

**MINUTES**

OF

**THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL**

**Conference**

OF THE

**ADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CHURCH,**

HELD AT

**CAVAN,**

**NEWCASTLE DISTRICT,**

On the 8th day of June, &c. &c. 1842.

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# MINUTES,

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ACCORDING to the appointment of the last Conference, held at Hamilton, the Ministers and Lay-Representatives assembled at Cavan, New Castle District, and, after singing and prayer, proceeded to business.

QUESTION 1. Who compose the present Conference ?

ANSWER. *Ancaster*,..... John Wilkinson, George Jones.  
*Caledon*,..... James Laidley.  
*Cavan*,..... James Hales, Moses Dundas.  
*Cobourg and Hillier*,... James Brennan, Wm. Yerx.  
*Caugua*,..... No Representative.  
*Gosfield*,..... John C. Warren, John B. Smith.  
*Goulbourne*,..... No Representative.  
*Hamilton*,..... Thos. T. Howard, Thos. Lottridge.  
*Henrysburgh*,..... By Letter.  
*Landsdown & Rideau*, James Bell, Thos. Hill.  
*London*,..... Ephraim Van Norman.  
*Montreal*,..... H. O. Crofts.  
*Nelson*,..... John Shilton, John Youart.  
*St. Thomas*,..... Thos. Bump.  
*Trafalgar*,..... Wm. Robinson, Francis McKenney.  
*Waterford*,..... Ed. Bailey, Mathew Lowery.  
*Welland Canal*,..... James Jackson, Jacob Crow.  
*Superintendent of the Mission*,..... John Addyman.  
*Treasurer of the Connexion*,..... James Hughson.

The following Brethren, being Elders, agreeably to the terms of the Union, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but were not present :

R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, J. Haney, J. Marshall, W. Martin, D. Nickerson, H. Plum, J. Reed, W. Shaw, J. Sheldon, W. Sparham, J. Williams.

Q. 2. Have the characters of the Ministers been examined

A. They have, with impartiality.

Q. 3. Who was ordained an Elder ?

A. William Robinson.

Q. 4. Who remain on trial ?

A. T. T. Howard ; he has travelled three years. James Laidley, he has travelled two years. W. Ramage, J. Simpson, and E. Van Norman ; these have travelled one year.

Q. 5. What preachers are now received on trial ?

A. Gore Bell.

Q. 6. Who has desisted from labouring amongst us ?

A. Darius Betty's.

Q. 7. How are the preachers stationed this year ?

*Bettes*  
Ancaster. W. Robinson, to change with the Trafalgar preacher once a quarter.

Caledon. J. Shilton.

Cobourg and Hillier. J. Brennan—two to be sent.

Caugua. One to be sent.

Cavan. J. Hales.

Gosfield and Thames. J. C. Warren, E. Van Norman.

Hamilton. J. Addyman, Superintendent of the Mission Canada West, and one to be sent.

Henrysburgh. J. Hutchinson.

Lansdown, Rideau and Goulbourn. J. Bell, J. Laidley, (to reside at Drummand) J. Simpson, G. Bell, and one to be sent.

London. E. Bailey.

Montreal. H. O. Crofts, Superintendent of the Mission Canada East, and T. T. Howard.

Nelson. J. Craig, to change with Hamilton once a quarter.

St. Thomas. Wm. Ramage, to change with Waterford once a quarter.

Trafalgar. Thos. Rump.

Waterford. J. Wilkinson, and one to be sent.

Welland Canal. James Jackson.

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## STATE OF THE CONNEXION.

	Chapels,	Societies,	Circuit Preachers,	Local Preachers,	Numbers,	Deaths,
Ancaster,.....	1	7	1	1	102	2
Caledon,.....	1	7	1	1	75	
Cobourg and Hillier,.....	3	11	2	4	236	1
Gosfield,.....		4	1	2	105	1
Goulborn,.....		4	1		55	
Hamilton,.....	1	3	2	2	120	
Henrysburgh,.....		4	1	1	62	
Lansdown and Rideau,...	2	18	2	5	436	5
London,.....	1	6	1	1	53	1
Montreal,.....	1	2	1	2	60	
Nelson,.....	2	6	1	1	100	1
Peterboro',.....	3	11	1		156	2
St. Thomas,.....	1	12	1	3	150	1
Trafalgar and Markham,...	2	3	1	2	66	1
Waterford,.....		16	2	2	*417	4
Welland Canal,.....	2	12	1	3	291	3
Total,.....	19	110	20	30	2484	22

\* This is the return for the last year, there being no regular return made for this year. We hope, in future the preachers will be careful to make their returns, as required by rule.

GENERAL STATEMENT

OF THE PATERNAL FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Private subscriptions collected on the Waterford Circuit by the Rev. J. Jackson, 1841.	2	0	0	Bell, J. 1 child,.....	1	1
Annual Grant by the English Missionary Society,.....	30	0	0	Craig, J. 2 children,	2	2
				Hales, J. 3 "	3	9
				Jackson, J. 3 "	3	16
				Ramage, W. 2 "	2	2
				Robinson, W. 4 "	4	10
				Rump, T. 2 "	2	8
				Shilton, J. 1 child	1	1
				VanNorman, E. 2 "	2	2
				Wilkinson, J. 5 "	5	18
				In Treasurer's hand,	3	9
	32	0	0		32	0

This is the return for the year ending at the close of the year 1841. We hope in future the preachers will be careful to send their returns as required by the Committee. The amount of the year 1841 is £32 0 0.

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The preachers at the yearly collection



## Resolutions of Conference.

1. That the Nelson Circuit be set apart from the Ancaster Circuit: the Nelson Circuit including all that part of the Ancaster and Nelson Circuits, (formerly so called,) east of the Macadamized road, leading to Waterloo, except the appointment at John Cumming's, Flamboro' West.

2. That the Grand River settlements be separated from the Welland Canal Circuit, and formed into a Circuit to be called the Caugua Circuit; embracing the following appointments, viz: York, Rob't. Decow's, Bellows Settlement; Crysler's, John Crow's, Rainhaw's School House and Stony Creek.

3. That the St. Thomas and London Circuits be separated as heretofore.

4. That the Rev. J. Addyman, Superintendent of Canada west, be authorized to negotiate the business relative to the London Chapel, and to receive whatever money is to be obtained on that account: which money is to be appropriated to the obtaining of a lot and the building of a Chapel in the Town of London, for the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church.

5. That Messrs. Kell's, Swain, Hales and Dundass, be a committee to settle the matter concerning the Milbrook Chapel.

6. That the case of the Peterborough Chapel be referred to the Annual Committee.

7. That it be considered the duty of circuit preachers to endeavour to obtain Deeds of Trust, for Chapels on their various Circuits, according to the form recommended in the discipline.

8. That Bro. Bell be instructed from this Conference to get the Mallory town Chapel deeded to the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion in the best manner he can and as soon as possible.

9. That a congratulatory address to his Excellency the Governor General be written by the Rev. H. O. Crofts and that the Rev'ds. H. O. Crofts, Hutchinson and Howard be a committee to present it in behalf of this Conference.

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11. That this Conference discountenances the practice of extensive horse-dealing by any Preacher ; and hopes that the preachers will bear in mind that they are required by the discipline not to engage in any trade.

12. That in consequence of a majority of the members of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion, wishing the term " Wesleyan " to be retained in the name of the body, this conference resolves that the name remain as it is.

13. That this Conference regarding the efforts of Temperance Societies, as eminently calculated under the blessing of God to check the progress of intemperance, and to prepare a way for the spread of the Gospel of Christ ; rejoices in the success of the temperance cause, and affectionately urges the ministers and members of the Connexion to discountenance, both by precept and example, the drinking usages of society.

14. That the Rev'ds. J. Addyman, J. Jackson, and J. Wilkinson, with Messrs. M. Aikman, Esq., J. Hughson, Esq., and Mr. J. Willson, in Canada West, and the Rev'ds. H. O. Crofts, J. Hutchinson and T. T. Howard, with Messrs. L. Campbell and J. Morriss, in Canada East, form the Annual Committee for the ensuing year. Rev. J. Addyman, Corresponding Member for Canada West, and Rev. H. O. Crofts, Corresponding Member for Canada East.

15. That the Preachers give an account of all presents received by them, until their full salary is paid.

16. That the thanks of this Conference be presented to Mr. Hughson, Esq., for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Connexion for the past year : and that he be requested to continue his services the ensuing year.

17. That the next Conference be held at Louth in the Ni-

agara District, on the first Wednesday in June, 1843, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

J. ADDYMAN, *President.*

T. T. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the President for his impartial conduct in the chair.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Secretary for the faithful discharge of his important duty.

## ADDRESS

Of the Fourteenth Annual Conference to the Members of the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Through the mercy of God we have been permitted again to assemble in our Annual Conference. Our proceedings have been conducted in the spirit of love and our consultations have been marked with great unanimity in sentiment and feeling, and will, we trust, redound to your benefit and to God's glory.

On many of the circuits God has graciously poured out His Holy Spirit, many have been turned from darkness to light from the power of Satan to God, and brought into fellowship with the church of Christ. No less than five hundred and sixty nine souls have been added to our church in Canada during the past Conference year. In this increase we greatly rejoice; for it is an evident proof that the Lord of Hosts is with us, that he is pleased with our efforts to do good, and that the union, consummated at the last Conference, is sanctioned by the Great Head of the Church. We, however, rejoice more in this manifestation of the goodness of God to our Church, because every soul converted to God, is brought from a state of darkness, misery and danger, into a state of light, happiness and safety. The salvation of one soul is of more importance than the temporal salvation of the world. The

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soul is immortal; eternal joy or eternal woe must be its portion: if the soul is lost, it is an irreparable loss, and "what is a man profited if he gain the world and lose his soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." Seeing then, that the salvation of the soul is of such immense importance, that the gain of the world cannot compensate for its loss, we are called upon to rejoice in the increase we have received, and to give God hearty thanks for having saved, through our agency, so many during the past year.

But while we rejoice greatly in the measure of success with which God has favoured us, still it behooves us to rejoice with trembling, for there is reason to fear, that comparatively little has been done, to what might have been done; had all the members of our church come up "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." A sentiment prevails among many of the members of the Christian church, that personal happiness, and not public usefulness, is the great end for which men are converted and formed into churches. This is one end, but not the great end which God has in view. If we rightly understand the mind of the Spirit revealed in the Bible, the great end for which men are converted and formed into churches is, to benefit others by bringing them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, that they may obtain the forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ Jesus, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified. We recommend, dear brethren, to your serious attention the following passages, as evidence of the correctness of the views we have given of the great end which church members are ever to keep before them. "Ye are the salt of the earth. Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5. 13, 16. Paul says to the Philippians "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life." Phil. 2. 14, 16, and he exhorts that church to "stand fast in one mind, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel." Phil. 1. 27. Of the Church at Thessalonica, the same

Apostle speaks in the highest terms of approbation. That Church was an example of active piety to all the churches in Macedonia, and one that caused the Apostle Paul such joy, that he gave thanks to God always on its account. Hear his words, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God the Father,—For, from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad so that we need not speak any thing." 1 Thess. 2. 3, 8. "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure." 2 Thess. 1. 3, 4.

From these citations we discover that the church of God is the great source of light, purity and love, and that by the church the world is to be enlightened, purified, filled with the love of God and made obedient to his will. And were all the members of the church, in the present day, like all the members of the church in Thessalonica, these glorious objects would soon be gained. But, by many in the church these things are lost sight of; content with the enjoyment of church privileges, they sit down at ease in Zion and put forth little or no effort to save their fellow men who are perishing for lack of knowledge, perishing because no man cares for their souls. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Apathy in church members is criminal in the sight of God, injurious to the cause of Christ, grievous to the Holy Spirit, and will be the ruin of many precious souls for whom Christ died.

It is high time that all in the church of God, Ministers and people, obeyed the heart stirring address of the prophet Isaiah "Awake, Awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on the beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city." The noble resolution of the same prophet should be your individual resolution, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until the righteousnes"

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thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Were this exhortation obeyed and this resolution adopted by all our members, the next Annual Conference would have to report an increase in number that would astonish the most sanguine among us. An amount of good would be done that eternity alone could reveal; for not only would sinners be saved, but these saved sinners would become agents in the conversion of more, and so on till great voices shall be heard in heaven saying, "The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our God and of his Christ." In addition to this, by being actively engaged in labouring for the conversion of souls you will increase your own piety for "he that watereth others shall be watered." Success in your work will render you much more effective labourers in the vineyard of the Lord than what you now are. Your active co-operation will also assist the ministry among you to a great extent. Encouraged by your sympathy, supported by your prayers, assisted by your efforts, they will preach the word with a spirit, a wisdom and an energy, that will throw down all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and secure the complete triumph of the Gospel of Jesus over thousands of hearts, which are now closed and barred against that adorable Jesus "who bore our sins in his own body on the tree;" but if you are sluggish and inactive you have no reason to expect the Gospel to triumph among you. If you are not fellow helpers to the truth you are so many hinderances in the way of the progress of truth; for Christ declares that he searcheth the heart and the reins, and depend upon it he will never bless with prosperity those churches, the majority of which, are useless drones. Your inertness will cramp the energies of your ministers, and however ardent when they come among you, you will soon cool their zeal and make it a burden to them to preach the blessed Gospel to you. If the Church is to prosper as it ought all must labour to the extent of their ability. Every private Christian can do something for Christ's cause and for the benefit of the souls of men, and what any one can do he must do or the church cannot prosper. The Apostle Paul intimates, that as the eye needs the hand and the head the feet, so the ministers and officers of the Church absolutely need

the hearty, active, and constant co-operation of all the members in the Church, to secure prosperity. Let every member, then, in our Church, as well as every officer, be determined to labour with all his might for the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus, and then God even our own God, will bless us and abundantly prosper the work of our hands.

In order to induce you to labour for the conversion of souls we would remind you, dear Brethren, of the potent reasons which should urge you to the prompt discharge of your duty, and would earnestly beseech you to perform it. The ungodly around you are walking in the broad road that leadeth to destruction, and in a short while, if their feet are not turned into the narrow path that leadeth to life, they will open their eyes in hell being in torments; and you know that from that state of punishment there is no redemption. Can you then shut the bowels of your compassion against them, and suffer them to perish without warning them of their danger, without pointing out to them the refuge from the wrath to come, and without beseeching them to fly to that refuge that they may be saved? Be not so cruel. Put forth all your energies to bring them to Christ, remembering that "he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways saveth a soul from death, and hideth a multitude of sins." Remember, too, your deep and solemn responsibility. You are the stewards of the manifold grace of God, and you will shortly have to give an account of your stewardship to the judge of all. The talents committed to your trust are not to be buried nor hid in a napkin, but they are to be employed for the good of others and the glory of God. If you mis-improve your talents the fearful doom of the wicked and slothful servant awaits you. But if you improve them then you will be rewarded with a crown of life which fadeth not away.

Remember, also, that the period in which you can labour for Christ in the conversion of sinners is fast passing away. You know not what a day or an hour may bring forth; "for what is your life—it is even as a vapour which appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away." There are no souls to be saved in eternity; for those who dwell in heaven are saved, and those who dwell in hell are beyond the reach of salvation, therefore there is no time to be lost, "work the

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And now, dear Brethren, we would in conclusion exhort you to labour in humble, yet firm dependence on the divine spirit. He is promised as your guide and strength. Look up to Him for the wisdom and strength you need to enable you to serve your generation according to the will of God. Pray earnestly to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and God will much more readily hear your prayers and grant your petitions than your father will grant the request of his child when he asks ahead. Now, may the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times as many more as ye are, and bless you as he hath promised.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN ADDYMAN, *President.*  
T. T. HOWARD, *Secretary.*

## ADDRESSES

### Of Superintendants and Officers of the Connexion.

<i>Ancaster</i> , .....	Flamborough West.
<i>Caledon</i> , .....	Erin Post Office.
<i>Cobourg and Hillier</i> , .....	Picton, Prince Edward District.
<i>Cavan</i> , .....	Cavan Post Office.
<i>Caugua</i> , .....	Caugua.
<i>Gosfield</i> , .....	Eries Post Office.
<i>Goulbourne</i> , .....	Perth Post Office.
<i>Hamilton</i> , .....	Hamilton.
<i>Lansdown and Rideau</i> , .....	Beverly, District of Johnstown.
<i>London</i> , .....	London.
<i>Montreal</i> , .....	Montreal.
<i>Nelson</i> , .....	Nelson.
<i>St. Thomas</i> , .....	Aylmer.
<i>Trafalgar</i> , .....	Churchville.
<i>Waterford</i> , .....	Middleton.
<i>Welland Canal</i> , .....	St. Catharines.

### Officers of the Connexion.

<i>President of the Conference</i> , .....	} Rev. J. Addyman, Hamilton Gore District.
<i>Superintendent of the Mission, C.W.</i>	
<i>Corresponding Member of the Annual Committee for Canada West</i> , .....	
<i>Treasurer of the Connexion</i> , .....	} J. Hughson, Esq. Hamilton Gore District.
<i>Superintendent of the Mission, and Corresponding Member of the Annual Committee for Canada East</i> , .....	
	} Rev. H. O. Crofts, Montreal