labors in connection with all that pertains to the welfare of the Institution deserve our warmest recognition, makes the following report :—

Theological Department.

The work of the Theological Department of the University during the past four years has been prosecuted with hope, and with some considerable degree of success. The annual attendance of probationers from the

three Maritime Conferences has been higher than before; and this, together with the presence of several young men who have been taking the undergraduate course, and others as special students, has raised the number of those preparing for the work of the Christian ministry to an average of twenty-five per annum.

In Systematic Theology the text-book has been Pope's Outlines, but special care has been given to a large discussion in the class-room of correlated views of Christian Doctrine. A course of lectures on Biblical Introduction has also been given. Classes have been at work on Church Polity and the Discipline of the Methodist Church, on Homiletics and on Pastoral Work. The students have likewise been enabled to take advantage, as they were prepared for it, of class-work in Hebrew and in the Greek of the New Testament, in Mental and Moral Science, and in the Christian Evidences.

Ten young men have been engaged on the preliminary course of study, and six have been reading in the course for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

All the young men have added practical work to their studies. They have preached in Sackville and surrounding circuits, and have conducted open-air and other evangelistic services. A spirit of earnest missionary purpose has been cherished among them, and this has been fostered by the fact that from time to time some of their number have gone into the regions of heathenism to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. Three graduates of this University are now laboring in Japan, two have recently gone to Singapore, and one is engaged in educational work in South America.

The increasing demand for a thoroughly consecrated and well-instructed ministry makes it imperative upon us to provide the best possible training for our candidates and probationers; and while a growing interest in our work is observable in our churches, it is nevertheless greatly to be desired that means may soon be realized to enlarge and strengthen this department of our work. A great opportunity awaits wise-hearted and liberal benefactors.

The Rev. B. C. Borden, M.A., Principal of the Ladies' College, presents the following report of that important branch of our institutions:—

Mount Allison Ladies' College.

This institution, in entering upon the thirty-seventh year of its history, does so with prospects brighter and more encouraging than ever before. The large expenditures of the past four years have secured equipments and conveniences which, it is hoped, will enable the institution to provide with comfort for its increasing attendance.

During the Quadrennium a part of the mansard story has been finished and furnished; spring-water, leading to taps and bath-rooms, has been introduced into the building at a cost of about $1,000; the students' rooms have been renovated and refurnished throughout; the heating apparatus has been in part renewed; the old pianos have been mostly replaced by new ones, an instrument has been placed in the building for pipe organ practice, and a new wing and outbuildings have been erected at a cost of $3,300; thus making a total expenditure for repairs and improvements, including investments, of about $14,000.

Three teachers have been added to the staff, thus increasing the amount of yearly expenditure for salaries by about $1,600.

The attendance has been as follows: 1886-7, 140; 1887-8, 144; 1888-9, 141; 1889-90, 160; thus making an advance of thirty-three over the average attendance of the previous Quadrennium.

New Conservatory of Music.

This increase in attendance has necessitated the erection of an additional building for the use of the musical department. Measures have been taken for the erection of a Musical Conservatory, which shall furnish on the ground floor a large assembly room and gymnasium, and on the second and third flats thirty-two rooms for teachers and piano practice. This addition will involve an expenditure of about $15,000. Of this amount, however, about $10,000 have already been subscribed. The contract calls for the completion of the building by the 20th of December, 1890, thus securing to the school the enjoyment of the increased facilities it will afford for the second term of the current yerr.

Mount Allison Academy.

The Academy is designed as a preparatory school for the University, and to give young men and boys a thorough business training. It is the oldest branch of the Mount Allison institutions, having been opened in 1843. Owing to the resignation of its late Principal, the staff of instruction has been recently reorganized, and there is the fullest ground of confidence that the excellent reputation which the Academy has won in the past will be not only retained, but that its prestige will be largely augmented. The total nnmber of students in attendance upon Academy classes during the past year was ninety-one.

It is the sorrowful task of the Board to refer to the great loss sustained by our Church and our Educational Institutions in the death, since last General Conference, of two of its most prominent and devoted members—George H. Starr, Esq., of Halifax, and the Rev. Humphrey Pickard, D.D., first Principal of the Mount Allison Institutions. The memory of Mr. Starr will ever be cherished by the Methodists of the Maritime Provinces, as one of the most enlightened and generous contributors to all the enterprises of the Church, as well as to our educational work.

The death of Dr. Pickard must be regarded as an epoch in the history of Mount Allison. Appointed nearly fifty years ago to the Principalship of the Academy, at that time recently founded by Charles F. Allison, Esq., Dr. Pickard gave the energies of his youth and manhood and the wisdom of his more advanced years to building upon the foundation so wisely and generously laid, a structure that would stand the tests of time. Under his fostering care the work grew and expanded until the foundations were laid of all the branches of the institution as they exist to-day. For more than a quarter of a century his was the controlling mind in the educational policy of our Church in the Maritime Provinces, and down to the close of his busy life he manifested an undying interest in its prosperity. It is to be hoped that a permanent memorial of his life and labors may be established in connection with the institutions whose interests he labored so earnestly and effectively to promote.

Before the meeting of the next General Conference the Mount Allison Institutions will have passed the fiftieth year of their history. Their record has been one unbroken progress, and of vast influence upon the social, moral and religious welfare of the country. At least 5,000 students have received their education in whole or in part at Mount Allison, and many of these are now filling the highest positions of usefulness and honorable influence in this and other lands. More than 200 Mount Allison students are engaged in the sacred work of the ministry. Our Ladies' College—the first founded of its class in the Dominion—has helped to train and educate nearly 2,000 young ladies to strengthen, purify and adorn the homes of our country. Such a record calls forth our gratitude to God, and demands recognition from the Methodism of the Dominion of the claims which the Mount Allison Institutions make for the continued sympathy and support of all who believe in the duty of the Church to carry on educational work under Christian influences. It is confidently expected that in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the Mount Allison Institutions, in 1892-3, a successful effort shall be made not only to remove all debts, but to erect a new college residence, now greatly needed on account of the increased attendance of students; and to add to our Endowment Fund, so as to provide for the growing necessities and the healthy expansion of our work.

In relation to the future of the University of Mount Allison, your Board has watched with interest, not unmingled with anxiety, the agitation which has continued in the Western Provinces for several years on the subject of College Federation. Some alarm has been felt lest the results of this movement should injuriously affect the educational interests of our Church in the East. The Board desires to adhere to the policy laid down as the Basis of Union that our University and educational interests shall continue to be under the fostering care of the Church, and respectfully but urgently ask that, whatever action may be decided upon by the General Conference in relation to other educational institutions, nothing may be done, or left undone, by which the independence of the Mount Allison University shall be compromised; or through which the bond of fraternal sympathy which has up to the present hour bound us in closest union to the Methodism of the Dominion, shall in the slightest degree be weakened.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

J. R. Inch, LL.D., *President.*

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Treasurer's Account.

Capital.

June 1, 1886.—To Amount collected		$85,624 11
1886-7.—To sums collected	$329 14	
1887-8.— " "	338 81	
1888-9.— " "	734 00	
1889-90.— " "	1,010 49	
Collected during Quadrennium		2,412 44
June 1.—Total Capital		$88,036 55

June 1, 1890.—By Investments, viz.:—		
59 First Mortgages on Real Estate	$67,946 62	
N. B. R. R. Stock	6,683 00	
Municipal Bonds	400 00	
Joint Notes	7,153 41	
Real Estate	5,850 34	
Cash	3 18	
		$88,036 55

Interest.

1886-7.—To Interest accrued on Investments	5,426 84	
" " " Subscriptions	581 46	
		6,008 30
1887-8.—To Investments	5,525 89	
" Subscriptions	569 23	
		6,095 12
1888-9.—To Investments	5,273 10	
" Subscriptions	546 84	
		5,819 94
1889-90.—To Investments	5,381 02	
" Subscriptions	395 78	
		5,776 80
		$23,700 16
By Expenses of Management:—		
1886-7	11 20	
1887-8	18 37	
1888-9	43 30	
1889-90	44 60	
Expenses for Quadrennium		117 47
By Discounts, Losses, etc.		37 32
" Income Account with University:—		
1886-7	5,997 10	
1887-8	6,076 75	
1888-9	5,762 13	
1889-90	5,709 39	
		23,545 37
		$23,700 16

JOSIAH WOOD, J. R. INCH, } *Treasurers.*

ESTIMATED VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1890.

Assets.

1.—Real Estate, etc.:—		
University	45,000 00	
Ladies' College	40,000 00	
Academy	25,000 00	
Tingley Hall	5,000 00	
		115,000 00
2.—Endowment Fund		88,036 55
Estimated Value of Subscriptions		4,000 00
Estimated Value of C. F. Allison Professorship		12,000 00
Sundries		3,500 00
Balance, Ladies' College		7,051 64
		$229,588 19

Liabilities.

Debt of University	$9,332 97	
Debt of Academy	8,689 21	
Total Debt		$18,022 18
Balance, Net Value of Property		211,566 01
		$229,588 19

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY, LADIES' COLLEGE AND ACADEMY.

The University.

1886.

June 1.—To Balance, debt		$16,962 33
1886-7.—To Expenditure, viz. :—		
Salaries	$5,475 20	
Repairs, etc.	2,404 33	
Gymnasium	885 62	
Books, etc.	797 92	
Miscellaneous	653 87	
Interest account	1,125 55	
To Total Expenditure		11,342 49
		28,304 82
1886-7.—By Income, viz. :—		
Endowment Fund	5,997 10	
Educational Society	940 00	
Students' accounts	4,118 37	
Sundries	1,066 32	
By Total Income		12,121 79
" Balance, debt		16,183 03
		$28,304 82

1887.

June 1—To Balance, debt		16,183 03
1887-8.—To Expenditure, viz. :—		
Salaries	6,002 72	
Repairs, fuel, etc.	1,610 72	
Books, etc.	705 44	
Miscellaneous	455 48	
Interest account	849 24	
To Total Expenditure		9,623 60
		25,806 63
1887-8.—By Income, viz. :—		
Endowment Fund	6,076 75	
Educational Society	1,675 00	
Students' accounts	3,690 99	
Sundries	57 40	
By Total Income		11,500 14
" Balance, debt		14,306 49
		$25,806 63

1888.		
June 1.—To Balance, debt		$14,306 49
1888-9.—To Expenditure, viz. :—		
Salaries	$6,655 00	
Repairs, fuel, etc.	1,458 85	
Books, etc.	671 97	
Miscellaneous	675 79	
Interest account	711 43	
To Total Expenditure		10,173 04
		$24,479 53
1888-9.—By Income, viz. :—		
Endowment Fund	5,762 13	
Educational Society	1,700 00	
Students' accounts	4,551 57	
Sundries	906 00	
By Total Income		12,919 70
" Balance, debt		11,559 83
		$24,479 53
1889.		
June 1. — To Balance, debt		11,559 83
1889-90.—To Expenditure, viz. :—		
Salaries	6,718 45	
Repairs, etc.	1,462 21	
Tingley Hall	249 72	
Books, etc.	596 14	
Interest account	627 01	
Miscellaneous	796 38	
To Total Expenditure		10,449 91
		$22,009 74
1889-90.—By Income, viz.:—		
Endowment Fund	5,709 39	
Educational Society	1,969 75	
Students' accounts	4,356 13	
Sundries	641 50	
By Total Income		12,676 77
" Balance, debt		9,332 97
		$22,009 74
June 1, 1890.—To Balance, debt		$9,332 97

Summary.

June 1, 1886.—To Balance		16,962 33
1886-7.—To Expenditure	11,342 49	
1887-8 — "	9,623 60	
1888-9 — "	10,173 04	
1889-90— "	10,449 91	
To Total for Quadrennium		41,589 04
		$58,551 37

1886-7.—By Total Income	$12,121 79	
1887-8 — "	11,500 14	
1888-9 — "	12,919 70	
1889-90— "	12,676 77	
		$49,218 40
June 1, 1890.—By Balance		9,332 97
		58,551 37
June 1, 1890.—To Balance		$9,332 97

MOUNT ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE.

Treasurer's Report, 1886-90.

Dr.		
To Expenditure, 1886-7	$18,007 03	
" 1887-8	16,969 59	
" 1888-9	18,394 22	
" 1889-90	17,667 21	
To Total Expenditure for Quadrennium		$71,038 05
Balance		7,051 64
		78,089 69
Cr.		
By Balance from 1885-6	4,232 41	
Amount omitted from last Quadrennial Report	9 00	
		4,241 41
By Students' Accounts, etc., 1886-7	18,433 39	
" " 1887-8	18,318 90	
" " 1888-9	18,298 89	
" " 1889-90	18,797 10	
By Total Students' Accounts, etc.		73,848 28
		$78,089 69
1890.		
June.—By Balance		$7,051 64

MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY.

1886-90.

1886.		
June 1.—To Balance, debt		$9,567 56
1886-7 —To Expenditure	$10,382 14	
1887-8 — "	9,549 66	
1888-9 — "	10,900 67	
1889-90— "	12,694 00	
		43,526 47
		53,094 03
By Income, 1886-7	9,452 67	
" 1887-8	10,643 78	
" 1888-9	12,273 40	
" 1889-90	12,034 97	
		44,404 82
By Balance, June 1, 1890		8,689 21
		$53,094 03
June 1, 1890.—To Balance, debt		$8,689 21

JOSIAH WOOD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church:—

The Governors of the Wesleyan Theological College beg leave to report as follows:—

This Institution has reached, during the past Quadrennium, the highest point of success in its history, and a degree of prosperity beyond the expectation of its warmest friends.

As recommended four years ago, and approved by the General Conference, there has been a very important enlargement of the work of the Institution much beyond the meagre limits ordinarily pursued by probationers at college A curriculum has been framed for a Licentiates' Course of three years, one-half of which is taken from the University curriculum in Arts, and the remainder covers a very full course in Dogmatics, Apologetics, Hebrew, Greek, Latin and History. For many students, it has been pronounced by representative educationists as equal to a pass course in Arts, and by all its practical value is most highly commended. Compulsory attendance during the three years of this course is one of its special features, which secures thoroughness of work, and so tends to meet the demand of the Church for a superior course of training for probationers for our ministry.

In harmony with the powers given by Act of Parliament, the Senate of the Institution has also framed a curriculum for the degree of B.D., which, on comparison with similar curriculums of other theological seminaries in Canada, is found equal to any in extent and in practical value. Two students have already honorably completed this course, and quite a number more are now pursuing it.

In view of this material enlargement of our educational work, the Board has found it necessary to increase the staff of the Institution. In addition to Rev. Principal Douglas, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Dogmatics and Homiletics, and Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., Professor of Greek and History, the Institution has been so fortunate as to secure the services of the Rev. J. C. Antliff, M.A. (Edin.), D.D., as Professor of Apologetics and Hebrew, and of Rev. W. Howitt, B.A., B.D., as Professor of Latin and English. There are also engaged very competent lecturers in Elocution and in Vocal Music.

The growing influence and the very attractive advantages of the College are securing a rapidly increasing attendance. The number of students last year was forty-two, and this year sixty-two have applied for admission. The hope is entertained that to meet the growing demand for accommodation new buildings will ere long be erected on the very valuable and large vacant ground owned by the College.

The finances of the Institution are in a comparatively satisfactory condition, and are free from debt, through the policy of rigid economy with which the administration is conducted. It is felt that to reward such a policy instead of offering a premium for increase of debt, as well as in view of the rapid growth and very great importance of the work done, the Institution has a just claim upon the Church for increased aid from the Educational Fund.

The Governors regard with great satisfaction the faithful and scholarly labors of the Professors, and appreciate their zeal and honorable ambition to aid in making the Methodist ministry of Canada second to none in thorough intellectual culture, while maintaining at the same time that fervor and spiritual power which are the greatest glory of Methodism.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERICK FAIRMAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Quadrennium has been, under the blessing of God, one of prosperity in the history of this institution. The work has been prosecuted under financial embarrassment, and yet with a good degree of success. The average attendance has been about 170. During the college year just closed, 1889-90, 173 students were in attendance. It will be seen by reference to the Post-office address of the students, as shown in the annual announcement, that the College depends to a very small extent upon local patronage for support, but meets a want in the Methodist Church and in the country not provided for by any other institution.

Students have been in attendance from British Columbia, Manitoba, Michigan, New York and Vermont, in addition to Ontario and Quebec.

A very large number of candidates have been prepared for Junior and Senior Matriculation in Arts. Last year there were twenty-three in all: nine Senior and fourteen Junior. This number is under, rather than above, the yearly average during the Quadrennium. Already during the present year thirty-four students have enrolled for this work—twenty-six Junior and eight Senior.

In the departmental examinations for Second and Third-Class Teachers' Certificates, the success attained has been in a high degree satisfactory. In July last, out of six candidates for Second-Class, five were successful. It will thus be seen that Albert is doing a work unsurpassed, if equalled, by the most largely attended and best equipped Collegiate Institute in Ontario. A prominent feature of the College work is the preparation of candidates for the Conference Preliminary examination. Some six years ago, the first class, consisting of four persons, was prepared, and since that time the number in attendance has steadily increased. Last year there were twenty-seven in preparation for this examination, representing nearly every Conference, from British Columbia to Montreal. A number of these students are now in preparation for Matriculation in Arts.

The College also provides full diploma courses in Music, Fine Arts, Commercial Science and Elocution. These departments are well equipped, and have been largely patronized.

The College has been greatly blessed with a large number of earnest, Christian, young men, who have exerted a marked influence for good upon the religious life of the institution. A thoroughly organized Y. M. C. A. is maintained by the students. This association holds regular and special religious services, and each year they have been signally owned of God in the conversion of large numbers of young men. When it is remembered that the attendance changes largely from year to year, it will readily be seen that the institution exerts a widely extended influence for good upon

the young men of this country. The students are fully alive to the importance of Christian missions. The first Missionary Society at the College was organized among the young ladies in attendance by Mrs. Dr. Carman. It was soon followed by a similar society among the young men. Under the influence of Mr. Foreman and others, what is known as the "Volunteer Band" has been organized, consisting of those who volunteer for service in foreign mission work, should their way be opened. Under the direction of this band a Missionary Convention was held last year in the Bridge Street Methodist Church, at which Principal Grant, Mr. Kono and Mr. Livingstone gave addresses. It is intended to hold this convention annually. The students are now actively engaged in raising funds to send Mr. F. J. Livingstone as a missionary to Africa. Some $400 have already been secured for that purpose.

The College buildings were enlarged and improved two years ago, at a cost of $7,000. A mansard roof was added, giving increased accommodation, and the building was heated throughout by steam. There is now great need of still further enlargement. The College has been self-sustaining during each year of the Quadrennium. This has been accomplished, however, by the most rigid economy and by great self-sacrifice on the part of teachers.

The general financial statement will be presented by E. D. O'Flynn, Esq., Bursar of the College. It will be seen by his report that the College has reached a financial crisis in its history. The Quadrennium has fully demonstrated the value of Albert to the Methodist Church; it has also clearly shown that the receipts from tuition and fees of students must be supplemented in some way, or else the College cannot be successfully maintained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. DYER, *Principal.*

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, 1889-90.

Receipts.

Balance of cash from 1888-89	$236 82	
Tuition in ordinary branches	1,803 55	
" Commercial Department	331 60	
" Music	824 37	
" Art	298 40	
" Elocution	131 40	
Use of pianos	144 65	
Rent of rooms	2,254 40	
Board of students and teachers	5,613 25	
Accounts of previous years collected	386 30	
Proceeds of note discounted	146 95	
Incidental Receipts	10 00	
		$12,181 89

Expenditures.

Rent of pianos	$150 00	
Fuel	711 00	
Advertising	388 70	
Furnishings	101 20	
Repairs and cleaning	590 06	
Salaries—W. P. Dyer	859 75	
J. A. Stanistreet	468 10	
T. F. Holgate	900 00	

Salaries—E. Gardiner	$700 00	
E. Clarke	158 57	
S. K. Burdin	513 25	
G. Burdette	200 00	
J. H. McBain	128 00	
Jos. H. Shepard	149 40	
Expenses of dining hall	4,073 63	
Incidentals	156 12	
Students' accounts remaining unpaid	391 23	
Paid outstanding accounts, 1888-89	496 50	
Insurance on pianos	9 00	
Note retired	250 00	
		$11,394 51
Balance, cash on hand		$787 18

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, JULY 1, 1890.

Assets.

Cash on hand	787 18	
Stationery	70 00	
Furnishings	570 00	
Students' accounts unpaid	560 18	
		$1,987 36

Liabilities.

A. & S. Nordheimer	$150 00	
Fuel accounts unpaid	60 00	
Bills payable, outstanding	150 00	
W. P. Dyer, on salary	337 25	
J. A. Stanistreet, on salary	33 69	
Emma Clarke, on salary	65 23	
Dining hall accounts unpaid	300 00	
		1,096 17
Total surplus		$891 19
Less previous surplus		464 85
Net surplus for the year 1890		$426 34

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1890.

Assets.

Estimated value of College and grounds	$48,000 00	
Furniture	2,000 00	
Stock in Hastings Loan and Investment Society	14,000 00	
		$64,000 00

Liabilities.

Mortgage to Hastings Loan and Investment Society	$20,000 00	
Loan from Superannuation Fund	2,500 00	
" S. B. Burdett	3,000 00	
" Rev. Jas. Johnson	2,000 00	
" Rev. A. Campbell	1,000 00	
" Mrs. M. A. Cobbledick	500 00	
" T. H. Richards	400 00	
Balance due on enlargement and repairs of College	5,000 00	
		34,400 00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		$29,600 00

E. D. O'FLYNN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESLEYAN LADIES' COLLEGE OF HAMILTON.

The Board of Directors of the Wesleyan Ladies' College would respectfully present its report :—

The Quadrennium just closed has been one of steady work and marked progress. The course of study has been considerably widened in several directions. A thorough English education is our first object. That has been made to include, in addition to the elementary branches, English Literature, History, Mathematics, through Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, Mental and Moral Science, Political Science, Logic, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Physiology, Zoology, etc. ; in a word, our course of study, as actually carried out every year, embraces all the English subjects embraced in university curriculums. We have reserved for special mention in this connection, the fact that the English Bible receives due prominence. The first lecture of the Principal, every day of the College year, being on that subject.

In languages, we have a four years' course in Latin, French and German ; instruction in modern languages being always given by teachers who converse fluently in those languages. For pupils who look to self-support, we have shorthand, type-writing, book-keeping, etc.

The Conservatory of Music is very complete, manned by professors from the best conservatories of Europe.

The Art Department is conducted by one of the best Art teachers in the country, and every Art pupil is under his personal instruction.

The College has entered on its thirtieth year. During its career it has registered several thousands of the daughters of our people among its pupils. It has graduated about three hundred young ladies in the regular College course.

As the Conference is not interested in our financial status, we present no financial report. The College has stood by its original compact with the Methodist Church. It has given to the Church all the advantages of a Church institution, whilst relieving the Church completely of financial responsibility for its management, and has never received one cent of assistance, directly or indirectly.

The Conference appoints its Governor and Principal, also part of the Board of Directors.

The College was never so completely equipped as now, and we would earnestly invite the Conference to an examination of the work done in its halls. The higher education of women under Christian influences is here fully realized. College life is a Christian Society, with its prayer-meetings, class-meetings, Bible instruction, etc., while every pupil is required to attend her own Church or place of worship.

As, by our Charter, the General Conference appoints the Governor and Principal, we would respectfully request that the Rev. Dr. Burns be continued at the head of the Institution.

During the Quadrennium the Board has lost by death three of its most valued members—three of the best known men in our Church—the Rev. Dr. Nelles, the Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, and the Rev. Dr. Rose. Dr. Nelles and Dr. Rose, having been identified with the College from its beginning.

We would request the Conference to appoint as Directors the Revs. Dr. A. Sutherland, Dr. W. J. Hunter, Dr. H. Johnston, Dr. D. G. Sutherland, Dr. Potts and Dr. Burns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. Sanford, *President.*
A. Burns, *Secretary*

ALMA COLLEGE.

Report and Memorial to the General Conference.

The Board of Management and Trust of Alma College beg leave to present to the General Conference the following report :—

1. The College is entering upon the tenth year of its work with good prospects that the enrolment of students last year, the largest in the history of the school, will be considerably exceeded the present year, and with the promise for excellence of scholarship and increasing influence for good never so cheering.

2. The Board has endeavored faithfully to promote the objects aimed at in the founding and establishing of this seat of learning, namely: To provide an institution for the higher education of young women, where should be combined the best influences of home, church and school; where should be fostered a fervent Christian piety, a generous ambition for breadth and thoroughness of culture, and a high appreciation of the supreme place of the home in the well-being of the commonwealth; where the best educational advantages should be available to those of limited means as well as to those in affluent circumstances, and where the daughters of Protestants should find such excellence of facilities for procuring refined accomplishments in a thorough and practical education that no temptation might remain for patronizing convent schools. The fact that increasing numbers of Protestant girls from convent schools are in attendance at Alma College each succeeding year is encouraging proof of the success of the work in this particular.

3. The new building, contemplated in the report of 1886, was publicly opened 16th November, 1888, by the Honorable the Minister of Education for Ontario, and named "McLachlin Hall," after the former Secretary of the Board, the late Archibald McLachlin, as a recognition of the great and invaluable services rendered by him to the College. The McLachlin Hall greatly increases the facilities and efficiency of the school, providing, as it does, dormitory accommodation for seventy additional students, five class rooms, six piano rooms, a concert hall, capable of seating five hundred, and an art studio, said by competent judges to be one of the best lighted and equipped studios on the continent. These enlarged buildings present an imposing pile of commanding structures, harmonious, chaste and beautiful in all their lines and proportions, and will compare advantageously with any school structures in the Province for external beauty and internal convenience and comfort, while at the same time there is ample opportunity for continued growth and extension as future demands may require.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1890.

Receipts.

Collections from subscriptions and notes		$1,392 62
Interest on notes and rebate from Loan Society		83 21
Discounts in Merchants' Bank		5,700 00
Note to Margaret J. Cronk		2,121 80
Insurance Companies pay loss by fire		14 00
B. F. Austin: unreported fees and excessive deposit		396 09
Cash balance: cheques outstanding		1,574 31
From the School, as follows:—		
Board account	$6,725 33	
Tuition "	10,366 92	
Light and fuel "	1,722 30	
Laundry "	690 65	
Room "	1,357 53	
Office "	3 40	
		20,866 13
Balance in Merchants' Bank from last year		190 71
Total Receipts for year ending 31st July, 1890		$32,338 87

Disbursements.

Paid discounts in Merchants' Bank		$5,225 00
Cost of repairs and maintenance of buildings, etc		580 58
Expenses of Board meetings and audit		125 05
Interest on mortgage and other loans		2,705 87
Care of the grounds and garden work		102 85
Advertising and printing		914 14
Solicitor's fees and costs in making collections		111 72
J. Morrison, balance on steam fixtures		412 13
Making changes in bakery, old chapel, old art gallery, etc		311 97
Paid School Accounts, as follows:—		
On behalf of Board account	6,646 66	
" Room "	1,683 12	
" Light and fuel "	1,710 23	
" Laundry "	1,290 14	
" Tuition "	9,550 16	
" Office "	202 03	
		21,082 34
Paid last year's cash balance		430·27
Balance in Merchants' Bank, 31st July, 1890		336 95
Total Disbursements for year 1889-90		$32,338 87

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION OF ALMA COLLEGE ON JULY 31ST, 1890.

Assets.

Estimated value of real property	$90,000 00
Furniture and apparatus at 12½ per cent. below cost	14,909 36
Estimated value of old subscriptions	90 00
Promissory notes, $5,867.73, valued at	1,100 00
Subscriptions on new building, $3,759.79, valued at	2,600 00
Uncollected fees due the school	1,691 43
Frontage on sewer on Moore Street	294 85
Balance in Merchants' Bank	336 95
Total Assets on 31st July, 1890	$111,022 59

Liabilities.

Mortgage held by Landed Banking Loan Co.		$30,000 00
Discounts in the Merchants' Bank		5,700 00
Note to Margaret J. Cronk		2,121 80
Debentures maturing May 1st, 1892	$2,500 00	
" " 1894	7,500 00	
		10,000 00
Unpaid accounts		1,574 31
B. F. Austin: Excessive deposit to College credit		22 75
Fees paid in advance to apply to 1890-91		115 90
Balance due on steam laundry machinery		400 00
Total Liabilities on 31st July, 1890		$49,934 76
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		$61,087 83

The following memoranda are submitted additional to the financial statement, in order to place in as succinct form as possible some facts that may help to a better understanding of the work and condition of the College.

1. During the Quadrennium there has been increase as follows:—

In the annual enrolment of students	180 to 212=32
In the total number of graduates	14 to 45=31
Departmental Teachers' Advanced Certificates in Art	13
The receipts of school for 1890 show increase over 1886 of	$3,700 00
Teachers' salaries in 1890 show increase over 1886 of	1,100 00

2. During the Quadrennium there has been received:—

Aggregate profit from the operations of the school	6,095 17
Total collections from subscriptions for buildings, etc	10,882 87
Total	$16,978 04

There has been paid out during same period:—

For furnishings and apparatus, a total of	$6,171 36	
Aggregate of interest on loans	8,550 77	
Expenses of agency in making collections	1,462 42	
		16,184 55
Leaving a difference in favor of receipts of		$793 49

Appended to this report will be found a memorial concerning the indebtedness of the College corporation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, *President.*
R. I. WARNER, *Secretary.*

To the Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Conference assembled.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

We, the members of the Board of Management and Trust of Alma College, beg leave to memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Church as follows:—

1. Alma College, founded by the former Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada for the higher education of young women under religious auspices, was chartered by Act of Provincial Legislature in 1877, and

opened for the reception of students October 13th, 1881. It was thus at the outset connexional in its character, and came into the Union holding the same relation to the Church that Victoria and Albert occupy. Its entire Board of Management is appointed by the General Conference with the exception of one representative appointed by each Annual Conference.

2. Starting with an attendance of forty pupils, the school rapidly grew from year to year, and in 1885 the Board of Management found it impossible to meet the demand for rooms, and McLachlin Hall was planned and completed for school purposes in 1888, at a cost of $21,000, including buildings, furnishing, steam laundry and other improvements. Last year both buildings were filled, the enrolment reaching 214 students, with every prospect of a considerable increase this year, in which case the present buildings will be insufficient for the accommodation of students.

3. The aim of the founders, to furnish a thorough and practical education at the lowest possible cost, and thus extend the privileges of the school as widely as possible, has been kept steadily in view, and the policy of the management has been to combine in Alma College the benefits and influences of the Christian home, the thorough school and the evangelical Church, and offer its advantages at such rates as would remove all just excuse for Protestant patronage of convent schools.

We rejoice to know that every year since its opening Protestant pupils from convent schools have been among its students, and many scores have been in attendance who would otherwise have received their training under Roman Catholic auspices.

4. The institution came into the Union with a gross debt of nearly $30,000, partially provided for in notes and subscriptions, a large percentage of which has not been and can not be collected. The union of the Methodist Churches, while destined to prove an ultimate advantage to the school in affording a larger constituency for its maintenance, was for several years indirectly a source of loss in a variety of ways. It chilled the ardor and enthusiasm of many donors and patrons who before the Union, under the promptings of church loyalty and of the pressing need of the school, were ready to labor and sacrifice therefor.

It removed the constituency in part or in whole from which ministers who had pledged large sums of money to Alma College expected to collect the amount of their subscriptions, and thus left many unable to pay the sums pledged.

It brought about a surplus of ministers, and, as a result, a large exodus of ministerial subscribers to the United States, from which the College suffered several thousand dollars in loss.

Whilst the immediate effect of the union was a loss of interest and zeal on the part of its former friends and a loss of financial support through its subscribers, these losses were not counterbalanced in any degree, for several years at least, by increased attendance. For three years subsequent to the Union the receipts and profits were less than before the Union.

Since the Union there has been expended upon McLachlin Hall, steam laundry, furnishings, etc., $30,000. The debt at present upon the property is over $49,000, and the available notes and subscriptions not above $9,000, leaving a debt unprovided for of over $40,000.

5. With the exception of $12,000 subscription to the McLachlin Hall, nearly half of which was contributed by citizens of St. Thomas, the present Methodist Church has contributed nothing to Alma College. The investments in lands, buildings, furnishings and various outlays in connection therewith will approach $100,000. Alma receives no aid from the Educational Fund, and has no endowment. It is self-supporting in the sense that its income exceeds its school expenditure. It may even be expected in addition to meeting its current expenses to pay the interest in part upon its debt. All sums for improvement of the property or payment of its debt must therefore, under present conditions, be derived from subscriptions and donations.

This, the Board of Management feel, is a just claim upon the Church, and the general public, and one that from the present conditions of the institution, cannot be delayed with safety to the school. It must be apparent to all that so large a liability menaces the very existence of the school, and must retard that growth and progress which should ever characterize a prosperous institution.

6. The growing numbers and fame of the institution, the practical and solid character of its instruction, the large number of its students now proving the value of its educational training as a means of self support, the list of its graduates employed in schools and colleges, all speak encouragingly of the work already accomplished, and of its future prospects, and commend it to the churches as well worthy of support.

7. Among the pressing needs of the school at present we find the following:—

(a) The erection and equipment of a Gymnasium for the physical training of the students.

(b) The erection of an elevator to avoid the fatigue of stair climbing, and thus render the upper stories of the building equally available and serviceable to all.

(c) The introduction of electric lighting, which, in addition to the advantage of better light, and more agreeable and wholesome management, would prove a large annual saving in outlay.

(d) The better equipment of the Laboratory and Library.

These improvements would cost probably $6,000, and, if once the debt were paid, might be provided for by profits of the school. The improvements might, it is true, be delayed—to the disadvantage of the school. The payment of the debt is imperative, and should engage the best consideration of the Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. Carman, *President.*
R. I. Warner, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE, WHITBY.

The Directors of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, are pleased to be able to report continued and increasing prosperity. During the past Quadrennium the average daily attendance of boarders has been almost one hundred, ranging from ninety to one hundred and five; with an enrolment of boarders, each year, of about one hundred and thirty, and a total average enrolment of over one hundred and sixty. Our College buildings and grounds have been kept in such splendid condition that, to-day, they are more valuable than when first purchased for college purposes. Our furnishings and equipments have been steadily improved, our staff of teachers increased, and our educational work correspondingly extended. Young ladies desirous of preparing for first-class, second-class or third-class teachers' certificates, can find classes at present established in our College for these courses of study, as well as for the higher College and University examinations. We have four complete graduation courses in literary subjects; three in Instrumental Music, embracing piano, pipe-organ and violin; one in Vocal Music, and one in Fine Art. We have placed before us a high ideal in the matter of home comforts and literary and social advantages for our pupils, and have honestly endeavored to work up to our ideal.

Our close proximity to Toronto and our arrangement with the railway authorities for special trains to and from the city, afford our pupils the concert and lecture advantages of a large centre; whilst our beautiful location outside the city gives them the quiet and freedom from distraction so conducive to thorough scholastic attainment, as well as the extensive lawns and pleasure grounds so conducive to happiness and health.

During the Quadrennium the southern wing has been connected with the detached residence, thus providing additional accommodation, whilst a new Gymnasium has been erected and equipped, thereby providing for our pupils facilities for pleasant, healthful exercise, unsurpassed, if equalled, in Canada.

During the past few days we have enrolled the largest number of new pupils ever heretofore enrolled at the beginning of a Collegiate year. These pupils have come from as far east as New Brunswick, as far west as British Columbia, and as far south as Kansas.

Pursuant to our Act of Incorporation we desire the Conference to appoint seven ministers to our College Board, and would respectfully suggest the names of the following:—Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D.; Rev. John Potts, D.D.; Rev. E. A. Stafford, D.D.; Rev. John Shaw, D.D.; Rev. J. F. German, M.A.; Rev. D. C. McDowell; Rev. George Leech.

We sincerely thank the members of this Conference for co-operation and support.

On behalf of the Board.

G. Y. Smith, LL.B., *President.*
H. B. Taylor, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF WESLEY COLLEGE.

The Board of Directors of Wesley College, in this their first report to the General Conference, beg leave to submit as follows :—

More than fifteen years since, there was in operation in the city of Winnipeg a training-school, under the control and patronage of the Methodist Church of Canada. This school became incorporated as Wesley College, by Act of the Local Legislature, in February, 1877. For various reasons, however, work in connection with this institution was shortly after suspended. Yet the educational interests of the Methodist Church in this Province were not thus to die. In the year 1886, active measures were again undertaken, with a view to placing the College on a firm foundation. To further this end, the Act of Incorporation was amended in May, 1886, in such a way as to more clearly define the powers of the College and at the same time making such changes in the Board of Directors as time had rendered necessary.

This Board, it may here be added, is the one which still has the management of the College in its hands. The term of office of eighteen members, being one-half of the total number of members of the Board as it is at present constituted, has now expired, and it will be your duty to make what other appointments may seem to you best.

In August, 1888, the Rev. J. W. Sparling, M.A., B.D., was appointed Principal, and steps were at once taken to secure affiliation with the University of Manitoba, in order that Wesley College might be placed on a footing similar to that of the other denominational colleges of the Province, and thereby become entitled to participate in all the advantages and privileges of the University. This affiliation was effected before the close of the year, and work in all departments of the Arts Course, as required by University candidates proceeding to the B.A. degree, was at once entered upon. With the beginning of the second year's work, a department of Theology was also established, so that at the present time we are covering not only the whole of the Arts Course of the University, but also training young men who are candidates for the Methodist ministry in the course of study required by the Church.

The present staff of instructors, and the division of their work, is as follows :—

Rev. J. W. Sparling, M.A., D.D., Principal, Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy and Lecturer on Pastoral Theology, Church History, etc.

R. R. Cochrane, B A., Professor of Pure and Applied Mathematics, and Lecturer on English Language and Literature.

G. J. Laird, B.A., Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry and Experimental Physics and Lecturer on German.

Rev. A. Stewart, B.D., Professor of Systematic Theology, Old Testament Exegesis and Hebrew, and Lecturer on English and History.

T. J. McCrossan, B.A., Tutor in Classics.

Ed. Bourgeois, LL.B., Tutor in French.

The last year's work has in every way been highly successful and satisfactory. Though this is but the second year of our work, the registered attendance is now thirty-five, as contrasted with but eight for 1888-9. Of these, five were appointed to attend College by the Manitoba and North-West Conference, of whom four have been pursuing the Arts course. In

all, eight students took the course in Theology, and the remainder were distributed over the Arts work of the University.

In competition with students from the other affiliated Colleges in the late University examinations, we can point with gratification to the fact that our students acquitted themselves very creditably, several of them taking leading positions on the class lists, and carrying off University scholarships. We had also this year the satisfaction of sending up our two first candidates for graduation, one of whom was a young lady.

Hitherto, lack of suitable accommodation has been a serious drawback. This difficulty has now, however, we are pleased to state, been partially overcome, a building fairly well adapted to college purposes, and in a desirable locality having been secured by the Board. It is not, indeed, intended that this shall be a permanent arrangement, the procuring of a home of our own is a matter of vital importance to our work, and must not be lost sight of. Already subscriptions to the amount of over $14,000 to the building fund have been secured. No definite steps, however, will be taken until this fund shall have amounted to at least $30,000.

The University of Manitoba has hitherto been merely an examining and degree-conferring body, after the model of the University of London. In November last, the Council of the University "formulated a scheme looking to the establishment of a teaching staff in connection therewith. By this it was proposed that the teaching of a limited portion of the higher Arts Course, now altogether in the hands of the various Colleges, shall be assumed by the University. Your Board is of the opinion that such arrangement would be manifestly in the interests of higher education throughout the Province, as well as of Wesley College, relieving it of a certain portion of its annual expenditure, and thus enabling it to do better work in the other departments not to be assumed by the University, and still to retain all the efficiency and advantages of a Methodist Arts and Theological College."

This scheme has been laid before the Local Government, and is at present under consideration. Just what action, if any, the Government will take in this matter, is at present very uncertain. In the meantime, however, in order to cope more efficiently with the course of study in the department of Natural Science, which has yearly been becoming more and more of a burden to the Denominational Colleges, combined action is being undertaken by St. John's (Episcopal), Manitoba (Presbyterian), and our own College. This, we believe, is a step in the right direction.

As to the financial condition of the College, the Bursar's report, hereto appended, will advise you; a few observations in a general way may, however, be permitted. You are, of course, aware that no *endowment* has been secured, and that we have not yet been able to rank on the Educational Fund as a regular claimant. Under the circumstances there has been no alternative, up to the present, but to rely upon the liberality of our people to supply the necessary funds for the establishment, equipment and maintenance of this most invaluable auxiliary to the operations of our Church. Had the devotion of our people to the cause of higher education been less conspicuous, had their loyalty to the Church been less enthusiastic, or had their liberality been less munificent, Wesley College could not have achieved the success that has thus far marked her course. Impressed with the paramount importance of the work, the necessity of immediate

action, and buoyed with the assurance that assistance would be rendered at the earliest possible date, the membership of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, few in numbers and of limited means though it be, readily assumed the task which they had most successfully accomplished. It will be readily understood that the somewhat extraordinary circumstances of the case excited and elicited a measure of liberality in this direction that could hardly be expected to continue without detriment to other important interests of the Church.

It has been a ground for objection more or less among our people, that while contributions to the Educational Fund have been asked and given; yet Wesley College has been unable regularly to participate therein. This objection, we feel assured, will presently be removed, and much needed assistance will be rendered out of the regular funds of the Church. Our great concern is that the measure of such assistance may be equal to our present and prospective needs. To remind you that the efficiency of the work must be directly relative to funds at our disposal is unnecessary.

We are just making a beginning. We stand in need of nearly all requisites deemed essential for the equipment of a college. To bring these to the status that may enable Wesley to compete successfully with the sister colleges in Winnipeg, will exhaust all the contributions and grants she is likely to receive from every source for some years to come. We refuse to think that there will be the slightest hesitation in according us the fullest possible assistance to enable us to accomplish our purpose of securing to Wesley College a position second to none in this country of magnificent distances and immeasurable possibilities.

The full extent of the work to be performed by this new institution may not appear at the first glance. It must be remembered that the Manitoba and North-West Conference is, and must, in the natural order of events, continue to be a missionary Conference. As a result of this, Wesley College will, as she has been doing, render valuable services to one of the most important departments of our Church work. You may not be unaware that the Colleges with which Wesley must compete, on account of their missionary character, are regularly and largely assisted from outside sources. The reasons for such grants seem to be based on the most obvious principles of justice and equity. So long as Wesley College continues to render to the missionary interests of our Church the valuable and important services she has been doing, it seems proper that the Society should recognize them in making such grants as may be deemed proper and needful.

The nucleus of a library and museum has already been created. Generous and unexpected contributions from various sources have come to us, among which we may mention, in particular, a donation of over 600 volumes, chiefly of Theological works, from the Rev. Geo. Young, D.D.; also of valuable geological reports from Capt. Young, of Winnipeg, a cabinet of minerals from A. Bowerman, Esq., M.A.; also a similar donation from Rev. Jas. McClung. It is hoped that the mention of these generous acts may induce others to make similar contributions.

Inquiries have been made by several of our ministers in reference to the adoption of a B.D. course in connection with our College. Our present position will be fully understood from the following sections of the University Act:—

"XXXIII. Incorporated colleges which are, at the time of the passing of this Act, affiliated to the university, or which may hereafter become affiliated, shall, with the sanction of the governing bodies of the denominations to which they belong, have the power of forming a separate faculty in theology for the examination in, and granting of, the degrees of bachelor of divinity and doctor of divinity; provided, that for the degree of bachelor of divinity, all candidates, not graduates of this or any other university, entering any such college, after the passing of this Act, shall be examined by the university in Greek, Latin and Mathematics, unless they have passed in those subjects in the previous examination; and such graduates shall have in the university the same rights and privileges as other graduates. 43 V., c. 31, s. 5.

"XXXIV. It shall be the duty of the presidents of the said faculties in theology to report respectively, from time to time, to the Chancellor of the University, upon the organization of such respective faculties, the granting of the degrees, and such other matters as the Chancellor of the University and the presidents of such faculties may have agreed to, for the mutual benefit of the said university and faculties. 40 V., c. 11, s. 32."

In order to enable us to prepare candidates for and to grant this degree, should occasion demand, we, therefore, respectfully request your Conference to pass the necessary legislation conferring upon us this power.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. SPARLING, *Principal.*

WESLEY COLLEGE, WINNIPEG.

CASH STATEMENT TO AUGUST 31ST, 1890.

Receipts.

Total of circuit subscriptions	$8,876 71	
" outside "	214 00	
Received from marriage license fees	855 00	
" Educational Fund	500 00	
College fees	680 50	
Balance due Bursar	490 04	
		$11,616 25

Disbursements.

Salaries of Professors and Tutors—two years	9,803 05	
Expenses of furnishing and fitting up building	144 05	
Appliances for Science Department	319 72	
Rent, fuel and running expenses	527 83	
Interest and discount	6 70	
Travelling expenses—including preliminary expenses in securing subscriptions, procuring Principal and professors, moving expenses of Principal, and expenses attending meetings in various parts of the Conference	814 90	
		$11,616 25

J. W. SPARLING, *Bursar.*

REPORT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND METHODIST COLLEGE ST. JOHN'S.

During the Quadrennium just closed this Institution has taken a position in equipment and influence far ahead of what has hitherto been possible. By a supreme effort of practical faith on the part of the friends of Methodist education in the colony a splendid building has been erected, embracing not only an adequate array of class-rooms, laboratories and gymnasia for two separate male and female departments, but a beautiful public hall, seated for over six hundred people, and recently furnished, through the munificent and thoughtful bequest of the late Hon. Charles R. Ayre, with a superb concert hall pipe-organ, costing between three and four thousand dollars. In addition to the erection of this College building proper, the building formerly used for teaching purposes has been thoroughly refitted and altered as a boarding department, capable of affording residence for nearly one hundred pupils, and supplying a want long felt. At the commencement of the Collegiate year, in the autumn of 1888, the Rev. G. P. Story, who had been set apart at the Conference of the preceding year to preside over the boarding department of the Institution as guardian and chaplain, entered upon his duties, and has discharged them, during the two years which have since elapsed, with a success which has more than fulfilled the hopes of those who projected this new departure. By an arrangement with the Government, all the Methodist pupil-teachers receiving instruction at the Institution for public schools, whose parents do not reside in the city, board in the College Home, and are thus under the immediate oversight of the Chaplain, a very important fact in its bearing upon our public schools. By an arrangement of the Board of Governors, the children of ministers of the Conference receive admission to the College Home at greatly reduced rates, thus affording our hard-worked and ill-paid missionaries an opportunity of securing superior education for their families at a minimum of cost.

The teaching staff of the College consists of the Principal, R. E. Holloway, B.A., (Lond.), F.C.S.; the Vice-Principal, J. West, B.A., (Durham), assisted by one other male teacher in the College Department proper, and by a Lady Principal and two other female teachers in the female branch of that department. There are besides two female teachers in the Primary and Model School Department, making a total of eight teachers.

The total number of pupils in all departments is 328, of which number 80 girls and 90 boys belong to the College Department proper. The number of boarders in the College Home is 32.

The total cost of the buildings of the Institution amounts to $45,000, of which over $20,000 remains unpaid. It has cost very strenuous and self-denying efforts on the part of the promoters of the scheme and the friends of education, to carry the project thus far to conclusion; and both the importance of the work itself and the faith and courage of its supporters afford a strong ground of appeal for the sympathy and help of the Church as a whole.

The Boarding Department has been, from the beginning, more than self-supporting, its income last year being $4,090, and its expenditure $3,760, leaving a credit balance of $330; but the current account of the Institution generally shows a considerable debit balance for the past year,

owing in a large measure to the terrible scourge of diphtheria, which not only kept away many pupils, but led to the enforced closing of the schools for some weeks, thus entailing a heavy loss of fees. It is estimated that at least $800 was thus lost to the Institution.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. J. BOND,
Chairman of Board of Conveners.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1889-90.		
To paid Scrubbing and cleaning	$13 60	
" Painting materials	5 00	
" Keeper's wages, six months	120 00	
" Incidentals	25 09	
" Insurance	75 00	
" Salaries	4,910 42	
" Coal Account	160 55	
" Advertising	72 40	
" Amounts paid G. P. Story	150 92	
" Books, etc., $38; interest, $7.13	45 13	
" Ayre & Sons, Account Dec. 31, 1889	206 97	
" Prizes allowance	28 00	
" Insurance	115 00	
" I. Woods & Son, coal	102 80	
" Ayre & Sons, to date	193 18	
		$6,224 06
By Balance	24 34	
" Fees	2,614 17	
" Government Grant	2,245 76	
" Balance	1,339 79	
		6,224 06
Fees, unpaid account		500 00
Balance		839 79

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount borrowed, 4 and 4½ per cent.	$15,623 85	
Amounts to pay (organ, fence, etc.)	4,356 00	
Balance, Fees account	839 79	
" Home account	995 48	
		$21,815 12
Balance at Commercial Bank		1,798 63
Total indebtedness		$20,016 49

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

President of Conference, Guardian of College Home.

Ministers.	*Laymen*
Henry Lewis.	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.
James Dove.	" H. J. B. Woods.
James Nurse.	J. B. Ayre.
Thomas H. James.	Hon. J. S. Pitts.
Joseph Perkins.	" James Angel.
S. Matthews.	John Steer.
R. W. Freeman.	J. E. P. Peters.
G. J. Bond, B.A.	W. F. Burns, D.D.S.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
J. Pratt.	R. K. Bishop.
J. Hill.	G. W. Mews.
W. Kendall.	C. Macpherson.
G. Paine.	A. Penney.
T. W. Atkinson.	S. R. March.
J. Pincock.	J. A. Robinson.
A. Hill.	A. F. Shirran.
F. R. Duffill.	T. C. Duder.
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.	G. R. Forsey.
A. D. Morton, M.A.	Dr. Forbes.
	C. P. Ayre.
	A. W. Martin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EMBARRASSED TRUSTS.

1. Your Committee has had under consideration the Report of the Union Church Relief Fund Committee, and desires to express its satisfaction with the manner in which the Fund has been administered during the Quadrennium, and recommends the adoption of the same and its printing in the JOURNAL.

2. That, having carefully considered the memorial of Mr. E. S. Whipple, of the Niagara Conference, asking reimbursement for moneys paid on behalf of the Dundas, late Methodist Episcopal Church, and finding that the financial obligation did not grow out of the Union, it is recommended that the memorial be not entertained.

3. The memorial of Mr. John Milne, of the London Conference, touching an obligation assumed in respect of the late Methodist Episcopal Church at Chatham, has been fully considered, and it is recommended that an appropriation of one thousand dollars, in relief of the obligation, be made, on condition that the balance of the debt be otherwise provided for.

4. Touching the memorial of the Brockville District Meeting *re* the Indebtedness of the Trustees and Stockholders of the St. Lawrence Central Camp-Ground, it is recommended that as the relief asked for in the memorial does not come within the scope of the Union Church Relief Fund, no grant be made; nevertheless, we express our profound regret that loyalty to a connexional enterprise should have involved these brothers in financial ruin, and earnestly commend their case to the Christian sympathy and financial aid of the Church at large.

5. It is also recommended that in accordance with the intention of the late Union Church Relief Fund, further aid be granted the Trustees of the late Methodist Episcopal Church at Prescott, and that one thousand dollars be appropriated, on condition that the balance of the indebtedness be otherwise provided for.

6. Your Committee learn that there are certain obligations connected with Embarrassed Trusts, to meet which appropriations have been made by the Union Church Relief Fund Committee, thereby making the Church responsible for the same; and whereas on some of these obligations very high rates of interest are being paid, therefore be it

Resolved,—That this General Conference authorize the Treasurer to

borrow a further sum of money, not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent., to give immediate relief to such cases of extreme embarrassment.

7. That collections on behalf of the Union Church Relief Fund be taken up in all our churches in the month of October of each year.

8. That the collections be immediately forwarded to the Financial Secretaries, and by them promptly remitted to the General Treasurer, and that each Conference appoint a Conference Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretaries the balances paid at the Annual District Meetings.

9. That recognizing the valuable services, involving much time and travel, so cheerfully rendered without remuneration by the Treasurer, Mr. John N. Lake, this General Conference hereby tenders to him its hearty and sincere thanks for the important work accomplished by him in connection with the Embarrassed Funds.

10. It is further respectfully recommended that the following compose the Committee for the administration of the Union Church Relief Fund during the Quadrennium, viz. :—The Revs. Dr. W. W. Williams, Dr. W. J. Hunter, Richard Whiting, Wm. Kettlewell, J. R. Gundy and W. C. Henderson, M.A., and Messrs. John N. Lake, the Hon. W. E. Sanford, T. Thompson, George A. Cox and Daniel McLean. Also that Mr. John N. Lake be the Treasurer of the Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. KETTLEWELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Report No. 2.

That it be an instruction to the several Boards and Committees of this Conference that hereafter reports showing in detail the salaries, house-rent, and other allowances of the heads of departments in connection with this Conference, be made quadrennially to this Conference, also the sources of payment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. SCOTT, *Chairman.*
WM. M. GRAY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

1. With reference to memorial from Barrie District, Toronto Conference, regarding expenses of delegates in travelling to General Conference, it was

Resolved,—That this being the only District which has expressed any wish in the matter, your Committee, believing the principle is unjust to those who came from the more distant parts of our work, would recommend that the travelling expenses of the delegates be paid in full.

2. It is recommended that the Report of the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund, as audited, be adopted and inserted in the JOURNAL.

3. That the Treasurer of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund be the Treasurer of the General Conference Fund, at a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum.

4. That the Advisory Committee on the General Conference Fund consist of Rev. Dr. Shaw, J. N. Lake, Esq., and Richard Brown, Esq., all of Toronto.

5. That the expenses of the Conference Secretary, inclusive of printing and stationery, be paid. That 500 copies of the JOURNAL be published at cost, and the expenses remaining unpaid at the end of the Quadrennium be met out of the profits of the Discipline.

6. That the Billeting Committee of this Conference be appropriated the sum of $275, including $50 to be paid to the church sexton, and allowance for Conference pages.

7. That the annual salary of the General Superintendent for the ensuing Quadrennium be $2,500.

8. That the General Conference Fund Treasurer be authorized to borrow moneys necessary for the payment of claims during the Quadrennium.

9. That the Annual Conferences be urged to sustain this General Conference Fund to a greater degree than during the past Quadrennium, in view of the debt at present existing and the desirability of having this wiped off before the meeting of next Conference.

ESTIMATES—1890-4.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Collections—Toronto Conference	$5,600	Balance Expenses General Conference, 1890	$600
" London "	4,000	Superannuated Ministers' Fund, Loan	10,580
" Niagara "	4,000	Interest and Office Expenses	2,200
" Guelph "	3,500	Committees and Delegations	2,000
" Bay of Quinte "	3,500	General Superintendency	12,000
" Montreal "	3,500		
" Nova Scotia "	1,600		
" N. B. & P. E. I. "	1,600		
" Newfoundland "	500		
" Manitoba "	2,400		
" British Col'bia "	500		
Total Estimated Income	$30,700	Total Estimated Expenditure	$27,380

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. SCOTT, *Chairman.*
WM. M. GRAY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

NOTE—Report No. 1 of this Committee (and all other Committees) was merely a Report of Organization and place of meeting.

Report No. 2.

The Committee on Reception of Fraternal Delegates make the following report:—

1. They request that the report of the Rev. Dr. Hunter, with the resolution of the Evangelical Association, be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Church Union.

2. That the Conference direct the letter-writers to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Rev. Isaac S. Bingham, D.D., fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to this Conference, expressing our sympathy with him in his affliction, and regretting his absence.

3. (*a*) That the Conference appoint a Committee on Fraternal Addresses. (*b*) That the election of fraternal delegates to other Churches be by nomination and ballot without discussion.

4. The Committee had before them a letter from the Rev. Henry Hartley, Ph.D., stating that he was appointed fraternal delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Church to our General Conference, and that he finds himself unable to be present. Your Committee recommend that a letter be sent to the Rev. Dr. Hartley, acknowledging the receipt of his letter, and expressing our continued good wishes for the prosperity of the Church to which he belongs.

Report No. 3.

The Committee recommend that the address to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in England and Ireland be prepared by Rev. Dr. Johnston and Rev. Dr. Sutherland; to the Primitive Methodist Church, by Rev. Dr. Antliff; to the New Connexion Church, by Rev. John Kay; to the Bible Christian Church, by Rev. George Webber; to the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., and Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D.; to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Rev. Dr. Stewart; to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by Rev. Dr. Briggs and Rev. E. A. Stafford, D.D.; and to the British Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. S. Williamson.

J. TALLMAN PITCHER, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1890.

PRELIMINARY.

Statement received from Rev. Dr. Rose, ex-Treasurer	$1,867 32	
Dr. Rose paid himself out of this amount the sum voted to him by the General Conference.....	500 00	
		$1,367 32

1886-7.

RECEIPTS.

Balance received from ex-Treasurer as above.....	$1,367 32	
Voucher of payment at General Conference by Billeting Committee	75 00	
Toronto Conference collections	332 49	
London "	151 40	
Niagara "	7 42	
Bay of Quinte "	123 49	
Montreal "	587 76	
Manitoba "	157 55	
Guelph "	142 94	
Newfoundland "	49 28	
Superannuation Fund (loan)	8,580 80	
		$11,575 45

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, salary	$2,300 00	
" Williams, " "	2,300 00	
" Carman's expenses	500 00	
" Williams' "	500 00	
Expenses of General Conference	4,829 03	
" office	23 75	
" committees	192 75	
Interest	247 07	
Cash in Bank	659 10	
Balance brought down	23 75	
		$11,575 45

1887-8.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Bank	$659 10	
Balance brought down	23 75	
Rev. J. Kenner (Bible Christian Church)	158 68	
London Conference collections	671 49	
Niagara "	532 41	
Bay of Quinte "	625 31	
Montreal "	1,056 37	
Manitoba "	338 60	
Newfoundland "	123 84	
Guelph "	710 33	
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference collections	275 50	
Toronto "	918 54	
Nova Scotia "	269 42	
British Columbia "	78 70	
Superannuation Fund (loan)	1,000 00	
		$7,442 04

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, salary	$2,300 00	
" Williams, " "	2,300 00	
" Carman's expenses	471 25	
" Williams' "	422 50	
Interest	490 62	
Expense of committees	351 30	
" delegations to other Conferences	437 09	
" office	19 51	
Cash in Bank	649 77	
		$7,442 04

1888-9.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank	$649 77	
Toronto Conference collections	968 79	
London "	563 27	
Niagara "	954 09	
Bay of Quinte "	514 09	
Montreal "	796 38	
Manitoba "	338 33	
Newfoundland "	191 23	
Guelph "	607 53	
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference collections	373 90	
Nova Scotia "	261 54	
British Columbia	96 55	
Superannuation Fund (loan)	1,000 00	
		$7,315 47

EXPENDITURE.

William Pollard, for Act of Legislature	$200 00	
Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, salary	2,300 00	
" Williams, " "	2,300 00	
" Carman's expenses	500 00	
" Williams' "	149 32	
Expense—office	60 47	
Interest	867 61	
Expense of committees	447 96	
" delegation	60 00	
Balance in Bank	430 11	
		$7,315 47

1889-90.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank	$430 11	
Toronto Conference collections	1,845 91	
London "	929 48	
Niagara "	948 54	
Bay of Quinte "	840 57	
Montreal "	1,236 08	
Manitoba "	440 76	
Newfoundland "	120 74	
Guelph "	1,189 40	
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference collections	648 00	
Nova Scotia "	725 84	
British Columbia "	109 80	
		$9,465 23

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent, salary	$2,300 00	
" Williams, " "	1,725 00	
" Carman's expenses	496 75	
" Williams' funeral expenses	126 25	
Expense—Office, including allowance to accountant for four years	553 16	
Expense of committees	279 05	
" delegation	41 95	
Interest	296 78	
Cash balance in Bank	3,646 29	
		$9,465 23
Loans from Superannuation Fund		$10,580 80

I certify that I have examined the books of this Fund, and have checked vouchers for all payments, and have found them correct, and this statement correctly extracted from the books.

THOS. S. KEOUGH, *Auditor.*

Toronto, 5th September, 1890.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

That in view of the financial position of the General Conference Fund, and in view of the expression of opinion, as shown by the memorials sent to this General Conference, and in view of the competency of one General Superintendent to do the work, as manifested during the last year, we are of the opinion that one General Superintendent will be sufficient for the needs of our work. Therefore we recommend that the office vacated by the death of our late lamented Dr. Williams be not filled.

That the memorial from Uxbridge, referred to your Committee on General Superintendency, recommending "that the General Conference officers be *ex-officio* members of the General Conference," should be referred to the Committee on Annual Conferences.

J. A. Rogers, *Chairman.*
J. Van Wyck, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Manitoba and North-West Conference on Indian Affairs, having procured and considered all the evidence available, beg leave to report as follows :—

1. That, in view of the remoteness of the work from the Mission Rooms, and the more intimate knowledge of its details and peculiarities which must be possessed by the brethren resident and laboring in the country, the Central Board of Missions might get valuable information from a committee of those brethren; your Committee, therefore, recommend that the General Conference appoint an Advisory Committee for Manitoba and the North-West, whose duty it shall be to keep the Missionary Board informed on all matters pertaining to the establishment of Indian schools and industrial institutions, the opening of new missions and the closing of old ones; and it is recommended that, on all matters relating to the Indian work in that Conference, such Advisory Committee be consulted, so that the Mission Board may be in possession at all times of the fullest information for the carrying on of the work there. It is suggested that this Advisory Committee be composed of the President of the Manitoba and North-West Conference, the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, the Rev. John McDougall, A. M. Peterson, Esq., and J. A. M. Aikins, Q.C.

2. Your Committee further report that, from the evidence before them, they are convinced that the civilization and Christianization of these Indians can only be accomplished by training their youth in agriculture and the arts of civilized life, and by bringing them in their early years under the operation of careful and continual Christian teaching. This is practicable only where as many as possible of the children are segregated from their people, and removed entirely and for years from their native habits and pursuits. We believe, therefore, that the best service which the Government of this country can render to these Indians

and to the country in that regard, is to establish and maintain for them as many industrial institutions as practicable, and to place these institutions under the control of such of the Christian Churches as will assume the burden of their management.

3. Your Committee further report that several industrial institutions have been erected in the North-West, which are maintained by the Government, and which are placed under the control of different Christian denominations, but that, up to this time, no such institution has been placed under the management of our Church. They are glad, however, to be able to report that the Indian Department is at the present time engaged in the erection of buildings for the use of the McDougall Orphanage at Morley.

4. Your Committee further report that, in the session of 1887, the Dominion Parliament appropriated the sum of $10,000 for the establishment of an industrial institution in the North-West, to be placed under the direction of our Church; that this appropriation having lapsed, they, in the session of 1888-9, appropriated the sum of $27,000 for a like purpose; that this appropriation having also lapsed, they, at their last session, appropriated the sum of $25,500 for the same purpose. This last appropriation is now in force, but, if not acted upon, it will likewise lapse on the thirtieth day of June next. Your Committee recommend that it be an instruction from the General Conference to the Mission Board to take immediate steps to arrange for a site, and secure as soon as practicable the erection of the industrial institution, for the establishment of which the $25,500 has been appropriated.

5. Having regard to the magnitude of the work which the country and the Church have before them, to the early history and extent of our Indian Missions in the North-West, and to the number of such institutions which the Government has been able to place under the management and control of other denominations of Christians, your Committee feel that the Government owes it to the Indians and to our missionary labors among them to erect further institutions beyond what are already contemplated, and to place as many of them under the care of our Church as they do under the care of any other one denomination.

A. C. WELLS, *Chairman.*
JOS. HALL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

First Report.

Your Committee met for organization on Friday, the 12th of September, 1890, and elected the Rev. Dr. Parker as Chairman, and Mr. George W. Beynon as Secretary.

W. R. PARKER, *Chairman.*
GEO. W. BEYNON, *Secretary.*

Second Report.

1. It is recommended that no action be taken on the memorial from the Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland as to an amendment of paragraphs 13 and 22 of the Model Deed, the memorialist having, with the consent of your Committee, withdrawn the same.

2. It is recommended that the requisite legislation be sought in order to amend paragraph 21 of the Model Deed, Appendix IV., Schedule B., Discipline of 1886, by the insertion after the word "church," in the eleventh line thereof, the words "or shall be absent from three successive meetings of the Board, of which due legal notice shall have been given, except for the cause of illness, or for such other reason as shall in the opinion of his co-trustees, expressed by a majority vote of said co-trustees, be deemed a sufficient excuse therefor;" and by the insertion after the word "distance," in the said eleventh line thereof, the words "locality or church," and by the insertion after the word "church," in the fifteenth line thereof, the words "absenting himself."

3. It is recommended that no action be taken upon the memorial of the Official Board of the Centenary Church, Hamilton, asking for more liberal provisions in the Model Deed with reference to the filling of our pulpits.

4. It is recommended :—

(1) That paragraph 128, section 3, clause b, Discipline, be amended by striking out all the words after the word "law," in the second line thereof.

(2) That paragraph 136, Discipline, be amended by inserting at the close thereof the words, "He shall also hear and determine appeals from the decisions of Chairmen of Districts, within the Conference, on questions of law, notice of such appeal to be given within two weeks after notice of the decision appealed against."

(3) That paragraph 162, clause 7, be amended by adding thereto the words "and to hear and determine appeals from the decision of Superintendents of Circuits, within the District, on questions of law, notice of such appeal to be given within two weeks after notice of the decision appealed against."

5. Your Committee, having duly considered the question referred to them, under the motion of the Rev. T. M. Campbell, with respect to the Guelph Conference, and the facts in connection therewith, in view of the fact that the ultimate decision of the Court of Appeal, finally settling the questions in controversy, was rendered at so late a date as the 3rd inst., and that as yet the Guelph Conference has not had opportunity for action in harmony therewith, while expressing their trust that that Conference will loyally accept and act upon the decision of the Court of Appeal, recommend that in the meantime no further action be taken by the General Conference.

6. With regard to the memorial from the Manitoba and North-West Conference, praying for authority to hold a new investigation in the matter of the late Nelson Brown, deceased, your Committee, having carefully examined the record of the various Committees of trial, District Meetings and sessions of the Annual Conferences, which dealt with the matter, together with the reasons advanced in support of the memorial, and the matters claimed to constitute new evidence, upon which the application for a reopening of the case is based, in view of the further fact that the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, which, in 1876, finally determined the case, had before it substantially all the evidence which now appears to be available, therefore is of opinion that there is not sufficient ground for granting the prayer of the memorialists.

7. It is recommended that the General Conference appoint a Commission to take into consideration the question of the titles to our church and parsonage property in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, under the Real Property Acts, commonly known as "Torrens Acts," in force therein, also in Ontario and other Provinces where such Acts are in force, and to ascertain what legislation, if any, it may be expedient to seek in the premises, and to report in case of urgency to the General Conference Special Committee, and otherwise to report to the next General Conference.

8. It is recommended that no action be taken in relation to Rev. Dr. Henderson's motion to expunge paragraph 128 of Discipline.

9. The following substitution is recommended in place of paragraph 128, 3*g*, Discipline: 128, 3*g*. "When any of the above appeals is not from the decision of a General Superintendent, it may be heard and determined by the General Superintendents or one of them. If either party gives notice of dissent therefrom, the appeal shall be heard by the full court, otherwise the decision shall be final. The General Superintendents, or Superintendent, instead of hearing the appeal, may remit it at once to the full court. The decision of the latter shall in all cases be final."

10. It is recommended that the Report of the Decisions of the Court of Appeal be printed in the JOURNAL in its present form.

11. Your Committee have carefully reviewed the rulings of Presidents of Annual Conferences exhibited in the annexed Schedule, and find them to be in harmony with the law of the Church, and recommend that they be printed in the JOURNAL of Conference.

12. It is also recommended that, with a view to definiteness in the law, the following clause be inserted in the Discipline as sub-section (1) to paragraph 167 thereof: 167 (1). "No candidate for our ministry, and no person employed under a chairman with a view to becoming such candidate, shall be eligible for election as a lay representative to either District Meeting or Annual Conference."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. PARKER, *Chairman.*
GEO. W. BEYNON, *Secretary.*

SCHEDULE OF RULINGS OF PRESIDENTS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

I.

London Conference.

1889, 1. "The election of a lay delegate to the Conference who is not a member of the District electing him is legal."

1890, 1. "If a minister should call his Quarterly Official Board together at the proper time and place for the transaction of business, and there should more business come before them than could be transacted at one session, and they should adjourn, say from twelve o'clock until two, or from one evening to another, the business transacted at the session after the adjournment would be legal."

II.

Manitoba and North-West Conference.

1887, 1. "No minister can exempt himself from the payment of the amount he should pay into the Superannuated Ministers' Fund, according to the provision of the Discipline of the Methodist Church."

2. "The basis of calculation for membership is the Minutes of the previous Conference in making up reports."

1888, 1. "A candidate for the ministry is not eligible for election as a lay representative to Conference."

2. "A person employed by the President of an Annual Conference, with a view to entering the regular work, cannot be elected as a lay delegate to the Conference at the end of the year for which he is employed, though he be not this year recommended as a candidate for the ministry."

3. (1) "An Annual Conference has not the power to control the location of churches in cities, but it has the power to settle disputes between two or more congregations."

(2) "An Annual Conference has not power or jurisdiction in the determination of circuits or missions, such power belongs to the Stationing Committee alone; nevertheless, no new domestic mission formed by dividing an existing circuit or mission can be formed without a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference."

1890, 1. "Where a young man has travelled under a Chairman for two years, only one year can be allowed him on the term of his probation."

This is the Schedule referred to in the Report of the Judicial Committee.

W. R. PARKER, *Chairman.*
GEO. W. BEYNON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, FOR THE QUADRENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1890.

The General Board of Missions, while rendering grateful praise to God for the favor wherewith He has crowned the work of the Society during the past Quadrennium, presents this report with feelings chastened by the sorrow of bereavement. Since last we assembled on an occasion similar to the present, three distinguished members of the Board—Rev. John A. Williams, D.D., General Superintendent, the Honorable Senator Ferrier, and the Honorable Senator Macdonald, Treasurer of the Society—have been called from labor to reward. Each of these beloved brethren maintained a blameless life-long connection with the Church of their early affection and choice, each one of them faithfully served his generation by the will of God; and each by unreserved consecration, by unswerving devotion to duty, or by abounding liberality in every good cause, has left a memory that will be a priceless heritage to the Church. Nor will it be out of place, in this connection, to commemorate the departure of another, the late Wm. Gooderham, Esq., who, although not a member of the General Board, was always a generous supporter of the Society's work, and in the final distribution of his property, bequeathed a large

amount in aid of our Foreign Missions. We feel assured, that while sympathizing with us in the loss sustained by the removal of these honored brethren, the General Conference will be gratified to learn that the vacancy in the Treasurership, caused by the death of the Hon. John Macdonald, has been filled, pending the action of the General Conference, by the appointment of the Hon. James Cox Aikins to that office.

With this brief but heart-felt reference to those who have passed from among us, the Board respectfully invites the attention of the Conference to the following statements and suggestions respecting the different departments of the mission work of the Church :—

I.—The Home Work.

The Department of Home Missions has continued to show, from year to year, good results in the extension of the work, the proclamation of the glad tidings to the needy, the conversion of sinners, the upbuilding of believers, and the maintenance of Gospel ordinances in localities where they would be unknown were it not for the help extended by the Missionary Society. The one drawback to the satisfaction of the Board is the fact that the resources of the Society do not keep pace with the actual requirements of the work, and that, in consequence, the stipends of the missionaries have been far below the modest minimum which we have sought to reach. Four years ago attention was called to this matter, and the hope was expressed that by due prudence in the multiplication of missions, the classification of dependent fields, and the institution of a sustentation fund, something would be done to relieve existing pressure, and give promise of brighter days to the toiling and sometimes discouraged missionaries. Although the hope has been realized only to a small extent, partly through the operation of Conference Sustentation Funds, the Board is convinced of the possibility of still further improvement, and would earnestly invite the attention of the Conference to methods whereby this may be accomplished.

With regard to the Domestic or Home work, the power of extension is very properly committed to the Annual Conferences. The general policy embraces two objects—first, to provide Gospel teaching and ordinances wherever the need exists, and which the people are unable to provide for themselves; and secondly, to advance the various missions, as quickly as possible, to the status of self-sustaining circuits. But this policy, so excellent in theory, is greatly hampered in practice. Extension of the work is not always measured by the needs of the people. Sometimes it is the outcome of a spirit of denominational rivalry, whose only justifying plea is that others are doing the same thing; and sometimes it is due to the mere desire of occupying more territory, without waiting to consider its effects upon missionary income, or the just claims of other parts of the field. The evil is further aggravated by a premature division and subdivision of missions, sometimes of independent circuits, without sufficient cause. It is not proposed that the authority of Annual Conferences to establish new Domestic missions shall be interfered with; but as the exercise of the right by all the Annnal Conferences, to the extent of only three or four missions each in one year, means a serious *pro rata* reduction in the stipends of those ministers who are now stationed on Domestic missions, it is evident some general regulation should be adopted

by which the increase of dependent fields shall be kept within safe and reasonable limits.

A subject closely connected with the foregoing is the development of self-support in many of the Domestic missions. The amount of missionary money expended upon missions well able to support their own ministers, and upon others able to double or largely increase their contributions, would startle any one who took the trouble to inquire into the facts. And this money virtually comes out of the meagre stipends of men stationed upon purely missionary ground, where sparseness of population or the poverty of the people makes present self-support, or even a near approximation thereto, an utter impossibility. It is believed that a careful classification of all dependent fields, the visitation of those fields by duly appointed deputations, and the establishment of a Sustentation Fund, either for the whole Connexion or in the several Conferences, would greatly promote the spirit of self-support, relieve the Mission Fund of many unreasonable claims, and at the same time raise the general average of stipends on the Domestic missions to something much nearer the recognized minimum than obtains at present.

II.—The Foreign Work.

The hitherto bright outlook of the work in Japan has been shadowed by the tragic death of one of our faithful missionaries, the Rev. T. A. Large, B.A., who was killed in his own house by armed burglars on the night of the 4th of April last. During a five years' residence in Tokyo, Bro. Large had endeared himself alike to natives and foreigners by his kindly spirit and courteous demeanor, while by the other missionaries he was regarded as a faithful worker and a trusted friend. His death, under circumstances so painful, is greatly deplored, and we can but trust that He who has commanded the light to shine out of darkness, will overrule this seemingly dark providence to the furtherance of His own cause in Japan. Another calamity, though of a very different kind, has befallen the mission, in the destruction by fire of the Central Mission Hall, which was rapidly approaching completion. This occurred in connection with an extensive conflagration by which several hundred houses were swept away. The walls of the Tabernacle suffered but little injury, however, and the work of reconstruction is progressing rapidly.

The chief event of the Quadrennium, in connection with the Japan work, was the formation of an Annual Conference, under the special provisions of the Discipline in regard to that country. This step, which had been greatly desired by the brethren, both native and foreign, was taken on the occasion of a visit of the General Secretary in the summer of 1889. The liveliest satisfaction was expressed by all the missionaries at this consummation of their wishes, and the result has been a decided impetus to the work, especially on evangelistic lines. It was hoped that the question of Methodist Union in Japan would have been ripe for action by this time, but although the missionaries on the ground seem to be quite ready for the step, we regret to observe that the authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South have decided to postpone action for the present. The basis adopted by the Union Committee in Japan will be submitted with this report, and should it commend itself to the Conference, it might be advisable to

affirm the principle, and give authority to the General Board to take final action, if necessary, at any time during the coming Quadrennium.

During the past four years, repeated communications from Japan have urged the importance, or rather the necessity, of extending the work into provinces yet unoccupied. This matter was fully inquired into by the General Secretary during his official visit, and subsequently a detailed report of an exploring tour by Revs. Dr. Cochran and J. W. Saunby, B.A., was laid before the Board. While recognizing the vast importance of the recommendations made by the Mission Council in Japan, the General Board felt that the claims of other parts of the field demand that greater prudence should be exercised in the matter of extending the work abroad. It was decided, however, that the city of Kanazawa, on the west coast, should be occupied, as this could be done without additional expense, except a small grant for necessary buildings. Beyond this, the only new mission authorized is in the town of Nagona, all other requests being deferred until this General Conference should indicate its judgment by instructing the General Board as to the policy to be pursued.

The results of the work in Japan, during the Quadrennium, have been highly satisfactory, as the following statement will show :—

	1886.	1890.	Increase.
Membership	591	1,716	1,125
Contributions	yen 903 04	6,491.35	5,588.31
Value of church property	" 28,085	64,843	36,758
Scholars in Sunday-schools	542	1,486	944

A question of great importance has arisen in connection with our foreign work, which demands the careful consideration of this General Conference and of the ensuing General Board. For two or three years past some of our leading ministers and laymen, among whom may be mentioned our late General Superintendent and the late Senator Macdonald, have been asking whether the time had not arrived when the Church should cast her eye over the great field of heathendom, with a view of opening a new mission among some hitherto neglected people. It is generally known that Senator Macdonald included among his various benevolent bequests the sum of $2,000 to found a mission in the Islands Guadaloupe and Martinique. Others have spoken of India ; while others still have had their thoughts turned toward China, as at once a needy and a promising field. In this connection some providential indications may be noted. Several years ago, a lady in Kingston sent, unsolicited, to the Mission Rooms, a donation of several hundred dollars, with the request that it be kept until the Church was ready to begin a mission in China. Sometime later we were led by a clear providential call to open a mission among the Chinese in British Columbia, which has proved successful in a marked degree. Still later, two young men, both graduates in Arts, one of them a graduate in Medicine, the other pursuing the B.D. course in Theology, volunteered for the foreign field, and asked to be sent to one of the unoccupied provinces of China. About the same time, another young man, who is pursuing a medical course in order to qualify as a medical missionary, made a similar offer, and while expressing his readiness to go to any part of the foreign field where his services might be required, called attention to Assam, with its 20,000,000 of souls

uncared for. The Board simply submits these statements without any recommendation, deeming it very desirable there should be a calm and unbiased consideration of the whole situation by the General Conference, and a deliverance given in regard to the foreign work that will be a guide to the Board in its future operations.

III.—The Indian Work.

This, more than any other part of our missionary enterprise, may be regarded as purely a work of Christian benevolence. Apart from contributions to the Mission Fund, there are no returns in kind for the money expended on these missions. Nor is it likely that, in this respect, there will be much improvement for many years to come. In the Indian work the Church ministers to a dying race, whose poverty and helplessness, no less than its spiritual destitution, appeals with touching pathos to our Christian sympathy. The amount expended annually on this department of our work is very large, but the results achieved in the conversion of souls and the civilization of entire tribes, has amply repaid the Church for her self-denying efforts. "The blessing of Him that was ready to perish" has come upon us, and this is a blessing "which maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow therewith."

About twenty-two per cent. of the entire income of the Society is expended on the Indian work, and as the demands for extension are very urgent, especially in British Columbia, it is not improbable that the expenditure will be still larger in the future. On the whole of Vancouver Island we have but one Indian Mission, and the working force is but one lady teacher and a native agent. On both the east and west coasts of the island there are numerous tribes as yet untouched by any evangelizing agency. Their poverty is great, their ignorance profound, their moral degradation almost beyond description, and no man cares for their souls. For years they have been begging for teachers and missionaries, but no one has responded, and the Missionary Board has been compelled to turn a deaf ear to these appeals, because it seems impossible to reinforce the Indian contingent without reducing stipends or workers in other and equally important fields. But feeling the urgent necessities of the case, the Board appeals to the Church, by means of this report, through this General Conference, for such an advance in missionary contributions as will justify the opening of new missions among destitute Indian tribes.

An important phase of the Indian work, and one which demands serious consideration from this Conference, is that which relates to education. The schools established in connection with the various missions served a good purpose when nothing better was available; but it is thought by some that the time has come when our whole policy, in this respect, demands revision. From the ordinary day schools on the Reserves we obtain the minimum of results, because of the difficulties under which the work is carried on. Qualified and efficient teachers are hard to procure, for salaries are meagre and the isolation is great; regular attendance on the part of the children seems to be out of the question, for there is no home discipline, and the children are allowed to do pretty much as they please; and so long as they remain on the Reserves they cling to their mother-tongue, and make very slow progress in English. Moreover, all these schools are carried on in conjunction with the Indian Department

of the Ottawa Government, by which a part of the expenses are paid, and it is a question whether the Church does not lose more than she gains by this *quasi* connection with the State, even in educational matters. It hampers our freedom of action, renders the schools less efficient, because conducted under a divided authority, and is used as an argument to silence complaint when another Church is virtually endowed by a lavish expenditure of public money. Theory may contend for a system of local schools, on the English plan, where the benefits of a common school education would be brought to the children of every camp; but experience has her index finger pointed steadily in the direction of Industrial Institutes and Residential Schools, where the children can be separated entirely from the asssociations of camp-life for a series of years, and instructed in such forms of industry as will enable them in after years to earn an honorable livelihood. To found and provide for the maintenance of these Institutes is the bounden duty of the Government, in carrying out the spirit of treaty stipulations; but the management may be assumed, with the consent of the Government, by persons appointed by the Churches, without involving such connection between Church and State as implies dependence on the one hand, or the bestowment of State aid on the other.

In the Report of the General Board of Missions presented to this Conference four years ago, complaint was made that the Church had not received fair treatment from the Dominion Government, especially in regard to Industrial Institutes in British Columbia and the North-West. After long and vexatious delay, a disposition is manifested to remove this cause of complaint so far as the North-West is concerned. At the present time work is in progress to provide better buildings for the Morley Orphanage, a site has been fixed upon for an Industrial Institute at the Red River Settlement, about midway between Calgary and Edmonton, and promise has been made of an institute in Manitoba for the especial benefit of the Indians around Lake Winnipeg, and those to the north and east. When these works are completed there will be fair provision for the children connected with our various missions, which is not the case at present. Concerning institutes in British Columbia, we cannot speak in similar terms. It will be remembered that, a few years ago, complaints were made by Government agents against some of our missionaries on the Pacific Coast, to the effect that they were stirring up the Indians against the Government on the land question. The complaints were promptly and emphatically denied, but of the denials no notice was taken by the Government. The Board felt that such action should be taken as would vindicate the character of our missionaries if they were innocent of the things laid to their charge, and at the cost of much trouble and inconvenience a mass of evidence was obtained, part of it given under oath, showing that always and everywhere among the tribes the missionaries had been the friends of law and order, and that the dissatisfaction among the Indians was caused by the injudicious conduct and broken promises of the agents of the Government. Armed with this evidence, a deputation from the Board of Missions waited upon the Dominion Premier and the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, and during an interview which lasted two hours, they stated the case for our missionaries, urged in strong but courteous language the claims of the Methodist Church respecting the institutes, and requested a redress of grievances in several particulars that

were named. But we have yet to learn that the first step has been taken in accordance with our requests, and so far there is no move to place any Indian Institute in British Columbia under the charge of our Church.

In connection with this subject, there is a matter of some delicacy to which we felt constrained, in the interests of the Missionary Society, to refer. On more than one occasion, within the past few years, representations have been made and communications sent to the Government by private persons respecting our Indian work, without the sanction of the Board and even without its knowledge. Among others a letter was written to the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, complaining of the treatment accorded to the Methodist Church in the matter of Institutes, and inquiring into the cause of delay. To that letter a reply was sent which, as might have been expected, put the most favorable construction possible upon the action or rather non-action of the Government. The reply thus received was publicly used in at least two of the Annual Conferences, apparently with the object, first, of shielding the Government from any real or supposed blame in the matter of the Institutes; secondly, of locating responsibility for delay with the General Board and its officers. We submit that such proceedings are an unwarrantable interference with duties vested by the General Conference in the Board of Missions and its officers, and are calculated to embarrass the Board in its negotiations with the Government.

That there may be no ground for false impressions, the Secretary is prepared to submit the whole of the official correspondence, so that the Conference may judge if there has been any neglect of duty or of the Church's interest.

Before passing away from the subject of Indian Missions, we would call attention to the condition of affairs at Oka. It is not necessary that we should rehearse the story of persecutions to which the Indians at Oka have been subjected, the destruction of their property by mobs, the false arrests and imprisonment of some of their number, and the fact that the Government has not afforded them adequate protection; but we cannot refrain from calling attention to the latest phase of this affair, which appears in a letter addressed to the Indians from the office of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, informing them that no further aid will be given to any Protestant member of the band unless they remove from the home of their fathers to the new reserve in Muskoka. So far as indigent members of the band are concerned, such removal may be said to involve only sentimental considerations, but to others it means the surrender of lands, to which they believe they have a just claim, for a mere fraction of their value. As the Protestant Indians of Oka are, without exception, Methodists, we submit that it is the duty of the entire Church to stand by them in any just contention; and as the matter respecting their claim to the lands has not been settled by any competent authority, we further submit that it is the duty of the Dominion Government, whose wards the Indians are, to have the question finally decided without further delay.

IV.—The French Work.

The event of the Quadrennium in connection with the French Work has been the erection and occupation of an Educational Institute at Côte St. Antoine, adjoining the western limits of the city of Montreal. After

careful examination of a number of different localities, the place referred to was selected, a good site obtained, and a building erected capable of accommodating pupils of both sexes to the number of one hundred, including rooms for the principal and teachers, recitation rooms for the daily exercises of the school, and a commodious and attractive chapel. In the important work of the Institute we have the co-operation of the Woman's Missionary Society, which shares with us the working expenses, and pays interest on $10,000 of the cost of the building. The opening of this Institute has been hailed with satisfaction, not only by those engaged in the French work, but by all who are interested in the evangelization of our French fellow-countrymen. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to show what can be accomplished, but the Board entertain strong hopes that the new departure in connection with the French work will prove its providential origin by the results which follow. On evangelistic lines there is nothing new to report. The various missionaries are doing their best to sow the seed of divine truth among the people, cheered by the assurance that "in due season 'they' shall reap if 'they' faint not." Colporteurs, also, have been diligently at work in a number of localities, and by the circulation of the Scriptures and religious literature are preparing the way of the Lord.

V.—The Chinese Work.

The indications which led the Board to begin work among the Chinese in British Columbia seemed to be of a marked providential kind, and the history of the work has been in harmony with its providential beginning. Since the mission was begun, five years ago, there has been steady growth, and the membership now aggregates . A comfortable but inexpensive mission building has been erected in Vancouver, where the work is in charge of a native missionary, and at Victoria a building will be erected this autumn, which will give permanence to the mission and enable the missionary to work to better advantage. In Victoria there is also a Rescue Home for Chinese girls, which is carried on by the Woman's Missionary Society, with good results. Night schools are in operation at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, and a beginning has been made among the Chinese at Kamloops. It is hoped that from among these strangers from the "land of Sinim" some will be raised up to carry the Gospel to their native land.

VI.—Formation of New Missions.

While the creation of our Domestic Missions rests, as already stated, with the Annual Conferences, custom, which in time comes to have the force of unwritten law, has relegated authority in the matter of the Foreign, French, Indian and Chinese work, to the General Board. As these departments are supported almost entirely by the Misssion Fund, it seems reasonable that, so far as extension of the work is concerned, they should be under the control of some Board or Committee in which all the Annual Conferences are represented. By tacit consent the General Board has been entrusted with this duty, and all new missions, in the departments referred to, have been formed by its authority. Hitherto the weighty responsibilities involved have been discharged with all the care and prudence the Board could command; but in view of the large

sums annually expended, the growing importance of the work in these various departments, the urgent and persistent requests for extension, especially in the Indian and Foreign fields, and the consequent danger of friction in regard to authority, it seems desirable that some general regulations should be adopted which will definitely locate the authority by which new missions are to be formed. In several cases steps have been taken by Annual Conferences which may ultimately involve the Missionary Fund in heavy outlay, to the detriment of other parts of the work, and we suggest the propriety of putting this whole question out of the region of dispute.

VII.—The "Missionary Outlook."

This useful publication is holding on the even tenor of its way, spreading missionary information among the people, and helping to keep them in living sympathy with the work of the Society. Owing to the reduction in price and the supply of ministers without charge (both by order of last General Conference), the publication does not quite pay its way; but the balance sheet is steadily improving, and a moderate increase of the paying circulation would make the income equal to the expenditure. It might be well, at this juncture, to consider the propriety of enlarging the *Outlook*, with a view of giving greater variety of information, and making it still more efficient as an advocate of mission work.

NUMERICAL STATEMENT.

1886.

Departments.	Number of Missions.	Number of Missionaries.	Native Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total Paid Agents.	Members.
Domestic	421	434	..	..	..	434	43160
Indian	38	37	17	25	11	90	4037
French	12	11	..	3	..	14	405
Foreign—Japan	11	*16	15	6	..	37	591
Chinese	1	1	..	4	..	5	13
	483	499	32	38	11	580	48206

* Of the sixteen missonaries in Japan, nine are native ministers, and three of the foreign missionaries teach in our College.

1890.

Domestic	411	431	..	..	..	431	38741
Indian	44	45	23	27	10	105	4260
French	..	7	..	4	..	11	257
Foreign—Japan	14	*22	29	16	..	67	1716
Chinese	4	2	..	7	..	9	112
	473	507	42	44	10	623	45265

* Of the twenty-two missionaries in Japan, fifteen are native ministers and probationers, and four of the foreign missionaries teach in our College.

The numerical statistics of the Domestic Missions do not represent the full growth, inasmuch as some of these are continually passing off the fund and becoming self-supporting Circuits, after which their members do not appear in the returns of Domestic Missions.

I.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

Income.	1886-7.	1887-8.	1888-9.	1889-90.
Subscriptions and Collections	$162158 84	$165868 14	$171469 78	$166551 03
Juvenile Offerings	25526 71	27915 83	27851 62	28122 39
Legacies	2023 46	14802 38	4709 00	7335 11
Donations on Annuity	1500 00	.....	1000 00	5000 00
Indian Department for Schools	9047 98	8875 58	9404 98	10822 67
Miscellaneous	1617 35	2018 07	1340 03	2195 23
Total	$201874 34	$219480 00	$215775 41	$220026 43
Expenditure	189286 15	195469 54	210691 98	209618 53
Surplus	$12588 19	$24010 46	$5083 43	$10407 90

Basis of Union unanimously adopted by the Joint Union Commission in regular session in Nagoya, Japan, Feb. 5th, 1890.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved,—That we consider a union of the Methodist bodies in Japan desirable.

CHAPTER I.

The Church—Name—Doctrinal Standards—General Rules and Ritual.

Article I.—Name.

The name shall be the Methodist Church of Japan.

Article II.—Standards of Doctrines.

The doctrines of the Methodist Church of Japan are declared to be those contained in the Twenty-five Articles of Religion and those taught by Rev. John Wesley, M.A., in his "Notes on the New Testament" and in the first fifty-two Sermons of the first series of his discourses published during his lifetime.

Article III.—General Rules, etc.

The General Rules, as well as the Chapters on Membership and Means of Grace and the Administration of Discipline, shall be substantially as they are found in the Discipline of the three uniting Churches.*

* The Discipline of the Canada Methodist Church and that of Methodist Episcopal Church South, of the date of 1886; that of Methodist Episcopal Church, date 1888.

ARTICLE IV.—THE RITUAL.

The Ritual shall also remain substantially the same, with the exception of the form in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Churches for the Consecration of Bishops, which shall be adapted to use in the induction of the Sotoku into office.

CHAPTER II.

MINISTERIAL AND LAY OFFICERS.

A.—The Ministry.

ARTICLE I.—SOTOKU.

The chief officer of the Church shall be called Sotoku.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION, INDUCTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE.

Section 1.—The General Conference shall elect the Sotoku by ballot in open session.

Section 2.—The Sotoku shall be inducted into office by appropriate religious services.

Section 3.—The term of office of the Sotoku shall be twelve years, with no re-election.

ARTICLE III.—DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF THE SOTOKU.

Section 1.—The Sotoku shall be chairman of the General and Annual Conferences, and of all Standing Committees belonging thereto.

Section 2.—He shall travel throughout the field to exercise supervision, and see that the Discipline is enforced therein.

Section 3.—He shall have power to transfer preachers from one Conference to another within his jurisdiction.

Section 4.—He shall decide all questions of law involved in proceedings pending in the Annual Conference, subject to an appeal to the General Conference; but in all cases the application of law shall be with the Annual Conference.

Section 5.—He shall, in consultation with the Choroshi, station the preachers with the following provisions—viz., (1) If any one of the Choroshi shall appeal against any appointment made by the Sotoku, and his appeal be sustained by a two-thirds vote of the Choroshi, it shall prevail. (2) Should any foreign missionary feel himself aggrieved by his appointment, he shall have the right to present his case to a committee consisting of not less than six missionaries representing the uniting mission, which committee shall consider the case and dispose of it as may be deemed best in consultation with the Sotoku.

ARTICLE IV.—CHOROSHI.

The chief officer of the district shall be called Choroshi.

ARTICLE V.—ELECTION OF CHOROSHI.

The Choroshi shall be elected by the Annual Conference by ballot.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF THE CHOROSHI.

Section 1.—To act as Chairman of the District to which he is appointed and of all permanent committees belonging thereto.

Section 2.—To superintend the work within the bounds of his District.

Section 3.—To attend, as far as practicable, all the Quarterly Conferences within his District, and when present he shall preside.

Section 4.—The Choroshi may have a pastoral charge.

ARTICLE VII.—BOKUSHI.

The preacher in charge of a Circuit or Station shall be called Bokushi.

ARTICLE VIII.—APPOINTMENT OF BOKUSHI.

All preachers shall be appointed to their pastoral charges annually, but no preacher shall be allowed to remain more than five consecutive years on the same charge. Those appointed to positions in educational institutions and other special offices of the Church may be exempt from this limitation by permission of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX.—DUTIES AND PREROGATIVES OF THE BOKUSHI.

Each ordained pastor shall have jurisdiction within his charge and shall be chairman of his Quarterly Conference in the absence of the Choroshi.

ARTICLE X.—MINISTERIAL ORDERS.

Section 1.—Two orders of the ministry shall be recognized—Choro (Elder); Shitsuji (Deacon).

Section 2.—The preachers connected with the Annual Conferences shall be known as Elders and Probationers, including Deacons on trial.

Section 3.—No preacher shall be eligible to full membership in an Annual Conference until he shall have been on probation four years and been elected an Elder.

B.—Lay Officers.

ARTICLE XI.

The Lay Officers of the Church are Local Preachers, Class Leaders, Stewards, Trustees, and Sunday-school Superintendents.

ARTICLE XII.

The qualifications and duties of the Lay Officers of the Church shall be as declared in the Disciplines in the Uniting Churches.

ARTICLE XIII

Local preachers shall not receive ordination.

CHAPTER III.

CONFERENCES.

A.—General Conference.

ARTICLE I.—COMPOSITION.

The General Conference shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay representatives.

ARTICLE II.—MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION.

The ministerial representation in the General Conference shall be composed of one delegate for every five members of each Annual Conference, to be elected by ballot by the ministerial members of the same at the session of the Annual Conference next preceding that of the General Conference. Provided: That no member of an Annual Conference shall be eligible to membership in the General Conference until he shall have been in full membership two full years.

ARTICLE III.—LAY REPRESENTATION.

The lay representation in the General Conference shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference at the session next preceding that of the General Conference. Provided: That no layman shall be eligible to election who has not attained the age of twenty-five years and been a member of the Church for five consecutive years.

ARTICLE IV.—POWERS OF—RESTRICTIVE RULES.

The General Conference shall have full power to make rules and regulations for our Church under the following limitation and restrictions, viz. :—

1. The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, nor change our Articles of Religion, nor establish any new Standards or Rules of Doctrine contrary to our existing and established Standards of Doctrines.

2. The General Conference shall not change nor alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away with the office of Sotoku, nor destroy the plan of our Itinerant system or of our Itinerant General Superintendency.

3. The General Conference shall not do away with the privileges of our ministry or probationers for the ministry, of trial by a committee and of an appeal, neither shall they do away with the privilege of our members on trial before the Society or by a committee and of an appeal.

B.—Annual Conference.

ARTICLE V.—CONSTITUTED OF.

The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the travelling preachers within its jurisdiction who have been received into full connexion, and an equal number of laymen who have been elected as elsewhere provided for.

ARTICLE VI.—POWERS OF.

The Annual Conference shall review the reports of the District Conference in regard to the character of ministers and probationers for the ministry, and may reprove, suspend, deprive of ministerial office and credentials, expel or acquit, any against whom charges may have been preferred. The lay members shall participate in all the business of the Conference except such as involves ministerial character.

C.—District Conference.

ARTICLE VII.—COMPOSITION OF.

The District Conference shall be composed of all the travelling and local preachers within its jurisdiction and one lay representative from each Quarterly Conference.

ARTICLE VIII.—POWERS OF.

The powers of the District Conference shall be: (1) The examination of ministerial character. (2) Regulations in regard to probationers and candidates for the ministry. (3) Licensing of local preachers.

ARTICLE IX.

The examination of the character of ministers and probationers for the ministry shall be confined to the ministerial delegates of the Conference.

D.—Quarterly Conference.

ARTICLE X.—COMPOSITION OF.

The Quarterly Conference shall be composed of all the Travelling and Local Preachers, Exhorters, Stewards, Class Leaders, the first Superintendents of Sunday-schools, and the Trustees who are members of the Church within the pastoral charge.

ARTICLE XI.—POWERS OF.

The powers of the Quarterly Conference shall be substantially the same as defined in the Disciplines of the Uniting Churches, with the following modification: The examination of candidates for license to preach shall be conducted in the Quarterly Conference, but the granting and renewing of license shall be with the District Conference.

CHAPTER IV.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE—CONSTITUTION OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL PROVISION.

ARTICLE I.—JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Section 1.—There shall be a Joint Board of Finance composed of twelve members, one half of whom shall be Foreign Missionaries and one-half Japanese ministers or laymen. The foreign members of this Board shall be appointed by the respective missions. The Japanese members shall be appointed quadrennially by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Japan.

Section 2.—The Joint Board of Finance shall control and apply all funds appropriated by the various Boards for evangelistic or other connexional purposes.

Section 3.—But each mission shall have full and exclusive control of all funds appropriated by the Board which it represents, except such funds as may be appropriated specifically for connexional purposes.

Section 5.—The Joint Board of Finance shall annually prepare estimates for evangelistic and other connexional work. These estimates shall be submitted to the united missions for approval, after which they shall be forwarded to the respective Home Boards by the missions. The Joint Board of Finance shall prepare annually full reports of all disbursements for the missions, and these reports shall be transmitted by the respective missions to the Home Boards.

ARTICLE II.—CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Section 1.—There shall be a Central Theological Seminary and a Central Higher College established at as early a date as practicable after the union is effected.

Section 2.—The Theological Seminary and the Central Higher College shall be under the management of a Central Educational Committee of eighteen, composed of foreign missionaries and Japanese members in equal numbers. That Committee shall be representative each of the negotiating missions electing its own representatives in its own way; the Japanese members of the General Conference in special session electing the Japanese representatives. Moreover the Committee shall have general advisory supervision over the entire educational work of the Church to unify and harmonize the general system.

Section 3.—The Central Educational Committee shall in all cases recommend annually suitable persons for professorships in the Central Higher College and the Theological Seminary, the Sotoku confirming the appointment in Annual Conference.

Section 4.—The respective missions shall at such times and in such way as they may determine recommend annually suitable persons for work in the respective schools under their management, the Sotoku confirming the appointment in Annual Conference.

Section 5.—All school property hitherto acquired or that may hereafter be acquired shall remain under the exclusive management of the mission representing the Board appropriating therefor, provided that in case of the establishment of connexional institutions a proportional share of the expenses of the same shall be borne by the several negotiating missions, the proportion to be agreed upon at the time and approved by the Boards represented.

ARTICLE III.—CONSTITUTION AND TIME OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Section 1.—In case the Basis of Union is approved by the requisite majorities in the Quarterly Conferences and Annual Conferences of the Methodst Episcopal Church in Japan, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Japan and the Methodist Church of Japan, and by the General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States and Methodist Episcopal Church South, in the United States, and of the Methodist Church in Canada, it shall be competent for the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan and the Methodist Church South, in Japan and the Methodist Church of Japan to elect delegates to the First General Conference of the United Church in the proportion of one out of five ministers in full connexion with an equal number of laymen elected in Annual or Special Conference, as the cas emay be, and these shall compose the First General Conference of the said United Church, with power to perform such acts as may be necessary to the final ratification of the union and all other acts which may come within the province of a General Conference.

Section 2—TIME OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In the event of the Basis of Union being approved, it is recommended that the First General Conference of the United Church be held in

Tokyo at such time as may be fixed by a Committee appointed for the purpose by the Uniting Churches in Japan.

ARTICLE IV.—SPECIAL PROVISION.

It shall be admissible for any Church or mission entering into this union whose ministers or laymen shall not be qualified according to the standards prescribed in Articles II. and III. of the General Conference Regulations, to elect from its Japanese members as many delegates to the First General Conference as there are foreign representatives entitled to election under the prescribed standards.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS IN MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE.

In presenting my first Quadrennial Report, I desire to bear testimony to the noble generosity, enthusiastic loyalty and pious devotion of our people, and the sacrificing spirit, holy zeal and heroic efforts of our ministers and probationers in the Manitoba and North-West Conference, and, on behalf of the Church, to record our gratitude for the results she has been enabled to achieve during the last four years.

Having completed my pastorate of the Brandon Church, pursuant to instructions I entered upon the full duties of Superintendent of Missions at the beginning of the Conference year of 1887.

The generous additions made four years ago to the Manitoba and North-West Conference, together with the magnificent distances previously embraced within her boundaries, constitute a field of operations for your Superintendent that cannot be regarded as in any way circumscribed.

In attempting to execute, as far as I might be able, the instructions received from you, and what seemed to be in the best interests of the Church, I have visited once or oftener nearly every circuit and mission to ascertain from personal observation the exact state of affairs, to learn

the needs and prospects of each locality, and to render such assistance as I could to further the interests of the Church in every possible way; to devise methods that would ensure greater efficiency and larger results, and to acquire such information as might be helpful in laying larger and broader plans for the upbuilding of our beloved Zion, and for promoting the cause and spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is perhaps needless for me to say that though, during my occupancy of office, I have travelled some 55,000 miles, yet it was impossible for me to visit as many points as I would like to have done.

Opportunities have been afforded of visiting and holding meetings of various kinds as far north as White Fish Lake and Norway House, as far west as the Rocky Mountains, and as far east as the shores of the Atlantic.

Valuable information has thus been acquired of the whole work, Indian as well as white, which has aided in the work of rearrangement, extension and general management. In considering what may be brought under your notice in this report, it should be borne in mind that the territory embraced within the limits of the Manitoba and North-West Conference is still in a formative state, and that this condition of affairs must inevitably continue to a greater or less extent. This means that our people have been bearing, and must continue to bear, burdens peculiar to a new country. The expense of establishing municipal institutions, of opening school districts, of building roads, bridges and public buildings of various kinds, imposes a burden of taxation that will gradually diminish in the course of events, as the numbers increase among whom such burdens will be divided. All this comes at a time when the people are really least able to bear it, as they, too, are just making a start in life, and, whether possessed of much or little of this world's goods, see numerous opportunities in which to invest every dollar at their command in ways that promise a better foundation on which to build their hopes of future returns. A personal knowledge of these conditions enables us rightly to appreciate the conspicuous generosity of our people, and also to understand how great are the needs of the Church in every quarter. The Church has abundant reason for profound gratitude and thanksgiving for the marked success that has crowned her efforts during the Quadrennium in this particular part of her work. From a subjoined table, you will learn that, in 1886, there were only 74 circuits and missions within the bounds of this Conference; now there are 121, an increase of 63 per cent. A significant fact in this connection is the marked increase in self-sustaining charges. Of this class, in 1886, there were 11; now there are 46, an increase of 318 per cent. If we add four other circuits, which will ask removal expenses only for this year, the number of independent circuits will reach 50. From this gratifying comparison, you will learn that, though a large amount of new work has been undertaken, a surprisingly large proportion of the expense has been assumed by the people themselves. It is interesting to note that the 46 independent circuits now in the Conference have averaged a period of only four years and three months of dependence on the Missionary Society. Having undertaken to support their own ministers, the contributions of the people for this purpose are on a liberal scale, the average salary appropriated this year for married ministers being $913, and that of single men, $444. Nor are their sym-

pathies purely local. These fields now constitute important sources of connexional revenue; the Superannuation, Missionary and other funds of the Church having acquired permanent tributaries at a trifling financial cost.

With additional men in the field, new missions and preaching appointments have been opened. In 1886, the number of these was 310; in 1890, 459, an increase of 48 per cent.

The number of churches in 1886 was 60; in 1890, the number is 95, an increase of 58 per cent. While this may be regarded as a creditable advance, it is scarcely equal to advances along other lines, and certainly falling far short of the requirements of the people. Where there are 459 preaching appointments, there certainly ought to be more than 95 churches.

Twenty parsonages have been built during the Quadrennium, making, in all, 59, an increase of 51 per cent.

As a result of church and parsonage building, the value of connexional property has been handsomely increased. In 1886, the church property of this Conference was valued at $161,240; in 1890, a conservative valuation places it at $264,521, an increase of 61 per cent.

The following statement will show the amounts raised for the various funds of the Church in 1890, as compared with sums contributed for similar purposes in 1886:—

Funds.	1886.	1890.	Increase.	Per cent.
Union Church Relief	....	$156 60	$156 60	
Woman's Missionary	....	124 00	124 00	
Sunday-school Aid	$71 81	143 77	71 96	100
Educational	205 44	268 76	63 32	32
Contingent	206 59	294 80	88 21	42
General Conference	229 47	377 38	147 91	64
Superannuated Ministers'	1,092 64	2,573 73	1,481 09	135
Missionary	4,133 56	6,899 43	2,765 87	66
Total	$5,939 51	$10,838 47	$4,898 96	82
Ministerial Support	20,149 56	38,901 94	18,752 38	93
All other purposes	24,872 29	61,745 13	36,872 84	148
Total for all purposes	$50,961 36	$111,485 54	$60,524 18	118

Or, $12.50 per member for the white membership.

It may be proper to introduce just here a similar statement of the membership of the Church:—

	1886.	1890.	Increase.	Per cent.
Indian	842	1,109	267	31
White	4,191	8,786	4,595	109
Total	5,033	9,895	4,862	96

It should be explained that probably not more than twenty-five per cent. of this increase can be attributed to recent immigration. Personal visitation of portions of our vast territory hitherto unoccupied by the Methodist Church abundantly confirmed statements previously made that for lack of a more vigorous policy of extension, many of our people had been lost to our Church, and many more were in danger of following their example. Hence the formation of so many new missions, and the rear-

rangement from year to year of those already in existence; changes rendered possible by the introduction of a large number of additional men into the Conference.

Hundreds who had in other lands been members of the Methodist Church, but who had, since their settlement in the North-West, been without the service of Methodism and were either leading careless lives or worshipping with other Christian bodies, were, by the extension already referred to, again enrolled in the membership of the Methodist Church. The largest proportion, however, of the increase is the direct result of the devoted efforts of our ministers and people by the use of the time-honored means and methods peculiar to our Church.

The importance of Sabbath-school work has been fully appreciated, and there has been a gratifying advance in this department.

	1886.	1890.	Increase.	Per cent.
Schools	84	156	72	85
Officers and Teachers	535	1,162	627	117
Scholars	4,073	8,906	4,833	118

I would like to draw your attention to a financial aspect of the case, as presented in the following statistics. While the Church has during the last four years, from 1885 to 1889, paid out of her Missionary Fund $53,455.76 for the support of Domestic Missions in this Conference, she has actually had returned from the white work of this Conference, in the form of contributions to the Missionary Fund, the sum of $22,112.18, thus involving the net expenditure of $31,343.58, or only an average of $7,835.89 per annum.

Additional evidence of the willingness of the people of the west to help themselves, and consequently of the small cost of carrying on so extensive a work, is found in the amount paid per member on our Domestic Missions for ministerial support, compared with what is contributed by the same class of work in some of the other Conferences. Taking the column "Propose to raise," in the sheets furnished for the use of the Missionary Committee, and last year as a sample year, we analyze with the following results:—

Newfoundland	Conference	$1 07
Bay of Quinte	"	2 05
Niagara	"	2 39
Toronto	"	2 74
Guelph	"	2 81
London	"	2 87
Nova Scotia	"	3 31
Montreal	"	3 36
New Brunswick	"	4 17
Manitoba	"	5 74
British Columbia	"	11 17

It may be pertinent to ask when and where similar results have been achieved at such a cost? For reasons already suggested, there is ground to believe that the whole situation will continue to improve. Our people with the communities generally in that land are getting in a better position to contribute, and there is no reason to doubt that their liberality will increase with their ability. But while this is undoubtedly true, it is equally true that the cases demanding and deserving assistance will con-

stantly increase. If such aid be rendered, as it is hoped it will, in proportion to the real needs, it may fairly be assumed that increasingly gratifying reports will be received from this Conference in the years to come. It does not seem unsafe to predict that in the not distant future, if the cause of our Church be properly fostered and promoted, this vast territory with its numerous Conferences will become the best source of revenue she will enjoy. If we are true to the commands of our blessed Saviour, if we are true to the history and traditions of Methodism, if we would emulate the example of heroism of our fathers in Canadian Methodism, if we would prove ourselves worthy of the glorious heritage we enjoy, there will be no hesitation in deciding promptly to go up and possess this goodly land, in the name of the Lord of hosts, and if need be to make sacrifices to accomplish our purpose.

As already intimated, I have had the pleasure of inspecting most of the Indian missions, and the mission schools in connection therewith.

What has been accomplished by our self-sacrificing missionaries is deserving of all praise. The means at their command has thus far been limited, and consequently results have not been so satisfactory to themselves or to the Church, as all concerned could have wished. The Church has ample evidence of what may be accomplished among these interesting but unfortunate people, and cannot shrink from her responsibility. There is reason to believe that the Government is prepared to acknowledge, in a tangible form, the important services being rendered to the State by the teaching and example of missionaries, and the valuable assistance derived therefrom in administering the affairs of the country. From tatements of a more or less official character, it is learned that the Government will likely afford assistance commensurate with the extent and probable value of the work we are prepared to undertake, and thus facilitate administration; and by aiding in the evangelization of the Indians, discharge a recognized duty. It is hoped, that by an arrangement that may be mutually satisfactory, the Government will get ample returns for all the financial assistance they may render, while our operations may be very largely extended without any considerable further drain on the regular revenues of the Church.

Gratifying as are the results of our labors, as evidenced by a rapidly growing membership roll, by an improving financial condition, and by general prosperity in other departments, there is cause for special gratitude for the measure of spiritual prosperity with which God has been pleased to bless His people.

Our people are "a church-going people;" nor are they "forgetful to assemble themselves together" in the social means of grace. The prayer-meeting, the class-meeting, the love-feast, are well attended and highly prized. As a rule the sacraments of the Church are duly observed. Revivals of religion are looked for, and realized, and characterized by the presence of the Master in the conversion of sinners and refreshment of believers. Our people have not lost sight of the peculiar mission of Methodism—"the spread of scriptural holiness throughout the land." The solemn truth is universally recognized amongst us, that the possession of spiritual power is essentially necessary as a condition of success in the fulfilment of our mission.

Just here it may be proper for me to record that experience has borne

ample and incontestible evidence that the old-fashioned plans have as yet found no successful competitors for the prosecution of the work. Perhaps no higher tribute to the wisdom (if indeed it was not inspiration) of John Wesley could be paid than the continuation and effectiveness of plans and methods devised by him over a century ago. It is eminently suggestive to find in a new country people from various parts of the world, brought together in an apparently fortuitous manner, unite in proffering these ideas and methods to the many more novel ones that have since been suggested.

It is my great pleasure to be able to inform you that the characteristics of Methodism in the North-West are the same that have been conspicuous throughout her glorious career wherever she has operated. I want to add, that a Methodist of the old-fashioned type does not require to undergo any transforming or assimilating process to become a member of any communion in this infant Canadian Conference; and that any minister who has been accustomed to attain success by the use of the old and God-honored methods peculiar to Methodism in the past, will find that the qualifications he has thus acquired are precisely the ones best adapted to insure success with us.

Without anticipating the report of the Principal of Wesley College, I may be allowed a passing reference to the commencement of active operations by the Board of this institution. The difficulties of launching a college under ordinary circumstances are neither few nor small. Those which confronted our people in the North-West were of considerable magnitude. A man was found, in the person of Rev. Dr. Sparling, who was willing, on the call of the Church, to attempt a task which would have deterred one of less faith, energy and persevering industry. He has proved himself in every way master of the situation. Ably seconded by those associated with him in the professoriate, and supported by an undivided sentiment in the Church, expressed by magnificent contributions of money for the maintenance of the College, the work accomplished thus far has satisfied the expectations of the most sanguine, and begotten confidence as to the future of this institution, which is destined to play an important part in the education of scores of young men for the ministry of our Church.

With your permission, I will venture to indicate some of the difficulties that have been, and still are, hindrances to the development, expansion and complete success of our work in the North-West. Prominently among these hindrances are the want of competent men in sufficient numbers, and the lack of money. As to the first of these difficulties, I would like to say that the men now engaged, as well as those who preceded them in that field, have earned and merit all praise for their zealous discharge of duties under trying and often very discouraging circumstances. With singular constancy have they striven to advance the Master's cause, and have achieved glorious conquests in the name and for the glory of their great leader. In labors more abundant than some other denominations, whose efforts were seemingly better appreciated, accepting tangible and material tokens as evidence, they have apparently counted all things but loss in their desire to bring the blessings of salvation to their fellows. But the field, white to the harvest, was all too much for them. More gleaners were needed.

The Macedonian cry, however loudly raised, elicited only the feeblest

response. The great majority of them who might be expected to lend an attentive ear to, and willingly obey the command to preach the Gospel to every creature, are apparently disinclined to conclude that the mandate was delivered for *their* guidance. Too many of them, judging from their willingness to stay away, have pared down the declaration of the illustrious founder of Methodism to read: "That portion of one of the older Conferences that seems to hold the greatest attractions I prefer to have for my parish."

We cannot think that the heroic ardor and noble courage, with which the founders of Methodism in Canada were inspired, has not been transmitted to those who are with us to-day. Noble and grand as even such men as Evans, Rundle, McDougall, Geo. Young, and others whose names might be mentioned in their company, we believe that there are not wanting in our midst to-day men, whose names are unknown to fame, possessed of like Christian valor and a like missionary spirit. Such men we have not, up to the present time, been able to get in such numbers as the work demands. The great need is for men of ability, possessed of a true missionary spirit; men ready to do and dare, and, if necessary, to suffer for the cause of Christ; men of sound constitution, of intellectual attainments, of willing mind, of Christian experience, filled with love to the Master, are much needed to promote and extend the work. Other fields at a distance may lend their enchantment. The novelty of other countries and new surroundings may, and sometimes does, possess powerful attractions. The experience of pioneering at home among English-speaking people, with some, does not afford a promise of glory and distinction that some perhaps covet. But surely the desire to bring the blessings of salvation to a fellow-countryman ought, if rightly considered, to be keener and more compelling than to spread the Gospel in foreign lands. It is a lamentable fact that many who have gone out from Methodist homes are to-day without the means of grace it is our duty to provide. It is painfully true that the classes I have mentioned, and many others, feel to-day that they are being denied the ministrations of the Church that should be provided. Men are needed to provide for the wants of these classes, to gather in those who have aimed at less favoring surroundings than those enjoyed in their former homes, wandered away from the fold, and to seek and to save those that are lost.

As I have already intimated, the addition to the number of our preachers during the past few years has been a considerable one. I have been instrumental in bringing in about one-third of the entire number engaged in pastoral work, at the present time, in the Conference, and it is a pleasure for me to report to you that most of them are doing efficient work, and rejoice that their steps have been thus guided. I would like to add that there is a strong hope indulged by many that some plan may be devised and adopted, as a result of which the denials and privations may be minimized as much as possible in affording more remunerative salaries. Human nature in the ministry is found to be remarkably like to that in other men, and it is difficult to restrain a measure of dissatisfaction when the remuneration is largely disproportioned to the labor performed and sacrifices endured. Perhaps, if this inequality were fairly adjusted, there would be less difficulty in securing volunteers.

It is scarcely necessary to make any further comment on the second

difficulty to which reference has been made. It is undeniable that our missionaries cannot be expected to live as did the pioneers of Methodism in the older provinces of Canada.

They are obliged to maintain themselves in a proper fashion wherever sent. When a young man may be contemplating going to the North-West, he will not unnaturally consider the question of finance. He will inform himself as to the salary he may be allowed, and the probable cost of moving, etc., and will perhaps be deterred from carrying out his heart's desire to embark in a work full of attractions, through a dread that financial embarrassment may overtake him. And if at this interesting stage he learns that his possible income is liable to a reduction of perhaps thirty per cent., and if simply a candidate, he will be required to pay his own removal expenses, he will need to be full of faith or courage, or both, to fortify him in the decision to undertake an enterprise surrounded with so many difficulties. Yet, as you have already learned, about one-third of those now in the pastorate in this Conference went out subject to such conditions, of whom more than one-half have actually paid their own removal expenses.

In a very general way I have given you some of the outlines of the success that has been achieved in the North-West. You will likely have inferred, and with very good reason, that much more might have been accomplished with a greater number of men and more adequate supplies of money. It would be a much more difficult task for me to indicate the possibilities of the future, or for you to estimate with any measure of accuracy what magnificently glorious results the Church will shortly rejoice in, if we properly discharge the obligations of the hour.

The Church has at her very doors a field of operation second to none in the promise it affords.

You do not need to be told that we do not begin to occupy that great territory in anything like an effective manner. There should be no hesitation or delay in occupying at once every available point. Possessed of valuable resources, it will not be doubted that very rapidly the land will be peopled with teeming thousands. The prediction frequently made that Manitoba will, at no distant date, become the Premier Province of the Confederation, seems to rest on certain grounds of fulfilment, and long before that day shall have arrived, the present limits of the territory, now embraced within the bounds of this Conference, will be carved into numerous important Provinces. Those who may be inclined to think this prospect overdrawn, must bear in mind that it is the confirmed opinion of scores of men well informed, and generally regarded as the most reliable and far-seeing in our midst. It will be becoming, then, for us to consider the situation with all gravity and with a due sense of the solemn obligation that now rests upon us. Surely we do not need to be exhorted by being reminded of what has been done under such an inspiration at other times and by other men; nor will we stop to conjecture what the non-sainted heroes of Methodism would have done under similar circumstances. The time for action has fully arrived, and we are now met for the purpose of counselling with each other as to the best means to secure the largest possible results.

If the Church henceforth does what she can, success, victory, conquest, are as sure as the eternal promises of God. Time forbids my going into greater detail, however meagre this report is. Let us unite in our ascrip-

tions of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for the wondrous blessings He has been pleased to pour out upon us. Let us look to Him for wisdom and guidance in this momentous period of the history of our Church. Let us pray that He will give each of us to feel our individual responsibility; to realize the obligation that rests upon us, and that we may be enabled to discharge every duty that is imposed.

May the missionary spirit in larger measure descend upon us! Then shall we go forth in His name conquering and to conquer, and we may confidently anticipate in the future more glorious results than have crowned our labors in the past.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUNDS, MEMBERSHIP, CHURCHES, ETC.

FUNDS.	1886.	1890.	Increase.	Per cent.
Union Church Relief	....	$156 60	$156 60	
Woman's Missionary	....	124 00	124 00	
Sunday-school Aid	$71 81	143 77	71 96	100
Educational	205 44	268 76	63 32	32
Contingent	206 59	294 80	88 21	42
General Conference	229 47	377 38	147 91	64
Superannuated Ministers'	1,092 64	2,573 73	1,481 09	135
Missionary	4,133 56	6,899 43	2,765 87	66
Total Connexional Funds	$5,939 51	$10,838 47	$4,898 96	82
Ministerial Supply	20,149 56	38,901 94	18,752 38	93
All other purposes	24,872 29	61,745 13	36,872 84	148
Total for all purposes	$50,961 36	$111,485 54	$60,524 08	118
Value of Church Property	$16,240	$264,521	$103,281	64
Membership—Indian	842	1,109	267	31
" White	4,191	8,786	4,595	109
Total	5,033	9,895	4,862	96
Circuits and Missions—				
Indian	11	14	3	27
Domestic	52	61	9	17
Self-sustaining Circuits	11	46	35	318
Total	74	121	47	63
Sabbath-schools—				
Schools	84	156	72	85
Officers and Teachers	535	1,162	627	117
Scholars	4,073	8,906	4,833	118
Churches and Parsonages—				
Churches	60	95	35	58
Parsonages	39	59	20	51

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Supt. of Missions in Manitoba and North-West Conference.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Having been honored by this the highest court of our Church with recognition as one department of its economy, and having received much encouragement and help in the prosecution of its specific work, it is but fitting that some statement should be presented by the Woman's Missionary Society of the steps taken during the past four years.

It is a cause for thanksgiving that advancement has been the record of each year, in membership, in means, and in missionaries, and that not one of the latter number has been removed by death.

Four years ago there were reported :—

106	Auxiliaries	now 358.
3,193	Annual members	now 8,534
152	Life members	now 449.
1,468	Members of Mission Bands	now 4,462
Raised during the year 1885-86		$11,639 91
" " "	1889-90	25,560 76

Total amount received by our General Treasurer during the Quadrennium, $110,000.00. Amount since organization, nine years since, $113 864.88.

In looking over our various mission fields, there is much reason for gratitude and encouragement.

JAPAN.

The work in Japan has extended so, that in addition to our large and prosperous school in Tokyo, there are two others situated in Shizuoka and Kofu. Nine young ladies have been sent to this land during the four years. Our first missionary, Miss Cartmell, returned in 1887 on account of ill health ; and our second, the greatly afflicted, but greatly honored Principal of our Tokyo school, Mrs. Large, is now at home on furlough.

TOKYO.

In 1888 the attendance at the school in the capital was so great that the original building had to be replaced by a larger one, which, with the one erected in 1886, affords accommodation for five or six teachers, one hundred and fifty (150) boarders, and one hundred (100) day pupils.

The curriculum is considered equivalent to that for a third-class certificate in the schools of Ontario, and it must not be forgotten that the studies have to be pursued simultaneously in both Japanese and English.

Instruction in the Bible has been given daily, and every means used to bring the young people to the knowledge of the "truth as it is in Jesus." God has been true to His promise, giving the increase in good measure. In 1886-87 fifty confessed Christ, making sixty-five native Christians in the school. In 1887-88 the Holy Spirit was unusually manifest, so that the number of baptized disciples became one hundred and twenty.

So many having already been brought into the fold there was not a very large addition in 1888-89, but there was a very marked and beautiful development of the Christian character, and many instances were given of the influence of the children in their homes, bringing the truth to bear upon the hearts of the parents. Some of the girls took notes of the sermons and expositions which they had heard, and in their vacation would read them to their friends.

Each year the current expenses have been met by the native receipts, sometimes leaving a surplus, and only requiring the Society to meet the cost of buildings, the salaries of the ladies, and the support of five or six girls.

In 1888-89 there were eleven graduates in the Japanese course, and at the Christmas closing of 1889 the first graduate in English received her diploma. This young lady is still pursuing her studies, and also taking part in evangelistic work.

Shizuoka.

Four years ago a donation of $1,000 was made by two ladies in Toronto for the opening of a school in a new locality. Shizuoka was selected. The interest of native gentlemen was secured, and they offered to supply a building and meet all expenses except those connected with the lady missionaries. The building being found inadequate, they erected a new one in 1887-88, and this institution is managed by two of our representatives in connection with a committee of foreign and native gentlemen.

Kofu.

Seeing the success of these schools, a request came to our ladies to open a similar one in Kofu, which was done in 1889. The buildings have been supplied by the Japanese, but other expenses are met by our Society except those covered by fees. Two of our ladies are stationed here, and, being surrounded by many adverse influences growing out of the present unsettled state of the Empire, and the antagonism of the Buddhist priests to Christianity, have a special claim on our sympathy and prayers.

Evangelistic Work.

Running parallel with this educational work in Japan, there has been the evangelistic, consisting of the training and employment of several Bible-women, work in Sabbath-schools, sewing-schools, with religious instruction, etc.

A course of reading is laid out for these Bible-women, on which they are examined by the native pastors, and they are instructed every week by the ladies who have charge of this department, in some portion of Scripture, which they in turn distribute in their house-to-house visitation. Thus these women become skilled in individual Christian work, and through them many are induced to attend the preaching of the Word, and are better prepared to understand it than they otherwise would be.

It may be only proper to say that the work in Japan could not have been so rapidly extended but for special donations having been given for this purpose in varying sums of $1,600, $1,100, $300, $100, $50, $25, $15, $10, $5.

French.

During two years of the past Quadrennium a very successful boarding school was carried on by the Woman's Missionary Society at Actonvale, about fifty-five miles from Montreal. A goodly number of French-Canadian girls, many of whom were of Roman Catholic parentage, received instruction here, and we rejoice to be able to state that one year the close of the school found teachers and pupils all trusting in the "One Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

When the French Institute in Montreal was projected, it was proposed that the Woman's Missionary Society unite with the parent Board, and by paying a fair interest on $10,000 for a number of years, a larger building could be erected, thus securing accommodation for a girl's department.

This Institute was opened in October, 1889, and a large proportion of the students have been girls, the Woman's Missionary Society bearing its share of the expenses.

It was considered wise to discontinue the school at Actonvale, and concentrate our efforts in the Institute. Much good is anticipated from this enterprise.

In addition, two day schools have been carried on in this city, and partial support given to a dissentient school. Two Bible-women have also been employed.

Indian Work.

Our efforts in this department have extended to three different localities.

The Crosby Girl's Home at Port Simpson, B.C., mainly supported by this Society, has continued to be the shelter and safeguard of about twenty Indian girls and four boys, who have there received instruction in household duties, and training in moral and social obligations, while having the benefit of the village day-school in their studies.

The building having become old and unsuitable, our Society made an appropriation for a new one, but its location has not yet been settled. When it becomes an accomplished fact, it is hoped that a larger number will be reached, and that the two ladies in charge will not, in addition to their comparative isolation, have to contend with the depressing influence of inconvenient and uncomfortable quarters.

McDougall Orphanage, Morley, N.W.T.

This Institution is wholly maintained by annual grants from the Government and the Woman's Missionary Society, except a few occasional private donations. No responsibility, however, is assumed as to its management.

Periodical visits are made by the Government Inspector, and satisfactory progress reported.

Many more than the score of boys and girls who have occupied the Home might be lifted to a purer and nobler life if a larger building were provided, thus affording facilities for the prosecution of industrial pursuits; and we are glad to hear that one is about being erected by the Indian Department.

Coqualeetza Home and School.

This is an Institution for which the Woman's Missionary Society is wholly responsible.

Advised by the British Columbia Conference, Chilliwhack, B.C., was chosen for the site of the two-and-a-half-story building, which our Society erected in 1889, at a cost of $3,500.

Three ladies here have charge of about thirty children, and very cheering reports have been received of the progress already made, not only in their studies, but in their readiness to accept Christian truth, and their quickness in learning to sing the "songs of Zion."

The idea is strengthening, that to accomplish the highest results among the Indians, the children should be removed from the degrading influences of camp-life, and be brought wholly within a Christian atmosphere, where lessons of industry, cleanliness and mutual helpfulness shall be constantly given and exemplified.

The more these Christian Homes can be multiplied, the stronger becomes the hope that this aboriginal race may be lifted from a state of continual childhood to that of manhood.

Why should these people be different from all others? Cannot some plan be pursued whereby instead of receiving supplies of food and clothing from either State or Church, these roamers of the forest may first have impressed upon them the responsibility of working, that they and others may live, and then, in order to do this, have implements put in their hands with instruction how to use them?

We know this is already done in part, but we hope for the day when the one system shall have been substituted for the other.

Chinese Work.

It now remains for us to speak of the fourth division of our operations, viz.: among the Chinese of Victoria, B.C.

Through the liberality of the Board of Missions, a comfortable building was provided, when ten or twelve girls, rescued from the basest slavery, have been sheltered, maintained and taught. During the past year there have been nine inmates. Several of these have professed faith in the Lord Jesus and have been baptized. Some have been married. The younger five are pursuing their studies; two of them attending a public school and taking a good stand among their English fellow-pupils.

The late Senator Macdonald remarked to one of the officers of our Society, after visiting the school last year, that if the Woman's Missionary Society had accomplished nothing more than the good resulting from their mission among the Chinese girls, it was worth all it had cost the Church.

Two ladies are here in charge, and it is hoped that access may be found to the poor women and children existing in their crowded, comfortless rooms, and who never come within hearing of the Gospel.

In all our fields we have a noble band of Christian young women, brave and self-denying, gifted and consecrated, whose delight is in working for the Lord whom they love. Their teaching and example coincide, and we rejoice to know that in four of the languages of this earth, praises to our Redeemer shall be sung by many through their agency under the blessing of God. It is a joy to be co-workers with Him, and we esteem it a great privilege to be thus honored.

We bespeak the increased interest of the members of this Conference, and are sure that in the day when the jewels are gathered from all nations, it will be an added joy to remember that when opportunity offered, you gave heed to the apostolic injunction, "Help those women who labored with me in the Gospel."

On behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society.

E. S. STRACHAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Report No. 1.

Your Committee have had before them a large number of memorials, resolutions, etc., to which they have given careful attention, and in reference to which they report as follows:—

1. We recommend that this admirable and encouraging report be published in full in the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan* for the information of our people.

2. A memorial from the Trustees of Regina Church in regard to indebtedness. We recommend its reference to the General Board of Missions for consideration and relief if practicable.

3. A memorial from the Palmerston District, endorsed by the Guelph Conference, urging that in future provision be first made for the Home Missions so that each married missionary shall receive a stipend of not less than $600; and several other memorials bearing upon kindred topics, were discussed concurrently and dealt with as follows:—

1. *Distributions first to Domestic Missions.*—We call attention to the facts: *(a)* That there are certain forms of expenditure, such as rent of Mission Rooms, publication charges, and wages of school teachers, interest and discount, etc., which must be paid in full. *(b)* That it is very difficult to man the Indian Missions effectively, even with salaries paid in full. *(c)* That the General Board of Missions has repeatedly given long and anxious consideration to this very matter, without being able to see their way to adopt a change. In view of these facts, we cannot recommend the change proposed.

2. *That the basis of grants to rural and city missions be the same.*—We recommend that this request go to the General Board, as they have full information on the subject; and we recommend that the formation of missions in towns and cities that will be claimants on the Missionary Fund be avoided, unless in very exceptional cases.

3. *A memorial that rent be allowed on Domestic Missions where there is no parsonage.*—Recommended that as there is now provision for aiding in the erection of parsonages by substantial grants from the mission funds, we do not think it desirable to return to the former methods of grants for rents.

4. *That only one first-class fare be allowed as travelling expenses to agents of the Society.*—We find, as a matter of fact, that agents of the Society travel now at less than the rate mentioned, and that the greatest care is exercised in the matter of travelling expenses, hence no recommendation is necessary.

5. *That no further grants be made from the Mission Fund to the Super-*

annuation and Supernumerary Funds.—That the grants to the Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds have been made in view of the fact that the claims of superannuates who have been on mission fields, should be provided in whole or in part by the mission funds. It seems reasonable therefore that this grant should be continued.

6. *That there be no extension of the Foreign or Indian Work until Home Missionaries get a minimum of $550 each, including board and fuel.* We are of opinion that in view of the rapid and unavoidable increase of Domestic Missions, especially in the North-West, it would not be advisable to make the proposed rule absolute; but we recommend that the General Board be strongly urged to act in the spirit of the proposal as far as can be done without ignoring a manifest providential call.

7. *That ninety-five per cent. of all increased contributions be hereafter retained for Home Missions.*—Your Committee are of opinion that such a decision might injuriously affect the income of the Society, inasmuch as the appeals made from time to time for increased contributions have been on the line of sending the Gospel to the heathen, and we have reason to believe that a large portion of the givings of our people are prompted by sympathy with that object. At the same time, in view of the pressing needs of the domestic work, we recommend that during the ensuing Quadrennium forty-two and a half per cent. of the total amount which the General Board decides to appropriate in each year be granted to Domestic Missions instead of thirty-eight and one-tenth per cent. granted last year and that arrangements for the rest of the work be made in view of such per centage.

4. *Resolution of Rev. T. M. Campbell respecting expenditure of management, etc.*—This matter was exhaustively considered, and Mr. Campbell was heard at length, after which the following resolution was adopted:—

"That this committee after having heard and carefully weighed the statements made in regard to the expenditures in connection with collection and management of our missionary funds, and having considered the comparison instituted between this outlay and that connected with the management of similar funds in other Churches, is of opinion that there is no true analogy in the case, our methods of work being so entirely different that no fair comparison can be made. We find that in the statements presented by Mr. Campbell several items, such as interest and discount, publication charges, expenses of circuit anniversaries, are included, which do not strictly belong to the cost of management, leaving the real cost to be as stated in the annual report. We are also of the opinion that in the administration of the funds the strictest economy consistent with efficiency has been practised, and we see no way in which any material saving can be effected except by the missionary meetings being held earlier in the year and the money collected promptly forwarded to the Treasurer, thus effecting a saving in the discounts which have been necessary under our present system."

5. The Quadrennial Report of the General Board of Missions was considered, and the following recommendations are made:—

(1) That that part of the report referring to the death of several honored brethren, some of whom were officers of the General Conference, be referred to an appropriate committee to formulate a resolution, which shall appear in the printed JOURNAL of General Conference.

(2) *The development of self-support in the Domestic Work.*—That the General Conference recommend that whenever practicable Chairmen of Districts visit the missions on their Districts at the first Quarterly Board Meeting for the year, and endeavor to induce greater liberality in support of the Domestic Missionaries, and wherever possible lead them to a self-sustaining position.

6. Foreign Work.

(1) *Methodist Union in Japan.*—Whereas the subject of Methodist Union in Japan has been for some time before the Churches, and a basis has been drafted which has received the assent of a Joint Committee in Japan representing the missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Church (Canada); and whereas it may be necessary within the ensuing Quadrennium to take action in the premises,

Resolved,—That we affirm the desirableness of a union of the Methodist Missions in Japan on equitable terms, and that the General Board of Missions is hereby empowered to take final action in the premises during the Quadrennium, should circumstances render such action necessary.

(2) *Extension in Japan.*—Respecting a proposal to extend the work in Japan, your Committee recommend as follows:—

That while it is the duty of the Church to watch the leadings of Providence and be attentive to every providential call, we are of opinion that the needs of the Japan work should hereafter be met, as far as possible, by the training of native pastors and evangelists, and that enlargement of territory should not outrun to any great extent the supply of such laborers. We are also of opinion that the present dimensions of the work in Japan are about as great as the Society has means to support, and that during the ensuing Quadrennium the Board of Missions should act with great prudence and caution in regard to any extension of the work.

7. Your Committee having carefully considered that part of the Quadrennial Report which refers to a bequest of the late Senator Macdonald to found a new mission in the Islands of Martinique and Guadaloupe; and to certain indications of a providential call to enter China; also the resolution of Rev. G. R. Turk, respecting a new mission in Brazil or the Congo Free State, report as follows:—

(1) That inasmuch as the French language is universally spoken in the Islands of Martinique and Guadaloupe, and the Church has hitherto been unable to find a sufficient number of qualified agents for the French work in the Province of Quebec, it does not seem to us that the time has come to enter that particular field. Nevertheless, we deem it advisable that the General Secretary should obtain all possible information respecting the population of the islands referred to; and should also ascertain from the executors of the will of the late Senator Macdonald whether any period is fixed when the bequest will lapse if not utilized by the Society in the way intended.

(2) Respecting the opening of a new mission in some foreign land, your Committee are impressed by the fact that the thoughts of many persons in our Church have been simultaneously moved in that direction. Some have urged the Board to take immediate action, some have offered gifts in money, while several educated and gifted young men have volunteered for personal service in the foreign field. All these seem like providential

indications which should be heeded, lest, being disobedient to the heavenly vision, the curse of a barren faith should fall upon the Church. It is not desirable that the sympathies of our people, as they reach out to the great field of heathendom, should be chilled and repressed; but neither is it desirable that in our eagerness to occupy new territory we should cripple the forces already in the field. We, therefore, recommend that this whole question be relegated to the General Board, with instructions to gather all available information and watch closely the leadings of Providence; and if at any time during the Quadrennium the way seems clear in regard to men and means, the Board be authorized to move in the matter of a new Foreign Mission in such place as the providence of God may determine.

9. In view of the formation of Annual Conferences in parts of our work which formerly were Missionary Districts, covering the territory of the Indian, Chinese and Foreign work, it seems desirable that an understanding should be reached in regard to the formation of new Missions in these departments, so as to avoid misunderstanding in regard to authority. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:—

(1) That no new mission in the Indian, French, Chinese or Foreign work be formed without the concurrence of the General Board first obtained, and in this matter the Board shall act only on the recommendation of the Annual Conference within whose bounds the proposed mission is located. Where there is no Conference jurisdiction, the Board may act independently, also in cases of emergency which arise during the year.

(2) New schools in any of the aforesaid departments shall be authorized only by the General Board, on the recommendation of the Annual District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

A. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*
A. J. DONLY, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

1. Respecting the memorials of Victoria and Albert Colleges' Missionary Societies to be recognized as branches of the Missionary Society, your Committee recommend as follows:—

(1) Students of any of our colleges may organize themselves into societies, in affiliation with the Missionary Society, under the title of Auxiliary Missionary Societies, and they shall collectively be known as "The Collegiate Auxiliary Missionary Society."

(2) For the purpose of the society as above, they shall have power to frame a constitution not inconsistent with the constitution of the Missionary Society.

(3) Such societies shall work in harmony with the authorities of the Missionary Society; and if at any time the said societies should decide to send a missionary or missionaries to a foreign field, it shall be with the concurrence of the General Board of Missions.

(4) They shall, year by year, report their income and expenditure to the General Board of Missions

2. Referring to a resolution of the Niagara Conference, and that part of the Quadrennial Report touching Indian Industrial Institutes, while we are pleased to learn that enlarged buildings are being erected for the Morley Orphanage, in that the sum of $25,000 has been voted for an

institute at Red Deer, your Committee greatly regret the long delay that has occurred in the inception and completion of these important works; and also regret that no provision has been made for the much-needed institute in Manitoba. We recommend that these matters be pressed with all earnestness upon the attention of the Government until the just claims of the Methodist Church are recognized.

3. With regard to institutes in British Columbia, the situation is still less satisfactory. This question has been the subject of correspondence with the Indian Department for a considerable time, and was exhaustively presented by a deputation in an interview with the Dominion Premier and the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs in the spring of 1889. But up to the present time, so far as we are aware, no further notice has been taken of the matter, and none of the grievances complained of have been redressed. In view of all the facts that have come to our knowledge, we cannot but feel that the Methodist Church has not received that consideration from the Government to which it was fairly entitled, and which has been freely accorded to other Churches.

4. In connection with the matter of Institutes, your Committee call attention to that aspect of our Indian educational policy which touches the ordinary Reserve Schools. We are of opinion that a point has been reached, especially in Ontario, where the Church should relinquish these schools to the Government, and put its main efforts into Residential Schools and Industrial Institutes. There may be exceptional cases where it would not be wise to surrender the day-school, but we recommend that the Board adopt this policy where they consider it safe to do so, and where there is a guarantee that the schools will be made non-denominational in fact as well as in name.

5. Respecting correspondence with the Government on Indian affairs, your Committee recommend, in harmony with the resolution of the General Board of 1888, that it be conducted by the General Secretary, and when it is necessary for local church authorities, such as Chairmen of Districts, Presidents of Conferences, or the like, to interview or correspond with Indian Commissioners, Inspectors or Agents, they promptly inform the General Secretary of such Conference, so as to avoid confusion in dealing with the Government.

6. A number of resolutions, memorials, etc., were considered as follows :—

(1) A memorial from the Newfoundland Conference, asking that among the members of the General Board of Missions elected by this Conference, a representative from Newfoundland be chosen. As all the Annual Conferences are already represented on the General Board by their own delegates, further provision for Conference representation is not considered necessary.

(2) Resolution of Rev. J. S. Ross, respecting Centennial of Missions. We recommend that the matter be referred to the General Board, with power to act if they deem it desirable.

(3) Resolution of Rev. T. M. Campbell, that moving expenses of missionaries be laid in detail before the Financial District Meetings. As this matter is covered by existing provisions, if faithfully carried out, no action is recommended.

(4) Resolution of Rev. T. M. Campbell, that the District expenses of

Chairmen in connection with missionary work be laid in detail before the Annual District Meeting. We recommend no action.

(5) A resolution of Rev. P. Addison, respecting investment of legacies to the Missionary Fund—the interest to be a permanent subscription in the name of the testator. We recommend this resolution to the General Board for favorable consideration.

(6) A resolution of Rev. J. Shaw, that the Committee of Consultation and Finance be reduced from eighteen to ten. We recommend that the number remain as at present, but that the Committee have power to appoint a sub-committee to deal with routine matters, the full Committee to be called for important business.

(7) Resolution of the Manitoba Conference, that a representative to the Missionary Board be elected from that Conference in addition to the Superintendent of Missions. As the Superintendent is now a member *ex-officio*, the request comes under *general rule*, and needs no further action.

(8) Resolution of Rev. T. G. Williams, respecting the unification of missions We recommend the adoption of the resolution, which is as follows :—

"That the following words, on page 114 of the JOURNAL of the General Conference of 1886, beginning in the sixth line from the bottom of the page, namely : 'of the Presidents of Annual Conferences, Chairmen of Districts, and five laymen to be appointed by the Special Committee of each Annual Conference,' be omitted, and that the following words be substituted therefor : 'The Committee for each District shall consist of the President of the Conference, the Chairman of the District, the Financial Secretary of the District, and two laymen, who have been elected by the lay delegates in the May District Meeting ; and that in case more than one District is affected by any proposed change, the Committee of each District concurrent shall form a part of the court before which the matter shall be presented, and that for the present year the Conference Special Committee in each Conference shall have power to appoint two layman for each District.'"

7. The case of the Oka Indians has received the attention of your Committee, but as there is a deliverance on this subject in the Quadrennial Report of the General Board and also in the Report of the Committee on Civil and Religious Liberty, we deem any further recommendation unnecessary.

8. Respecting the Quadrennial Report of the Woman's Missionary Society, we recommend the adoption of the following :—

"That this Conference has heard with great satisfaction the Report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, presented by Mrs. Ross. We rejoice in the success that has crowned the efforts of the Society, and gladly welcome their co-operation in the great work of evangelizing the heathen ; and we commend the Society to the cordial support of all the women of the Methodist Church."

9. Your Committee recommend the following changes in the constitution of the Society to make it harmonize with other legislation of the Church :—

(1) Section 9, "Duties of the Board," paragraph 375, be amended so as to read :—"The duties of this Board shall be to review the missionary

work, and apportion the funds committed to it to the respective Conferences according to the necessities of the various departments of the work; provided, however, that in the case of the Japan Conference, the Board shall appropriate to the missions therein direct."

(2) Add a new section with the new caption, "New Missions and Schools, 10," to read as follows:—"No new mission in the Indian, French, Chinese or Foreign Work shall be formed without the concurrence of the General Board first obtained; and in this matter the Board shall act only on the recommendation of the Annual Conference within whose bounds the proposed mission is located. Where there is no Conference jurisdiction the Board may act independently; also in cases of emergency which arise during the year."

(3) "New schools in any of the aforesaid departments shall be authorized only by the General Board on the recommendation of the Annual District Meeting."

(4) Add to paragraph 386, section 3, of the Discipline, "And he shall have authority in the absence of the Chairman of the District and the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, with the consent of the Superintendent of the Circuit or Mission, to preside at the Quarterly Official Boards of those Circuits or Missions on which probationers or supplies are stationed."

10. Your Committee further call the attention of the Conference to the growing importance of the Indian Work in the North-West, the probability of large expenditure on Industrial Institutes and Schools, and the necessity of conducting all business with the Government through some one recognized channel. We, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred to the General Board, with authority, if they judge it necessary, to designate some one of the Indian Missionaries in the North-West as agent of the Society in regard to the matters above referred to.

(See resolution *re* Dr. Shaw's appointment.)

11. A large number of names were before your Committee, out of which the following have been selected, and which we recommend as members of the General Board of Missions for the ensuing Quadrennium:—

Ministers.

Dr. Douglas.	Dr. Potts.	George Webber.
Dr. T. G. Williams.	Dr. John Shaw.	J. S. Williamson.
S. F. Huestis.	Dr. Griffin.	Dr. Hannon.

Laymen.

Dr. Maclaren.	W. H. Lambly.	Geo. A. Cox.
W. M. Gray.	A. J. Donly.	R. J. C. Dawson.
W. F. Hall.	J. E. Irvine.	Samuel Finley.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

A. Sutherland, *Chairman.*
A. J. Donly, *Secretary.*

The report was amended by the following resolution:—

"Whereas the assistant at the Mission Rooms has hitherto been appointed by the General Board of Missions and it is considered desirable to make a change in this respect,

"*Resolved*,—That the aforesaid appointment be made by this Conference, and that the status of the appointee be that of Assistant Secretary."

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Report No. 2.

Your Memorial Committee respectfully submit the following:—

1. Touching memorials from the Toronto, Niagara, Guelph, Bay of Quinte, Montreal, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Conferences, on the subject of the Order of Precedence on State Occasions, your Committee recommend, (*a*) That, whereas the Constitution of the Dominion of Canada knows nothing of the union of Church and State, but recognizes all Christian Churches as standing on the ground of perfect equality; and whereas, in the Table of Precedence we have the following order: "The Governor-General, Lieutenant-Governors, Archbishops and Bishops, Members of the Cabinet," etc., etc., thus ignoring the very existence of those Protestant Churches which represent the majority of the people of this Dominion; and whereas, in the aforesaid Order of Precedence pre-eminence is given to Archbishops, the appointees of the Primate of Rome, thus degrading the clergy of all Protestant Churches: therefore resolved, that this General Conference, representing the largest body of Protestants in the Dominion, records its emphatic protest against the aforesaid Order of Precedence, regarding it as an invasion of the principle of religious equality recognized in the Constitution; and (*b*) that this Conference memorialize the Governor-General in Council, the Senate and the House of Commons, with regard to the aforesaid obnoxious order, asking for the abrogation of the invidious distinctions implied therein.

2. In the matter of the memorial from the Montreal Conference, respecting the Registration of Deaths and Baptisms, your Committee recommend that, as the Discipline of our Church orders that all baptisms by our ministers be duly registered in a book kept on the Circuits for that purpose, the Book Steward be required to prepare proper books for such registration.

3. Regarding the memorial of the British Columbia Conference, in reference to the eligibility of women to membership in our Church Courts, your Committee submit the following: That while the New Testament recognizes no distinction between Christian men and women which implies inferiority on either side, or involves any difference of right or privilege in the Church on the ground of sex; and while we recognize the noble service rendered by Christian womanhood in the Church of the living God, and gladly welcome her co-operation in every good word and work, we are of opinion that the question raised by the British Columbia Conference is one to be decided on grounds of Christian expediency, rather than of abstract right; and as there is not at the present time any connexional need, or any general opinion or desire which points to the change asked for in the composition of our Conferences by this memorial, we recommend that no action be taken.

4. *Re* the memorial of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, asking for the payment of expenses incurred in defending the action of our Church Courts before the civil tribune, we recommend, that in view of the peculiar circumstances surrounding the case —rendering it entirely exceptional—together with the greatness of the expense, the sum of $500 be paid from the General Conference Fund to the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, to recoup that

Conference in part for the same; but this payment is not to be regarded as a precedent in cases arising in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. GERMAN, *Chairman.*
JOHN RUTHERFORD, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report on matters referred to them :—

1. In the matter of the memorial of the Bay of Quinte Conference, respecting the Nelles Memorial, your Committee recommend the General Conference to sanction the effort for the erection of a monument to mark the resting place of the late Dr. Nelles, and recommend it to the favorable consideration of all our Annual Conferences; and further recommend that a Special Committee be appointed by this General Conference to carry out this recommendation.

2. Your Committee have given the memorial from the Montreal Conference, *re* Criminal Law Amendment Act their serious consideration, and recommend this General Conference to grant the prayer of said memorial by petitioning the Dominion Government to so further amend said Act:

(1) That the age of consent be raised to sixteen years.

(2) That girls in any employment whatever be afforded the same protection as is now afforded to girls employed in factories and workshops.

(3) That all minors be put on the same footing as heiresses, and the State take the place of guardians for girls who at present are without guardians.

3. Believing that the efforts of the "White Cross" and "White Shield" organizations have been productive of good in this Dominion, your Committee recommend that the General Conference hereby express its extreme satisfaction with the earnest efforts of said organizations in the prosecution of the Social Purity Movement.

4. A reference was handed to your Committee asking for the doing away with Quarterly Tickets; but as your Committee has been informed that the Committee on Discipline has dealt with this matter, we deem it unnecessary to take action in the matter.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. GERMAN, *Chairman.*
JOHN RUTHERFORD, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The General Conference desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained during the past Quadrennium through the lamented death of two of the chief executive officers of the Church.

In the death of the Rev. John A. Williams, D.D., we mourn the loss of a revered and honored General Superintendent. Eloquent of speech, fervid in spirit, indefatigable in labor, his many years of toilful service claim for him the lasting gratitude of the entire Church. His robust and manly Christian character, his strong and tender brotherly love, his wise counsels and executive energy greatly contributed, under the blessing of God, to the success which attended the years of his joint administration of its public affairs. We thank God for his long life of usefulness, wherein he labored strenuously for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in the earth, and especially of the branch of the Church of which he was a trusted and honored minister.

The death of the Hon. John Macdonald removes from among us one of the foremost laymen of the Methodist Church. His services as Honorary Treasurer of the Missionary Society, as a judicious counsellor and as an earnest promoter of aggressive enterprises, gave a great impetus to our missionary operations. Nor were his sympathies and benefactions confined to his own Church. Catholic as Christianity itself, his generous contributions to many philanthropic objects, and his valuable services in the cause of morality and religion were employed for the benefit of all the Churches and of the whole community.

The Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL.D., whose death created so large a vacancy in the noble staff of workers in the Educational Department of our Church, was for the long period of thirty-six years the head of our oldest and most important educational institution. To his scholarship, academic experience and unwearied industry may be traced much of the success of Victoria University. Learned, accomplished and high-souled, he commanded the affection of those who, as students, came under his influence. He will long be held in loving remembrance by the Church and by his native land.

The lamented decease of other honored ministers and lay members of the Methodist Church is admonitory to us to "work while it is called day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

The venerable Senator Ferrier, continuing active in the service of his Divine Master; the devoted and eloquent Rev. S. J. Hunter, D.D.; those veteran pioneers of Methodism, the Rev. Humphrey Pickard, D.D, the Rev. S. Rose, D.D., and I. B. Aylesworth, M.D.; the man of consecrated life and princely liberality, Mr. William Gooderham; Mr. R. I. Walker, and Mr. Thomas Milner have, during the Quadrennium, passed from labor to reward. As the fields wave white unto the harvest, we pray the Master to send forth laborers unto the harvest—men who shall fill the places of those who have fallen by the way, till both they who sow and they who reap shall rejoice before God with exceeding great joy.

W. H. WITHROW, D.D., *Secretary.*

REPORT *re* PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Report of the Committee appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada to draft a reply to the address of the Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States.

Your Committee having met and carefully considered the subject referred to it, beg herewith to submit the following reply to said address.

A. BURNS, *Chairman.*
W. W. OGDEN, *Secretary.*

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, U.S.A.,
June 18th, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States appointed the undersigned a committee to convey the enclosed overture and the accompanying petition to the Churches of Christendom. We ask your kind offices in laying the copy which we send you before the body to which it is addressed. We hope the end aimed at and the method proposed to reach that end will meet with your approval, and that you will use your influence to obtain for it a favorable consideration by the representative body of your Church.

If we can secure, as we hope to do, the hearty co-operation of Christian Churches throughout the world, we believe much will be done to further the cause of peace.

When we shall have fixed the definite time and the place for the proposed Conference in 1891, the fact will be duly communicated.

We respectfully request that the Clerk or Secretary of each body report to us the action taken.

Fraternally yours,

W. A. CAMPBELL.
MOSES S. HOGE.
ROBERT P. KERR.
MARSHALL M. GILLIAM.

AN OVERTURE TO THE HIGHEST ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRISTENDOM.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada :—

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States respectfully makes the following representation and overture :—

Notwithstanding the healthful influence of Christianity in all those lands that have received the Gospel, it is a lamentable fact that still international questions are referred to the arbitrament of arms. Many Christian countries maintain large standing armies and navies, that constantly menace the peace of the world, and are a grievous burden to the people that support them. Whilst some international differences are settled by peaceful arbitration, this is not recognized as the only and final resort for the adjudication of these questions. War and bloodshed are still the means to which Christian nations look to right their wrongs.

We believe that among the Christian people of our own and other lands there is a strong sentiment in opposition to this deplorable evil, and

in favor of referring all matters of international claims to some suitable tribunal for peaceful solution. And further, we entertain the hope that if the influence of this sentiment were properly brought to bear upon the governments of these Christian nations it would greatly further this desirable end.

We, therefore, ask you to join us in petitioning all the governments of Christian countries to take measures to banish warfare as the means of settling the strifes that arise between nations, and to substitute a more rational and Christian tribunal.

We send you a copy of a petition which we propose to address to these several governments, and ask you to adopt the same, if it meets your approval, or some other looking to the same end.

We further request that you appoint a delegate, who shall meet like delegates from the other bodies addressed, in on the day of , A.D. 1891.

Trusting that our communication will receive your favorable consideration, we invoke upon you grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

JAMES PARK, *Moderator.*
JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Done in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in session at Asheville, North Carolina, U.S.A., this twenty-third day of May, A.D. 1890.

A PETITION TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

To

The Presbyterian Church of the United States, through its General Assembly, wishes you grace, mercy and peace.

We, in co-operation with other Christian bodies, humbly memorialize you, as the guardians of your people, in behalf of peaceful arbitration as a means of settling questions that arise between nations. The spectacle that is presented of Christian nations facing each other with heavy armaments, ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their differences by bloodshed or conquest, is, to say the least, a blot upon the fair name of Christian. We cannot contemplate, without the deepest sorrow, the horrors of war, involving the reckless sacrifice of human life, that should be held sacred, bitter distress in many households, the destruction of valuable property, the hindering of education and religion, and the general demoralizing of the people.

Moreover, the maintaining of a heavy war force, though war be averted, withdraws multitudes from their homes and the useful pursuits of peace, and imposes a heavy tax upon the people for its support. And, further, let it be borne in mind, that wars do not settle causes of dispute between nations on principles of right and justice, but upon the barbaric principle of the triumph of the strongest.

We are encouraged to urge this cause upon your consideration by the fact that much has already been accomplished; as, for example, by the arbitration of Geneva in the Alabama case, and by the deliberations of the American Conference at Washington, not to mention other important cases. It will be a happy day for the world when all international disputes find peaceful solutions; and this we earnestly seek.

As to the method of accomplishing this end, we make no suggestions, but leave that to your superior intelligence and wisdom in matters of state policy.

We invoke upon rulers and people the richest blessings of the Prince of Peace.

Done in the General Assembly at Asheville, North Carolina, U.S.A., on the twenty-third day of May, A.D. 1890.

Moderator.
Stated Clerk.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:—

The General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada would respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your overture regarding the evils of war and the importance of adopting *arbitration* in the settlement of international disputes. We heartily concur in the sentiments therein expressed. With you, we deplore, not merely the *destruction* caused by the dreadful arbitrament of arms, but also the terrible pressure on humanity of the national debts caused by war and its usual concomitants—standing armies and navies. We also deplore the evil effects of the present warlike attitude of Christian nations upon the non-Christian portions of the earth. Europe appears to-day as one great military camp. What can non-Christian peoples say? What can infidels think? This sad state of affairs, we protest, is utterly out of harmony with the spirit of Christianity, and calculated to misrepresent the spirit and tendency of the Gospel of Peace. We rejoice to read in your overture the peaceful spirit of the great Presbyterian Church of the United States, and take pleasure in assuring you that this body will gladly co-operate with sister Churches everywhere in hastening the day when war shall cease *forever*.

We have read your Petition and heartily adopt it, and propose to send it, or one similar in spirit, to our own Government. We have also appointed as delegates, to meet with the representatives of other bodies to further the end proposed, the Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent of our Church, the Rev. A. Burns, D.D., LL.D., the Hon. J. C. Aikins and the Hon. Senator Sanford.

Trusting that our efforts to promote and establish the principles of peace may be crowned by the blessing of the Prince of Peace, we assure you of our highest Christian esteem and love.

A. CARMAN, D.D., *General Superintendent.*
S. F. HUESTIS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF BOARDS AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :—

1. No returns were received from any of the Boards or Sub-Committees from the Eastern Section of the work.

2. We have carefully examined all the papers placed before us, and find that the returns of attendance of members and expenses incurred are generally satisfactory, showing a devotion to assigned duty and economy in travelling.

3. The following tabulated statement will supply the desired information.

Name of Committee.	No.	Members.	Meetings.	Total cost of Meetings.	Remarks.	Attendance.
Revision of Discipline...	1	7	2	....	No Expenses.....	4 attended 2 meetings. 2 " 1 "
Court of Appeal	2	12	2	$57 75	Incidental Expenses.....	7 attended 2 meetings. 4 " 1 "
Board of Regents	3	28	14	1131 44	....	5 attended 14 meetings. 1 " 13 " 3 " 12 " 2 " 11 " 3 " 10 " 2 " 9 " 3 " 8 " 1 " 7 " 3 " 6 " 2 " 4 " 3 " 3 "
Joint Board and Advisory Committee.	3	18	6	....	Expenses included with Board of Regents.	7 attended 6 meetings. 2 " 5 " 2 " 4 " 4 " 3 " 2 " 1 " 1 " 0 "
Sabbath-School Board...	4	11	4	207 35	.....	4 attended 4 meetings. 4 " 2 " 3 " 1 "
Union Committee.....	5	20	1	121 55	$78 35 Trav. Expenses..... 43 16 Printing Reports, etc.	13 attended 1 meeting.
Book Committee.....	6	34	5	543 30	.....	13 attended 5 meetings. 4 " 4 " 7 " 3 " 6 " 2 " 1 " 1 " 3 " 0 "
" " Executive.	..	19	5	201 05	.....	7 attended 5 meetings 5 " 4 " 2 " 3 " 3 " 2 " 1 " 1 " 1 " 0 "
Committe on Legislatione	..	8	3	....	No Expenses charged.....	4 attended 3 meetings. 2 " 2 " 2 " 1 "
Com. on Debentures.....	..	10	2	....	No Expenses charged.....	5 attended 2 meetings. 5 " 1 "
Temperance	7	10	1	....	No Expenses.....	5 members present.

Name of Committee.	No.	Members.	Meetings.	Total cost of Meetings.	Remarks.	Attendance.
General Conference Fund	8	4	2	....	No Expenses.....	4 members present twice.
Embarras'd Trusts Fund.	9	11	3	113 20	No Expenses.....	5 attended 3 meetings. 2 " 2 " 4 did not attend.
General Conf. Special...	10	12	4	35 65	$16 65 Exp. of Committee $19 00 Expenses of Special Committee of 6 to confer *re* Second General Supt..	2 attended 4 meetings. 3 " 3 " 1 " 2 " 4 " 1 "
Centennial of Methodism.	11	16	2	7 60	.....	6 attended 2 meetings. 7 " 1 " 3 " 0 "
Superannuation Board..	12	34	8	862 10	.....	5 attended 8 meetings. 5 " 7 " 5 " 6 " 5 " 5 " 3 " 4 " 6 " 3 " 2 " 2 " 1 " 1 " 2 " 0 "
Gen. Board of Missions..	13	22	4	4361 47	1886-87, Toronto, $43 00 1887-88, Montreal, 1033 74 1888-89, Winnipeg, 2446 52 1889-90, London, 838 21	12 attended 4 meetings. 4 " 3 " 1 " 2 " 3 " 1 " 2 " 0 "
Consultation & Finance.	14	22	22	826 65	1886-87, 5 Meetings, Expenses, $109 75 1887-88, 3 Meetings. Expenses, 169 05 1888-89, 8 Meetings, Expenses, 263 50 1889-90, 6 Meetings, Expenses, 293 35 22 Meetings, $826 65	2 attended 20 meetings. 2 " 18 " 1 " 16 " 2 " 13 " 1 " 12 " 2 " 10 " 2 " 9 " 2 " 8 " 3 " 6 " 4 " 5 " 5 " 4 " 3 " 3 " 2 " 1 " 2 " 0 "
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Your Committee would respectfully recommend that it be an instruction to the Boards and Sub-Committees interested that more care be exercised in the future in the preparation of these returns, in order to ensure accuracy and completeness; and further, that in the selection of the members of the different Boards and Committees reference be had so far as possible to their location, in order to save unnecessary expense.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John A. Clark, *Chairman.*
W. F. Hall, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

They have carefully considered that portion of the Report of the Commission on the Revision of Discipline, as well as the various memorials and special resolutions referred to them, and submit the following recommendations:—

2. That on page 182, line 8, the words "being saved by Thy grace," be substituted for "being delivered from Thy wrath."

4. That on page 184, at the conclusion of the selections from Scripture, the following be inserted:—

"*Then may the minister say:* Dearly Beloved: Forasmuch as this child is now presented by you for Christian baptism, you must remember that it is your part and duty to see that *he* be taught, as soon as *he* shall be able to learn, the nature and end of this Holy Sacrament, and all those truths of the Holy Scriptures which reveal our duty and God's will concerning us. Bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that he may lead a virtuous and holy life, and, being sheltered from the dangers and temptations of the world, and kept safe from ungodly teaching and example, may be led to trust in Christ *his* Saviour, and abide through life a faithful member of His holy Church."

5. That the changes recommended in paragraph 52, the last clause of paragraph 53, also paragraphs 54 and 55, of the Report of the Commission on Revision of Discipline, be not adopted.

6. With regard to a memorial from the Quarterly Board of the Aylmer Circuit, London Conference, asking that paragraph 37, of the Discipline, be amended by the omission of the words "but should any candidates for baptism prefer another mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request," your Committee recommend that the amendment be not made.

7. That on page 187, line 10, for "everlasting life after death," "life everlasting" be substituted.

2. That on page 191, line 1, for "only promised to those," "promised to those only" be substituted.

3. Your Committee recommend the following in the order of administering the Lord's Supper:—

(1) That on page 194, line 6, the first word "but" be omitted.

(2) That on page 194, line 17, the first word "for" be omitted.

(3) That on page 194, line 21, the first word "but" be omitted.

(4) That on page 194, line 23, the first word "but" be omitted.

(5) That on page 195, line 3, the words "person or persons" be substituted for "some fit person."

(6) With regard to a special resolution of Dr. Willmott, that the last line in the second paragraph, on page 195, be amended by striking out the words "upon your knees," and inserting instead the words "before Him," your Committee recommend that the change be not made.

(9) That on page 198, the word "first" be omitted from the first line, and the words "proceed to" from the second line.

(11) Memorials were received from the British Columbia Conference, the Orangeville District, Toronto Conference, and a special resolution moved by Rev. John Kay, asking that the posture of communicants be that of sitting instead of kneeling; your Committee are of opinion that no one posture should be ordered to the exclusion of others, but they recommend that paragraph 38 of the Discipline be amended so as to read, "Let those persons who do not desire to receive the Lord's Supper kneeling, receive it either sitting or standing."

(12) Concerning a memorial from the Quarterly Board of Euclid Avenue Church, Toronto, asking that laymen be allowed to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper, your Committee recommend that the memorial be not entertained.

4. Your Committee recommend the following changes in the form of the solemnization of matrimony:—

(1) That on page 201, line 5, the word "special" be omitted.

(2) That on page 202, line 7, "he" shall be substituted for "is."

6. Your Committee recommend the following in the form of ordaining ministers:—

(1) That on page 209, line 7, the word "alleged" be substituted for "objected."

(2) That on page 214, line 18, "so do" be substituted for "do so."

(3) That on page 215, line 6, "will" be substituted for "shall."

(4) That on page 215, lines 12 and 18, "so do" be substituted for "do so."

(5) That the change suggested in paragraph 68 of the Report of the Commission on Revision of Discipline be not made.

(6) With regard to a special resolution of Rev. J. McAlister, that the last question proposed to candidates for ordination, found on page 215 of the Discipline, be expunged, your Committee recommend that such change be not made.

7. (4) Your Committee recommend, that on page 228, line 14, the word "before" be read instead of "under the feet of."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. MCRITCHIE, *Chairman.*
W. J. FORD, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

1. Only two memoriais have been presented to your Committee on the matter of Sabbath desecration. This may indicate that the Sabbath is properly observed, or, if violated, that there is general indifference to the evil.

2. Sabbath desecration most generally practised is that done by companies, notably the running of railway trains, streets cars, pleasure excursions, boat or otherwise, and we recommend our people to discountenance them in all proper ways.

3. We recognize the good work done by the Law and Order League in reducing Sabbath labor to a minimum in some places, and urge the formation of a League in any locality where the Sabbath is violated with impunity.

4. We are reminded that there is no law at present for punishing the employer for requiring the employee to labor on the Sabbath. We think such a law very necessary ; and cannot speak too highly of the good work done by the Lord's Day Alliance in their efforts to secure legislation on the subject. The last General Conference appointed a committee to co-operate and confer with any similar committees appointed from other Churches.

5. Rev. John Scanlon of our own Church, and Rev. Dr. Armstrong of the Presbyterian Church, together with a few earnest Christian workers at Ottawa, and several members of Parliament, instituted the Lord's Day Alliance for the Dominion, which meets at Ottawa every year during the session of Parliament. The object of this Alliance is to secure necessary legislation for the proper observance of the Lord's Day. The late Hon. Senator Macdonald joined the Alliance, and rendered valuable assistance in the meetings of 1888-9.

6. The Alliance will furnish petitions to all our ministers and others, with the earnest request that they will use their utmost endeavor to obtain as large a number of signatures as possible, and forward the same to the Secretary of the Alliance at Ottawa, to be presented to the House of Parliament.

7. We heartily endorse the provisions of Mr. Charlton's bill for the better observance of the Lord's Day, and we urge our people to secure signatures for its adoption, and forward the same to Ottawa. The bill has now passed its second reading.

8. The keeping open of shops to a late hour on Saturday night is much to be deplored, as tending to infringe upon the proper observance of the Sabbath.

In many places, also, saloons, restaurants, butcher-shops, groceries and other places of business are opened on the Sabbath.

In reference to the memorial fro a large number of milkmen of Montreal, respecting the delivery of m k on the Sabbath ; we are in full sympathy with the purport of the memorial, and pained to find so much Sabbath desecration in the unnecessary labor connected with the milk trade throughout the country.

These things ought not to be, and we recommend our people everywhere to discountenance such flagrant violations of the Divine Law.

9. We would recommend that paragraph 191, sub-section 11, page 90, of the Discipline, be amended by adding the words "and to enforce the proper observance of the Sabbath at such meetings."

10. The command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is still in force, and the blessing of the Lord is promised to those who keep the day holy: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight; the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

11. We would recommend that the following be appointed by this Conference as members of the Sabbath Observance Committee to co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance or any similar organization for securing the proper observance of the Lord's Day:—Revs. John Scanlon and Hugh Cairns, and the ministers stationed in Ottawa, and Messrs. Thos. Kenney, Wm. Bow and David McElroy, all of the Montreal Conference, and the following from each Conference, as corresponding members:—

Toronto, H. S. Matthews and J. T. Moore; London, Wm. McDonagh and Wm. Bowman; Guelph, J. E. Howell, M.A., and James Mills, M.A.; Niagara, T. W. Jackson and S. F. Lazier, Q.C.; Bay of Quinte, Wm. Jolliffe and E. D. O'Flynn; Manitoba and North-West, Andrew Stewart, B.D., and Geo. W. Beynon; British Columbia, Coverdale Watson and Daniel Spencer; New Brunswick and P. E. I., J. A. Clark, M.A., and Wm. Heard; Nova Scotia, T. Watson Smith and David Allison LL.D.; Newfoundland, T. H. James and Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. S. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*
T. W. JACKSON, *Secretary.*

Report amended as follows:—

"That a service be devoted to the subject of Sabbath Observance in each of our churches before the first Sunday in June, 1891, and such portions of the report on Sabbath Observance be read, as may be deemed advisable, also the report of the Committee be published in the *Christian Guardian* and the *Wesleyan.*"

GENERAL CONFERENCE SABBATH

Treasurer's Quadrennial State-

RECEIPTS FROM THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

Year ending.	Toronto.	London.	Montreal.	Niagara.	Guelph.	Bay of Quinte.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Newfoundland.	Manitoba.	Brit. Columbia.	Total.
	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
1887..	*4 00	*2 50	..	..	..	..	..	..	*87 58	*8 16	..	102 24
" ..	407 75	225 32	222 12	211 00	286 62	221 61	†..	137 08	92 90	100 00	17 50	1921 90
1888..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	‡20 10	20 10
" ..	403 95	226 31	309 58	236 98	261 87	246 34	116 00	149 74	101 29	130 30	50 02	2232 38
1889..	447 36	238 00	195 00	231 55	271 06	285 45	125 00	179 49	81 12	129 64	52 95	2231 62
1890..	435 76	223 92	250 00	236 00	192 02	280 72	138 46	152 34	84 58	139 17	12 50	2145 47
	1698 82	916 05	976 70	915 53	1011 57	1034 12	379 46	613 65	447 47	507 27	153 07	8653 71

* The sums above stated properly belong to the year ending July 1st, 1886, but were not received in time to be included in the last Quadrennial Statement.

† Not reported in time for the Statement of 1887.

‡ This amount belongs to 1887; not received in time to be included in Statement.

Received from Sabbath-schools direct, chiefly in part payment of Grants, not included in the Contributions from the Conferences:—

	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	
1887..	302 35	28 25	85 75	24 45	59 63	98 96	172 24	196 75	135 28	76 16	..	1179 82
1888..	271 65	27 55	152 00	34 20	90 67	118 53	187 12	200 87	155 11	147 47	18 00	1403 17
1889..	244 63	70 16	90 45	23 15	81 69	63 95	168 62	226 55	169 85	89 46	16 59	1245 11
1890..	270 09	41 35	97 99	10 66	147 68	102 24	177 97	176 62	245 52	67 42	10 00	1347 54
	1088 72	167 31	426 19	92 46	379 58	383 68	705 95	800 79	705 86	380 51	44 59	

(Total.....$5,175.64)

Balance from last General Conference	554 69
Interest accrued	7 93
Proceeds of meeting in Elm Street Church	8 76
Proceeds of meeting in Galt	14 79
Special subscription from "A Friend"	10 00
	$14425 52

We have examined the Treasurer's Statement of the General Conference Sabbath-school Aid and and found the same to be correct.

WARRING KENNEDY,
Treasurer.

This Statement shows the growth of the Income of the Sabbath-school Aid and Extension Fund since its establishment in 1875:—

1875.....	$297 08	1879.....	$699 02	1883.....	$1365 30	1887.....	$3215 79
1876.....	504 77	1880.....	786 88	1884.....	1548 46	1888.....	3664 41
1877.....	610 97	1881.....	916 53	1885.....	2177 92	1889.....	3476 73
1878.....	742 86	1882.....	928 61	1886.....	2626 30	1890.....	3517 80

Total.....$27079 43.

SCHOOL AID AND EXTENSION FUND.

ment ending July 1st, 1890.

GRANTS OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS TO THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

Toronto.	London.	Montreal.	Niagara.	Guelph.	Bay of Quinte.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Newfoundland.	Manitoba.	Brit. Columbia.	Total.
$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
995 44	64 82	262 36	107 24	206 02	270 62	263 15	291 97	341 67	437 37	40 11	3280 77
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
560 23	90 47	338 57	59 71	187 82	249 42	462 28	598 98	528 75	331 53	60 81	3468 57
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
510 94	47 33	219 09	49 86	127 22	169 76	380 62	460 68	527 33	220 61	68 30	2781 74
459 70	55 82	246 16	9 61	89 19	355 61	192 05	329 61	283 67	254 94	70 40	2346 76
2526 31	258 44	1066 18	226 42	610 25	1045 41	1298 10	1681 24	1681 42	1244 45	239 62	11877 84

	1887	1888	1889	1890	
	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	
Petties—Exchange, postage, dispatching, etc.	33 38	47 59	51 63	35 08	167 68
Travelling expenses, S. S. Board and Secretary	80 40	47 90	47 35	31 70	207 35
Freight and express	3 90	2 20	1 35	5 86	13 31
Printing schedules, binding, stationery, etc.	315 87	154 60	73 50	129 20	673 17
Second-hand books purchased	33 50	73 70	60 00	83 40	250 60
Missionary Society	2 00	..	..	..	2 00
Loss on counterfeit bill	5 00	..	..	..	5 00
Clerical help	..	4 00	4 00	15 00	23 00
Half cost of typewriter	..	57 50	..	..	57 50
	474 05	387 49	237 83	300 24	

(Total.....$1,399.61)

Balance on hand..... 1148 07

$14425 52

Extension Fund, for the Quadrennial period ending July 1st, 1890, with Vouchers for Disbursements,

F. BYRNE,
W. H. WITHROW, } *Auditors.*

This Statement shows the growth of Income from part payments:—

1883.....	$193 55	1885.....	$511 81	1887.....	$1179 82	1889.....	$1245 11
1884.....	287 33	1886.....	829 89	1888.....	1403 17	1890.....	1347 54

Total.....$6997 72.

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Through the blessing of God the past Quadrennium has been one of great success in every department of our Sunday-school work. The full result of that work cannot be tabulated or adequately represented in figures. Only the Great Day shall declare it. The following statistics, however, will in part represent its progress :—

Number of schools in 1890, 3,173 ; number in 1886, 2,675 ; increase, 498.

Number of teachers in 1890, 28,411; number in 1886, 24,246 ; increase, 4,165.

Number of scholars in 1890, 226,050 ; number in 1886, 191,185 ; increase, 34,865.

Number meeting in class in 1890, 37,158 ; number in 1886, 31,496 ; increase, 5,622.

Number studying catechism in 1890, 36,486 ; number in 1886, 32,872 ; increase, 3,614.

Number who have taken temperance pledge during 1890, 49,419 ; number during 1886, 37,208 ; increase, 12,139.

Raised for missions in 1890, $28,122 ; raised for missions in 1886, $20,762 ; increase, $7,360.

Raised for school purposes in 1890, $105,313 ; for same purposes in 1886, $77,692 ; increase, $25,621.

Raised for Sunday-school Aid Fund in last Quadrennium, $13,874 ; in previous Quadrennium, $7,717 ; increase, $6,157.

The detailed report of the Treasurer of this fund will show the steady growth in the income of this fund from its beginning in 1875.

Grants to Poor Schools.

Special prominence has been given to the what may be called the missionary operations of the Board in promoting the establishment of new schools in remote and destitute neighborhoods, by means of grants of books and papers from the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund. In this way 498 new schools have been established in the last Quadrennium, and very many more, which in all probability could not have maintained an existence without the aid of the fund, have been liberally assisted. Schools applying for aid are required, if possible, to contribute something toward the grant given. In this way the schools assisted have, during the Quadrennium, contributed in part payment for grants the sum of $5,175, as against $1,822 during the previous Quadrennium, an increase of $3,353.

The grants are given in small amounts, generally from $5 to $10 at a time, and are distributed through every province of the Dominion and Island of Newfoundland, especially among the fishing villages of the Maritime Conferences, among the new settlements of the Upper Ottawa and in the Muskoka and Algoma Districts, in Manitoba and the North-West, and in British Columbia. Many grateful testimonies show the warm appreciation with which these grants are received. Extracts from the communications are appended to this report.

The continued growth of the operations of the Sunday-school Board has required on the part of its Secretary a very extensive correspondence, averaging about 1,200 communications a year, or nearly 5,000 during the Quadrennium. The Secretary also superintends the preparation and mailing of the Sunday-school schedules, circulars, reports, etc., and the collection and tabulation of the statistics of the Sunday-school work. He has received and distributed to poor schools, during the Quadrennium, about 10,000 volumes of second-hand Sunday-school books. For these there are always numerous applications, and much good can be accomplished by schools sending to the Secretary their old libraries.

Within a very small fraction, of the entire income of the Board is disbursed directly for the benefit of poor schools, there being no expenses of management beyond a small amount for postage and petty sundries of the kind.

The extent of the Sunday-school operations of our Church, and the deep interest felt in those operations, is shown by the fact that the expenditure for school maintenance during 1890 reached the very large amount of $105,313, an increase of one-fourth on the income of 1886. When to this is added the amount raised for missions, the $28,122 for missions and $3,517 for the Sunday-school Aid Fund, we have the aggregate of $136,952, or nearly fifty cents per head for every scholar in the schools.

The number of books reported in the Sunday-schools is 266,277. In many cases these are almost the only books accessible in the families and communities where the schools exist. While a considerable proportion of these books are story books of not a very high grade, yet a large number are books of superior merit, and nearly all are of a direct religious tendency. An earnest effort has been made to improve the character of the Sunday-school libraries by the preparation of a "winnowed list" of about 1,600 volumes which have been carefully read by ministers of our Church; and by an impartial review and criticism of new issues from the press in the Sunday-school periodicals.

Few things are more encouraging than the growing interest of our Sunday-schools in the missionary cause. Much attention has also been given to missionary topics in the Sunday-school papers, and much missionary information has been imparted. In this the Editor has been greatly aided by letters from a number of missionaries of our Church in Japan, British Columbia, the North-West, Newfoundland, and other "high places of the field." As a result of these combined efforts, and of the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the Sunday-school officers, the juvenile missionary offerings have increased, as shown above, from $14,701.07 for all the Methodists of the Dominion in 1883, to $20,762.97 for the United Methodist Church in 1886, and to $27,851 in 1890.

The number of children and youth reported as studying that excellent compendium of Christian doctrine, the Methodist Catechism, is 35,854; but this is far too small a proportion out of 225,953 scholars. Superintendents and teachers are earnestly urged to do all they can to promote, as much as in their power, the study of those Christian doctrines that make wise unto salvation. These Catechism lessons find a place in all our Sunday-school Lesson papers, and circulate to the extent of over 324,000 copies every Lord's-day.

Sunday-school Periodicals.

In no department of our Sunday-school work has more marked progress been exhibited than in the growing circulation and improved character of our Sunday-school periodicals. The circulation has increased from a total of 103,729 on March 31st, 1882, to 194,076 on March 31st, 1886, and to 252,566 on March 31st, 1890. But these figures do not represent the aggrega e circulation, as many schools are not open in March. The circulation at the 1st of September was 324,350. The following extract from the report of the Book Committee describes the character and work of these periodicals :—

"These papers have also greatly improved in mechanical excellence and in style of illustration. There is scarcely a hamlet in the English-speaking parts of the country where they do not penetrate. From their cheapness, and by their distribution through the Sunday-schools, they reach many who possess no other religious reading, and in many cases no other reading of any sort. They do not lay claim to very high literary art. They are adapted to the comprehension of the humblest. But they bring the Word of Life to many by whom the voice of the living preacher is seldom heard. They are of much assistance to scores of thousands of faithful Sunday-school teachers in the instruction of the young people committed to their care. They focus upon the selected lessons all the light that can be concentrated from various sources, so as to be a continuous commentary, by some of the best Biblical scholars living, brought within the reach of the most remote, the poorest, and the humblest of these self-denying teachers, and of the scholars under their instruction. These papers are permeated throughout with sentiments of loyalty to Methodist doctrine and practice ; with loyalty to Queen and country ; with implacable hostility to the twin evils, intoxicating liquors and tobacco; with love for pure, sound, wholesome literature; and, above all, they are filled with those holy teachings which make wise unto salvation. They furnish important vantage ground for moulding, in large degree, the future of the Church and nation, by influencing toward piety and godliness, in the most susceptible and formative period, the minds of the young people of Methodism. Of these papers, over 160,000 pages are printed for every working-day in the year. The influence of such a stream of directly religious teaching proceeding from the press is incalculable—only the Great Day shall reveal it."

It is a gratifying fact that the foreign periodicals, which once had a large circulation in our schools, have in very large measure been superseded by our own papers, which, for their size and character, are among the cheapest in the world.

Notwithstanding the growth of our Sunday-schools, there are still a very large number of appointments in connection with which no Sunday-schools are yet organized. In some cases there are union schools, where no schools of separate denominations can be maintained. But where there are no such schools the assistance of the ministers is urgently solicited, that in every place where there is Methodist preaching there may also be a Methodst Sunday-school. It is in helping this work that the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund has been most useful in the past, and may be expected to be increasingly useful in the future.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1. The Sunday-school Committee desire to report the following emendations in the Quadrennial Report of the statistics of our Sunday-schools. (See corrected figures of Appended Report.)

2. Whereas much obstruction to Sunday-school work results from the parades on Sunday of uniformed societies and their public meetings during Sunday-school hours,

Resolved,—That it be a recommendation to our ministers and trustees of our churches, that the use of these churches be not granted for any service at an hour that will interfere with the services of the Sunday-school.

3. For the better organization of our Sunday-school work in cities, it is recommended that local associations of the Sunday-schools in our towns and cities, where practicable, be organized.

4. The Committee recommend the following changes in the Discipline on Sunday-schools :—

5. Whereas that excellent compendium of Christian Doctrine—the Methodist Catechism—is not studied in the schools and households of our people to the extent that is desired, although marked improvement in this respect is reported ; the Committee recommend that the following committee be appointed to revise Methodist Catechisms numbers I. and II. (with proof texts from the authorized version), for the purpose of making them better adapted for the study and comprehension of young people, viz. : Revs. Dr. Potts, A. M. Phillips and W. H. Withrow, and Messrs. J. B. Boustead and W. H. Pearson.

6. *Resolved*,—That the Book Committee be requested to authorize and direct the publishing of the revised catechism.

7. That we strongly reaffirm the instructions of the Discipline in sections 95 and 316 for the forming of catechumen classes for children of tender years, and their sedulous training in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We respectfully request the co-operation of pastors, teachers and class-leaders in carrying out more fully the instructions of the Discipline in this respect.

8. The following recommendations are made with reference to the Epworth League :—

Whereas, under authority of a Committee of the General Conference and of the General Conference Sunday-school Board, an organization of Young People's Societies, known as the Epworth League, has been formed in the Methodist Church in Canada and Newfoundland, and local associations, now numbering 137, have also been formed;

And whereas, there have been formed also a number of local associations of the United Society of Christian Endeavor in our own and other Christian Churches;

And whereas, it is deemed highly desirable that the Epworth League in Canada should continue to maintain fraternal relations with the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, and should also cultivate Christian fellowship with the Society of Christian Endeavor ;

And whereas, the last International Convention of the United Society of Christian Endeavor at St. Louis, provided for affiliation with other Young People's Societies of a similar character;

Therefore resolved, that the General Conference be requested to authorize and recommend the union of the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Societies in connection with our Church on the following basis, viz.:—

(1) That the Society of Christian Endeavor form the Department of Christian Work of the Epworth League.

(2) That the Departments of Literary Work, Social Work, and Mercy and Help of the Epworth League be the same departments of the United Society.

(3) That while adopting the name, Christian Endeavor, as the name of the Department of Christian Work of this Society, its general designation and official title shall be "The Epworth League."

(4) That a pledge of Christian consecration, combining the essentials of the pledges of both the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Society, be required of all the active members of the united society.

(5) And that the General Conference recommend that all the Young People's Societies of the Methodist Church be organized on this basis.

RULES FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

(6) The League shall be under the general direction and control of a joint Board, composed of the members of the Sunday-school Board of the Methodist Church and of representatives of the League from each Annual Conference, all of whom shall be nominated by the delegations of the Annual Conferences present at the General Conference, and elected by the General Conference. All members of this joint Board shall have the right of voting on all subjects coming before the Board, whether relating to the League or the Sunday-school.

(7) The Treasurer and Secretary of the Sunday-school Board shall also be Treasurer and Secretary of the Epworth League.

(8) In each Annual Conference there shall be an Epworth League Committee, analogous to the Sunday-school Committee, and composed like it, of one minister and one layman from each District, elected by the District Meeting. To this committee shall be assigned all matters connected with the Epworth League.

It is recommended that an Epworth League convention be held annually in each District, at such time and place as the District Meeting shall decide.

(10) That the President of a local Epworth League shall be approved by the Quarterly Meeting at the next ensuing meeting after his election as such President, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Quarterly Board.

(11) The Committee also recommend that for the words "General Conference Sunday-school Board," wherever they occur in the Discipline, the words "Sunday-school and Epworth League Board" be substituted.

(12) That the preparation of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Course of Reading of the League be referred to a committee composed of the General Superintendent and the following persons: The Revs. Dr. Potts, Dr. Stafford, Dr. Johnston, A. C. Courtice, G. A. Mitchell, A. M. Phillips,

Prof. W. I. Shaw, Dr. Burwash, B. F. Austin and W. H. Withrow, and Messrs. J. B. Boustead, W. H. Pearson, George Bishop, Wm. Johnston, J. E. Irvine and M. B. Huestis; and that the members of the Committee residing in Toronto prepare the details of the work for submission to the advisory members living at a distance, and have authority to publish the same.

Report amended by the following:—

That the department of Christian Endeavor shall always be essential and fundamental in the organization and working of an Epworth League.

(13) The Committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Whereas the Epworth League is established on the basis of the broadest catholicity and with the desire of cultivating Christian fellowship with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ;

And whereas there exist, in a number of our own and other churches, branches of the Society of Christian Endeavor, Kings' Daughters, Kings' Sons, and other Young People's Societies, be it

Resolved,—That the Epworth League in Canada, while maintaining close affiliation with the great and growing Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, desires also to hold an intimate and fraternal relationship with the societies of Christian Endeavor, Kings' Daughters, Kings' Sons, and all other societies for the promotion of Christian culture and Christian service.

Resolved, also,—That while in no case interfering with the autonomy and self-management of any young people's association, unless such association shall freely and of its own choice become enrolled in the Epworth League, we at the same time cordially invite all young people's associations of the Methodist Church to affiliate with the Epworth League and become a department of the same.

Resolved, also,—That the Epworth League, while retaining its corporate existence and autonomy, desires to have Christian fellowship with the young people's associations of other Churches, and welcomes to all its religious and social meetings and public conventions all members of any kindred association, and invites their co-operation in Christian work.

9. It is recommended that home classes, for those who cannot attend Sunday-schools, but who can be induced to study the regular Sunday-school lessons systematically, be constituted, where practicable, and reported in connection with the church or appointment where they are held.

10. That the General Conference request the postal authorities to allow religious and Sunday-school papers, many of which are a free donation to poor schools, to be sent through the mails at the rate heretofore obtaining of one cent per pound, instead of at the rate of one cent per two ounces, as now required.

This was amended by referring the matter to the publishers of these papers.

11. With respect to the memorial praying for the adoption of a system of graded classes with the Primary, Secondary and Adult departments,

promotion from one to another of which shall be by competitive examination, and that Lesson Helps be prepared to meet the requirements of such graded classes, the Committee recommends that the subject be referred to the Sunday-school Board.

12. That the subject of the publication of Sunday-school and other papers, other than the *Guardian*, *Magazine* and *Wesleyan*, be referred to the Book Committee, with authority to take such action in the case as the Committee may think best.

13. It is recommended that, as far as practicable, all members of the Sunday-school and Epworth League Board be active members of the department of work which they represent.

14. With referenee to the memorial asking for the appointment of a Children's Day, on which collections shall be made for the purpose of aiding the education of candidates for the ministry, the Committee reaffirms the decision of the General Conference of 1886, that it is inadvisable to recommend the addition of this collection to the existing collections for Missions, for School purposes and for the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund.

15. The Committee strongly recommend the development of the Sunday-school idea, so as to promote the organization of congregational adult Bible classes in connection with all our schools.

16. The memorial asking for an improved Sunday-school Register, it is recommended be referred to the Sunday-school Board.

17. It is recommended that total abstinence pledge sheets or books be prepared for use in all our Sunday-schools, in which the names of teachers and officers and scholars be enrolled every year; the members so enrolled to be reported annually to the May Quarterly meeting; also that suitable pledge cards be prepared for individual signature.

18. The memorial concerning the systematic Biblical instruction of youth, with competitive examinations, was referred to the Epworth League Committee, to incorporate the plan with the Bible study of the League.

19. The Sunday-school Committee make the following recommendation:—

Whereas the Sunday-school libraries of the Methodist Church circulate more literature for young people than any other organization in the country, your Committee express the conviction that while a large proportion of the books in those libraries are of a wholesome and elevating character, they also contain a proportion of works of fiction of a sensational and inferior literary style and cultivating only worldly ideas and unspiritual views of life. We beg to urge library committees to exercise the utmost vigilance in selecting their libraries, so as to prevent their being harmful instead of helpful to the communities in which they circulate. To secure this end, we recommend all our schools to procure their libraries, when practicable, from our own Publishing Houses and Book Rooms at Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, and especially from the "Winnowed Lists" of selected books of those houses; also that additional "Winnowed Lists" of unexceptional books be issued, and large supplies of the same kept in stock.

Your Committee, in concluding their pleasing duties, desire to express their gratitude to Him "from whom all blessings flow" for the important increases all along the line of Sunday-school work. An army of now 254,461 teachers, officers and scholars—an increase during the Quadrennium of 39,030—should call for "songs of loudest praise," as one of the signs of the times pointing to the realization of the "ideal Sunday-school." We note the increase in adult classes of 12,425. We further have to report a substantial increase in the number of adult classes taught by the pastor, resulting in the addition of many grown-up persons to the Sunday-school. If added proof were needed of the practical interest taken by the Church in our Sunday-school work, it is found in the large amount of $105,313 raised for school purposes, an increase of $25,621, and in the erection of Sunday-school rooms specially adapted for the wants of the school.

The operations of the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund have greatly promoted the establishment of 498 new schools and their assistance in destitute places. The aid given by that fund was $13,874 for the last Quadrennium, as against $7,717 during the previous Quadrennium, and $3,331 in the Quadrennium before that.

The circulation of the papers has also increased phenomenally, till they now reach an aggregate of 324,350, or an issue of 160,000 printed pages of directly religious teaching for every working day in the year.

In view of what has been achieved in the past Quadrennium, your Committee look hopefully into the future, and believe that, by God's blessing, the Sunday-schools of our Church will, in the ensuing Quadrennium, go forward in the work given them of winning souls to Christ and building souls up in the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC TOVELL, *Chairman.*
W. H. WITHROW, *Secretary.*

The Report was amended by adding the following :—

That, as the development of the spirit of benevolence on the part of our Sunday-school scholars would not only be a means of grace to our young people, but also a means of largely aiding the funds of our Church ;

Resolved,—That the Sunday-school Board be instructed to encourage all our Sunday-schools to adopt the best methods of developing the liberality of the children of our schools, especially in support of the Missionary Fund of the Church.

The following changes in the Discipline were recommended by the Sunday-school Committee, and adopted :—

V. *Elections.*

308. The Committee of Management shall annually elect all the officers and teachers at its regular meeting nearest to the first of May.

1. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall nominate for the office of Superintendent of the school two or more persons, and the Committee of Management shall elect by ballot.

VI. *Meetings.*

309. Meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held quarterly, or as much oftener as the Committee shall, by resolution, decide.

1. Where practicable, there shall be a meeting of the teachers for the study of the lesson.

2. Special meetings of the Committee of Management may be called at any time by the Secretary, at the request of the Superintendent of the Circuit or the Superintendent of the school.

314. The Superintendent of the school shall present, at each meeting of the Quarterly Official Board, a report concerning the state of the school, and shall cause the Annual Schedule to be filled up and present the same to the *fourth* meeting of the Quarterly Official Board of the Circuit.

In section 319, second line, strike out the word "juvenile."

324. There shall be a Sabbath-school Committee for each Annual Conference, composed of two members from each District, as provided by section 321, of which the President of the Annual Conference shall be Chairman; but in his absence, the Committee shall proceed to elect its own Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION.

Your Committee begs leave to report, that having given this important subject full and earnest consideration, in the light of all available information, the following is presented as the result:—

1. It is ascertained that the net aggregate deficits sustained by the brethren in the active work, last year, amounted to $110,717, after including all supplementary grants from Connexional Funds, and that this large deficiency on salaries was borne by ministers whose appropriations were less than $750 each—indeed, nearly the whole amount by men receiving less than $700.

2. The official returns show that 166 ordained married ministers of our Church received, last year, less than $500 each, and 180 additional, less than $600 each, as salary; and that, but for the help from the Funds, a very much larger number would have received like limited support.

3. From the foregoing, your Committee has unanimously agreed to offer for your consideration the following resolution, viz.:—

That in view of the above recited facts, and in harmony with memorials from the London and Niagara Conferences, we regard the maintenance of a Sustentation Fund as an imperative necessity for our entire work; and as the efforts of the past four years in this direction have been, so far, satisfactory, we recommend to the General Conference to enact that each of our Annual Conferences may have a Sustentation Fund, and that the government of such Fund, and also the full control and management of its income, be left entirely with the several Annual Conferences. The object of this Fund shall be to secure salaries of not less than $750 for ordained married ministers; $400 for ordained unmarried ministers, and $350 for probationers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. Cooper Antliff, *Chairman.*
Jas. J. Rice, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for results attained, your Committee beg leave to present the following statistical returns for the past Quadrennium :—

I. Ministers, Local Preachers and Class-Leaders.

(a) Western Conferences.

Conferences.	Probas for Ministry.		Ministers.					Local Preachers and Exhorters.			Class Leaders.		
	At College.	At Work.	Effective.	Superannuated.	Supernumerary.	Total.	Died during Quad.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Toronto	20	29	176	46	9	280	13	413	98	511	887	119	1006
London	8	5	150	37	2	182	7	277	52	329	794	71	865
Niagara	7	8	112	34	3	164	10	183	58	241	775	116	891
Guelph	11	12	132	25	5	185	10	301	80	381	815	82	897
Bay Quinte	11	20	134	26	4	195	8	248	89	337	821	58	879
Montreal	15	39	177	31	6	268	14	263	144	407	835	93	928
Manitoba & North-West.	9	33	74	4	6	126	2	164	45	209	266	15	281
British Columbia	..	7	25	1	..	33	1	78	43	121	63	20	83
Total, 1890	81	153	960	204	35	1433	65	1927	609	2536	5256	574	5830
Total, 1886	55	99	948	184	39	1325	65	1750	461	2211	4994	383	5377
Increase	26	54	12	20	dec.4	108	..	177	148	325	262	191	453

(b) Japan Conference.

Total, 1890	7	9	16	..	..	32	1	*11	*15	*26	*42	*23	*65
Total, 1886†	..	5	6	..	..	11	..	13	26	39	14	12	26
Increase	7	4	10	..	..	21	1	..	..	..	28	11	39

* From minutes of 1889. 1890 not having come to hand at the date of compilation.
† The total for Japan, 1886, was included in the Western Section, as it was then part of Toronto Conference.

(c) Eastern Conferences.

Nova Scotia	5	8	81	21	*	115	5	55	46	101	278	66	344
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	4	11	74	16	*	105	3	87	90	177	202	48	250
Newfoundland	4	14	43	2	*	63	3	†36	†266	†302	†420	†234	†654
Total, 1890	13	33	198	39	*	283	11	178	402	580	900	348	1248
Total, 1886	8	41	189	36	*	274	10	195	247	442	900	338	1238
Increase	5	dec.8	9	3	*	9	1	de.17	155	138	..	10	10

* Supernumerary ministers of the Eastern Conferences bear the same relation to the Church that the superannuated ministers do in the Western Conferences. They are in this compilation placed in the same column as the superannuated ministers of the Western Conferences, to show the full number who have claims on the fund.
† From minutes of 1889. 1890 not having come to hand at the date of compilation.

(d) Recapitulation.

Western Conferences	81	153	960	204	35	1433	65	1927	609	2536	5256	574	5830
Japan Conference	7	9	16	..	..	32	1	11	15	26	42	23	65
Eastern Conferences	13	33	198	39	..	283	11	178	402	580	900	348	1248
Grand Total, 1890	101	195	1174	243	35	1748	77	2116	1026	3142	6198	945	7143
" 1886	63	145	1143	220	39	1610	75	1958	734	2692	5908	733	6641
Increase	38	50	31	23	dec.4	138	2	158	292	450	290	212	402

II. Membership, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials.

(a) Western Conferences.

CONFERENCES.	Members.				Baptisms.			Marriages.	Burials.
	On trial.	Full.	Total.	Net Increase.	Infants.	Adults.	Total.		
Toronto	2260	35468	37728	6546	10568	1865	12433	5151	6347
London	1687	25525	27212	2975	5114	1381	6495	4013	4624
Niagara	1529	25285	26814	1866	4513	1620	6133	3360	4478
Guelph	1311	26917	28228	2476	6205	787	6992	2792	3527
Bay Quinte	1637	28318	29955	5332	7967	1091	9018	3879	4956
Montreal	1849	32307	34156	7932	9762	1299	11061	4032	5819
Manitoba and North-West	637	9258	9895	4882	3368	293	3661	1266	1424
British Columbia	807	2172	2979	1247	892	341	1233	470	782
Total, 1890	11717	85250	196967	33376	48349	8677	57026	24963	31957
" 1886	13164	150427	163591	*	*	*	* ..	* ..	* ..
Increase	D. 1447	34823	33376	....	....	....	..	..	..

* Not tabulated in 1886.

(b) Japan Conference.

Total, 1890	....	1716	1716	1241	187	856	1043	..	..
" 1886	....	475	475	....	....	....	..	..	..
Increase	....	1241	1241	....	....	....	..	..	..

(c) Eastern Conferences.

Nova Scotia	372	13379	13751	1323	3762	921	4683	1633	2790
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	449	10920	11369	1025	4412	847	5259	1565	2835
Newfoundland	835	9230	10065	D. 566	7265	6	7271	1887	3518
Total, 1890	1656	33529	35185	1772	15439	1774	17213	5085	9143
" 1886	3152	30261	33413	*	* ..	*	* ..	* ..	* ..
Increase	D. 1496	3268	1772	1772	....	....	..	..	..

* Not tabulated in 1886.

(d) Recapitulation.

Western Conferences	11717	185250	196967	33376	48349	8677	57026	24963	31957
Japan Conference	....	1716	1716	1241	187	856	1043	..	..
Eastern Conferences	1656	33529	35185	1772	15439	1774	17213	5085	9143
Grand Total, 1890	13373	220495	233868	36399	63975	11307	75282	30048	41100
" 1886	16387	181082	197469	27676	....	....	..	..	..
Increase	D. 3014	39413	36399	8723	....	....	..	..	..

III. Ministerial Support and Connexional Funds.

(a) Western Conferences.

CONFERENCES.	Minister's Salary, Board and Fuel.	Deficiencies on Minister's Salaries.	Total raised for all Circuit Purposes.	Sustentation.	Union Church Relief.	Contingent.	Educational.	Sunday-school Aid.	General Conference.	Superannuation.	Woman's Missionary.	Missionary.	For Sunday-schools.	Grand Total.
	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Toronto	489601 50	36172 22	762757 86	3180 20	3873 47	4547 11	15529 51	1703 08	4782 94	46952 81	12584 91	179791 20	87206 77	1642683 58
London	304781 14	25396 24	475527 08	....	2271 28	4046 50	6965 71	935 30	2538 57	23930 70	6235 17	67817 58	51494 61	971639 88
Niagara	326329 92	10231 88	447243 73	1017 62	2399 66	2900 44	8893 27	901 31	2802 70	37489 59	10362 32	101610 58	50836 14	1002518 16
Guelph	326079 97	32311 97	325141 43	2203 87	2367 06	2587 70	7213 15	1045 00	2873 75	25495 63	3614 54	71464 65	46923 04	849321 76
Bay Quinte	294663 99	36973 78	313409 74	911 85	1589 21	2264 44	5720 79	1020 18	2184 44	23945 42	3913 41	75310 61	45162 59	807070 45
Montreal	424617 36	61859 21	395344 21	4653 06	2517 28	3596 02	10833 95	1240 62	3781 92	35133 30	5548 00	138114 42	45163 77	1132403 12
Manitoba and North-West	126935 77	39849 10	174248 44	....	616 87	1114 86	1170 30	528 95	1291 22	8216 40	224 00	27095 00	18332 33	339023 24
British Columbia	40518 00	14715 98	46291 73	291 75	161 60	317 05	376 70	208 42	310 60	2399 00	167 00	10035 56	4878 76	120672 15
Total, 1886 to 1890	2333527 65	257510 38	2939964 22	12258 35	15796 43	21374 12	56703 38	7581 86	20566 14	197562 85	42649 35	670939 60	349498 01	6925933 34
" 1886	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....

(b) Japan Conference.

Total, 1889 and 1890*	1045 88	.....	2524 42	....	...	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	197 45	5767 75

* Conference organized in 1888—hence the sums given are only for latter half of the Quadrennium.

(c) Eastern Conferences.

Nova Scotia	204894 74	32443 17	139832 93	6330 36	421 63	1326 62	2442 90	519 24	1102 33	3307 69	8420 40	47797 93	17922 50	466762 44
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	162172 13	64507 57	157256 55	3209 75	734 43	1153 99	3773 22	562 69	1062 33	3368 77	5841 33	33754 23	16010 23	453407 22
Newfoundland	70301 00	33958 09	.....	84 88	235 68	831 60	777 28	304 10	436 64	1390 95	1148 50	22902 58	.....	132405 21
Total, 1886 to 1890	437367 87	130908 74	297089 48	9624 99	1391 74	3312 21	6993 40	1386 03	2601 30	8067 41	15410 23	104454 74	33932 73	1052574 87

Note.—The above items have all been carefully made up from the Minutes of the several Annual Conferences of 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890 so as to show the gross amount paid by the Churches for the purposes named.

(d) Recapitulation.

Western Conferences	2333527 65	257510 38	2939964 22	12258 35	15796 43	21374 12	56703 38	7581 86	20566 14	197562 85	42649 35	670939 60	349498 01	6925933 34
Japan Conference	1045 88	.....	2524 42	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	197 45	3767 75
Eastern Conferences	437367 87	130908 74	297089 48	9624 99	1391 74	3312 21	6993 40	1386 03	2601 30	8067 41	15410 23	104454 74	.....	1052574 87
Grand Total, 1886–1890	2771941 40	388419 12	3239557 12	21983 34	17188 17	24686 33	63696 78	8967 89	23167 44	205630 26	58059 58	875494 34	349695 46	7982275 96

COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, ETC.

(a) Western Conferences.

Conference.	Colleges.		Schools.		Churches.				
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Other preaching places.	Value.	For how much insured.	Indebtedness.
Toronto	..	....	..	....	527	108	$2167578	$807985	$586349
London (Alma)	1	$111022	1	$49934	334	42	844058	39[illegible]235	148224
Niagara	..	....	..	....	299	15	1042300	474341	152664
Guelph	..	....	..	..	363	39	738592	363466	144920
Bay of Quinte	2	105000	..	....	879	138	998440	468905	144894
Montreal	2	70000	..	....	451	176	1793726	764550	373364
Manitoba and North-West	..	....	..	....	90	305	194520	88150	86586
British Columbia	..	....	..	....	50	49	185484	72500	45314
Total, 1890	5	$286022	1	$49934	2493	872	$7964698	$3435132	$1684315
Total, 1886	5	251935	..	....	2407	..	6503289	2640864	....
Increase	..	$34087	1	$49934	86	..	$1461409	$794368	.....

(b) Japan Conference.

Total, 1890	1	$10000	1	$15000	10	21	$5208	....	....
Total, 1886	1	7500	..	..	5	..	2850	....	....
Increase	..	$2500	..	$15000	5	21	$2358	....	....

(c) Eastern Conferences.

Nova Scotia	..	....	..	....	241	173	$590946	$192900	....
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	..	....	..	....	242	3	595000	19560[illegible]	$87703
Newfoundland	..	....	..	....	106	99	244[illegible]0	....	....
Total, 1890	3	$194000	59	$34355	589	275	$1430896	$288500	....
Total, 1886	3	194000	59	34355	536	..	1358800	....	....
Increase	..	....	..	....	53	..	$72096	....	....

(d) Recapitulation.

Western Conferences	5	$286022	1	$49934	2493	872	$7964698	$3435132	$1684315
Japan Conference	1	10000	1	15000	10	21	5208	....	....
Eastern Conferences	3	194000	59	34355	589	275	1430896	288500	....
Total, 1890	9	$490022	61	$99289	3092	1168	$[illegible]94[illegible]0802	$3723632	$1684315
Total, 1886	9	453435	59	34355	2943	..	786[illegible]089	....	....
Increase	..	$36587	2	$64934	159	..	$1538713	....	....

(*a*) WESTERN CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE.	PARSONAGES. No.	Value.	Value of Furniture.	For how much Insured.	Indebtedness.	BURIAL PLACES. No.	Value.	Total Church Property Debt.	Total Value of Church Property.
Toronto	138	$267245	$38267	$122975	$54728	172	$22940	$641077	$2497418
London (Alma)	106	154660	28708	90924	27042	55	8325	190431	1025801
Niagara	98	169900	26815	92334	34301	119	18810	186965	1269686
Guelph	111	134110	19801	74250	18010	99	9660	162930	9 2163
Bay of Quinte	106	14786	20319	743 0	24929	133	24356	169823	1295969
Montreal	150	234115	35765	114415	27857	139	19495	401221	2153101
Manitoba and North-West	50	58400	7746	2070	18070	17	1115	106656	261781
British Columbia	16	39968	4462	11500	6100	5	275	51414	230189
Total, 1890	785	$1206 8	$181883	$601448	$211037	739	$104970	$1910517	$9656108
Total, 1886	683	995167	13497	....	....	730	103572	....	8003516
Increase	102	$211091	$46911	....	....	9	$1398	....	$1652592

(*b*) JAPAN CONFERENCE.

Total, 1890	6	$12598	....	....	....	..	....	....	$42806
Total, 1886	3	11200	....	....	....	..	....	....	21 00
Increase	3	$1398	....	....	....	..	....	....	$21306

(*c*) EASTERN CONFERENCES.

Nova Scotia	71	$112150	$18611	$45450	....	104	$9535	....	$731242
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	65	91470	18710	34300	$7633	120	10780	$95336	714980
Newfoundland	40	101150	6093	20 00	26839	154	9610	....	452355
Total, 1890	176	$304770	$43414	$99950	$34472	378	$29925	$95336	$1898577
Total, 1886	159	236675	43184	....	....	181	15768	....	1891527
Increase	17	$67095	$230	....	....	197	$14157	....	$7050

(*d*) RECAPITULATION

Western Conferences	785	$4 06258	$181883	$601448	$211037	739	$104970	$1910517	$9656108
Japan Conference	6	12598	....	....	....	..	....	....	42806
Eastern Conferences	176	304770	43414	99950	34472	378	29925	95336	1898577
Total, 1890	967	$1523626	$225297	$701398	$245509	1117	$134895	$2005853	$11597491
Total, 1886	842	1231842	178156	....	....	911	119340	....	9895043
Increase	125	$291784	$47141	....	....	206	$15555	....	$1702448

V. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

(a) Western Conferences.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	SCHOLARS. Primary.	Intermediate.	Adult.	Total.	Average attendance.	Meeting in Class.	Learning Catechism.	Taken Total Abstinence Pledge.
Toronto	411	4850	11789	17337	11389	40515	28344	6344	8673	8290
London	318	3563	8707	12039	7941	28687	19752	5053	2772	5758
Niagara	275	3142	7325	10693	7709	25718	17470	5163	1872	5761
Guelph	332	3472	8294	12103	7782	28184	18949	4911	3306	6595
Bay Quinte	333	3482	7842	10843	8509	27194	18628	4945	3064	4578
Montreal	437	3889	8479	11083	8196	27758	19281	5246	5100	7507
Manitoba and N.-W.	156	1162	2436	3677	2793	8906	5944	1430	674	2389
British Columbia	36	244	696	936	437	2039	1443	307	214	644
Total, 1890	2558	23804	55568	78716	54747	189031	129811	33449	25677	41522
" 1886	2142	20207	48487	67283	43533	159303	106360	26903	23306	28934
Increase	416	3597	7081	10433	11214	29728	23451	6546	2371	12588

CONFERENCES.	Libraries and Sunday-School Papers. Volumes in Library.	Pleasant Hours.	Home and School.	Sunbeam.	Happy Days.	Quarterly.	Berean Leaves.	Other Papers.	S. School Banner.
Toronto	49805	10255	7463	5884	3515	2103	19223	4818	2534
London	27429	7065	5799	5807	1327	3181	11147	3059	2039
Niagara	31962	6436	6672	4156	3130	2624	11085	4077	1577
Guelph	31595	8588	7490	3632	2731	3252	9526	2430	1918
Bay Quinte	24356	7719	6566	3934	3002	3589	11521	2985	2334
Montreal	37568	5848	5326	4316	3780	3372	12321	2623	1930
Manitoba and N.-W.	11935	2895	3068	2902	808	540	4054	1198	616
British Columbia	2738	656	484	402	..	215	704	82	154
Total, 1890	217388	49462	42868	31034	18293	18876	79581	21272	13132
1886	209891	39640	31211	22481	9229	27635	51978	25596	Not given.
Increase	7497	9822	11551	8552	9064	Dec. 8809	27603	Dec. 4324	....

CONFERENCES.	* Moneys Raised by Schools. For Missions.	For School purposes.	For S. S. Aid and Extens'n.	Total.	Using International Lessons.	No. of Teachers' Meetings for study of Lessons.	Schools open whole year.
Toronto	$4718 81	$23880 62	$471 91	$29071 34	335	70	309
London	2272 52	13992 54	246 06	16511 12	301	79	267
Niagara	3262 20	13022 26	235 41	16519 87	262	63	213
Guelph	1172 64	10883 48	250 89	12307 01	302	60	263
Bay Quinte	1711 80	12106 49	284 75	14103 04	319	49	206
Montreal	6551 03	12045 48	263 63	18860 14	394	43	275
Manitoba and N.-W.	Not rep'rted	5423 83	143 77	5567 60	140	30	93
British Columbia	137 60	1430 00	41 80	1609 40	25	10	26
Total, 1890	$19826 60	$92784 70	$1938 22	$114549 52	2038	401	1652
" 1886	16791 00	70578 00	1482 00	88851 00	..	..	..
Increase	$3035 60	$22206 70	$456 22	$25698 52	..	..	..

* Moneys contributed for the year 1890 only, as reported in Minutes of Conferences.

(*b*) JAPAN CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.				Average attendance.	Meeting in Class.	Learning Catechism.	Taken Total Abstinence Pledge.
			Primary.	Intermediate.	Adult.	Total.				
Total, 1890	28	99	..	..	..	1486	....	....	..	..
" 1886	..	..	..	..	..	542	....	....	..	..
Increase	28	99	..	..	..	944	....	....	..	..

(*c*) EASTERN CONFERENCES.

Nova Scotia	227	1794	4395	5405	3451	13251	9012	1250	3686	2884
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	208	1584	3834	4852	3801	12487	8419	1488	2899	2121
Newfoundland	153	1130	3312	4073	2410	9795	7121	971	4224	2892
Total, 1890	587	4508	11541	14330	9662	35533	24552	3709	10809	7897
" 1886	533	4039	10010	13421	8451	31882	22646	4593	9566	8346
Increase	54	469	1531	909	1211	3651	1906	Dec. 884	1243	D. 449

CONFERENCES.	Libraries and Sunday-school Papers.								
	Volumes in Library.	Pleasant Hours.	Home and School.	Sunbeam.	Happy Days.	Quarterly.	Berean Leaves.	Other papers.	Sunday-school Banner.
Nova Scotia	22[illegible]	1492	1410	1633	1006	1309	6322	1696	865
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	21[illegible]	3106	2081	2000	679	512	5067	952	829
Newfoundland	5033	1153	1070	787	..	1298	1754	560	438
Total, 1890	49036	5751	4561	4420	1685	3119	13143	3208	2132
" 1886	38071	7720	2156	2146	992	3543	8787	2132	....
Increase	10665	Dec. 1969	2405	2274	693	Dec. 424	4356	1076	....

CONFERENCES.	* Moneys Raised by Schools.				Using International Lessons.	No. of Teachers' Meetings for study of Lessons.	Schools open whole year.
	For Missions.	For School purposes.	For S. S. Aid and Extension.	Total.			
Nova Scotia	$1198 20	$4965 36	$140 07	$6303 63	201	13	134
New Brunswick and P. E. I.	1430 55	4643 24	153 97	6227 76	185	15	92
Newfoundland	1269 95	920 27	74 26	2264 48	72	2	113
Total, 1890	$3898 70	$10528 87	$368 30	$14795 87	458	30	339
" 1886	3799 00	7114 00	310 00	11223 00	....	....	....
Increase	$99 70	$3414 87	$58 30	$3572 87	....	....	....

* Money contributed for the year 1890 only, as reported in Minutes of Conferences.

(*d*) RECAPITULATION.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars. Primary.	Intermediate.	Adult.	Total.	Average attendance.	Meeting in class.	Learning Catechism.	Taken Total Abstinence Pledge.
Western Conferences	2558	23804	55568	78716	54747	189031	129811	33449	25677	41522
Japan "	28	99	..	..	..	1486	..	..	..	..
Eastern "	587	4508	11541	14330	9662	35533	24552	3709	10809	7897
Total, 1890	3173	28411	67109	93046	64409	226050	154363	37158	36486	49419
" 1886	2675	24246	58497	80704	51954	191185	129006	31496	32872	37280
Increase	498	4165	8612	12342	12425	34865	25357	5662	3614	12139

CONFERENCES.	Libraries and Sunday-School Papers. Volumes in Library.	Pleasant Hours.	Home and School.	Sunbeam.	Happy Days.	Quarterly.	Berean Leaves.	Other Papers.	Sunday-school Banner.
Western Conferences	217388	49462	42868	31013	18293	18876	79581	21272	13132
Japan "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eastern "	49036	5751	4561	4420	1685	3119	13143	3208	2132
Total, 1890	266424	55213	47429	35453	20978	21995	92624	24480	15264
" 1886	248862	47360	33367	24627	10721	31228	60765	46728	..
Increase	17562	7853	1406.	10826	10757	Dec.9233	31859	D. 22248	..

CONFERENCES.	* Moneys Raised by Schools. For Missions.	For School purposes.	For S. S. Aid and Extension.	Total.	Using International Lessons.	No. of Teachers' Meetings for study of Lessons.	Schools open whole year.
Western Conferences	$19826 60	$92784 70	$1938 32	$114549 52	2038	404	1652
Japan "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eastern "	3398 70	10528 87	368 30	14795 87	458	30	339
Total, 1890	$23 25 30	$103313 57	$2 06 62	$129345 39	2596	434	1991
" 1886	20 90 00	77692 00	1792 00	1 0074 00	..	..	..
Increase	$3135 30	$25621 57	$514 62	$29271 39	..	..	..

* Moneys contributed for the year 1890 only, as reported in Minutes of Conferences.

We here present a summary of the Statistical Report :—

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE QUADRENNIUM, 1886-90.

Number of Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry	1,748	Increase,	138
" Local Preachers and Exhorters	3,142	"	450
" Leaders, male 6,198, female 945, total	7,143	"	402
" Ministers who have died	77		..
" Members	233,868	"	36,399
" Baptisms, infants 63,975, adults 11,307, total	75,282		..
" Marriages	30,048		..
" Burials	41,100		..
" Sunday-schools	3,173	"	498
" Officers and Teachers	28,411	"	4,165
" Scholars	226,050	"	34,865
" Average attendance of Scholars	129,811	"	23,451
" Scholars meeting in Class	33,449	"	6,546
" " learning Catechism	25,677	"	2,371
" " who have taken Total Abstinence Pledge	41,522	"	12,588
" Volumes in Sunday-school Libraries	217,388	"	7,497
" Churches	3,092	"	159
" Other Preaching places	1,168		..
" Parsonages	967	"	125
" Burial grounds	1,117	"	206
Total value of Church property	$11,597,491	"	$1,702,448
Amount of Insurance	4,425,030		..
" Contributed for Ministerial support	2,771,941		..
" " " Missions	857,086		..
" " " All purposes	8,063,967		..

We also make the following suggestions for the direction of District and Annual Conference officials:—

1. That Financial Secretaries be required to compare their receipts with the figures placed in the authorized schedule, and see that they agree.

2. That Treasurers of Connexional Funds should take pains to see that the schedule reports harmonize with their receipts.

3. That District Secretaries should be made responsible for the revision and harmonization of all Circuit and District schedules.

4. That two members of the District Meeting, one minister and one layman, be appointed to audit all the Circuit and District schedules, and see that the extensions and additions are correct.

5. That Chairmen of Districts insist upon full and complete returns being furnished at the May District Meeting.

6. That Secretaries of Annual Conferences be not allowed to alter returns of District Secretaries at the Conference.

7. We recommend the appointment of a General Conference Statistician, to tabulate and present at the General Conference the various statistics for the Quadrennium.

8. That a set of General Conference schedules shall be sent each year to the Secretaries of the several Annual Conferences, to be filled out by the Annual Conference Statistical Committee, and forwarded by the Secretary to the said Statistician, who shall prepare a tabulated statement, a copy of which shall be furnished the several Conference Secretaries, to be inserted in their Annual Conference Minutes.

9. This Committee desire to place on record its appreciation of the very laborious and valuable services of Rev. Dr. Cornish in connection with the collection and tabulation of the statistics of the various Conferences of the Western Section of our work, during the past Quadrennium, and strongly recommend his appointment as General Conference Statistician, and that he be paid $50 from the General Conference fund for his services during the ensuing Quadrennium.

10. Your Committee would also express its appreciation of Dr. Cornish's very valuable work, "Cyclopædia of Canadian Methodism," and recommend that the General Conference request him to publish an appendix to the same, covering the period between 1880-90.

11. We further request that Rev. T. W. Jackson and the Chairman of this Committee be appointed a committee to superintend the publication of the new schedule.

WM. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*
WALTER RIGSBY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The Committee on the State of the Work desire to report :—

1. That in reference to means and methods of Christian work in connection with District Meetings and Annual Conferences, no change be recommended, as the case is already provided for in the Discipline.

2. That in reference to the question of the relation of baptized children to the Church, it is recommended that we call attention to the decision of the Conference as found in Discipline, page 36, and urge upon all our ministers the importance of a careful and conscientious compliance with what is contained therein.

3. On the question of employing special evangelists, this Committee believes there is need of great care on the part of those who seek the aid of such an agency. The practice of depending on these to gather in the unsaved, instead of expecting to do so in the ordinary means, and through the united efforts of pastor and people, tends to the nonuse of the revival power of the Church and the training of our people, to expect conversions only in connection with such special services, as well as the danger of weakening the ties that bind the people to the pastor. And, believing that such a condition of things is not promotive of a high type of spiritual life nor of continuous good, this Committee recommend :—

(1) That no evangelist be employed whose teaching is not in harmony with our doctrinal standards or whose work tends to lessen attachment to our Church.

(2) That the Annual Conferences place no minister in the position of a special evangelist without the fullest evidence that he is called of God to that particular work, and that they permit none to give themselves to this work without their sanction. When evangelists other than the recognized ministers of the Methodist Church are employed, Superintendents of Circuits are strongly recommended to engage only those that are recognized by and are amenable to the Church; and such evangelists shall be under the supervision of the pastor of the church where they may labor.

(3) Where any minister is employed as an evangelist, arrangements be made by which a regular salary shall be paid, the contributions of the people being paid into a fund for that purpose.

4. On how to render the class-meeting more effective for good, this Committee, believing this means of grace to be of vital importance in promoting the spiritual prosperity of the Church, would earnestly recommend that on every District one or more class-leaders' conventions be held at such times as the Financial District Meeting may determine, for the purpose of discussing such subjects as pertain to their work, with a view of their being better fitted for the same.

5. That this Conference, feeling the importance of a more definite recognition of woman's work in connection with the Methodist Church, recommends that each Annual Conference may, if deemed desirable, make provision for such a systematic organization of consecrated Christian women as will give them an official relation to the Church similar to the order of deaconesses in primitive Christianity. Such women, being duly qualified, shall be employed as aids to the pastor; no vow shall be exacted from them, nor uniform dress required, neither shall life-long service or enforced residence be necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, *Chairman.*
ROBERT WILSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURERS OF THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

A review of the past four years will show an increase in the number of claimants of eleven ministers, twenty-two widows and seven children, forty in all classes, with additional claims, $12,199.04.

The amounts raised on circuits this year, as compared with the amount raised in 1886, is in advance, $10,254.33; while the amount raised by ministerial subscription during the same period has fallen off $112.

This latter result is largely accounted for by a practice which has grown out of the legislation of the last General Conference, by which probationers are not required to pay their personal subscriptions annually. It was considered sufficient if four years' subscription was paid before ordination, and very few now pay annually. There is a list of subscriptions unpaid by our young men this year of over $1,000, and the Treasurers are fully satisfied it will be more difficult for them to pay these subscriptions at the close of their probation than to do it year by year.

The securities held by the Treasurer on behalf of the Fund were all examined by a competent committee of laymen appointed by the Board, and were declared satisfactory. Certain doubtful amounts that had been carried on through the books for a number of years were ordered by the Board to be written off, and the accounts as presented in the balance sheet are considered to be reliable and satisfactory.

The following financial statement will show the progress made during the past Quadrennium, as well as the present state of the Fund :—

Capital Account.

1886-7.

Dr.

To Amount (not embracing unproductive assets of $8,355 14), as per last year's statement	$159,601 09	
" Legacies, etc.	1,950 00	
" Ministers' subscriptions, one-sixth	2,069 33	
" Leslieville Church	225 00	
		$163,845 42

Cr.

By Mortgages	$69,498 83	
" Debentures	14,000 00	
" Stocks	8,791 75	
" Loan	376 30	
" Book Room	34,500 00	
" Missionary Society	19,760 00	
" General Conference Fund	7,580 80	
" Commutation	1,650 00	
" Balance in Bank	6,642 79	
" Annual account (1887)	1,044 95	
		$163,845 42

James Gray, *Clerical Treasurer.*

Toronto, August 8, 1887.

Annual Account.

1886-7.

Dr.

To Book Room grant	$6,000 00	
" Missionary grant (for superannuated missionaries)	4,200 00	
" Ministers' subscriptions, five-sixths	10,346 67	
" Interest	10,067 62	
" Districts	43,790 81	
" Donations, etc	223 00	
" Unsettled claims	330 00	
" Balance due to Capital account	1,044 95	
		$76,003 05

Cr.

By Amount due Capital account (1886)	$2,712 20	
" Paid 179 ministers	48,827 69	
" " 130 widows	17,816 52	
" " 106 children	2,075 00	
" " back claimants	714 96	
" " expenses, salaries, etc	2,285 22	
" " commutations	483 46	
" " refunds	566 00	
" " annuitants	192 00	
" Cash in Bank	330 00	
		$76,003 05

James Gray, *Clerical Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

F. Byrne,
S. McVeigh, } *Auditors.*

Capital Account.

Dr. 1887-8.

To Amount as per last year's statement	$163,845 42	
" Methodist Episcopal Church, on account of Levelling-up Fund	1,582 34	
" Ministers' subscriptions, one-sixth	2,087 91	
" Legacies	780 00	
		$168,295 67

Cr.

By Mortgages	$63,421 33	
" Debentures	14,000 00	
" Stocks	8,791 75	
" Loans	1,983 51	
" Book Room	49,500 00	
" Missionary Society	9,760 00	
" General Conference Fund	8,580 80	
" Albert College Board	2,500 00	
" Commutation	1,552 92	
" Cash in Bank	8,205 36	
		$168,295 67

Annual Account.

Dr. 1887-8.

To Unclaimed amounts	$60 00	
" Paid from Circuits	46,776 61	
" Ministers' subscriptions, five-sixths	10,439 16	
" Book Room appropriation	6,000 00	
" Missionary grant on account of superannuated missionaries	4,200 00	
" Interest	9,765 86	
		$77,241 63

Cr.

By Ba ance due Capital account	$1,044 95	
" Back claims	401 10	
" 187 ministers	51,373 60	
" 138 widows	18,718 15	
" 112 children	2,146 64	
" 3 annuitants	212 00	
" Refunds	604 85	
" Commutations	597 08	
" Treasurer's salary, etc	1,000 00	
" Expense account	1,143 26	
		$77,241 63

Examined and found correct.

JAMES GRAY, *Clerical Treasurer.*

F. BYRNE,
S. MCVEIGH, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, August, 1888.

Capital Account.

1888-9.

Dr.

To Amount invested last year	$168,295 67	
" Legacies	4,033 68	
" Ministers' subscriptions, one-sixth	2,073 91	
" Donations	245 00	
		$174,648 26

Cr.

By Amount in Bank	$24,693 76	
" Mortgages	64,728 33	
" Debentures	34,000 00	
" Stocks	8,791 75	
" Missionary Society	25,000 00	
" General Conference Fund	10,580 80	
" Albert College Board	2,500 00	
" Commutation	2,471 12	
" Loans	1,642 50	
" Hope Road Bonds	240 00	
		$174,648 26

Annual Account.

1888-9.

Dr.

To Amount returned	$20 00	
" Districts	48,207 44	
" Ministers' subscriptions, five-sixths	10,369 57	
" Book Room appropriation	6,000 00	
" Missionary grant, on account of superannuated missionaries	4,200 00	
" Interest	9,352 82	
" Donation	116 00	
		$78,265 83

Cr.

By Back claims	$282 03	
" 190 ministers	52,552 60	
" 148 widows	20,555 08	
" 106 children	2,038 30	
" Annuitants	282 50	
" Refunds	362 63	
" Commutation	81 80	
" Salaries and expenses	2,110 89	
		$78,265 83

James Gray, *Clerical Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

F. Byrne,
Martin N. Merry, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, August 10th, 1889.

Capital Account.

1889-90.

Dr.		
To Amount invested	$174,648 26	
Less written off	988 50	
		$173,659 76
" Legacies		755 00
" Ministers' subscriptions, one-sixth		2,089 00
		$176,503 76
Cr.		
By Amount in Bank		$10,051 53
" Mortgages		59,851 33
" Stocks		8,791 75
" Missionary Society		40,000 00
" Book Room		6,300 00
" General Conference Fund		10,580 80
" Albert College Board		2,500 00
" Commutation		2,796 12
" Loans		381 67
" Hope Road Bonds		240 00
" Debentures		34,000 00
" Annual account		1,010 56
		$176,503 76

Annual Account.

1889-90.

Dr.		
To Amount refunded	$169 33	
" Districts	49,461 92	
" Ministers' subscriptions, five-sixths	10,445 00	
" Book Room appropriation	6,300 00	
" Missionary grant, on account of superannuated missionaries	4,200 00	
" Interest	8,743 41	
" Donation	115 30	
" Balance due Capital Fund	1,010 56	
		$80,445 52
Cr.		
By Minutes of Conference, to lay subscribers	$155 95	
" 194 ministers	54,418 60	
" 146 widows	21,067 75	
" 107 children	2,058 32	
" Annuitants	389 00	
" Refunds	469 00	
" Expenses, embracing discounts, postage, etc., office rent, etc., travelling expenses, committees, etc.	886 90	
" Treasurer's salary	600 00	
" " rent, taxes, etc.	400 00	
		$80,445 52

Examined and found correct.

JAMES GRAY, *Clerical Treasurer.*

F. BYRNE,
MARTIN N. MERRY, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, August 21, 1890

REPORT OF WESTERN DELEGATION ON SUPERANNUATION FUND.

1. The Western Delegation report to the General Conference the following members elected as the Board of Management for the Superannuation Fund during the ensuing Quadrennium :—

Toronto Conference—Rev. John Potts, D.D., Rev. James Gray, Hon. J. C. Aikins, J. B. Boustead and J. N. Lake.

London Conference—Rev. J. R. Gundy, Rev. W. McDonagh, R. Pierce and J. Milne.

Niagara Conference—Rev. W. Kettlewell, Rev. J. S. Williamson, W. J. Robertson and A. J. Donly.

Guelph Conference—Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., Rev. J. W. Holmes, R. W. McKenzie and H. P. Moore.

Bay of Quinte Conference—Rev. W. Burns, Rev. Amos Campbell, S. P. Ford, M.D., and E. D. O'Flynn.

Montreal Conference—Rev. G. Douglas, LL.D., D.D., Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher, M. Lavell, M.D., and J. R. Alexander, M.D.

Manitoba Conference—Rev. J. W. Sparling, D.D.

2. The Delegation recommend the General Conference to elect one of the three following nominees as Clerical Treasurer of the Fund: Rev. James Gray, Rev. W. S. Griffin, D.D., Rev. W. Kettlewell.

3. The Delegation recommend that Hon. J. C. Aikins be elected Lay Treasurer.

J. T. PITCHER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2.

SUPERANNUATION FUND COMMITTEE.

The Committee make the following recommendations to the Conference :—

1. That the Quadrennial Report of the Treasurer of the Fund be adopted.

2. That the attention of such Conferences as have not raised the amount of their assessments to this Fund be called to the necessity of meeting the requirements of the Discipline in such cases.

3. There shall be a Treasurer of the Fund for each Annual Conference, who, at some period during the session, shall make a full report of the income, and should there be any deficiency in the amount required, the Conference shall adopt such measures as may be deemed expedient to secure the whole amount.

4. That any superannuated minister who changes his place of residence shall be required to notify the Treasurer of the Fund and the President of his Annual Conference of such change within thirty days.

5. That paragraph 435 in the Discipline of 1886 be amended by striking out the words "to be appointed by the Conference, consisting of not less than seven members," and substituting the following: "Consisting of the ministerial members of the Superannuation Board in the Conference and seven other ministers elected by the Conference."

6. That the word "permanent" be struck out of paragraph 431.

7. That paragraph 416 read: "When a superannuated minister has commuted his claim, and that of his wife and children, he shall not be allowed any further claim on this Fund, although he may return to the effective work by permission of his Annual Conference.

8. That to paragraph 431 there be added, "such commutation shall cancel all claim of wife and children."

10. To paragraph 408, add: "If the Superintendent have a colleague, the responsibility for making up any deficiency in the assessment on the Circuit or Mission shall be divided between them in proportion to their respective salaries."

11. That paragraph 396 read: "The Fund shall be managed by a Board, composed of twenty-six members, thirteen of whom shall be laymen who are members of the Church.

12. The Conference recommend that but one meeting of the Board of Management shall be held each year.

J. R. GUNDY, *Chairman.*
J. TALLMAN PITCHER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

1. The Committee recommend that paragraph 414 be changed to read: "All ministers hereafter, coming to us from other Churches, shall be allowed a claim upon the Fund according to the number of years they shall have travelled in connection with any of our Conferences connected with this Fund."

3. That paragraph 434 read: "Any minister who shall leave our work, shall thereby forfeit one-half the amount he has paid into the Fund.

4. That to paragraph 433 there be added, "and shall have no further claim on the Fund."

5. That paragraph 405 read: "From donations, bequests, and legacies," etc.

6. That paragraph 407 read: "The basis of assessment shall be the amount raised on the Circuit for ministerial support, and the following Connexional Funds—Union Church Relief, Contingent, Educational, Sunday-school Aid, General Conference, Superannuation and General Missionary Funds."

7. That paragraph 409 read: "The calculation for each year shall be based on the income and return of the year preceding, as found in a certified list to be furnished by the Secretary of each Annual Conference to the General Treasurer of the Fund immediately on the rising of his Conference."

8. Add to paragraph 401: "The Investment Committee shall also be an Advisory Committee, to which the Treasurer may refer in any cases in which he may need their advice during the intervals of the meetings of the Board."

10. The Committee having considered the several memorials and recommendations submitted to their consideration, asking that the principle of equitable apportionment for raising the amount required for this Fund be abolished, recommend that for the present no change be made. This item was referred back to the Committee, and afterwards to the Commission referred to in subsequent paragraph.

11. Whereas a number of memorials from Quarterly Boards and District Meetings, relating to the present Constitution of the Superannuation Fund, indicate the existence of some dissatisfaction with the method of raising and distributing the Fund, the Committee recommend, that in view of the importance of the interests involved, and the many persons affected by the operation of this Fund, this General Conference appoint a Commission, composed of ministers and laymen in equal numbers, from the Western Conferences, to take into full consideration, during the next Quadrennium, the whole question of the Constitution of the Fund, with a view to such adaptations as shall make it acceptable to the Church. The Commission to report to the next General Conference.

12. Whereas certain memorials have been referred by the Conference to this Committee, asking that the Fund be divided into two parts—one part to be made up from ministerial subscriptions, legacies, grants from the Book Room and revenue from invested capital: the other part to be made up from the contributions of the Churches, and that from this latter Fund aid be given to the superannuated ministers only who are needy. The Committee recommend that the subject-matter of these memorials be remitted to the Commission already recommended to the Conference, and that for the present we recommend no change.

13. Whereas a number of memorials from Quarterly Boards and District Meetings have, by the Conference, been referred to the Committee, asking that the salary of all ministers shall be assessed two per cent. for the Fund, the Committee recommend:—

(*a*) That each probationer and minister, whose salary is six hundred dollars or under, shall pay into this Fund the sum of twelve dollars per annum, the same to be paid year by year, as specified in paragraph 403. In the case of probationers, the payments shall be in accordance with the credit of their years travelled; and in the computation of claims, four years thus credited shall be reckoned as the term of probation.

(*b*) Each minister, whose salary is more than six hundred dollars per annum, shall pay into this Fund a sum which shall equal two per cent. on the amount received from his Circuit or Mission as salary, board and fuel; such amount to include appropriations from the Missionary and other Connexional Funds.

This rule shall apply to all Conference officials, evangelists, and all other ministers not engaged in active pastoral work, except superannuated and supernumerary ministers.

J. R. GUNDY, *Chairman.*
J. TALLMAN PITCHER, *Secretary.*

Report No. 4.

1. The Committee recommend that paragraph 436 read: "When the claims upon this Fund for any year shall exceed the income for that year, the Board may direct the Treasurer to deduct from the share of each claim such sum as shall be equal to a *pro rata* amount of such deficiency."

2. That paragraph 415 read: "Each probationer shall pay $12 per annnm to this Fund, the same to be paid year by year in accordance with the credit of his years travelled; one-half to be paid to the Financial

Secretary at the Financial District Meeting, and the other half at the May District Meeting; and in the computation of claims, four years thus credited shall be reckoned as the term of his probation.

3. The Committee having considered the memorial from the Simpson District, asking that the missionaries among the Indians in British Columbia be relieved from the assessment for this Fund, we recommend no change.

5. The Committee recommend that the following scale of payments be substituted for that contained in paragraphs 424 to 428 inclusive, viz.: "A superannuated minister shall receive from the Fund an annuity according to the following scale, payment to continue as many years as he shall have rendered effective service; nevertheless, if he has rendered twenty-three years such service, the payments shall continue during his natural life, provided in all cases his relation as a superannuated minister be continued:—

5	years'	service	$25
6	"	"	30
7	"	"	35
8	"	"	40
9	"	"	45
10	"	"	50
11	"	"	56
12	"	"	63
13	"	"	71
14	"	"	80
15	"	"	90
16	"	"	100
17	"	"	110
18	"	"	122
19	"	"	135
20	"	"	152
21	"	"	170
22	"	"	190
23	"	"	206
24	"	"	218
25	"	"	230
26	"	"	244
27	"	"	258
28	"	"	272
29	"	"	286
30	"	"	300

For thirty years' service or upwards, $10 for each such year.

That all present claimants continue to receive from the Fund according to the scale of 1886 and for the number of years therein provided.

6. We recommend that the Commission ordered by the General Conference to consider the whole Constitution of this Fund, shall consist of Rev. James Gray, E. J. Davis, M.P.P., R. W. McKenzie, Hon. J. C. Aikins, Dr. Willmott, Albert Ogden, Ransom Pierce, W. J. Robertson, LL.B., Walter McGibbon, and Revs. E. B. Ryckman, D.D., W. S. Griffin, D.D., W. Kettlewell, T. M. Campbell, P. Addison, J. R. Gundy, John Kay, G. Douglas, D.D., LL.D.

J. R. GUNDY, *Chairman.*
J. TALLMAN PITCHER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE ACTION OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCES IN REFERENCE TO THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

The Delegates of the Eastern Conferences, having met according to Discipline, to consider the affairs of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, beg to report :—

1. Certain changes in the constitution of the Fund, as set forth in Exhibit A ;

2. That the ballot for Treasurers resulted in the election of Rev. Edwin Evans and John E. Irvine, Esq. ;

3. Summary of the financial business of the four years—Exhibit B.

CHARLES H. PAISLEY,
Secretary of Meeting.

"A."

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND OF THE THREE MARITIME CONFERENCES.

1. Sec. 440—To amend as follows : After the word "meeting" in the third line, to read, "Summoned not later than the sixth day of the session of the General Conference by one of the General Superintendents, at which he or one of the Presidents of the Annual Conferences shall preside, to consider the affairs of this Fund, and to elect by ballot two persons, a minister and a layman, as General Treasurers of the Fund."

2. After sec. 446, the following : "A special meeting of the Committee shall be summoned in the event of the death or disability of one of the General Treasurers, by the surviving one, and in case of emergency, on the call of four of the members of the General Committee. At such meeting any business may be transacted that is competent for any annual meeting to discharge."

3. That sec. 447 be amended by the inserting after the words "Investment Committee," of the following words, "which, under direction of the General Committee, shall have the management of the capital stock of the Fund," and also by the following addition, "the General Committee at its annual meeting shall appoint an Audit Committee of two persons for the ensuing year."

4. That sec. 448 be amended by omission of words, "Secretary and Treasurer," in second line on page 166, and by insertion of words, "it shall be the duty of said committee," instead of words, "it shall be its duty."

5. After 448 the following section be added : "Each Conference shall appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the aforesaid committee, whose duty it shall be to receive all ministerial payments and moneys collected on the circuits, and generally, as representative of the General Treasurer, to transact any business of a financial nature connected with this Fund in his Conference, and to account for the same to the General Treasurers ; also to present each year to Conference an abstract of the current income and capital stock accounts as prepared by the General Committee, and to

have printed in the Annual Minutes a full and complete list of all ministerial payments, as well as lists of other subscriptions and donations of $2.00 and upwards from the circuits."

6. That, in sec. 450, the words, "ten dollars," be changed to "twelve dollars," and also that the following be added: "Also, that one-sixth of the annual subscriptions of ministers and probationers shall be added to capital stock fund from year to year."

7. In place of sec. 452, the following: "That the Maritime Conferences shall be obligated to raise for the Fund, at the rate of ten cents per member, including persons on trial, the number of members reported to each General Conference to form the basis of calculation for each year of the following Quadrennium. Each Annual Conference shall determine as to the mode of assessment within its bounds, whether on the membership, income of circuits or otherwise."

8. Change sec. 455 to read, "Five-sixths of the subscriptions of ministers and preachers on trial," etc., etc.

9. At the end of sec. 456, add the words, "and one-sixth of the amount of the payments of ministers and preachers."

10. In sec. 457, line 6, after the words, "the sum of," read "ten dollars for each annual subscription which he shall have previously paid to the Fund."

11. Sec. 458. Amend the fourth line so as to read, "one-half the claim of her deceased husband." And also to add the following clause: "The widows of supernumerary ministers who have never been in circuit work with their husbands shall have no claim."

12. Add to sec. 462—"The General Committee may, upon the recommendation of the Annual Conference, commute with such ministers as may be supernumeraries from causes which do not disqualify them for secular business by payment of such sums as may be mutually agreed upon, instead of allowing them to become permanent claimants upon the Supernumerary Fund."

13. That sec. 440, Discipline, be changed as follows, by striking out all the words after ballot and substituting the following words, "one or more persons as General Treasurer or Treasurers of the Fund."

CHARLES H. PAISLEY,
Secretary of Convention of Maritime Delegation, 1890.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOW'S FUND OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

CURRENT INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1889-90.

Dr.

To Receipts from Conferences—			
Nova Scotia Conference		$1,681 98	
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference	$1,664 95		
" Donation, E. Frost, Esq.	200 00		
		1,864 95	
Newfoundland Conference		867 48	
" Interest collected on capital		3,007 89	
" Missionary Society grant		700 00	
" Jubilee Fund		31 12	
" Balance borrowed on account of interest due from the estate of the late Treasurer		1,530 02	
			$9,693 41

Cr.

By Repayment of sum overpaid last year		$378 28
" Annuities—		
Nova Scotia Conference claims	$5,872 50	
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conf'ce claims.	4,805 00	
Newfoundland Conference claims	630 00	
Other Conferences	190 00	
Total claims	$11,497 50	
Of which 80 per cent. has been paid		$9,198 00
" Mrs. Thomas, per Mr. Robertson's will		28 00
" Expenses		89 16
		$9,693 41

E. Evans, J. D. Dixon, } *Treasurers.*

We have examined the above and find all correct.

F. W. Harrison, R. A. Trueman, } *Auditors.*

Capital Stock Account, July, 1890.

Dr.

To Amount as per stock list for July, 1889		$83,551 55
" Balance due by late Treas'r on Capital Account, July, 1889.		42 92
		$83,594 47

Cr.

By Subscriptions returned with interest—		
Rev. H. P. Doane	$181 20	
" D. D. Moore	138 40	
" Jas. Vickers	12 60	
" Geo. Bullen	63 00	
" Samuel Jennings	101 60	
		$496 80
" Loss on Jacob Wilson property		1,327 07
" Investments—		
Real estate securities	$58,966 39	
Province debentures, bonds, etc.	17,240 76	
Notes of hand	3,190 55	
		$79,397 70
" Balance in bank, etc., etc.		2,372 90
		$83,594 47

E. Evans, J. D. Dixon, } *Treasurers.*

Examined and found correct.

F. A. Harrison, R. A. Trueman, } *Auditors.*

Summary of the Accounts of the Fund from July, 1886, to July, 1890.

Receipts.

To Circuits	$7,909 72	
" Ministers	9,436 85	
" Interest	20,206 05	
" Legacies	5,065 95	
" Miscellaneous	3,597 06	
		$46,214 63
" Balance, being deduction from Capital		755 02
		$46,969 65

Expenditure.

By Expenses	$215 09	
" Annuities	40,186 87	
" Repayment of subscriptions, etc.	2,070 34	
" Losses	4,597 35	
		$46,969 65
Net Capital, July, 1886	$82,525 62	
Deduct balance as above	755 02	
Net Capital, July, 1890		$81,770 60
Real estate securities	$58,966 39	
Provincial debentures, etc.	17,240 76	
Notes of hand	3,190 55	
Balances due	2,372 90	
		$81,770 60

CRANSWICK JOST,
Chairman of General Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your Committee having duly considered the memorial of the Niagara Conference, on the subject of Systematic Beneficence, beg leave to report:—

That the principle of systematic and proportionate giving is explicitly enjoined in the Holy Scriptures from the earliest times. The example of Abraham, who paid tithes to Melchisedec, priest of the Most High God, and of Jacob, who vowed one-tenth of his increase to God, as well as the general prevalence of the tithe system among various nations, shows its early, and probably divine, origin. It was rigidly enforced under the Mosaic economy, and is endorsed by the sacred writers down to Malachi, who closes the Old Testament with withering rebukes against those who had robbed God of His just claims upon their property, and exhorts them to "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

In the New Testament, the payment of tithes receives the sanction and commendation of Christ himself; while the Apostle Paul teaches the duty of proportionate and systematic giving, in his directions to the Corinthians, that each "Lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, on the first day of the week."

The obligations of Christian stewardship rest upon every follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, "Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor," and in view of the inestimable blessings secured to us by the Gospel, and the imperative commission to preach it to every creature, we are persuaded that every true disciple of the Master will strive to exceed the minimum of one-tenth by liberal offerings according to his means.

The experience of the Christian Church corresponds with the teaching of the Bible, that those who contribute according to the scriptural method are prospered spiritually as well as in material things, while at the same time the treasury of the Lord's house is proportionately replenished.

While we hail with delight the tendency in our Church to rise to a higher plane of religious consecration and giving, we must at the same time express our regret that so much practical unbelief still exists on this subject, as amply shown by the straitened condition of many of her institutions and agencies, because of the scanty resources at her command.

We have, therefore, to make the following recommendations:—

1. That all our people be urged to give to the cause of God as He has prospered them, at the rate of at least one-tenth of their income, and that the use of all unscriptural methods of raising money for Church purposes be discountenanced as unworthy a Christian people.

2. That in addition to the teaching of the pulpit on the duty of systematic giving, our ministers be earnestly requested to arrange for the circulation, throughout their congregations, of suitable literature on this important subject.

Respectfully submitted.

O. R. LAMBLY, *Chairman.*
G. D. PLATT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

During the Quadrennium now closing the Temperance question has attracted a large degree of public attention. When this Conference met four years ago, the law known as the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 was in force in the majority of the counties composing the Dominion of Canada, if we omit those of the Province of Quebec. In 1887 and 1888, the increasing opposition of the supporters of the liquor traffic culminated in a vigorous and wide-spread effort for the repeal of the Act. The success which attended this movement was a surprise to both of the contending parties. As the wave of prohibition sentiment had swept over the Dominion with irresistible force in 1884 and 1885, so in 1887 and 1888 the repeal movement carried nearly all the same counties. The supporters of the license system asserted that the success of the repeal movement proved the unwillingness of the people to bow to sumptuary laws, while, on the other hand, the advocates of prohibition affirmed that the secret of the successs of the movement was to be found chiefly in the want of proper enforcement of the prohibitory clauses of the Act. This, your Committee feel bound by evidence to accept as the true explanation of an apparent surprising change in public opinion. We affirm it as our strong conviction that, if the same energy had been displayed in enforcing the provisions of the Scott Act as in the administration of our Customs laws and the laws against illicit stills, the possibility of suppressing the traffic of intoxicants by legal enforcement would before this have been fully and clearly demonstrated.

The immediate effect of the success which attended the repeal movement was a feeling of despondency in the minds of many true and earnest men and women; however, these results were but momentary in their duration. As soon as the temperance host had recovered from its surprise, the question was heard on every side, "What is now our duty?" and the answer came in strong and clear tones, "We must now work for total

prohibition." From the east to the distant west, in private conversation and from public conventions, from temperance societies and from Church courts, wherever temperance sentiment found an utterance, we heard the one reply.

The defeat of the Scott Act in so many counties had purified the intellectual atmosphere, and revealed to us that victory over evil must result from united action in favor of the most perfect legislation human thought could devise. This unanimity of purpose having been reached, the next question to discuss was, "*How* can we secure the legislation we demand?" and this is to-day the question which absorbs the attention of the friends of temperance. It is an intensely practical question, the most difficult problem we have yet had to solve: yet, from the very difficulties which surround it, we gain inspiration and courage, inasmuch as it shows the nearness of our approach to the stronghold of the enemy. It is not when we are skirmishing around the outposts of the enemy that we will find the most active fighting, or the most formidable obstacles to overcome; but when, having carried the outposts, we approach the very citadel itself, and stand only at arm's length, and batter at the very gates, that we will arouse the most determined efforts and the strongest defences of the enemy. And here the army of temperance stands to-day. The evils produced by this traffic are admitted.

It is execrated in homes and denounced in halls; from the judicial bench, it is charged with being the source of nine-tenths of the crimes which cause our land to mourn, and which paralyze our civilization. Every form of iniquity, from the heritage of ignorance imposed on the child to the crimes which are expiated on the gallows, finds its parentage in this most prolific mother of evil. The press of our land has thundered against it, and day by day has held up faithfully before a Christian civilization scenes of such horror as appeal to senses not blunted by continual wrong-doing. The pulpits of our land have borne testimony against it, and have held up the fierce denunciation of Almighty God against the drunkard-maker. The traffic bears the curses of suffering humanity. The utter hopelessness of removing its evils by legalizing the principle, which is admittedly a moral wrong, and of rendering it harmless by hedging it with partial safeguards, is confessed by all who have thoroughly studied the matter without personal interest or prejudice.

Thus have we been brought to legal prohibition as the only remedy, and the aim to secure it concentrates the effort of the friends of temperance to-day. We have learned that the prevalence of right sentiment without concerted action cannot, of itself, accomplish the desired end. We have till the present been impotent to devise a scheme by which we can remove the supremacy of the spirit of party politics from the hearts of our own brethren, and supplant it by the principles which we profess, and for the prevalence of which we all bow in supplication before our God. While we pause here, we are the sport of our enemies, and our cause must either fail or be entrusted by God to more earnest workers.

We must by united action give a political value to our forces, so that the desires of temperance men will be a factor in determining the fates of candidates for parliamentary honors, or we must leave the control of our legislatures, as at present, largely in the hands of our enemies.

There is need of political force to secure the ends at which we aim,

and the appeal of our brethren in the North-West for aid is a loud call for united action on our part. How this is to be accomplished is, at the present moment, both the problem for the temperance men and the abhorrence of the mere party politician, the horizon of whose political sky is bounded by the advancement of party interests. Your Committee is not unaware of the efforts that for some time past have been put forth by earnest men to accomplish this desired end, but the present stage of these various proceedings is not sufficiently advanced to enable us to formulate any definite line of action which we can confidently recommend for the adoption of this Conference. While we disclaim any intention of underestimating the standard of political morality, or of placing too small a value on political intelligence, yet we cannot affirm that the antecedents of either political party warrant us in holding out the hope that, with the present attitude of our ballot-holders, either will espouse our cause and stand as the defender of our principles. The experiment of pledging candidates has been tried, but it has not thus far been a conspicuous success, nor do your Committee anticipate the possibility of obtaining the goal by attempts to pledge members of Parliament, and yet leave the individual voter free from the obligation to support the candidate who adopts this principle.

If we raise a firm edifice, we must have a firm foundation, and in this country the ballot is the foundation of our political structure. Make the ballot-holder right, and the righteousness of the one who represents his principles must necessarily follow; but all attempts at political reform which fail to reach the ballot-holder will end in failure, and leave the victory where it now rests, with the saloon, which does control its ballot-holders. They have their party allegiances, but when loyalty to party and loyalty to the liquor interests come into antagonism, party interests are disregarded, and their ballots are invariably cast in the manner which will best further the prosperity of the liquor traffic. Until the friends of temperance exalt their allegiance to principle above that which they owe to mere party, we repeat we must remain the laughing-stock and derision of our enemies. We, therefore, urge upon the Conference to adopt some method by which the friends of this great cause can bind themselves together and give each other the assurance that they will stand firmly by their principles, and support only such men as will honestly represent their prohibition sentiments in the Houses of Legislature to which they may be elected. For the accomplishment of this end, the desirability of which we have repeatedly affirmed, we recommend that the General Conference adopt some plan by which the temperance sentiment of our Church will be utilized in bringing about the adoption of a prohibitory law.

In harmony with the Standing Committee on Temperance of the Presbyterian Church, action was taken to bring the question of petitioning the Senate and House of Commons, asking for immediate prohibition, before the various Protestant Church courts of the Dominion. Favorable answers have been received from many of them, and we trust the Temperance Committee of this Conference will bring before you such recommendations in this direction as will secure your heartiest endorsation.

The General Conference of 1886 divided this Permanent General Committee into three sections, viz.: Ontario, Quebec and the Eastern Provinces. There has been no meeting of the General Committee until

this present Conference, and but one meeting of the Western Section has been held during the Quadrennium. This meeting was called by the General Superintendent to meet in Toronto on the 12th day of September, 1887, Rev. Dr. John A. Williams presiding. The immediate cause of the calling of the Committee was the effort of the liquor dealers and their friends to repeal the Scott Act, which was then in force in twenty-five counties and two cities in Ontario, and to urge upon the attention of the Methodist people the importance of the enforcement of the law. The situation was carefully passed under review, and an address was prepared and issued, asking our people, in accordance with the action of the General Conference of 1886, to stand by the law and give due attention to its proper enforcement. The address was published in the *Christian Guardian* and many other papers in the Province, thereby giving it a wide circulation.

A copy of the address is herewith appended :—

To the Members and Adherents of the Methodist Church in the Province of Ontario :—

Dear Brethren and Friends,—The General Conference of the Methodist Church, in session assembled in the city of Toronto in September, 1886, appointed a permanent Committee on Temperance, dividing it for convenience of meeting into three sections, viz. : Ontario, Quebec and the Eastern Provinces.

A general effort to repeal the Canada Temperance Act in the cities and counties in this Province where it is now in force has been begun, and to give this movement greater force a reign of lawlessness and violence has been inaugurated, and, to all appearance, has become the settled policy of this unholy traffic.

For these and other reasons, a meeting of the Ontario section of the Committee was convened by the Rev. John A. Williams, D.D., General Superintendent, on the 12th day of September, 1887, when, after a careful consideration of the present aspect of the temperance question, it was decided to call the prayerful attention of the Methodist people of this Province to the emphatic utterance of the General Conference on the subject, and its application to the present situation.

Enforcement of Scott Act.

The Scott Act is in force in twenty-five counties and two cities in Ontario, and in the whole Dominion the law has been adopted in sixty-three counties and cities. The net majority of the votes for the Act thus far in all the contests is 49,955. It is now more than eight years since it was first voted upon and adopted, and no county or city has yet rejected it, although repeated efforts have been made to do so. We regard it of great moment that our people give due attention to the proper enforcement of this law. We would urge that everywhere they stand by the officers appointed to that work and assist them in every lawful way.

Lessons.

The adoption of the Act has taught us several valuable lessons, which we do well to profit by :—

1. We have learned that the abolition of the license system has not

been followed by commercial disaster, as the liquor advocates everywhere declared it would be.

2. That municipal government may be carried on without the local revenue derived from the licensing of intoxicating liquors, and that without the imposition of new and burdensome taxes upon the people.

3. That the law has proved a valuable educator of public opinion.

4. That where the law is even moderately well enforced the mischievous and wicked treating customs are largely destroyed.

5. That the consumption of intoxicants is decreasing in our Dominion in a degree corresponding with the extent to which the Act is adopted.

6. That the reduction of poverty, drunkenness and crime is more and more manifest.

7. That our hope of ultimate and complete victory over this great enemy of all righteousness lies in total prohibition. We must not stop short of this. We cannot, if we would conserve what we have already secured.

NO REPEAL.

That these advantages as well as others may have the fullest effect, let us oppose—with all our might of work, prayer, faith and vote—the repeal of the Act whenever and wherever an attempt is made in that direction. Let the name of no member of the Methodist Church be found upon a repeal petition, much less, let no one co-operate directly or indirectly with those who seek to reclothe with the garment of respectability and legality a traffic which the Act has made disreputable and illegal. Utterly refuse to have any partnership in a business whose policy is that of the Anarchists in the use of the dynamite bomb, violence and terrorism. Let it be known to all that a vote to repeal the Act is a vote against prohibition, and every vote to sustain the Act is a vote for prohibition. Then, in the fear of God, let us endeavor to repeat the repeal agitation all along the line, and prohibition will soon be gained.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The present situation defines the duties of Christian electors in unequivocal terms. We would not ignore, or in any way depreciate, the value of the subordinate forces in the struggle for deliverance from a great national bane. We rejoice in the power of moral suasion, in the good work wrought by the numerous temperance organizations of our land, in the influence of the religious and political press, that is ever becoming more potent for prohibitory legislation. Still, it is evident, even to the superficial observer, that the mightiest weapon in this conflict is the ballot, and that the great decisive battles of the temperance movement must be fought at the polls. The issue is fairly before the country now. The attitude and *personnel* of our enemies were never so clearly defined. The temperance men of Canada have the opportunity of striking a blow for the complete and final suppression of the liquor traffic such as they never had before. May they prove equal to the duties and responsibilities of this hour!

JOHN A. WILLIAMS,
General Superintendent.

Toronto, October, 1887.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. BRETHOUR, *Chairman.*
JOHN LATHERN, *Secretary.*

Report No. 2.

1. That it has considered the Report of the Standing Committee on Temperance, and recommend the adoption of the same.

Special attention is called to the Committee's emphatic statement respecting the largely increased drunkenness and crime in those counties that have been led to repeal the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, and we earnestly join in admonishing our people to stand firmly by local option by-laws, wherever in force, until such time as they are superseded by a general prohibitory law.

We desire further to express our approval of the preliminary steps taken by the Standing Committee, in association with that of the Presbyterian Church, to arrange for the general circulation of petitions asking for the immediate enactment of a prohibitory law.

2. Your Committee has carefully considered the memorials of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland Conferences, the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the Kincardine District, touching temperance teaching in the Sunday-schools, and to give effect to these memorials, recommend the following, viz. :—

3. First, that paragraph 317 be amended (1) by striking out the headline "Temperance Pledges," and substituting therefor "Sabbath-school Temperance Work."

4. (2) By expunging the pledge and substituting the following: "I do hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, from the use of tobacco in any form, from the use of profane language, the reading of bad books and papers, and to earnest effort to secure the prohibition of the liquor traffic."

5. Secondly, that paragraph 318 be amended by striking out the word "further," and by inserting after the word "that," in the first line, the words "unless otherwise provided for."

6. That an additional paragraph be inserted to follow paragraph 318. Paragraph 319. The following is recommended as a constitution for temperance work in our schools :—

CONSTITUTION OF SABBATH-SCHOOL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

7. (1) *Object*—Its object shall be to promote the principles of total abstinence and prohibition, especially among the young.

8. (2) *Membership*—It shall be composed of all who take the pledge and sign the roll of membership.

9. (3) The pledge shall be that prescribed in paragraph 317.

10. (4) *Management*—The Society shall be under the control of the Sabbath-school Committee of Management, which shall appoint the officers of the Society.

11. (5) *Meetings*—The officers shall arrange for meetings at least once in three months.

12. Your Committee have noted the memorial of the Manitoba Conference, *re* Sacramental Wine, and approving of the same, submit the following, viz. :—That section V., page 17 of the Discipline, be amended by adding: "Paragraph 41. In the public administration of the Lord's Supper non-alcoholic wines shall be used wherever possible."

13. Amended by the following resolution: "That we strongly urge all our people to abstain from signing petitions to license places for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

14. Your Committee has considered the memorial of the County of Carleton Prohibitory Alliance, *re* Plebiscite on Prohibition, and recommend that as high legal authorities have declared that the submission of the question of prohibition to a plebiscite would be out of harmony with constitutional usages, therefore the memorial be not entertained.

15. Your Committee gave lengthened consideration to the memorial of the Montreal Conference, recommending the circulation of a "declaration" for signature by Methodist electors, but cannot recommend the adoption of the said resolution.

16. The resolution of Mr. Thos. Nixon, *re* the sending of delegates from this General Conference to the World's Temperance Convention, is approved ; and it is hereby recommended that each Annual Conference, at the session of 1891, elect two or more delegates who shall represent the General Conference, without any expense to the same, at the World's Temperance Convention to be held in Chicago in 1892.

17. Your Committee have given its attention to the memorial of A. M. Featherstone and others, *re* the "Permit" system in vogue in the North-West Territories, and present the following :—

"That this Conference has learned, through its delegates from the North-West Territories, that drunkenness and other crimes are increasing to an alarming extent in that part of our Dominion, and that the increase is due to an unwarrantable extension of the issue of permits, and also to the issue of certificates or licenses authorizing the sale of beer, and this in violation of the spirit and letter of the North-West Territories Act. We desire to place on record our emphatic protest against this unjustifiable exercise of executive power, and hereby call upon the Government to abolish this crying evil by revoking all such licenses."

18. Your Committee have carefully considered the resolution of the Rev. D. L. Brethour and the memorial of the Douglas Church Official Board, touching the attitude of our Church toward the liquor traffic, and present the following for adoption by the Conference, viz. :—

That John Wesley, under God, the venerable founder of Methodism, in a letter to the Right Hon. Wm. Pitt, Prime Minister of England, and dated September 6th, 1784, declared, that though the spirits distilled that year brought an excise revenue to the Government of twenty thousand pounds, they cost twenty thousand lives of His Majesty's liege subjects, thereby vilely bartering for this money the blood of these men, not to say anything of the enormous wickedness occasioned thereby, and the ruin in many other ways coming to the peace and happiness of the commonwealth. Rising to unwonted vehemence and indignation, he exclaims : "All who sell these liquors to any that will buy are poisoners-general. They murder His Majesty's subjects by wholesale, neither do they even pity or spare."

(2) That the attitude of the Methodist Church has ever been one of antagonism to the traffic in strong drinks.

(3) That the Rules and Discipline of the Church explicitly forbid the use of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, declaring that "drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them unless in case of extreme necessity," is doing harm, and is placed in the same category as profanity, Sabbath breaking, and the buying and selling of men, women and children for the purpose of enslaving them.

(4) That the liquor traffic of to-day is the greatest stumbling-block in

the Church's progress, is fraught with untold evils to humanity, and spreads desolation over the length and breadth of our fair Dominion.

(5) That the efforts put forth by governments to restrain, by license laws, this cyclone of destruction, have failed of their purpose; be it therefore

Resolved, (1)—That we are unalterably opposed to all efforts to regulate the liquor traffic by taxation or license, high or low. These afford no protection from its ravages, but, on the other hand, entrench it in the commonwealth, throw around it an artifical garb of respectability, and make the people partakers of, and responsible for, the evils resulting therefrom. "It is impossible to legalize the liquor traffic without sin"

(2) That we declare the complete and immediate legal prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes to be the duty of the Civil Government.

(3) That this is one of the great questions in regard to which Christian men are obligated by their profession to rise above all considerations of expediency, or personal and party interests, and so to use their moral influence and their franchise as to contribute to the overthrow of a traffic that is *evil, only* evil, and evil *continually*.

Therefore, to this end, this General Conference

19. (1) Endorses the proposal of the Dominion Alliance to secure the election to the House of Commons of Prohibitionists, irrespective of party, charged with the responsibility of representing the temperance electorate in the House of Commons, compelling the attention of the House and of the country to the great question of prohibition, and dividing the House of Commons on all suitable occasions on this issue; and it is strongly recommended that wherever such candidates are presented, they be given the earnest and undivided support of the members and adherents of the Methodist Church.

(2) This Conference further recommends, that in every constituency, sincere efforts be made in the party conventions and at the polls to secure the election to Parliament of men of sterling temperance principles; and it is specially urged that those who, in the House of Commons, sustain prohibitory resolutions and offer themselves for re-election, be supported by our people, irrespective of party considerations, as against candidates acceptable to the liquor interest; and it is our strong conviction that members of Parliament who have voted against such prohibitory resolutions should, on no account, receive the support of the electors of our Church. It is only by thus showing ourselves independent of party influence on this supreme moral question that we can secure for our convictions the consideration they deserve, and force the early solution of this prohibitory problem.

(3) That in accordance with memorials presented by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference to the Rev. D. L. Brethour, this General Conference, under its seal, petition the Dominion Parliament for the enactment of a General Prohibitory Liquor Law.

(4) That the following form of petition be circulated in all our congregations for the signature of all persons who are over sixteen years of age:—

Petition for Prohibition.

To the Honorable the House of Commons of Canada:—

The petition of the undersigned members and adherents of the Methodist Church of , County of , Province of and Dominion of Canada, and others, not less than sixteen years of age, humbly showeth:—

That the general traffic in intoxicating liquors is a recognized evil, producing a large proportion of the poverty, suffering, disorder and crime in our Dominion.

That your petitioners believe that a law enacted by your Honorable House, prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of all alcoholic liquors, except for mechanical, scientific and medicinal purposes, and containing ample provisions for its strict enforcement by the proper authorities, will greatly diminish these and other evils, and largely increase the prosperity and promote the health, peace and morals of our country.

Therefore your petitioners respectfully pray that your Honorable House may be pleased forthwith to enact such a prohibitory law.

20. That a representative deputation be appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government to press upon their attention the attitude of the Methodist General Conference on the great question of National Prohibition, and also upon the subject of North-West permits and licenses.

21. It is recommended that the following constitute the deputation, with power to add to their number, viz.: Revs. Dr. Carman, Dr. Ryckman, Dr. Potts and D. L. Brethour, M.A.; Hon. J. C. Aikins, J. J. Maclaren, LL.D., and J. H. Carson.

22. The following are respectfully recommended as the Standing Committee on Temperance, it being an instruction that the said Committee meet for organization and other business before the rising of the Conference:—

Ontario Group.

Rev. D. L. Brethour, M.A.	J. J. Maclaren, LL.D.
" A. M. Phillips.	W. H. Orr.
" F. Nugent.	Thos. C. Watkins.
" A. Sutherland, D.D.	H. P. Moore.
" Dr. W. Williams.	Thos. Nixon.
" Wm. Kettlewell.	Thos. Hilliard.
" J. R. Gundy.	

Quebec Group.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman.	W. H. Lambly.
" James Kines.	Wm. Tees.
" Dr. T. G. Williams.	J. H. Carson.
" W. J. Crothers.	Dr. Lavell.

Eastern Group.

Rev. R. Wilson, Ph.D.	Hon. G. W. Bentley.
" D. W. Johnson, M.A.	M. Lemont.
" Thos. Marshall.	Dr. Woodbury.
" E. B. Moore	F. B. Woodill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. Lambly, *Chairman.*
Wm. Kettlewell, *Secretary.*

Report No. 3.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to submit its third report, and recommend :—

1. That the following constitute the Western Group of the Standing Committee on Temperance, viz.:—

Rev. Dr. J. W. Sparling.	Thos. Nixon.
" Alfred Andrews.	M. H. Fieldhouse.
" J. M. Harrison.	G. W. Beynon.
" E. Robson.	J. N. Tuttle.

2. Your Committee has had under consideration the memorial of the Rev. J. W. Bell, B.D., Superintendent of the White Cross Department of the Royal Templars *re* the "Moral Legislative Enactments" of the Dominion, and submit the following: That the Conference having already adopted resolutions on the subject-matter of the memorial, welcome the information that the White Cross Department of the Royal Templars is preparing to circulate petitions on the subject, and recommend our ministers, in the pulpit and otherwise, and our people, to give this laudable work their countenance and support.

3. That a public temperance meeting be held annually on each of our Circuits and Missions, at which addresses on the temperance question shall be delivered, and a collection and voluntary contributions taken to defray the expenses of our temperance work, which shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Standing Committee, the Rev. D. L. Brethour, M.A., Thorold, Ont., who will acknowledge the receipt of the same in the *Guardian*. The first of these meetings should be held immediately after the minister in charge has received the forms of petition, and it should be utilized to initiate the circulation of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. Lambly, *Chairman.*
Wm. Kettlewell, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO.

That whereas the attention of this Conference has been called to the great and increasing evils arising from the use of tobacco, especially among the young people of the present day; and whereas, our young people naturally and properly look to their leaders in the Church for advice and example on this and other important questions, therefore be it

Resolved,—1. That this Conference asserts its strong disapproval of the use of tobacco, as hurtful to the physical constitution and especially injurious to the young. We earnestly recommend that every member in our Church be urged to be a total abstainer from its use; and, alarmed by the growing use of tobacco among the youth of our country, we earnestly recommend that those in our Sabbath-schools, in the educational institutions of our Church, and in the ministry, shall be total abstainers; and we further recommend that our people use all their influence to have the teachers in our public schools and higher institutions set the example of abstention from its use.

2. We also recommend that immediate steps be taken to petition the Dominion Parliament or Provincial Legislature, for a law prohibiting the sale of cigars, cigarettes, and every other form of tobacco, to persons under sixteen years of age.

GEO. DOUGLAS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSFERS.

The Committee on Transfers beg leave to report that the various memorials and resolutions that were referred to them have come under review, and have received careful consideration. They respectfully submit the following recommendations :—

1. Concerning a resolution moved by Rev. Geo. Richardson, to the effect that the Transfer Committee shall not transfer a minister into a Conference unless a minister of similar standing be transferred out of said Conference, except when such transfer is requested by the properly appointed representative of the Conference affected thereby ; your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

2. Concerning a resolution moved by Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, asking this Committee to declare and define the powers of the Transfer Committee, your Committee, believing that such powers are sufficiently defined by the constitution of the Transfer Committee, recommend that no action be taken.

3. Concerning a second resolution moved by Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, asking that paragraph 129 of the Discipline be amended so that the Transfer Committee shall have power, under certain circumstances, to deal with cases brought before it, where the notices required by clauses 2, 3 and 4 of said paragraph have not been given, your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

4. Your Committee recommend that the memorial of the Niagara Conference be granted, and that it shall be the duty of the Chairman of a District in which a transferred man has been stationed during the previous year to report to the President of the Conference to which such minister has been transferred, whether or not in his case the usual disciplinary questions concerning character and standing have been satisfactorily answered. Nevertheless, this shall not be necessary in cases where the transfer does not take effect until after the usual examination of character in the Conference out of which the transfer is made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WAKEFIELD, *Chairman.*
W. J. FORD, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE 15TH AUGUST, 1890.

Your Committee met in Toronto, for the first time, on the 2nd December, 1887, when a large number of claims were gone over and considered, and the Treasurer was appointed to act with a member of each Conference in investigating all the applications for relief, and report as soon as possible.

The Treasurer visited, with some member of the Committee, the following places: Aylmer, Wyoming, Chatham, Strathroy, Sombra, Kincardine, Goderich, Listowel, Prescott, Kingston, Belleville, and Agnes Street, Toronto, and a report was submitted, including Emerson, West Cape, Ebenezer Church, Walter's Falls Circuit, and subsequently Palmerston, where the following appropriations were made under the rule laid down by the General Conference:—

That no Church should receive aid unless embarrassed through the Union, and then only to the smallest extent possible, the persons now liable, to bear and carry all they were able, and not to be relieved from the responsibility in the meantime. The Treasurer to be the judge of what amount any trust should receive from year to year over the six per cent. interest on the appropriation. The total amount appropriated, including $12,000 note in the bank on which $1,274.93 of interest had accrued, was $45,595.98, distributed as follows:—

Aylmer, $600, provided $1,000 be raised in the District.

Chatham, $1,000, provided the Trustees pay the other $1,000.

Strathroy, $600, providing the debt be reduced to $3,000.

Wyoming, $200, providing the balance of $200 be paid by Trustees.

Arkona, $188.90, as agreed by the London Conference, 1886.

Prescott, ordered church to be sold, which was done, for $2,700, and $3,160 be paid to relieve the Trustees from law costs and the balance to stand till a later date, the Trustees to handle the same and pay what they could.

Kingston, $13,000 was appropriated, providing $1,000 was raised by subscription and $5,000 placed on mortgage, the balance of $1,000 to be carried and paid by the persons responsible for the debt.

University Church, Belleville, $300, provided the Trustees pay the same amount and mortgage for $500 balance.

Goderich, late Methodist Episcopal Church, $1,500, providing the congregation assume and reduce the balance of debt.

Listowel, it was found that one man was responsible for the debt and had been sold out and lost almost everything; $500 was appropriated, payable in four instalments of $125 each, without interest.

Kincardine Methodist Episcopal Church, $1,500.

Agnes Street, Toronto, $5,000, providing $3,000 subscription was raised to reduce the debt.

Ebenezer Church, Walter's Falls, $300, providing balance was paid by the people.

Sombra, $250, providing all the balance was paid within two years.

Emerson and West Lynn, $3,000; churches to be sold and amount received applied in reducing the appropriation.

West Cape, Prince Edward Island, $150.

Palmerston, $1,000, providing balance is paid by Trustees and sale of church.

Towards these appropriations and interest thereon, there has been paid as follows: Appropriations, $9,270.98; interest, $9,263.03.

The Treasurer has given a great deal of time and attention to the details of this Fund, has done his best in every way, and now presents below the following financial statement:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH AUGUST, 1890.

Receipts.

Collections	$4,272 26	
Received from Prescott Property	2,300 00	
" Interest on the same	165 00	
Balance from last year	895 62	
		$7,632 88

Expenditure.

Expense—Postage, $20; Audit, 1880 and 1890, $10	$30 00		
" Travelling, $6; P. O. box, $4	10 00		
" Sundries, $1.35; Exchange, $4.95	6 30		
		46 30	
Interest on borrowed money		1,056 18	
" appropriations		1,489 62	
Paid on principal of appropriations		2,107 50	
" Bank, borrowed money		500 00	
" other borrowed money		2,000 00	
Cash on hand		433 28	
			7,632 88

ACCOUNT OF QUADRENNIUM ENDED 15TH AUGUST, 1890.

Receipts.

Collections	$17,267 17	
Borrowed money (on Treasurer's notes)	17,050 00	
Received for Prescott Property	2,700 00	
" Interest on same	450 25	
		$37,467 42

Expenditure.

Expense—Committees	$113 20		
" Travelling, examining claims, etc	86 85		
" Printing circulars, etc	28 50		
" Postage, exchange, etc	137 93		
" Law costs	6 50		
" Account books and stamp	7 15		
" Auditing	20 00		
		400 13	
Interest on borrowed money		4,976 84	
" appropriations		4,286 19	
Original note		12,000 00	
Paid on principal of appropriations		9,270 98	
Repaid borrowed money		6,100 00	
Balance on hand		433 28	
			37,467 42
Total appropriations		$45,595 98	
Paid on "		21,270 98	
			$24,325 00

Present Liability.

Borrowed money	$13,650 00	
Balance of appropriations	24,325 00	
		$37,975 00

I certify that I have examined the books of this Fund, and checked vouchers for all payments, and have found them correct, and the above statements correctly extracted from them.

TORONTO, *Sept.* 8, 1890. THOS. S. KEOUGH.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, *Chairman.*
JOHN N. LAKE, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX B.

ADDRESSES.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE OF 1890 TO THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:

The recurrence of your General Conference affords us the opportunity of renewing to you the assurance of our affectionate interest in your well-being, and of our joy in the prosperity which God, the Father of mercies, continues to bestow upon you. Our concern for your welfare has roots as various as they are strong and deep. The remembrance that your vast organization owes its origin to the labor of missionaries who went forth from our midst, nourishes in us a perpetual affection and solicitude toward you. We are sensible, moreover, of the great future which must belong to the regions which our race is rapidly filling; and, foreseeing that these "greater Britains" across the seas are destined to react more and more powerfully upon the life and history of the Mother-country, we feel that few matters can be of more moment to the British Empire, and, if God so order it, to the future of the world, than the widening spread in countries like yours of a pure religious belief, spirit and practice. That in one important dominion of the empire you uphold unsullied and unimpaired, the standard of our Methodist doctrine, discipline and spirit, knits you to us in firm alliance. But apart from all this, the zeal, courage and success with which you undertake the responsibilities of the honorable position that God has assigned you, and face the successive problems that arise from the growth alike of your power and your opportunities, would suffice to win from us, your fellow-soldiers in the warfare of Christ, warm admiration and ready sympathy.

The address of your last General Conference, and the luminous and comprehensive utterances of your esteemed representative, Dr. Stewart, who conveyed it to us, have set vividly before our mind your joys and cares, your trials and triumphs. The problems that perplex you, and the tasks that engross your energies are, in many features, different from those with which we are called to grapple. While we study how to deal with huge populations gathered in small areas, you are confronted by the problem of vast areas sparsely peopled. While we, in our agricultural districts, are often dismayed by the removal of our people and the reduction of our resources, you are in more danger of being overwhelmed by rapidly multiplying demands upon your resources, and a growth of your opportunities outrunning the increase of your means. It will be a

satisfaction to you to be assured that the doctrines and methods of our Church are justifying themselves as effectually in the changed and changing England of to-day as they ever did in the days of our fathers; as it is gratifying to us, on the other hand, to observe that this same Methodism is equally acknowledged by God and useful to man in the novel social conditions and national needs of a country like yours. Our attention and energy have of recent years been strenuously applied to home missionary enterprises; and by free resort to new agencies, and fresh strength given to those already existing, we have striven to cope with the evils resulting from disorganized social conditions, and a national life in many ways unnatural and unhealthy. Among yourselves, also, for many years to come, home missionary labors will have to be assiduously and vigorously prosecuted; but your toil in this department may well be more pleasurable and cheerful than ours, since the task that demands your energies, arduous though it may be, is to maintain your Church on the crest of the advancing tide that is bringing to your country ever-growing strength, wealth and influence.

In your valuable Church enlargement and prosperity you will, we doubt not, be watchfully alive to the danger lest the Evil One, who will weave a snare even out of the mercies of God, should betray you into putting too much trust in what may be called ecclesiastical politics. Only in proportion as our Societies are pervaded by the spirit of Christ, at once pure and ardent, and all our members, in humble pursuit after righteousness and fervent zeal for souls, manifest a living faith, can your Church or ours be abidingly fruitful. We gather with satisfaction from your address, and from more recent information of your progress, that you have not taken the prosperity that God has given you as an invitation to "rest and be thankful," but have understood that God's gifts are ever designed to be man's opportunities. We look with hopeful expectation for the unfolding of yet larger divine purposes in your regard, and the outpouring of yet richer blessings than those over which we now so heartily rejoice with you.

Your enlightened and steadfast recognition of the vital importance to your Church and country of sound Scriptural and Christian education and literature, commands our warm admiration. The general and earnest interest which has been aroused among you by the question of University Federation is an indication that you appreciate justly the manifold and serious issues involved in the character of the higher education of the country, and in the relation sustained by religion to science, philosophy and culture. While, on the one hand, it is injurious to stamp upon education a sectarian impress, it is, on the other hand, fatal to let it lack a living and pervasive Christian influence; and called, as you are, by the position God has given you, to minister to the more advanced and cultured classes of society among you, as well as to those of smaller knowledge and narrower opportunities, it behoves you to maintain with jealous guardianship your influence in connection with the higher education of the country.

Your zeal for the evangelization of the heathen proves to us that you bear the true family likeness of the Methodist stock, and are ambitious to claim your share of our Founder's "parish." And we are thankful for the wise instinct and the guiding Providence that have led you to add to

your faithful labors among the Indian tribes at home your mission in Japan abroad. In this sphere you apply the forces of Christianity to a nation ancient in culture, adult in intellectual development, but youthfully plastic in its love of novelty; in the other, you seek to enlighten and gladden an aged race, wedded to hoary tradition, its vigor worn to decrepitude, whose life belongs to the past rather than the future, and yet primitive, almost infantile, in moral and mental condition. In the one task, you tend the dying embers of the old life in the New World; in the other, you fan the rising flame of the new life which Christian civilization is imparting to the Old World. Wisely have you, by choice of these contrasted tasks, made appeal to various sympathies and found employment for various resources among your people. Mr. Egerton Young's visit to this country has greatly increased our knowledge of and interest in your heroic labors among the Indians, while your own description of your Japanese mission, a description confirmed by many testimonies, compels us to glorify God in your success there.

We pray that, in these and all similar labors which your love for Christ and the world may lead you to undertake, our God may fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We commit this address to the hand of the Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., whom we have deputed as our representative to your General Conference. We commend him to your affectionate regard as a brother who has rendered invaluable service to the cause of Methodism in Ireland, and has for nearly twenty years been a member and trusted adviser of our British Conference.

You will be looking forward with interest, as we are, to the Œcumenical gathering of the Churches of our Methodist brotherhood, which is to assemble in the United States next year. We anticipate with pleasure the opportunity which that occasion will afford us, of renewing with you and with the other Churches of the brotherhood, a fellowship more intimate than is afforded by such communications as this.

We pray that the Lord may make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

DAVID J. WALLER, *Secretary*.

BRISTOL, JULY 30TH, 1890.

ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

We gladly embrace the opportunity which, in the providence of God, now occurs, of opening fraternal communication with you as one of the sister Churches of Methodism, and we greet you affectionately, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Large numbers of the people of this country have sought and found a home in the Dominion of Canada, and it is to us a cause of much thankfulness that the members of our Church especially who have been removed from us by emigration have found, with you, Christian ordinances and means of grace similar to those to which they had been accustomed and which they highly prized.

We have frequently observed, with much pleasure and satistaction, the evidences of your growing prosperity and extending usefulness. We regard with great interest your missionary operations, not only among the Indian tribes but also among the people of Japan; and we pray that the Lord of the harvest may reward your labors, in these and other fields of Christian enterprise, with abundant fruit.

We offer you our sincere and hearty congratulations on the union recently effected of the four sections of the Methodist family, which now constitute the Methodist Church of Canada; and we rejoice to learn, from the address of your last General Conference to the British Conference, that "the fruits of that blessed union were becoming more and more developed; that the Lord of Peace had given you harmony, tranquility and prosperity within your borders, and that not a discordant note was heard throughout the consolidated Methodism of the Dominion." May the peace of God continue to abide with you!

May we remind you that twelve years ago the two principal Methodist bodies in this country were happily united, and now constitute the Methodist Church of Ireland. We have every reason to believe that this union was sanctioned by the great Head of the Church; and that Methodism in Ireland was thus better adapted to fulfil its arduous and important mission. In the prosecution of our work we have to contend with many difficulties; but the God who was with our fathers is with us also, and the fruit of our toil is to be found in many lands, as well as at home. It is our solemn purpose to continue to labor earnestly in the sphere assigned to us by the providence of God, trusting that He, upon whose shoulders is the government, will cause even those things which now appear to be adverse to turn out for the furtherance of His Gospel throughout our native land.

We have appointed as our Representative to your Conference the Rev. Wallace McMullen, D.D., who has also been appointed to the like office by the British Conference. We have reason to believe that he is

already favorably known to you; and we commend him to your confidence and esteem. He will convey to you our fraternal regards, and will be able to inform you fully respecting our affairs.

We pray fervently that the abundant blessing of the great Head of the Church may rest upon your deliberations and upon the people everywhere for whose interests you care and over whom you watch in the Lord.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JAMES DONNELLY, *Secretary.*

BELFAST, 18TH *June*, 1890.

NOTE.

We very much regret that in some unaccountable way the "Address of the Bible Christian Church of England" has been mislaid, and cannot be found to be inserted in the JOURNAL.

ERRATA.

Page 8—Line 18 should read: "The bar of the Conference was limited to the space within the pillars supporting the gallery."

Page 57—First paragraph should read: "That when the Conference adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned till to-morrow afternoon at 2.30."

Page 113—Fourth line from bottom, read "ministers and twelve laymen."

Page 127—Line 4, read "General Conference Special Committee.

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