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Niagara Annual Conference.

The Niagara Annual Conference held its Twenty-Fifth Session in Princeton, County Oxford, Province of Ontario, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1868, being the Fortieth year of the separate existence of the M. E. Church in Canada.

BISHOP P. SMITH, D.D., and BISHOP RICHARDSON, D.D., were present.

BISHOP RICHARDSON presided in the opening services, which consisted of singing the 707th hymn, the reading of the 20th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles by the President, and prayer, led by W. D. Hughson, J. M. Collins and M. Benson, Bishop Smith leading in the Lord's prayer.

M. BENSON was re-elected Secretary. C. S. EASTMAN and S. CARD were chosen Assistant Secretaries.

STANDING OFFICERS, WITH THEIR ADDRESSES.

BISHOPS—Rev. P. Smith, D.D., Brooklin, Ontario; Rev. James Richardson, D.D., Yorkville, Ontario.

SECRETARY—M. Benson, Bothwell, Ontario.

MISSIONARY TREASURER—M. A. Wright, Bothwell, Ontario.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY—C. S. Eastman, London, Ontario.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISM—B. B. Rogers, Sylvan, Ontario.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—J. Draper, Lynden, Ont.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ALBERT COLLEGE BOARD—M. Benson, Bothwell; J. N. Elliott, Ingersoll.

MEMBER OF BOOK COMMITTEE—E Bristol, Ancaster.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE PARENT MISSIONARY SOCIETY—O. G. Collamore, Ingersoll; G. Abbs, Hamilton.

PRESIDENT OF AUXILIARY SABBATH SCHOOL UNION—J. M. Lean, Princeton.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICES—W. Graham, W. Benson.

ADVISORY—Niagara District, W. Yokom, O. G. Collamore.

“ Oxford “ B. Bristol, E. Lounsbury.

“ London “ A. Jones, H. J. Kilty.

“ St. Clair “ J. N. Elliott, M. A. Wright.

NOMINATIONS—E. Bristol, W. Graham, J. McLean, T. Webster.

MISSIONS—O. G. Collamore, E. Bartram, S. Terwilligar, A. E. Griffith, F. Smith.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—H. Locke, R. Service.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—A. Hunsberger, J. A. Livingston, E. A. Terwilligar, W. G. Brown.

TEMPERANCE—J. Draper, S. Card, J. W. B. Johnson.

CHURCH PROPERTY—G. Hunt, M. Dimmick, J. R. Phillips, G. Lawrence.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—W. D. Hughson, J. M. Collins.

EDUCATION—J. Wood, A. Beamer, S. Williamson, J. W. Yokom, G. Hunt, F. Smith, W. Fansher.

PRINTING—S. Stewart, R. B. Cook, W. Benson, C. Burdett, C. S. Eastman.

WAYS AND MEANS—T. Webster, E. Bristol, J. McLean, W. Graham.

CONTINGENT FUND—B. B. Rogers, B. C. Moore, D. Williams, T. Rouston.

STEWARDS—J. Gilray, D. W. Misener, G. Hartley, T. Rouston.

OBITUARIES—J. T. Davis, R. C. Parsons.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY—D. Culp for Chairman.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE—T. Webster, Chairman. 1st Year: E. Bartram, G. Hunt. 2nd Year: W. Graham, M. Benson. 3rd Year: W. D. Hughson, J. McLean. 4th Year: E. Lounsbury, B. Bristol.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—*What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—C. E. Benson, E. Adams, N. Dickie, J. B. Cutler.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—J. Miller, Z. Elliott, J. H. Kennedy, B. Lyman.

Q. 3.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

A.—J. Brown, J. W. Emerick.

Q. 4.—Who are the deacons?

A.—J. Hubbell, J. Reynolds, F. Smith, J. S. Williamson, B. C. Moore, D. W. Misener, L. Randal, A. Beamer, J. Brown,* J. W. Emerick.*

Q. 5.—Who have been ordained Elders this year?

A.—D. Barker, J. W. B. Johnson, D. Williams, R. C. Parsons, M. Dimmick.

Q. 6.—Who are the General Superintendents?

A.—P. Smith, D.D., and J. Richardson, D.D.

Q. 7.—Who have located this year?

A.—None.

Q. 8.—Who are the Supernumeraries?

A.—D. Griffin, G. Lawrence, S. L. Kerr.

Q. 9.—Who are the superannuated preachers?

A.—D. Culp, S. Stewart, T. Webster, W. Graham, G. Smith, P. Smith, Junr., J. C. Tufford.

Q. 10.—Who have been expelled?

A.—None.

Q. 11.—Who have withdrawn this year?

A.—J. C. Burnell granted a letter of removal.

Q. 12.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by a strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—Who have died this year?

A.—C. Swayzie, J. Hayward. (See obituaries.)

Q. 14.—What are the numbers in Society?

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit	194	Flamboro	135
Pelham	252	Beverly	277
Dunnville	92	Ancaster	130
St. Davids,	63	Brant	330
Smithville	216	Eramosa	120
Saltfleet	335	Canboro	186
Barton	141		
Hamilton	46	Total on District	2517

*Ordained this year.

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit	275	Blanshard	28
Blenheim	190	Walsingham	130
Oakland	194	Hartford	70
Norwich	222	Rainham	100
Mt. Elgin	153	Nanticoke	58
Embro	83	Vienna	110
St. Marys	53		
London City	70	Total on District	1888
Nissouri	150		

LONDON DISTRICT.

London Circuit	180	McGilvary	100
Westminster	165	Bosanquet	175
Strathroy	171	Stanley	102
Dorchester	308	Seaforth	86
Malahide	131	Goderich	35
Springfield	150	Maitland	59
Southwold	87		
Yarmouth	43	Total on District	1952
Arkona	160		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence	128	Blythewood	107
Howard	155	St. Clair	85
Sydenham	131	Enniskillen	40
Brooke	130	Petrolia	36
Wallaceburg	70	Newbury	69
Sandwich	66		
Bothwell	30	Total on District	1168
Harwich	115		

Total number of traveling preachers 78

Total number of members 7603

Increase of members 309

Increase of preachers 1

Q. 15—What is the amount of Fifth Collection ?

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit	\$18 20	Flamboro.....	\$13 50
Pelham	18 50	Beverly	26 60
Dunville	2 35	Brant	28 00
St Davids	6 50	Eramosa	15 10
Smithville	7 75	Canboro	18 50
Saltfleet	30 00	Ancaster	15 60
Barton	12 00		
Hamilton	5 00	Total on District...	\$217 60

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit	\$20 00	Walsingham	\$11 00
Blenheim	18 00	Nanticoke	5 80
Oakland	8 00	Vienna	9 00
Norwich	17 75	Mt. Elgin	11 04
Hartford	6 80	Blanchard	4 25
Rainham	10 00	Nissouri	12 00
London Station	10 00		
Embro	7 00	Total on District...	\$156 64
St Marys	6 00		

LONDON DISTRICT.

London Circuit	\$ 9 43	Bosanquet	\$ 7 00
Westminster	14 70	Stanley	10 90
Strathroy	8 25	Seaforth	5 60
Dorchester	8 50	Goderich	3 50
Malahide	7 00	Maitland	7 50
Springfield	11 10	Yarmouth	4 20
Southwold	8 50		
Arkona	10 25	Total on District...	\$126 93
McGillivray	10 50		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence Circuit	\$12 00	Brooke	\$ 3 00
Howard	15 50	Enniskillen	5 43
Harwich	12 35	Petrolia	3 25
Blythwood	13 00	Newbury	7 89
Sydenham	5 00	Bothwell	3 00
Wallaceburg	5 27		
Sandwich	8 00	Total on District...	\$93 69

RECAPITULATION.

Niagara District	\$217 60
Oxford "	156 64
London "	126 93
St. Clair "	93 69
Interest, Bro. Shepard	18 53
Interest, Bro. Abbs	3 00
Conference collections	28 90
Total	\$645 29

Q. 16.—How was the Fifth Collection expended ?

A.—

Paid D. Culp.....	\$116 78	Paid Widow McNames.	\$58 39
" S. Stewart	116 78	" Widow Bailey....	58 39
" J. Hayward	116 78	" for stationery, &c..	3 00
" J. C. Tufford	116 78		
" Widow Huston....	58 39	Total	\$645 29

Q. 17.—Where are the preachers stationed ?

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT. E. BRISTOL, P. E.

HAMILTON—J. Gilray, G. Abbs, Editor and Book Agent.
 WELLAND—R. C. Parsons.
 ST. DAVIDS—D. W. Misener.
 PELHAM—J. R. Phillips.
 DUNVILLE STATION—A. Beemer.
 CANBOROUGH—E. Bartram.
 SMITHVILLE—E. Draper.
 SALT FLEET—R. Service, C. E. Benson.
 BARTON—D. Williams.
 ERAMOSA—R. B. Cook, G. Smith, Superannuated.
 FLAMBOROUGH—F. M. Smith.
 BEVERLY—J. Draper, S. Stewart, Superannuated.
 ERIE—J. B. Cutler.
 LANCASTER, BRANT AND BRANTFORD—W. Yokom, W. G. Brown,
 and one to be sent.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT. M. Benson, P. E.
OXFORD DISTRICT. O. G. COLLAMORE, P. E.

BLENHEIM—J. McLean, one to be sent.
 OXFORD—J. N. Elliott, N. Dickie.
 OAKLAND—J. Wood, one to be sent, D. Culp, Superannuated.
 NORWICH—S. Terwilligar.
 MT. ELGIN—William Benson.
 EMBRO—J. W. B. Johnson, W. Graham, Superannuated.
 ST. MARYS—M. Dimmick.
 MISSOURI—B. Bristol.
 BLANSHARD—G. Hartley.
 WALSHINGHAM—J. Miller, one to be sent.
 HARTFORD—A. E. Terwilligar.
 RAINHAM—J. W. Emerick.
 NANTICOKE—E. Adams.
 VIENNA—J. Brown, D. Griffin, Supernumerary.
 MALAHIDE—J. F. Fairchilds, J. Tufford, superannuated.

LONDON DISTRICT. A. JONES, P. E.

LONDON CITY—E. Lounsbury, P. Smith, Jr., superannuated.
 LONDON CIRCUIT—S. Card.
 WESTMINSTER—H. Locke.
 STRATHROY—A. E. Griffith, L. Randall.
 DORCHESTER—H. J. Kilty.
 SPRINGFIELD—J. W. Yokom.
 SOUTHWOLD—J. M. Collins.
 ARKONA—W. Fansher.
 MACGILLIVRAY—B. B. Rogers.
 BOSANQUET—G. Hunt.

STANLEY—B. C. Moore.
 SEAFORTH—S. Williamson.
 GODERICH—J. A. Livingston.
 MAITLAND—J. H. Kennedy, S. L. Kerr, Supernumerary.
 YARMOUTH—C. Burdett.

Hamilton	1 00
Barton	2 23
Salmon	5 00
Smithville	5 00
St. David's	1 10
Parville	55
Belham	1 00
Welland Circuit	37 80
Total on District	2 248 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT. M. BENSON, P. E.

FLORENCE—F. Smith.
 HOWARD—W. D. Hughson.
 HARWICH—J. T. Davis.
 BLYTHWOOD—J. Hubble.
 SYDENHAM—B. Lyman.
 WALLACEBURGH—A. Hunsberger.
 SANDWICH—J. Reynolds.
 ST. CLAIR—T. Rouston.
 BROOKE—E. Sherwood, G. Lawrence, Supernumerary.
 ENNISKILLEN AND OIL SPRINGS—J. W. McKay.
 PETROLIA—D. Barker.
 NEWBURY—Z. Elliott, T. Webster, Supernumerary.
 BOTHWELL—M. A. Wright.
 TILBURY—To be supplied.

C. S. Eastman reserved for employment within the bounds of the Ontario Conference the coming year.

Q. 18.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

A.—At London City, Province of Ontario, on the third Wednesday in April, 1869, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

RECEIPTS FOR CONTINGENT FUND.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit	\$3 50	Flamboro.....	\$5 15
Pelham	1 05	Beverly	4 02
Dunville.....	55	Ancaster	6 00
St Davids	1 10	Brant.....	6 10
Smithville.....	3 25	Eramosa.....	5 75
Saltfleet	6 00	Canboro	1 90
Barton	3 23		
Hamilton	1 00	Total on District....	\$48 00

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit	\$3 00	Walsingham ..	\$1 50
Blenheim	1 50	Hartford	1 00
Oakland	3 00	Rainham	1 00
Norwich	3 75	Nanticoke	1 00
Mt. Elgin	2 10	Vienna	1 32
Embro	3 57	London Station ..	92
St Marys	75		
Nissouri	1 30	Total on District ..	\$26 71
Blanchard	1 00		

LONDON DISTRICT.

London Circuit	\$3 31	Stanley	\$2 00
Westminster	1 25	Seaforth	2 00
Strathroy	1 02	Goderich	1 00
Dorchester	2 00	Maitland	1 00
Springfield	1 60	Yarmouth	75
Southwold	2 00	Malahide	1 00
Arkona	4 31		
Bosanquet	1 75	Total on District ..	\$24 99

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Newbury Circuit	\$1 00	Sandwich Circuit	\$1 04
Florence	1 42	Brooke	50
Howard	2 50	Enniskillen	2 10
Harwich	4 40	Petrolia	1 00
Blythwood	90	Bothwell	90
Sydenham	1 50		
Wallaceburg	1 55	Total on District ..	\$16 81

RECEIPTS.

From Districts	\$118 51
Balance from last year	41
Total Receipts	\$118 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Bishop Richardson	\$15 00
" J. W. Yokom	50 00
" Thomas Webster	53 92
Total expenditure	\$118 92

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Through the mercy and well directed providence of our Heavenly Father we are permitted once more to meet in our confessional capacity and send you our annual epistolary greeting. The watchful care of the great Head of the Church has been graciously exercised over us, and death has not been permitted to invade our effective ranks, for which we devoutly thank God; but two of our superannuated brethren have been called to their reward. Father C. Swayze and Bro. J. Hayward are no more with us, but their end was peace. (See obituaries.) One of our brethren, P. Smith, Jr., who has labored efficiently on the London Station during the two past years, a few days previous to the meeting of Conference was smitten down by disease, and is now lying in a precarious state. May the Lord restore him to health and family and usefulness.

The deliberations of our Conference have been pleasant and harmonious throughout, and have terminated for the present.

And now, brethren, before taking our departure for our respective fields of labor for another year, there are a few things of deep interest to us as a Church to which we desire to call your attention. And first, in regard to those sent to labor with you in word and doctrine. They are sent to you in the name of the Redeemer—receive them as his servants, co-operate with them and sustain them while they go forward in their work of faith and labor of love. When they arrive among you meet them with friendly greetings, and make them feel that they are among the members of their Father's family. Supply their temporal wants, that their hearts may be cheered, and that they may, untrammelled, labor for the extension of the interests of their Master's cause. "Freely ye have received, freely give." This will require sacrifices on your part, but let them be cheerfully made as unto the Lord, "And ye shall receive the reward of inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ." And whatever you do, be punctual in the performance of your religious duties, such as secret and family prayer, the public preaching of the word, prayer and class meetings. The discharge of those duties is necessary if you would make proficiency in the way which leadeth to endless life and felicity. Continually "set your affections on things which are above," remembering that all earthly things will perish in the using of them. Do not for a moment entertain the opinion which is far too prevalent, that in order to benefit the world you must walk with them in their ways of mirth and folly, and follow their fashions. Rather stand on the lofty eminence of your profession, and reach out to them the hand of friendship and love, inviting them to forsake their ways and come up and walk with you that you may do them good. Deny yourselves, take

up your crosses and follow the Lord Jesus, who is your great example.

All the institutions of our Church have a claim upon you, and call for your liberality. Do not forget those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who are disabled by disease or the infirmities of age from further active service in the Master's vineyard. Some of them are very near the eventful termination of life's probation, and soon will be missed from our assemblages. Cheer them by your liberal donations, so that want may be driven away from them while they are halting feebly to the tomb.

The cause of missions, which has been so nobly sustained by your liberality in the past, calls for continued support. The indebtedness of our Missionary Treasury is being annually lessened and the current expenses paid. This is encouraging. A small increase in your annual contributions and the treasury will be free.

Albert College is still performing a noble work in the education of the youth of this Dominion, qualifying them for usefulness in the various avocations of life, although laboring under some degree of embarrassment at the present time; but the prospect of its being freed from embarrassment at no very distant day is somewhat flattering. Brethren, the College is yours; it belongs to the Church, and you constitute the Church in connection with the ministry.—Take hold with a will and persevere in your donations, and soon your College will be free and stand prominently forth as a monument of your interest in the welfare of our race and the prosperity of the Church of Christ.

We also invite your attention to our Book Room and Printing Establishment. The *C. C. Advocate* is still nobly doing battle in the cause of religion and morality. A new press is now a necessity, and one has been purchased without sufficient funds on hand to pay for it. A small donation from each circuit in the connexion will supply the necessary funds. We hope some of the good sisters on the different circuits will take hold of this matter, and the work will very soon be accomplished. A building in which to locate our Book Room and Press is very much needed, as quite a large sum is being paid annually for rent. The losses sustained each year through delinquent subscribers is not only fearful but positively shameful. Reach forth a helping hand to this establishment that it may be placed on a permanent basis, and march on in its work of scattering truth through the land and accomplishing good.

Sabbath schools are an important auxiliary to the Church; in fact we regard them as the nursery in which the tender plants are being cultured for transplanting into the Church. Give the Sabbath School your prayers and hearty co-operation.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is heaven's injunction, but alas! how little is this injunction regarded, and how fear-

fully is God's holy day desecrated, not only by the performance of unnecessary manual labor, but also by unnecessary visiting, thus depriving themselves and others of the means of grace, and bringing a stain and reproach upon the cause of the Redeemer. Discourtenance all such pernicious practices, and shun not only the evil itself but the very appearance of it.

The cause of Temperance should receive your undivided attention and support, both by precept and example. Set your faces like flint against the gigantic evil intemperance; give neither countenance or support to any who traffic in the liquid poison, and thus adorn the doctrine of God your Saviour. Let all know that you are strict teetotallers.

The past year has been one of some prosperity, spiritually and financially. Chapels have been erected on many of the Circuits, and parsonages have been increased in number, both by building and purchase, thus giving us permanency of standing in the land. We rejoice to be able, notwithstanding the numerous deaths and removals, to report an increase in membership of over two hundred. Let this increase your zeal for God and his cause.

And now, brethren, we are coming to you in the name of the Lord; receive us as his servants; support us by your prayers and your hearty co-operation in every good word and work. And may the God of grace sanctify you wholly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

By order of Conference.

P. SMITH.

JAS. RICHARDSON.

M. BENSON, Sec'y.

OBITUARIES.

REV. CALEB SWAYZE died at Pelham, Ontario, in the month of February, 1868.

Father Swayze commenced his labors in the Church in the year 1835. He was appointed by the Conference of that year to the Long Point Circuit. Next follows London, Thames and Gosfield. In 1838 he is left without an appointment. The next year he is placed on the supernumerary list, which relation he sustained during the remainder of his life. After his active labors closed he removed to Pelham, where he continued to reside till death found him at the advanced age of 82, ready to cross the Jordan. His end was peace.

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REV. JOHN HAYWARD was born in Warwickshire, England, in the year 1810. He died in Pelham, Ontario, in June, 1867, in the 57th year of his age. His parents were members of the Episcopal Church, who both died, leaving him an orphan when 14 years of age. Left alone he soon found that "when my father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up." Although his father had been opposed to Methodism, yet at sixteen John was converted through its instrumentality and cast in his lot with them—the Methodists—as the people of his choice. Soon after this he began to proclaim the Saviour, and at the age of 21 he was placed on the plan as a local preacher. He soon after emigrated to America and settled in West Troy, New York.

Bringing suitable testimonials from the land of his nativity, he was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church there, and continued his labors for his divine Master. In the month of February, 1841, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Hedding. About five years after this, at the suggestion of Bishop Alley, he was removed to Canada and united with the M. E. Church here. He was admitted into full connection at the Conference of 1848. He labored acceptably and usefully on various circuits as follows: Newmarket, Darlington, Whitby, Nelson, Hamilton Station, Saltfleet, Toronto. In 1853 he became a supernumerary and remained as such till 1861, when we again find him taking work; was appointed to St. Davids, next Hartford. This was his last field of labor.

In consequence of declining health, at the Conference of 1864 he again asks a supernumerary relation, which was granted him. The following year he is placed on the superannuated list and continued such till his death. He was a sufferer from disease for a length of time, but grace sustained him, and he bore it patiently to the end.

Near the close of his course he was frequently visited by the preacher on that charge, Rev. J. R. Phillips, who always found him calmly relying on his Saviour. While he gradually sank away, he feared not the approach of the last enemy, but was fully prepared for the scene. Death had lost its sting, and reclining in the arms of Jesus, he peacefully sank to rest. His last words were:

"If this be death, I soon shall be
From all my pain and sorrow free."

Here his voice failed, and while his companion finished the verse for him, his glad spirit went to realize its truthfulness among the blessed.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Officers of the Niagara Conference Auxiliary Sabbath School Union:

PRESIDENT—John McLean.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—T. Webster, S. Stewart.

SECRETARY—J. A. Livingston.

TREASURER—B. Bristol.

DIRECTORS—J. Gilray, E. Lounsbury, J. N. Elliott, A. Hunsberger.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, by careful investigation of the progress of Sabbath Schools in connection with this Conference, would beg permission to report—

That there is a measurable increase of interest in the promotion of Denominational schools in our connexion. In the comparison of the past statistics with the present we discover such marked variations in the component parts of the reports that it would lead us to judge that the S. S. Reports in the past have been quite imperfect:

Therefore, Resolved, That your Committee recommend that this Conference require from each preacher in charge an official report signed by the Secretary or Superintendent of each Sabbath School on his work.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee upon Sabbath Observance beg leave to report as follows:—

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy is one of the precepts of the law given to Moses by Jehovah upon the mount, and written by the finger of God upon the tablets of stone under the most impressive circumstances. The duty of Sabbath observance has been recognized by the Church of God in all ages, beginning with the divine example at the creation, and reiterated by prophets and apostles. It stands in force to-day upon the statute book of heaven as one of the most important requirements contained in the sacred Scriptures.

That the Sabbath is grievously violated we have only to open our eyes and ears to obtain the evidence. How often do we hear the shrill whistle of the locomotive upon the Sabbath, and see persons driving for pleasure, fishing, hunting, and frequenting drinking saloons and other places of idle resort, and in many instances en-

gaged in secular avocations. Social visiting is another species of Sabbath desecration widely prevalent and fraught with numerous evils to our moral and religious prosperity. All this is wrong. What we say unto one we say unto all, Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. We should rise early on that day, read the Scriptures, pray, meditate, attend public worship, take hold of the Sabbath School enterprise, and assist in training the young for future usefulness and heaven.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. LOCKE,
R. SERVICE.

Committee Room, April 25th, 1868.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would solemnly reiterate the will of former committees respecting the desolating ravages of the liquor traffic, and the drinking usages in our fair Dominion and throughout the world.

We still find the rum fiend infesting our communities and elsewhere, robbing governments and corporations of their revenues, citizens of their substance and their lives, parents of their sons, wives of their husbands, sisters of their brothers, schools and colleges of their teachers and professors, courts of their barristers and judges, nations of their legislators and rulers, and churches of their members and their pastors, and aiding mightily in peopling hell with millions of those who have been redeemed with blood.

Under these circumstances we consider it to be the duty of all the churches to make careful examination throughout their entire ranks, both lay and clerical, to discover, if possible, from what church or churches the largest number of victims is furnished to this juggernaut of our empire, lest wrath fall upon us as churches for neglect of perishing souls. We believe that the church and the nation should unite their energies promptly to prohibit the monster from our homes and from our commerce, and, as far as practicable, to build, endow and set in operation asylums for the cure of drunkards, and industrial schools for drunkard's children.

Some citizens, it is true, may repudiate this suggestion as involving too much expense to the country; but we think that the cost which presses us most severely arises from the manufacture of drunkards, not from their cure,—from their maintenance in prisons and from their trial in our courts, and not from their protection after reform.

Others object that the principle of prohibition is unjust. No so. It is practiced in all realms. The British forced open the gates of

China; the Americans picked the locks of Japan, proceeding in each case upon the principle that a single community is not entitled to set the world at defiance. So in all society based on sound polity, the profits of the few are required to conform to the interests of the many, or yield to the force of prohibition. We ourselves have prohibition of the sale of tainted food, and shall we not have prohibition of the sale of poisoned drinks? Surely we ought. Give us both, but by all means give us the latter. Then moral principle, thus protected, may form a basis for the efficient operation of moral suasion upon the mind, and moral reform may be achieved.

To secure this let us continue to agitate and educate the public mind, until throughout our entire Dominion the thrilling voice of legal prohibition shall proclaim liberty to the captives, and give to posterity protection from exposure to the infamy of intemperance.

Signed,

J. DRAPER,
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J. W. B. JOHNSON.

Committee Rooms, April 24th, 1868.

REPORT ON PRINTING.

Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:—

A new press has become an imperative necessity, and one having already been purchased upon which there still remains an indebtedness of \$350; and the renting of a suitable building for a Book Room and Printing office involves quite a heavy annual expense, and a proper building can just now be obtained upon very advantageous terms; your Committee therefore recommend that the Presiding Elder of each District be requested to submit the matter to the first Quarterly Conference of each Circuit for the devisal of means to liquidate said debt and purchase said premises.

Your Committee further recommend that all persons indebted by old accounts to the *C. C. Advocate* be visited within three months after the rising of this Conference, and that those members of the church who refuse to settle, either by note or otherwise, be proceeded against for non-payment of debt according to the rules of our Discipline.

We wish also to express our warm appreciation of the services of the editor of the *C. C. Advocate*, for his efficient management of the financial and general interests of the Concern.

S. STEWART, *Chairman.*
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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the Niagara Annual Conference in Conference assembled :

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to submit the following report :—

1. From the statement made by the Treasurer of Albert College, it appears that the past year, both in the General fund and the School fund, has been unsuccessful, there being an excess of outlay over income in each case, showing on the one hand the pressing necessity of greater activity in the collection of subscriptions, and on the other of securing some permanent resources for the support of the school over and above the tuition fees and College rent, that are so likely to fluctuate with the operation of cause, Providential or otherwise, that act upon the number of students in attendance.

2. In the same statement, however, there is good ground of hope for the future. First, in the suggestion for paying off the loan from the Building Society by the College collections ordered by the General Conference, which we believe to be perfectly and easily practicable; and second, in the proposed appointment of the Rev. J. Wild as College Agent, and a plan that will diminish expenses to the College fund.

3. In view of these facts, we propose to ourselves, as a Conference, and as members thereof, to do our utmost to collect all moneys subscribed, both of the old Seminary fund and of the College Centenary fund, as they may be due, and as fast as they may become due.

4. We also resolve to raise our fair share of College collections for the extinction of the debt incurred by the above stated loan, and to this end pledge our earnest effort to raise, on an average, at least \$5 50 for every circuit and mission within our bounds.

5. We also believe it to be good to hold an Educational Anniversary. We therefore suggest that the evening of Monday, the 27th inst., be set apart for this purpose, and request the Committee on Divine Service to make all necessary arrangements and announcements for it.

6. We would also express our devout thankfulness to Almighty God, the giver of all good, that His care over the school hath been so tenderly manifested; that in the late affliction of the people of Belleville with disease none of the students or teachers suffered; and we would pray that the same strong arm may continue to shield our Institution from disease and harm, and that the Holy Spirit may be poured upon all in the College, that it may with wisdom and strength promote the common cause of sound education and vital religion in our land.

7. Inasmuch as it is at once the duty and privilege of the preacher of the Gospel to take a lively interest in whatever directly affects the spiritual, moral and intellectual welfare of the people among whom he is called to labor, in all their social and national relations;

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and inasmuch as the political changes in our Provinces are bringing some new aspects upon the educational questions of our country, this Conference feels called upon to declare itself upon these questions as they have recently been and still are before the public mind.

8. *Therefore, Resolved*, That this Conference is gratified with the manifest determination of the people of the Province of Ontario to abolish the old system of Governmental aid under executive control to the Colleges of religious denominations.

9. Yet this Conference is fully persuaded that the cause of higher Education in our Province must suffer great damage and loss unless some public provision is made for the sustenance of other Colleges than that of Toronto University.

10. That this Conference fully believes that the most effective and economical method of opening the advantages of collegiate education to the youth of the country is, on a proper system and under a proper control, to supplement in a proper manner the voluntary efforts made by the people of the Province to this end, as is done in supporting our Common schools.

11. That this Conference, steadily holding to the voluntary principle as hitherto acted upon by our body, and steadily maintaining the view declared by the General Conference of Orono, is firmly of the opinion that if, in the apportionment of the public funds for the higher Education the Legislature were substituted for the Executive ~~House~~, and money were set apart and distributed as in the case of our Common and Grammar schools, upon a plan laid down in an Act of Parliament, there being at the same time every proper governmental supervision to guard the standard of education and to secure the efficiency of the Colleges and the public good, then, under such a provision, the Colleges of religious bodies might receive public aid in closest adherence to the principles of right, especially in unswerving fidelity to the voluntary principle for the propagation of the gospel, and with the greatest advantage to our rising country.

12. That this Conference holds that enlarged provision must be made for the higher education of girls; also, that the co-education of the sexes may, managed with care, be productive of the highest good; also rejoices that our body is in the van of this enterprise in the facilities afforded to ladies in the Ladies' College in connection with Albert College; also recommends these Institutions, in their separate and combined operations, to the patronage of our own people and of the public at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WOOD, *Chairman of Com.*

Conference Room, Princeton, April 25th, 1868.

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STATISTICS OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
NIAGARA DISTRICT.				
Welland	E. Bristol	400 00	390 00	10 00
"	W. G. Brown	200 00	195 00	5 00
Pelham	A. Beamer	400 00	400 00	
Dunnville	J. R. Phillips	330 00	330 00	
St. David	Z. Elliott	375 00	375 00	
Smithville	D. W. Misener	400 00	400 00	
Saltfleet	E. Draper	400 00	400 00	
Barton	R. Service	400 00	400 00	
Hamilton	D. Williams	400 00	400 00	
Flamboro'	J. Gilray	650 00	650 00	
Beverly	W. Yokom	400 00	400 00	
"	F. M. Smith	400 00	400 00	
Ancaster	J. Draper	145 00	145 00	
Brant	O. G. Collamore	400 00		
"	E. Bartram			
Eramosa	C. E. Benson	360 00	360 00	
Canboro'	R. B. Cook	350 00	350 00	
OXFORD DISTRICT.				
Oxford	R. C. Parsons	500 00	478 12	21 88
"	W. Graham	200 00	191 25	8 75
Blenheim	E. Lounsbury	450 00	444 00	6 00
"	B. Lyman	225 00	222 00	3 00
Oakland	N. Dickie	400 00	353 60	46 40
Norwich	J. Wood	500 00	500 00	
Mt. Elgin	S. Terwilligar	500 00	590 70	
Embro	M. Benson	350 00	350 00	
St. Marys	J. W. B. Johnson	402 00	402 00	
Nissouri	M. Dimmick	500 00	440 13	59 87
Blanshard	B. Bristol	450 00	450 00	
Walsingham	W. Anscornb	335 00	335 00	
Hartford	J. Miller	300 00	300 00	
Rainham	J. W. Emerick	250 00	250 00	
Nanticoke	G. Smith	325 00	211 73	113 27
Vienna	H. Story			
London Station	E. A. Terwilligar			
LONDON DISTRICT.				
London	P. Smith, Jr.	400 00	375 00	25 00
Westminster	J. McLean	300 00	350 00	
Strathroy	S. Card	400 00	370 00	30 00
"	H. Locke	200 00	183 00	17 00
Dorchester	E. A. Griffith	400 00	400 00	
Malahide	B. C. Moore	400 00	470 00	
Springfield	H. J. Kilty	375 00	325 70	49 30
Southwold	J. F. Fairchild	375 00	340 00	35 00
Arkona	A. Jones	400 00	390 50	9 50
McGillivray	J. M. Collins	400 00	290 26	109 74
"	W. Fansher	200 00	134 63	65 37
Bosanguet	B. B. Rogers	400 00	400 00	
Stanly	L. Randall	400 00	348 00	52 00
Seaforth	G. Hunt	450 00	450 00	
Goderich	G. Hartley	550 00	425 00	125 00
Maitland	J. S. Williamson	400 00	300 00	100 00
Yarmouth	J. H. Kennedy	250 00	205 30	44 70
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.				
Florence	C. Burdett	400 00	400 00	
Howard	T. Webster	424 00	424 00	
Harwich	F. Smith	375 00	358 00	17 00
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STATISTICS OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.-(CONTINUED.)

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Receipts	Deficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Blythewood	J. Hubbell	400 00	409 00	
Sydenham	T. Rouston	375 00	365 00	10 00
Wallaceburg	A. Hunsberger			
Sandwich	J. Reynolds	350 00	310 00	40 00
St. Clair	G. Lawrence			
Brooke				
Enniskillen	D. Barker	375 00	375 00	
Petrolia	J. W. McK Darwood	500 01	500 00	
Oil Springs	A. Hunsberger	225 00	170 00	55 00
Newbury	W. D. Hughson	300 00	250 00	50 00
Bothwell	J. N. Elliott	400 00	340 00	60 00

SYNOPSIS REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

DISTRICTS.	No. Chap'ls	Value.	No. Parsonages.	Value.	Total Value.
		\$		\$	\$
Niagara	51	43,745	13	11,035	54770 00
Oxford	35	49,785	9	7,600	57385 00
London	36	34,450	10	5,850	39800 00
St. Clair	24	16,100	7	2,500	18600 00
Total	146	144,080	39	26,985	170555 00

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars	Conversions.	Bible Classes.	No. Volumes in Library.	Expenses.	No. of Pa-pers taken.
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Niagara ...	32	329	1360	81	39	5461	397 77	70
Oxford ...	24	204	1403	57	23	4021	296 00	158
London ...	24	223	1588	50	27	3300	320 42	253
St. Clair .	20	151	906	19	11	1135	206 00	15
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REPORT ON COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR. — Bible—Doctrines ; Questions based on the Articles of Religion in the Discipline ; Read Watson's Institutes, Parts I. and II. ; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection ; History of Methodism, by Stevens, Vols. I. and II. ; Kidder's Homiletics ; English Grammar ; Geography, Lovell's or Campbell's ; Biblical Geography ; Exercises in Reading, and a Written Essay.

2ND YEAR. — Bible—Sacraments ; Read Watson's Institutes, Parts III. and IV. ; History of Methodism, Vols. III. IV. V. ; Wesley's Sermons ; Discipline ; Hibbard on Baptism and Lucky's Lord's Supper ; Natural Philosophy, Parker's ; English Grammar ; Rhetoric, Newman's ; Logic, Hedge's ; Kidder's Homiletics ; A Skeleton.

3RD YEAR.—Review of Bible and Church History ; Fletcher's Checks ; McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity, Horne's Introduction (abridged) ; General History ; Upham's Mental Philosophy ; A written Essay or Sermon.

4TH YEAR.—Review the Whole Course ; Stephen's Church Polity ; Hallam's Middle Ages ; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation ; Townley's Biblical Literature ; Claude's Essay on Composition.

CONFERENCE ORDERS AND NOTICES.

1st. That fifteen cents per church member be raised for Superannuated Fund.

2nd. That we have 1000 copies of printed Minutes of Conference.

3rd. That we have 800 Missionary Reports.

N. B.—The following collections are to be taken up in all our congregations :—

1st. For Superannuated Fund or Fifth Collection.

2nd. " Conference Contingent Fund.

3rd. " College Fund.

The Candidates for the Ministry are to meet the Examining Committee at the seat of the next Conference on Tuesday immediately preceding the commencement of Conference, at 10 o'clock A. M.

CONFERENCE VISITORS.

REV. A. CARMAN, M. A., Principal of Albert College.

" G. SHEPARD, Treasurer of Albert College.

" MR. McQUARRIE, Presbyterian Minister.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

Time of entering Min.	NAMES.	PRESENT CHARGE.	P. O. ADDRESS.	No. of years in Ministry.	No. of years Effective.
1849	Abbs G.	Editor of Advocate	Hamilton	19	19
1868	Adams E.	Nanticoke	Nanticoke	1	1
1839	Bristol E.	NIAGARA DISTRICT.	Ancaster	29	27
1856	Bristol B.	Nissouri	Lake Side	12	12
1852	Bartram E.	Canboro	Canboro	16	15
1856	Benson M.	St. CLAIR DISTRICT	Bothwell	13	13
1857	Benson W.	Mt. Elgin	Springford	11	10
1856	Burdett C.	Yarmouth	Sparta	12	12
1863	Brown W. G.	Brant, Ancaster	Ancaster	5	5
1868	Brown J.	Vienna	Vienna	3	3
1864	Barker D.	Petrolia	Petrolia	4	3
1865	Beamer A.	Dunnville	Dunnville	3	3
1868	Benson C. E.	Saltfleet	Tapleystown	1	1
1812	Culp D.	Superannuated	Oakland	56	23
1849	Cook R. B.	Eramosa	Rockwood	19	17
1854	Collins J. M.	Southwold	Fingal	14	14
1861	Collamore O. G.	Oxford DISTRICT.	Ingersol	17	17
1859	Card S.	London	Komoka	9	8
1868	Cutler J. B.	Erie	Point Albino	1	1
1865	Draper J.	Beverly	Lynden	13	12
1862	Draper E.	Smithville	Smithville	16	15
1859	Davis J. T.	Harwich	Fairfield	9	9
1863	Oimmick M.	St Marys	St. Marys	5	5
1866	Dickie N.	Oxford	Ingersol	8	8
1860	Elliott J. N.	Newbury	Newbury	1	1
1867	Elliott Z.	Rainham	Rainham Centre	3	3
1866	Emerick J. W.	Arkona	Arkona	6	6
1862	Fansher W.	Malahide	Luton	5	5
1863	Fairchild J. F.	Supernumerary	Straffordville	33	11
1849	Graham W.	Superannuated	Embro	19	19
1852	Griffith A. E.	Strathroy	Strathroy	16	16
1854	Gilray J.	Hamilton	Hamilton	14	14
1841	Hughson W. D.	Howard	Delawara	26	26
1855	Hunsberger A.	Wallaceburg	Wallaceburg	13	13
1855	Hunt G.	Bosanquet	Widder Station	13	13
1858	Hartley G.	Blanshard	Fullerton	10	10
1863	Hubbell J.	Blythwood	Leamington	5	5
1839	James A.	LONDON DISTRICT	Sylvan	29	28
1864	Johnson J. W. B.	Embro	Dorchester	4	4
1856	Kilty H. J.	Avon	Avon	13	13
1846	Kerr S. L.	Supernumerary	Johnson	22	16
1867	Kennedy J. H.	Maitland	Auburn	1	1
1849	Lounsbury E.	London City	London	19	19
1862	Locke H.	Westminster	Lambeth	6	6
1844	Lawrence G.	Supernumerary	Goderich	24	16
1863	Livingston J. A.	Goderich	Goderich	5	5
1867	Lyman B.	Sydenham	Dresden	1	1

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1848	McLean J.	Blenheim	Pinceton	23	19
1858	Morden J. P.	Supernumerary	10	8
1865	Misener D. W.	St. Davids	St. Davids	3	3
1865	Moore B. C.	Stanly	Bayfield	3	3
1867	Miller J.	Walsingham	Silverhill	1	1
1866	Phillips J. R.	Pelham	Fenwick	12	12
1864	Parsons J. C.	Welland	Welland	4	4
1825	Richardson J., D.D.	Bishop	Yorkville	43	39
1860	Rogers B. B.	McGilvary	Park Hill	8	6
1863	Rouston T.	St. Clair	Sombra	5	5
1865	Randall L.	Strathroy	Strathroy	3	3
1865	Reynolds J.	Sandwich	North Ridge	3	3
1820	Smith P., D.D.	Bishop	Brooklin	48	39
1843	Stewart S.	Superannuated	Lynden	25	11
1853	Smith G.	"	Meaford	15	15
1857	Smith F. M.	Flamboro	Mountsberg	11	11
1856	Service R.	Saltsfleet	Tapleytown	12	12
1858	Smith F., Jr.	Superannuated	London	10	10
1865	Smith F.	Florence	Florence	3	3
1845	Tufford J. C.	Superannuated	Luton	23	21
1844	Terwillagar E.	Norwich	Norwich	24	16
1860	Terwillagar E. A.	Hartford	Hartford	8	8
1838	Webster T.	Superannuated	Newbury	31	22
1850	Wood J.	Oakland	Oakland	18	18
1862	Wright M. A.	Bothwell	Bothwell	6	6
1864	Williams D.	Barton	Hannon	4	4
1865	Williamson J. S.	Seaforth	Seaforth	3	3
1859	Yokom W.	Ancaster & Brant	Ancaster	9	9
1861	Yokom J. W.	Springfield	Springfield	6	6

NAMES AND STANDING

Of Local Preachers in Niagara Annual Conference.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland—S. Weaver, J. M. House, Wm. Dell.

St. Davids—Daniel Collard, Elder.

Pelham—R. Farr, Deacon; R. Dawdy, A. J. Collins, A. Henderson, M. Rogers, J. Goodwilley.

Dunville—A. Stringer, Wm. Stringer, Deacon, L. Ricker, A. Rogers.

Smithville—J. Upper, Deacon; W. Griffin, N. Pattison, McPherson, M. D.

Saltfleet—J. B. Cutler, Deacon; C. C. Burkholder, E. Adams, J. Kennedy, John Miller.

Eramosa—A. Warner.

Flamborough—M. S. Dimmick, Elder; T. Picket, Deacon; S. Griffin.

Ancaster—S. Stone.

Beverly—Wm. Clement, James Clement.

Brant—G. Bradshaw, J. Vanderlip, J. Wright, Wm. Bautinheimer, Deacon; C. E. Benson, M. E. Wilder.

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford—A. Burzee, Elder; A. Cogswell, C. M. Odell, Deacon.

Norwich—D. W. Kelly.

Vienna—R. Yokom, P. Kokom, E. Petitt, D. F. Martin, M. Hunsberger.

Walsingham—C. Ganet, J. Rose.

St. Marys—T. B. Brown, Elder; Robert McGuffin.

Oakland—O. Olmsted, Wm. Anscom, Deacon.

Blenheim—J. Harley.

Rainham—J. B. Decew, Deacon.

Nanticoke—H. Story, Deacon; R. A. Howey.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Malahide—Orrin H. Tyrrell, Deacon; Walter L. Brown.

Dorchester—John H. Hughes, Deacon; John Davy, Deacon; Henry Gram.

Springfield—Ransom Dexter, Elder; John Norton.

Maitland—William Symington.

London—Ralph Morden, Deacon; John McNeil, Deacon; Wm. Mait, James Bailey, Deacon.

Westminster—Jeremiah Wilson, Deacon.

Southwold—Jarvis S. Frazer.

Strathroy—John Jefferson, Elder.

Seaforth—William Badge.

Yarmouth—Ira Bentley, Deacon.

Bosanquet—Robert Lyman, Elder; N. Roy, Elder; R. Virtue.

MacGillivray—George Thompson, Deacon; Morris Kennedy, Elder.

(Copy for St. Clair District not furnished.)

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Ontario Annual Conference.

The Ontario Annual Conference of the M. E. Church in the Dominion of Canada, Province of Ontario, commenced its Sixth Session in Meaford, Grey County, May 20th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Bishop P. Smith, D. D., opened the Conference by reading the 5th chap. of the 1st Epistle of Peter, and giving out the 707th hymn, commencing—"And are we yet alive," after which Rev. W. H. Shaw, G. Shepard and H. Dockham led in prayer, the whole Conference joining with Bishop Richardson in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

SECRETARY—J. Curtis. *Journal Secretary*—A. Campbell.
Statistical Secretary—E. G. Waite.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOMINATIONS G. Jones, T. P. Bradshaw, W. H. Shaw.

DIVINE SERVICE—W. H. Shaw, C. Taylor.

ADVISORY—Colborne District, J. M. Simpson, A. Campbell.

Toronto " H. Dockham, J. Curtis.

Huron " J. Foster, C. Taylor.

MISSIONS—G. Jones, T. P. Bradshaw, W. H. Shaw, W. A. Sills,
T. C. Brown.

EDUCATION—H. Dockham, A. Carman, M. A.

PRINTING—W. Pirritte, J. M. Simpson, J. Foster.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—D. Pomeroy, G. S. Thompson, D.
Perry.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—A. L. Thurstan, J. Hiscocks, C. Newson.

TEMPERANCE—M. D. Archer, J. C. Pomeroy, P. E. Knox.

CHURCH PROPERTY—J. Ormerod, J. Q. Adams, J. H. Watts.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—J. H. Hilt, S. A. Thompson.

CENTENARY—J. Curtis, R. Sanderson, R. L. Tindall, G. Bennett,
W. F. Harnden.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND—G. Shepard, G. Jones,
T. P. Bradshaw, W. H. Shaw.
OBITUARIES—G. Shepard, J. P. Sparrow.
CONFERENCE STEWARDS—G. Miller, E. Will, E. J. Fulford.
CONTINGENT FUND—J. Foster, C. V. Lake, A. Maybee.
STATE OF THE COUNTRY—J. Wild, S. Morrison, F. M. Finn.
STATE OF THE CHURCH—A. Carman, R. Sanderson, J. Wilson.
EXAMINING COMMITTEE—C. Taylor, Chairman. *1st Year*: F.
M. Finn, A. Campbell. *2nd Year*: J. H. Hilts, D. Pomeroy.
3rd Year: W. H. Shaw, G. Miller. *4th Year*: R. Sanderson,
J. Curts.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—*What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—H. B. Palmer, W. M. Pomeroy, B. L. Hutton, J. W. Sanderson.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—C. Simpson, J. Lynch, R. Cason, J. Campbell, J. S. Norris,
D. B. Lake.

Q. 3.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

A.—R. Large.

Q. 4.—*Who are the deacons?*

A.—C. Newson, J. Egan, W. F. Harnden, R. Large.*

Q. 5.—*Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

A.—G. S. Thompson, S. A. Thompson, D. Perry, A. Maybee,
E. G. Waite, J. Wild, P. L. Sparrow, E. Will.

Q. 6.—*Who are the General Superintendents?*

A.—P. Smith, D.D., J. Richardson, D.D.

Q. 7.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—None.

Q. 8.—*Who are the Supernumeraries?*

A.—D. Crouter, C. Newson, G. Bennett, D. Carscadden.

*Ordained this year.

Q. 9.—*Who are the superannuated preachers?*
A.—J. W. Byam, H. H. Johnson, J. Owen, B. Lawrence, W. E. Norman, A. Wright.

Q. 10.—*Who have been expelled from the connexion this year?*
A.—None.

Q. 11.—*Who have withdrawn this year?*
A.—None. T. Meyers, J. Ormerod received letters of removal.

Q. 12.—*Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by a strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—*Who have died this year?*

A.—Robert Earl. (See obituary.)

Q. 14.—*What are the numbers in Society?*

A.—(See statistics.)

RECAPITULATION OF NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

Colborne District.....	2467
Toronto "	1598
Huron "	1318
Total number.....	5383
Total number of traveling preachers.....	69
Total	5452

Q. 15.—*What is the amount of Fifth Collection?*

A.—(See Statistics.)

RECAPITULATION OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' CLAIMS.

Colborne District.....	\$270 67
Toronto "	262 09
Huron "	101 79
Conference collection.....	18 92
Interest on fund deposited in College.....	26 90
Old account	9 65
Total	\$690 02

Q. 16.—*How was this expended?*

A.—

DISBURSEMENT.

H. H. Johnson	\$105 58
B. Lawrence	105 58
A. Wright	105 58
W. Norman	105 58
J. W. Byam	52 79
Mrs. Earl	52 79
Mrs. Smith	52 79
Mrs. Fraser	52 79
J. Owin	52 79
Incidental expenses	3 75
Total	\$690 02

Q. 17.—*Where are the preachers stationed?*

A.—

COLBORNE DISTRICT. G. JONES, P. E.

BELLEVILLE—J. Wild, A. M., Professor of Hebrew in Albert College; A. Carman, A.M., Principal of Albert College.

SIDNEY—A. Campbell, G. S. Thomson, A. Wright, Supernumerary.

STERLING—J. Q. Adams, one to be sent.

MADOC & TUDOR—D. Pomeroy, P. L. Sparrow.

COBBOURG—G. Shepard.

OMEMEE & MINDEN—C. Simpson, J. Sanderson.

BRIGHTON—J. P. Sparrow, J. S. Norris, W. E. Norman, H. H. Johnson, Superannuated.

COLBORNE—J. M. Simpson; C. Newson and D. Crouter, Supernumeraries.

PERCY—W. A. Sills.

HALDIMAND—F. M. Finn, J. Campbell.

SEYMOUR—A. Maybee.

CLARK—J. Egan.

OAKWOOD—J. C. Pomeroy.

TORONTO DISTRICT. T. P. BRADSHAW, P. E.

ORONO—J. Curtis.

OSHAWA—A. Hunt.

BROOKLYN—W. Pirritte, S. A. Thompson, H. Dockham left without an appointment.

WHITHY—R. Sanderson, W. M. Pomeroy, J. W. Byam, Superannuated.

MARKHAM—S. Morrison.

MUSKOKA—J. Lynch.

QUEENSVILLE—D. Perry, G. Bennet, Supernumerary.

KING—T. Argue.

YONGE STREET & TORONTO—M. D. Archer, B. L. Hutton.

BRAMPTON—W. H. Shaw, D. B. Lake.

GEORGETOWN—C. V. Lake, D. Carscadden, Supernumerary, J. Owen, Superannuated.

NELSON—J. Wilson.

OAKVILLE—T. C. Brown.

UXBRIDGE—G. Miller.

HURON DISTRICT. J. FOSTER, P. E.

COLLINGWOOD.—J. H. Hilts.

OSPREY—E. J. Fulford.

MEAFORD—C. Taylor.

TEESWATER—R. Carson.

HANOVER—R. L. Tindill.

INVERMAY—J. Hiscocks.

KINCARDINE—R. Large.

ELMA—A. B. Palmer.

GARAFRAXA—A. L. Thurstan.

CREEMORE—J. H. Watts.

MOUNT FOREST—E. G. Waite.

ORANGEVILLE—P. E. Knox, B. Lawrence, Superannuated.

MELANCTHON—E. Will.

EUPHRASIA—W. F. Harnden.

Q. 18.—What is the amount of Contingent Collection?

A.—(See statistics.)

RECAPITULATION OF CONTINGENT COLLECTION:

Toronto District.....	\$ 27 06
Colborne.....	33 92
Huron.....	23 00
Balance from last year.....	139 33
Interest from Rev. G. Jones.....	9 53
Total.....	\$232 89

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. P. L. Sparrow.....	\$40 00
“ W. H. Shaw.....	50 00
“ M. D. Archer.....	30 00
“ J. Curts.....	50 00
“ Bishop Richardson.....	15 00
“ C. Taylor.....	25 00
Return tickets and incidentals, per J. Curts,.....	2 96
Total.....	\$212 96
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 19 93

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHERN,—Through the kind Providence of God we are again permitted to associate together as ministers at our Annual Conference. We esteem it a privilege as well as a duty to comply with the time honored custom, handed down to us by our ascended fathers, in sending to you our paternal greeting.

As your ministers, we fondly cherish the hope that we possess a place in your affections, that we enjoy your confidence, and that in your prayers and intercessions at a throne of Heavenly grace we are not forgotten. The relation of Pastor and people is one of the most sacred, and if properly understood and duly appreciated, it is one of the most endearing ties that bind man to his fellow man.

Though as ministers and members we labor in different spheres, yet our work is really one. We serve one common Lord; we hold the same faith, commune at the same altar.

“ Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.”

We feel that to labor in unity with our brethren in the laity, for the good of the Church and the world, affords us an opportunity to evidence our love for God and our attachment to His cause. The Church of our choice demands your aid in sustaining her various institutions; she relies on you for such a support as will enable her to perform her work efficiently and successfully. In the past liberality of the members and friends of our Church we think we have sufficient proof of their willingness to respond to every legitimate call for assistance that she may make.

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1st. We would impress upon you the necessity of doing all that is in your power for our institution of learning, known as Albert College and Ladies' Seminary. The interests of our Church demand such institutions. There your sons and daughters may receive a finished education, based on religious principle. An educated Christian is a power in the Church and in the world. You have done nobly in the past. See to it that there be no relaxation of efforts in this direction.

2nd. Some of those men who proclaimed the glad tidings of a free salvation to our fathers and mothers in their lowly dwellings when Canada was a wilderness, are still lingering on these mortal shores. There are others who have worn themselves out in pointing us and our children to the Cross of Christ. These have strong claims upon you. Brethren, do not forget them. Supply them with a competency while they are with you, for they are worthy of it.

3rd. The Sabbath Schools also have strong claims upon you. The time has come when the Church cannot maintain her position in the country without this instrumentality. Here the doctrines of the Bible and the principles of our holy religion are taught to the future ministers and statesmen, merchants and tradesmen, who will, after a few short years, control the interests and sway the destinies of our beloved Dominion. By a law of our nature the source of early impressions becomes so intermingled with the ideas instilled into the mind that it is difficult to separate them. Hence it follows that the Church which makes the strongest impressions on the minds of the young will have the strongest hold upon them in coming years.

4th. Our excellent journal, the *Canada Christian Advocate*, is worthy of your consideration and support. Its columns contain a weekly digest of current news on all subjects of interest to the Christian family. No poison of infidelity; no literature tinctured with immorality; no frothy sentimentalism is allowed to pass through it into the minds and hearts of its readers. You may safely place it in the hands of your sons and daughters. It ought to be found in every family in our Connexion.

5th. The Temperance movement needs your influence. The evils of the liquor traffic are seen and felt on every hand. To resist these evils, and to do all in his power to put down that traffic we hold to be the duty of every Christian philanthropist. Unless we destroy this monster, it will destroy the happiness of thousands of families, and ruin the souls of millions of our fellowmen.

6th. The circulation of God's Holy Word is not to be overlooked. This may properly be classed as one of the practical duties of the Christian. It is the only light that can illumine the pathway of earth's erring millions and point them to the Better Land.

Finally, brethren, we would say, "be in earnest to work out your

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We come to you in the name of Jesus, and we trust that in this we are influenced by the spirit of our Master. Receive us as his ambassadors. We have committed ourselves and all our interests to the service of the Church. In doing this we have counted the cost. We know that in the itinerant work there are difficulties to be met, privations to be borne, and cares, and sorrows, and bereavements to be endured. Some of us have already buried our sons and daughters among strangers, and others have left the dear companions of our youth behind us in distant grave-yards, to await the resurrection of the just.

Some of us will come to you as strangers. Receive such in the name of Jesus. We all shall come to try to do you good. Bear with our imperfections. Be not too severe in condemning our mistakes. Sustain us by your prayers; aid us by your counsels, and strengthen us by your kindness and your love.

And may the God of all grace bless and sanctify both you and us, so that we may be willing to "toil in his vineyard" here and bear the heat and burden of the day, looking to the reward that awaits the faithful in our Father's Home on High:

P. SMITH,
J. RICHARDSON, } *Superintendents.*

J. CURTS, *Sec'y.*

Q. 20.—Where shall our next Conference be held?

A.—At Newmarket, York County, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M., the second Wednesday in May, 1869.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

SECRETARY—J. Curts, Orono P. O.
REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—C. V. Lake, Ballinafad.
TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—G. Jones, Brighton.
TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—T. Argue, King.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ALBERT COLLEGE—A. Campbell, J. Curts.
MEMBER OF BOOK COMMITTEE—T. P. Bradshaw.
VISITOR TO ALBERT COLLEGE—A. Campbell.

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Nos.	Superannuated.	Contin- gent.	College.	Mission- ary.
COLBORNE DISTRICT.					
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Belleville	95	20 00	5 00	7 00	117 50
Percy	214	20 75	1 50		79 94
Seymour	125	8 00	50		52 47
Sidney	400	45 00	4 00	3 00	153 15
Sterling	400	45 00	4 00	6 00	180 28
Madoc & Tudor	117	15 00	2 00	1 50	60 00
Omeme	110	6 75	50		84 00
Brighton	340	25 00	3 00		153 28
Oakwood	137	30 00	4 28		145 59
Cobourg	56	10 40	1 64	3 00	83 67
Haldimand	207	22 52	4 45	3 53	153 94
Clarke	78	15 00	1 75	1 30	50 98
Colborne	188	7 25	1 50		52 31
TORONTO DISTRICT.					
	2467	270 67			
Orono	75	17 00	1 50	1 00	66 00
Oshawa	12	5 00			38 05
Yonge Street	75	25 00	2 50	2 20	120 46
Brooklin	160	34 00	3 00		227 75
Toronto	16				
Whitby	250	17 20	1 58		122 08
Oakville	112	12 00	3 00	1 50	170 25
Markham	139	21 27	1 76	1 67	138 24
Muskoka	49	1 80	1 16		55 25
Queensville	98	12 67	3 00	2 38	47 00
King	116	25 00	5 00	6 00	131 00
Brampton	164	27 35	3 62	4 22	183 46
Uxbridge	40	4 00	1 00	1 00	59 26
Georgetown	185	30 00	3 05	7 00	141 30
Nelson	147	30 00	1 51	2 00	221 56
HURON DISTRICT.					
	1598	241 29			
Elma	74	15 00	2 25	1 00	61 45
Melancthon	75	8 00	75	50	5 00
Collingwood	55	2 80	2 00	2 00	44 20
Osprey	58	3 60	1 00		86 73
St. Vincent	170	8 83	1 40	76	93 00
Teeswater	104	13 25	1 00	1 50	104 20
Hanover	144	12 00	4 00	4 00	75 33
Invermay	64	4 00	1 10	78	37 69
Kincardine	72	5 16	1 25	1 05	53 80
Garafraxa	165		1 60	2 31	21 15
Creemore	85	9 00	1 67	5 46	46 15
Mt. Forest	140	13 00	3 30	2 00	48 11
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STEWARD'S REPORT.

STATIONS.	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
COLBORNE DISTRICT.	Geo. Jones	500 00	490 00	10 00
Belleville	J. Wild	700 00	700 00	
Percy	C. Newson	396 85	396 85	
"	A. Maybee	35 00	35 00	
Seymour	J. Eagan	450 00	350 00	100 00
Sidney	G. S. Thomson	300 00	300 00	
"	J. S. Norris	200 00	171 00	30 00
Sterling	A. Campbell	500 00	480 00	20 00
"	J. A. Campbell	200 00	185 00	15 00
Omeme	J. C. Pomeroy	500 00	500 00	
Minden				
Madoo	J. Q. Adams	500 00	490 14	9 59
Brighton	J. P. Sparrow	500 00	450 00	50 00
"	J. S. Norris	50 00	50 00	
"	W. J. Massey	75 00	75 00	
Cobourg	J. M. Simpson	500 00	358 07	149 13
Oakwood	R. Sanderson	460 00	443 21	16 79
Clark	W. A. Sills	424 00	424 00	
Haldimand	T. Meyers	440 00	364 42	75 58
"	C. Simpson	66 6c	55 00	11 66
"	E. Edmunds	133 32	91 04	42 28
TORONTO DISTRICT.	T. P. Bradshaw		503 84	
Orono	J. Curtis	500 00	450 00	50 00
Oshawa	L. B. Caldwell	200 00	130 50	69 50
"	H. Dockham	150 00	118 42	31 59
Yonge Street	E. G. Wait	350 00	282 71	67 29
Brooklin	W. Pirritte	500 00	500 00	
"	S. A. Thomson	200 00	200 00	
Toronto	J. Wilson	125 00	125 00	
"	J. H. Boyd			
Whitby	D. Pomeroy	450 00	343 41	106 59
"	J. Hiscocks	185 00	142 13	42 97
Markham	J. Ormerod	500 00	440 00	60 00
Muskoka	M. D. Archer	350 00	272 40	77 60
Queensville	G. Bennett	400 00	339 16	60 84
King	T. Argue	400 00	400 00	
Brampton	S. Morrison	500 00	473 19	26 81
"	R. Large	215 00	212 81	12 19
Georgetown	C. V. Lake	400 00	400 00	
Nelson	H. Dockham	112 50	112 50	
"	J. Wilson	300 00	284 67	15 43
Uxbridge	G. Miller	450 00	333 00	117 00
Oakville	T. C. Brown	400 00	400 00	
Huron DISTRICT.	W. H. Shaw			
Mt. Forest	J. H. Watts	450 00	420 00	30 00
Garafraxa	A. L. Thurstan	450 05	386 10	63 95
Kincardine	R. L. Tindall	375 00	325 00	50 00
Teeswater	R. Carson	350 00	338 00	12 00
Elma	E. Will	410 00	357 00	53 00
Creemore	D. Perry	400 00	360 82	39 18
Melancthon	W. F. Harnden	350 00	400 00	
Osprey	E. J. Fulford	400 00	300 00	100 00
Collingwood	J. H. Hilt	400 00	400 00	
St. Vincent	C. Taylor			
"	J. Lynch	200 00	192 00	8 00
Invermay	J. Foster	400 00	390 00	10 00
Orangeville	P. E. Knox	450 00	400 17	49 83
Hanover	F. M. Finn	450 00	450 00	

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CHURCH PROPERTY.

RECAPITULATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Colborne District	\$68,850 00
Toronto "	47,735 00
Huron "	18,355 00
Total	\$134,940 00

SUPERANNUATED PREACHER'S FUND.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Belleville	\$20 00	Oakwood	\$30 00
Sidney	45 00	Percy	25 00
Sterling	55 00	Haldimand	30 00
Madoc & Tudor	20 00	Seymour	15 00
Cobourg	15 00	Clark	15 00
Omeme & Minden	10 00		
Brighton	35 00		\$325 00
Colborne	20 00		

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono	\$20 00	Brampton	\$35 00
Oshawa & Whitby	5 00	Georgetown	30 00
Brooklin	35 00	Nelson	30 00
Whitby	35 00	Toronto	5 00
Markham	20 00	Oakville	15 00
Muskoka	5 00	Uxbridge	5 00
Queensville	15 00		
King	25 00		\$290 00
Yonge Street	20 00		

HURON DISTRICT.

Collingwood	\$ 8 00	Garafraxa	\$20 00
Osprey	8 00	Creemore	10 00
St. Vincent	12 00	Mount Forest	15 00
Teeswater	15 00	Orangeville	20 00
Hanover	18 00	Melancthon	10 00
Invermay	10 00	Euphrasia	8 00
Kincardine	10 00		
Elma	15 00		\$184 00

Receipts	Deficit.
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WAYS AND MEANS.

Assessment made at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Belleville	\$ 4 25	Oakwood	\$ 6 16
Sidney	18 00	Percy	9 63
Madoc & Tudor	5 25	Haldimand	9 34
Cobourg	2 52	Seymour	5 64
Omamee & Minden	4 95	Clark	3 51
Brighton	16 39		
Colborne	8 46		
			<u>\$94 10</u>

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono	\$ 3 37	Brampton	\$7 40
Oshawa	1 00	Georgetown	8 40
Brooklin	7 20	Nelson	6 60
Whitby	11 25	Toronto	4 00
Markham	6 20	Oakville	5 00
Muskoka	2 20	Uxbridge	1 80
Queensville	4 50		
King	5 25		
Yonge Street	3 38		<u>\$77 55</u>

HURON DISTRICT.

Collingwood	\$2 47	Garafraxa	\$7 42
Osprey	2 61	Creemore	3 82
St. Vincent	7 65	Mt. Forest	6 30
Teeswater	4 68	Orangeville	5 04
Hanover	6 48	Melancthon	5 37
Invermay	2 88		
Kincardine	3 24		
Elma	3 53		<u>\$61 49</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Colborne District	\$94 10
Toronto "	77 55
Huron "	61 49
Total	<u>\$233 14</u>

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OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituaries respectfully report as follows:—

That it has pleased God in his all wise providence, during the past year, to remove Bro. Robert Earl from the scene of his labors and sufferings, as we humbly trust, to the rest of his saints in heaven.

Bro. Earl was a native of the County of Wexford, Ireland.—His parents were Wesleyan Methodists, and by them he was carefully brought up under religious influence, and at an early age was converted to God in a prayer meeting. So clear was the evidence he received of his acceptance that he never afterwards doubted the reality of the change.

In the year 1821 he emigrated to Canada, and soon after joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and became first an exhorter, and then a local preacher. At the Conference which was held in Palermo in 1841, he was received into the travelling connexion, and was ordained by Bishop Reynolds. He did not at once engage in the itinerant work, but during the last eighteen years of his life he was fully engaged in this work, in which he served the church with fidelity and efficiency, never absenting himself from the post of his duty, but fully discharging the duties of a minister of Jesus Christ according to the ability given him.

At the Conference held in Brooklin in May, 1867, he received his appointment to the Colborne Circuit, and without delay entered upon his work. But a severe cold which he took at Conference brought on other complaints—heart disease and prostration of the nervous system. But he continued to labor on, punctually filling all his appointments up to about the middle of July, when he was forced to desist by his greatly increased illness. The last Sabbath he was able to go out he preached three times, after which he was totally disqualified for further labors.

During his sickness his mind was kept in perfect peace, and he was greatly comforted by the consolations of the gospel. Conversing with a friend on the subject of his recovery, he said: "I am not anxious about that, for living or dying I am the Lord's." His death, when it came, was rather sudden, as on the day previous he was able to walk out. A little before he expired he said, "It is a very pleasant morning, and then he tried to say something else, but was unable to make himself understood. He then quietly closed his eyes, and in a few moments, without a struggle or a groan, his spirit departed to be, as we humbly trust, forever with the Lord. He left a widow and two daughters and also two sons to mourn their severe loss; but one of the latter has since followed his deceased parent to the spirit land.

As a preacher Bro. Earl was sound, fervent and effective, He

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was punctual to all his engagements, never missing an appointment unless forced to do so by unavoidable circumstances. He had the prosperity of the Church deeply at heart, and labored with zeal and perseverance to advance her interests. As a man and a Christian he was unassuming, of few words, of a retiring disposition, but kind and affable, and strictly conscientious in all things pertaining to his duty, both to God and man. But he has ceased his labors on earth and has gone to his reward. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow them."

G. SHEPARD.

J. P. SPARROW.

Committee, Room, Meaford, May 23rd, 1868.

REPORT ON COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Bible.—Doctrines; Questions based on the Articles of Religion in the Discipline; Read Watson's Institutes, Parts I. and II.; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; History of Methodism, by Stevens, Vols. I. and II.; Kidder's Homiletics; English Grammar; Geography, Lovell's or Campbell's; Biblical Geography; Exercises in Reading, and a Written Essay.

2ND YEAR.—Bible.—Sacraments; Read Watson's Institutes, Parts III. and IV.; History of Methodism, Vols. III. IV. V.; Wesley's Sermons; Discipline; Hibbard on Baptism and Lucky's Lord Supper; Natural Philosophy, Parker's; English Grammar; Rhetoric, Newman's; Logic, Hedge's; Kidder's Homiletics; A Skeleton.

3RD YEAR.—Review of Bible and Church History; Fletcher's Checks; McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity; Horne's Introduction (abridged); General History; Upham's Mental Philosophy; A written Essay or Sermon.

4TH YEAR.—Review the Whole Course; Stephen's Church Polity; Hallam's Middle Ages; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Townley's Biblical Literature; Claude's Essay on Composition.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The very term Sabbath School carries with it a sacred responsibility. The fourth commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." It is indeed a pious work to instruct the young, and impress on their tender minds that the Sabbath was given by

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God; that all our engagements on that day should be prefaced with "holiness to the Lord."

The Sabbath School is the nursery of the Church and the hope of the world, and as ministers of the gospel we should endeavor zealously and affectionately, on proper occasions, to impress on all our congregations and members the imperative duty to support the Sabbath School, by rendering all possible help in this "work of faith and labor of love."

In order to carry out more efficiently the Sabbath School enterprise, we would suggest—1st, That the course of preaching be continued in all our congregations directly on the important subject of Sabbath Schools; 2nd, To organize Sabbath Schools wherever practicable; 3rd, To carry out our Discipline headed, "Instruction for Children"; 4th, To encourage the children and teachers to patronize those religious papers issued for the pious instruction of children; 5th, That the Presiding Elders of the different Districts inquire of the preachers in charge, at their last Quarterly Meetings, how they have succeeded in carrying out these suggestions, and also urge them to make a proper uniform return to the Annual Conference.

STATISTICAL RETURN FOR THE DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars	Conversions.	Bible Classes.	No. Volumes in Library.	Expenses.	No. of Persons taken.
Colborne .	27	194	1075	7	10	2610	\$ 181 00	1
Toronto...	22	227	1307	26	23	3947	294 00	13
Huron	19	122	585	15	5	1290	109 00	1
Total...	68	543	2967	48	38	7847	584 00	15

A. L. THURSTAN.
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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee appointed to express the sentiments of this Conference upon Sabbath Observance beg leave to report.—

That as the observance of the Sabbath was instituted by God at the creation, and afterwards incorporated with the other command-

ments that are termed moral, it has all the sanction which accompanies the mandates of heaven, and a violation of it may be regarded as an act of rebellion against God, and your Committee are of the opinion that a desecration of the Sabbath day has a demoralizing effect upon community, by lowering the standard of moral and religious sentiment, and introducing many other evils, both moral and spiritual. Your Committee find that as a Church we have in the past exerted an influence in favor of the observance of the Christian Sabbath; but at the present time your Committee think that a more special and united effort is indispensable to counteract the unholy influence at present exerted in violation of this sacred day.—Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That as Ministers of the Lord of the Sabbath we pledge ourselves to continue our opposition to Sabbath breaking, and that we will lay the subject before our respective congregations at least once every quarter of the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee appointed on the State of the Country beg leave to report—

That having considered the same they hereby acknowledge the goodness of God for the many favors bestowed upon our land and nation. The past year has been one of great importance, yet our heavenly Father in mercy has blessed us with peace and prosperity. The peaceable completion of federation and formation of our new Dominion speaks loudly in favor of the goodness of God, and the intelligence, goodwill and loyal devotion of the Canadians.

We are devoutly thankful that the enemies of our country, the foolish, wicked and blood-thirsty Fenians, have been kept from our peaceful shores, and that their wicked designs have in a large measure been frustrated.

We are sorry that the pall of death should so suddenly have been cast over our fair country, viz., in the assassination of the Hon. T. D. McGee, a statesman beloved and honored. His bereaved family have our sympathy and the Government our thanks for the provision made for the fatherless and widow. And we hereby pledge a hearty concurrence with the Government in putting down and rooting out this vile and wicked institution of Fenianism.

We also hereby acknowledge our grief on learning that this

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wicked organization should have assailed, with murderous design, in a far off colony, a member of the royal family. Still we gladly discern an interfering Providence in the preservation of the life of Prince Alfred, the Duke of Edinburgh; and we devoutly entreat the Divine Being to spare the life and heal the wounds of this gallant and beloved young Prince.

We give unto Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, our sympathy, and we will ever pray, as dutiful subjects, that the King of Kings will vouchsafe to her and hers every needful blessing, and that he will smile in favor on all her realm.

Prosperity to our new Dominion. God save the Queen.

J. WILD, *Chairman*.
S. MORRISON.
F. M. FINN.

Committee Room, May 22nd, 1868.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

TO THE ONTARIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH
IN CANADA IN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED :

Your Committee on Education would beg respectfully to report—

That, while we would feel and express thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for his blessing upon our educational enterprises in the past, and especially for this that the life and health of professors and students during the past winter were kindly preserved in the midst of surrounding sickness, we deeply regret that the year just closed has been financially unsuccessful, both in the General Fund and in the School Fund. Yet, believing as we do that the Church is engaged in a legitimate work in her efforts to provide a common and higher education for our youth under a religious influence, and committed as we are to this undertaking before the public, we see neither expediency nor right in drawing back from what we have begun. Therefore we recommend a hearty co-operation with our brethren of the Niagara Conference to the following effect:—

First,—That we do our utmost to collect the amounts due on old College subscription, and especially to secure, as they fall due, College Centenary pledges on our various charges.

Second,—To raise a fair share by the College collection of the amount necessary to liquidate the claim of the Building Association made upon the College through the loan recently effected.

Furthermore your Committee would respectfully call the atten-

tion of the Conference to the present political aspects of the question of higher Education in our Province, and we recommend the affirmation of the following resolutions:—

1st. That we believe the Government of the Province to be in duty bound to make provision for the higher education of our youth according to the well understood wishes of the people.

2nd. That it is apparent that the majority of the people of the Province favor the establishment and maintenance of Colleges under the care of the various Christian Churches of the country.

3rd. That it is more economical for Government to subsidize existing colleges than to erect and maintain separate secular colleges.

4th. That we hold that these considerations demand of the Government of the country the passing of an act of Parliament that shall secure aid to colleges irrespective of sect or party, free from the control of the Ministry of the day, and yet under such governmental supervision as shall secure the efficiency of the College and be a safeguard to the public.

5th. That on this basis, in perfect accordance with the principles we have always held as a Church, and frequently declared in our supreme assembly, the General Conference, we demand public aid for our College and University at Belleville.

6th. That in view of the necessities of the country, we are happy to be pioneers in the enterprise of affording to girls and woman the advantages of a Collegiate education; therefore we rejoice in the success of our Ladies' College in connection with Albert College at Belleville.

7th. That we are firmly of the opinion Government should take some steps to recognize our Ladies' College and similar institutions in the land by giving to a lady's degree some value as in the case of a man's.

8th. That we recommend Albert College and our Ladies' College to the patronage of our own members and friends and the public at large, being satisfied with the work of the institutions, and feeling sure that so far as the education of ladies is concerned no superior advantages are offered elsewhere in the country, having as they do the privilege of the lectures of Albert College.

9th. That we recommend that a public meeting on the educational question be held on the evening of Saturday the 23rd inst, and that the Committee on Public Worship be respectfully solicited to make all necessary provisions for it.

10th. As to the General Treasurer's suggestion concerning the Agency, we agree, should such Agent be appointed by the proper authorities, to give him our sympathy and assistance in the prosecution of his work.

H. DOCKHAM, *Chairman.*

A. CARMAN, *Secretary.*

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report :

We believe Episcopal Methodism on this continent to be of God, organized as it was by His honored servant Mr. Wesley, and sanctioned as it continually has been by the copious effusion of the Holy Ghost. We believe Episcopal Methodism in Canada to be of God, planted as it was by the Methodists of the United States, in the genuine spirit of the Gospel ; perpetuated as it has been by the Methodist societies and ordained preachers, and thus ever enjoying the constitution of a true and scriptural church ; bearing, as it has, its polity, its orders and its ordinations intact through all the changes which have swept over it ; and sealed, and authorized, and invigorated, as it has been, by the plenitude of the power from on high. We believe the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada ever has been, and to day emphatically is, as much attached, and as loyal as the best to the British throne and to the constituted government of the country. We believe from our early planting and deep root in this soil ; from our unswerving fidelity to the best interests of this country ; from our earnest and self-denying preaching of a pure Gospel ; from our constant vigilance as to popular liberty and our devoted maintenance of the rights of all the people, irrespective of sect or party, we have a rightful place in our beloved Canada, and a claim equal to the best on the countenance and support of the Canadian public. We believe there is enough in our church doctrines and polity, in our political record and relations, and above all, in the repeated and continued approbation of the Most High God upon our organization and labors, most firmly to hold us to our church and country, and most powerfully incite us most zealously to strive to make with the blessing of God, our church the first in the country, our country the first in the world. Therefore we recommend for your consideration and adoption the following resolutions :

1. With devout thankfulness to Almighty God, in reviewing the past we praise Him for the prosperity with which He has blessed us, so that from the day of small and feeble things we have come to this day, in which we are three bands. We ever wonder at the increase of our society from year to year, through successive years of the past. We wonder and adore.

2. We also, in humility, greatly rejoice in the growth of our body in the elements of strength and permanence in the country, in the establishment and maintenance of the Missions, the College and the Press, and in the large increase in churches and parsonages throughout our Province.

3. Yet while we see no cause of utter discouragement in the fact, we deeply deplore the fact that for a few years past our numbers have diminished; and while the natural and necessary migrations of men and families may somewhat account for this state of affairs, we fear there are other causes at work, loosening up our proper attachments and lessening our moral and spiritual force.

4. Of the causes we feel at liberty to designate and to strive to counteract the most apparent, we think, are, [a] A lack of fidelity to God and spiritual and pastoral consecration to our work; [b] Lack of support for our ministry; [c] Lack of earnestness on the part of our people in instilling upon the children loyalty to our church and her institutions; [d] The burdensome and dragging indebtedness of our institutions; [e] The large number of Methodist bodies in the country about identical in doctrine and differing only in government, and [f] the powerful attractions of the parent body in the United States, identical both in doctrine and government.

5. Therefore we recommend, [a] That as preachers of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, and pastors of the flock of Christ, we dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God, and that in the spirit of prayer, faith and labor we go to our several charges, every man striving with all his might to bring up an increase to the next Annual Conference. We also think it might be well if our brethren of the other Conferences would join us in the request and act, for the Bishops to set apart some day for simultaneous prayer for a revival throughout our church; [b] We recommend that the Presiding Elders do their utmost to instruct our people as to their duty in the maintenance of the preachers sent to labor among them, and we highly favor the idea of a convention of the laymen on each district, or still better, of each Conference, or better still of the whole Church, to co-operate simultaneously and vigorously in measures to raise the salaries of our ministers from the standard set many years ago. We would suggest that some means be taken of conferring with the Conferences on the business. [c] We recommend a hearty and simultaneous effort to rid our institutions of debt, that we may breathe freely and be at liberty to rally the brethren around new enterprises in the cause of God. [d] We recommend that our people be encouraged to infuse into their children a love for our country, our church and her institutions, free from national prejudices and sectarian bigotry. And to this end we pray our aged men to give us a well attested history of our church, and aid us with all that is monumental and chivalrous, at once to defend ourselves and instruct and inspire the generations following. [e] We respectfully recommend that every proper effort be made by the men placed over us in office to secure the union of some or all of the Methodist bodies of the country on a basis that will not sacrifice our principles or divide ourselves. At the same time we decidedly avow that we

are content with our church polity and relation; that we fully believe in the expediency and rightful origin and succession of our episcopacy, and in the validity and inviolability of our ordinations, and we should be sorry to see any injudicious false movements toward union that might distract the attention of our people or weaken their attachment to our church. [7] We recommend that we cherish among ourselves and in our relation to our fellow-citizens the spirit of loyalty to our church and to our nation; that we teach our people that they the better rally around our civil and political institutions and love our country and government, that we pray for our Queen and our rulers, that we abide by the Scripture doctrine 'love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the King.'

6. We would respectfully suggest that the Bishops might secure the co-operation of other Conferences or the brethren of them as to items mentioned above, viz., a day of fasting and prayer, a convention of laymen, &c. And if to our venerable Bishops it seems good on reflection and consultation, the issue of a general circular letter exhorting to love of church and country and institutions, and embracing other matters pertaining to our common weal, we shall be happy to aid in its publication by reading it to our congregations and showing it to our people.

Finally, your Committee has grieved, with others, over the fact that so many of our faithful ministers have left us for another land, having a tendency to diminish circuit work and make others disaffected, and has been exceedingly anxious that something should be done to attach all men affectionately to our church and country, to settle down matters that now look somewhat uneasy and disturbed. Therefore let us give our heart and hand to love one another, to defend one another, to stand by one another, to live and die together, while it is the will of God our Father, and quit us like men.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. CARMAN, *Chairman*.
R. SANDERSON,
JOHN WILLSON.

Meaford, May 23rd, 1868.

RETURNS OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Sidney—W. Dafoe, C. Simpson.
Haldimand—J. Lent, Deacon; J. L. Sweet, Deacon.
Colborne—W. Higgins, C. Underhill.
Brighton—J. Webster, Elder; C. P. Werden, Deacon; M. McPhail, Deacon; J. Wright, J. B. Newcomb, E. Clark, W. R. Carr.
Percy—C. Cryderman, J. Stone, Deacon; J. Black.
Sterling—L. Johnson, P. Andrews.
Seymour—L. Stephens.
Clark—James Carscadden, Deacon.
Omamee—C. W. Dies.
Tudor—E. Werden.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono—N. E. Scott, H. B. Palmer, H. Stephens.
Brooklin—J. Bradshaw, Elder; J. Campbell, Deacon Elect.
Whitby—G. Wells, Elder; G. Fisher, Deacon; R. Harnden, Deacon; J. Gordon, C. Rose, F. Harper, P. Clark, G. Stephenson, W. M. Pomeroy.
Markham—J. M. Forsyth, T. Jobbett.
Queensville—W. Fogg, David Peregrine.
Brampton—A. Hutton, B. L. Hutton.
Georgetown—F. Warren.
Nelson—L. Hager, Deacon.
Oakville—J. Cronkwright.

HURON DISTRICT.

St. Vincent—R. Gilray.
Elma—J. Vines, Deacon.
Invermay—J. Anderson, J. W. Dunne.
Kincardine—J. Coleman.
Mt. Forest—J. P. Bissell.
Hanover—T. Reid, J. Curtis.
Osprey—J. F. Halstead, M. D., R. Gordon.
Melancthon—E. Hardy, E. Hurlburt, J. Bell.
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RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution of thanks were adopted by a rising vote :
Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Conference be presented to the people of Meaford for their kind, liberal and cheerful entertainment during the session of this Conference.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the G. T. R. and N. R. C. and lines of communication that have favored us with reduced rates of travel to the present Conference.

A copy of the Resolution to be forwarded by the Secretary.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST

Of the Preachers of the Ontario Annual Conference. with their Post Office Address.

P. SMITH, D.D., Brooklin, Senior Bishop.

J. RICHARDSON, D.D., Yorkville, Junior Bishop.

JAMES CURTIS, Orono, Secretary.

GEO. JONES, Brighton, Presiding Elder.

T. P. BRADSHAW, Laskey, " "

JOHN FOSTER, Kimberly, " "

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NAMES,	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE.
Archer M. D.	Yonge Street & Toronto	Willowdale
Adams J. Q.	Sterling	Sterling
Argue T.	King	King
Byam J. W.	Superannuated	Manchester
Bennett G.	Superannuated	Queensville
Brown T. C.	Oakville	Oakville
Carscadden D.	Superannuated	Forest
Carman A., M. A.	Albert College	Belleville
Crouter D.	Superannuated	Castleton
Campbell A.	Sidney	Frankford
Campbell J.	Haldimand	Baltimore
Carson R.	Teeswater	Teeswater
Dockham H.		Brooklin
Egan J.	Clark	Lescard
Finn F. M.	Haldimand	Baltimore
Fulford E. J.	Osprey	Feversham
Hiscocks J.	Invermay	Invermay
Hiltz J. H.	Oshawa	Oshawa
Harnden W. F.	Collingwood	Thornbury
Hutton B. L.	Euphrasia	
Johnson H. H.	Yonge Street & Toronto	Toronto
Jones G.	Superannuated	Frankford
Knox P. E.	COLBORNE DISTRICT	Brighton
Lake C. V.	Orangeville	Orangeville
Lake D. B.	Georgetown	Ballinafad
Large R.	Brampton	Brampton
Lynch J.	Kincardine	Kincardine
Morrison S.	Muskoka	Bracebridge
Mavbee A. C.	Markham	
Miller G.	Seymour	Dartford
Norman W. E.	Uxbridge	Uxbridge
Newson C.	Superannuated	Brighton
Norris J. S.	Superannuated	Norham
Owen J.	Brighton	Brighton
Pomeroy D.	Superannuated	Gunmarsh, Mich., U. S.
Pomeroy J. C.	Madoc	Madoc
Pomeroy W. M.	Oakwood	Oakwood
Palmer H. B.	Whitby	Myrtle
Pirritte W.	Elma	Elma
Perry D.	Brooklin	Brooklin
Simpson J. M.	Queensville	Queensville
Simpson C.	Colborne	Colborne
Sanderson R.	Omeme and Minden	Omeme
Sanderson J. W.	Whitby	Myrtle
Sparrow J. F.	Omeme and Minden	Omeme
Sparrow P. L.	Brighton	Brighton
Sills W. A.	Modoc and Tudor	Tudor
Shepard G.	Percy	Norham
Thurstan A. L.	Cobourg	Cobourg
Taylor C.	Garafraxa	Garafraxa
Tindall R. L.	St. Vincent	Menafaxa
Thompson G. S.	Hanover	Hanover
Thompson S. A.	Sidney	Belleville
Wilson J.	Brooklin	Brooklin
Will E.	Nelson	Palermo
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Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

The Twenty-Fifth Session of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference, commencing on the 3rd day of June, 1868, at 10 o'clock A.M., was held in the village of Iroquois, County of Dundas, Province of Ontario. Bishops—REV. P. SMITH, D.D., and REV. JAS. RICHARDSON, D.D.,—both present.

BISHOP SMITH presiding, opened the session by reading the 12th chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians; the 707th hymn was then sung and prayer offered by Revs. J. H. Andrews, Jas. Gardiner, Bishop Richardson, D.D., the Conference joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Rev. S. G. Stone was re-elected Secretary; F. B. Stratton, Assistant; and F. Chisholm, Statistical Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE—D. W. Aylsworth, P. E., Augusta District; W. Brown, of Matilda Circuit.

ADVISORY—Napanee District, I. B. Aylsworth, David Wilson.
Kingston " Jas. Gardiner, J. H. Andrews.
Augusta " J. D. Bell, W. Brown.
Ottawa " W. E. Johnson, D. Brill.

NOMINATION—Jas. Gardiner, W. Brown.

MISSIONS—D. Wilson, S. Young, F. Chisholm.

EDUCATION—D. W. Aylsworth, W. H. Graham, E. S. Howard, S. G. Stone, A. D. Traveller.

PRINTING—J. D. Bell, A. Youker, H. Hesselgrave.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—F. B. Stratton, Z. B. Hitchcock.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—J. Halliwell, F. B. Stratton, S. Shorts.

CHURCH PROPERTY—J. G. Bull, W. G. Hudgins.

STEWARDS—E. Woodcock, A. Martin, L. A. Betts.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY—J. A. Rodgers and Presiding Elders.

CONTINGENT FUND—N. H. Howard, D. Smith, D. Brill.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—J. F. Wilson, I. B. Aylsworth, B. A., B. Lane.

CENTENARY—W. Bird, J. Ferguson, F. B. Knowlton.

EXAMINATION—J. H. Andrews, *Chairman*. 1st Year: J. D. Bell, F. B. Stratton 2nd Year: I. B. Aylsworth, B. A., A. Martin. 3rd Year: Wm. Brown, John Halliwell. 4th Year: J. A. Rodgers, E. S. Howard.

The following is the Committee on Boundaries, viz: J. Gardiner, W. Brown, J. H. Andrews, G. S. White and the Presiding Elders.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—*What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—John Thomas Clarke, Edward A. Sanderson, Albert A. Orser, Nihil D. Peters, J. L. Rose, Robert M. Pope.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—Joseph Young, Levi F. Moore.

Q. 3.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

A.—W. Blair, T. W. Pickett, R. B. Denike, W. Service.

Q. 4.—*Who are the deacons?*

A.—H. Seymour, A. Anderson, F. B. Knowlton, A. Shorts, John Brill, B. Lane, W. Service,* W. Blair,* T. W. Pickett,* R. B. Denike.*

Q. 5.—*Who are the Elders?*

A.—B. Smith, T. Lewis, W. Bird, D. Perry, H. Lane, M. Davy, J. McNally, I. N. D. West, J. Gardiner, J. F. Wilson, J. Hill, W. Brown, H. Williams, D. Wilson, E. Orser, J. A. Rogers, N. H. Howard, S. Young, J. H. Andrews, J. G. Bull, D. Brown, R. Beal, J. W. Sils, J. D. Bell, E. Woodcock, W. H. Graham, I. B. Aylsworth, B. A., A. Hunt,† D. Smith, D. W. Aylesworth, W. H. Snider, J. Ferguson, L. A. Betts, P. Empey, G. French, E. S. Howard, W. G. Hudgins, F. B. Stratton, G. S. White, W. E. Johnson, A. Martin, S. G. Stone, A. Youker, Z. B. Hitchcock, T. McAmmond, F. Chisholm, J. Halliwell, A. Dawson, A. D. Traveller, James Hulin, E. Sherwood,† D. Brill, H. Hesselgrave.

* Ordained this year.

† Transferred to Ontario Conference.
Niagara Conference.

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4th Year :
: J. Gar-
e Presiding

Q. 6.—Who are the General Superintendents?

A.—Rev. P. Smith, D.D., James Richardson, D.D.

Q. 7.—Who are the Supernumeraries?

A.—J. McNally, R. Beal, G. French, W. H. Snider.

Q. 8.—Who are the superannuated preachers?

A.—D. Perry, D. Brown, I. N. D. West, H. Seymour, B. Smith,
E. Orser, M. Davy, J. G. Bull, H. Lane.

Q. 9.—Who have been expelled from the connexion this year?

A.—None.

Q. 10.—Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year?

A.—D. W. Aylesworth.*

Q. 11.—Who have died this year?

A.—None.

Q. 12.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

A.—They are, as far as could be ascertained by a strict individual examination before the Conference.

Q. 13.—Who have located this year?

A.—John Graham, James Smith.

Q. 14.—What are the numbers in Society?

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Mellville	90	Tamworth	142
Hallowell	252	Lonsdale	150
Milford	238	Napanee	417
Canifton	314	Bay Quinte	222
Shannonville	257	Camden	295
Hungerford	176		
Denbigh	100	Total on Dist.	2813
Kennebec	160		

* Granted a letter of removal.

Shorts,
Pickett,*

W. Brown,
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ilson, J.
Rogers,
Brown,
ham, I.
orth, W.
E. S.
W. E.
ek, T.
Tray.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Odessa	220	Gananoque.....	125
Hinchinbrook	127	Mallorytown	122
Sherbrook	55	Farmersville	184
Loughborough	214	Lyndhurst.....	180
Inverary	140	Elgin	173
Kingston	15		
Wolf Island.....	76	Total on Dist.....	1631

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Brookville	52	Edwardsburg	154
Lynn	125	Matilda	125
Augusta.....	215	Aultsville.....	153
Rideau.....	113	Winchester	230
Arnprior	30	Inkerman.....	114
Eganville	73	Roxboro.....	114
Westmeath	88		
Renfrew.....	110	Total on Dist.....	1705

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Ottawa East	98	Riceville	55
Ottawa West.....	119		
Huntly	61	Total on Dist.....	333

RECAPITULATION.

Napanee District	2813
Kingston "	1631
Augusta "	1705
Ottawa "	333
Travelling Preachers.....	70

Total 6552

Number of Members last year..... 6220

Travelling Preachers..... 67

Total 6287

Increase this year 265

Q. 15.—What is the amount of Contingent Collection?

A.—

CHARGES.	Appt.	Amount Paid.	Overpl's	Deficit.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
NAPANEE DISTRICT.				
Melville	4 00			4 00
Hallowell	7 00	4 00		3 00
Milford	5 00	4 08		92
Cannifton	8 00	4 43		3 57
Shannonville	6 00	4 20		1 80
Hungerford	3 00	3 00		
Lonsdale	5 00	1 30		3 70
Napanee	8 00	5 39		2 61
Camden	5 00	2 50		2 50
Tamworth	4 00	4 00		
Bay Quinte	7 00	7 00		
Benbigh	1 00	1 00		
Kennebec	1 00	1 00		
Total on Dist.	64 00	41 90		22 10
KINGSTON DISTRICT.				
Odessa	6 00	3 00		3 00
Hinchinbrook	2 00			2 00
Sherbrooke	1 00	1 00		
Loughboro	5 00	5 00		
Inverary	3 00	2 00		1 00
Kingston		1 36	1 36	
Wolf Island	4 00	3 00		1 00
Gananoque	4 00	5 00	1 00	
Mallorytown	4 00	3 00		1 00
Farmersville	6 00	6 00		
Lyndhurst	2 00	2 00		
Elgin	6 00	6 00		
Total on Dist.	43 00	37 36	2 36	8 00
AUGUSTA DISTRICT.				
Brockville	4 00	4 00		
Lyn	6 00	1 26		4 74
Augusta	8 01	5 00		3 01
Rideau	4 00	1 10		2 90
Arnprior	2 00	53		1 47
Eganville	2 00			2 00
Westmeath	3 00	3 00		
Renfrew	2 00	2 00		
Edwardsburg	4 00	4 00		
Matilda	5 00			5 00
Aultsville	6 00	3 25		2 75
Winchester	6 50	1 00		5 50
Inkerman	2 00	2 00		
Roxboro	2 00	2 00		
Total on Dist.	56 50	29 14		27 36
OTTAWA DISTRICT.				
Ottawa East	3 50	1 50		2 00
" West	2 50	2 50		
Huntly	1 00	1 00		
Riceville	2 00	1 00		1 00
Total on Dist.	9 00	6 00		3 00
GRAND TOTAL	173 50	114 40	2 36	60 46

Q. 16.—How was this expended ?

A.—

Paid Bishop Richardson, travelling expenses.....	\$15 60
" E. Orser	5 00
" E. S. Howard.....	93 80
Total	\$114 40

Your Committee deplore the apparent want of interest in this matter, and would respectfully recommend that all be urged to greater activity and zeal in this direction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. HOWARD.

D. SMITH.

D. BRILL.

Q. 17.—What is the amount of the Superannuated Fund ?

A.—

	Appt.	Receipts	Deficit.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
NAPANEE DISTRICT.			
Melville	10 00	8 00	2 00
Hallwell	20 00	16 25	3 75
Milford	10 00	10 00	
Canifton	24 00		
Ira Badgley		1 00	
W. Ketchepaw		1 00	
Mrs. L. A. Betts		1 00	
J. Sills		1 00	
T. Fairnam		1 00	
Collection		19 00	
Hangerford	8 00	7 50	50
Denbigh	5 00	5 00	
Shannonville	16 00	21 25	
Lonsdale	10 00	6 00	4 00
Napanee	24 00	2 00	4 00
Camden	14 00	3 00	11 00
Tamworth	8 00	8 00	
Bay Quinte	20 00	20 00	
Kennebec	3 00	3 00	
Total on Dist.	172 00	152 00	25 25

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C. M.
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BAY QUINTE CONFERENCE.

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	Appt.	Receipts	Deficit.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
KINGSTON DISTRICT.			
Odessa	12 00	10 00	2 00
Hinchinbrook	4 00	4 00	
Sherbrook	3 00	3 00	
Lohorough	15 00	15 00	
Inverary	10 00	10 00	
Kingston		1 21	
Wolf Island	10 00	10 00	
Gananoque	8 00	8 00	
Mallorytown	8 00	8 00	
Lyndhurst	4 00	4 00	
Farmersville	15 00		
A. Ketchum		1 00	
J. B. Howe		1 00	
Mrs. A. Mackie		1 00	
S. Brown		1 00	
T. Brown		1 00	
P. Yates		1 00	
N. C. Brown		1 00	
H. Alguire		1 00	
W. & D. McLean		1 00	
S. A. Taplin, Esq.		1 00	
C. M. Wiltsi		1 00	
S. Alguire		1 00	
Collection		5 24	
Elgin	15 00	15 00	
Total on Dist.	104 00	106 15	2 00
AUGUSTA DISTRICT.			
Brookville	6 00	6 00	
Lyn	15 00	8 00	7 00
Augusta	20 00	8 50	11 50
Rideau	12 00	12 00	
Arnprior	4 00	1 82	2 18
Eganville	4 00	1 50	
Westmeath	5 00	5 00	
Renfrew	6 00	6 00	
Edwardsburgh	6 00	6 00	
Matilda	12 00	6 00	6 00
Inkerman	4 00	4 00	
Autisville	12 00	12 00	
Winchester	15 00	5 00	10 00
Roxboro	4 00	4 00	
Total on Dist.	125 00	85 82	36 68
OTTAWA DISTRICT.			
Ottawa East	8 00	8 00	
" West	8 00	8 00	
Huntly	3 00	3 00	
Riceville	4 00	4 00	
Total on Dist.	23 00	23 00	

PREACHERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

H. Williams.....	\$2 00	E. Orser	\$2 00
L. A. Betts.....	2 00	A. Youker.....	2 00
F. Chisholm.....	2 00	D. W. Aylesworth.....	2 00
R. B. Denike	2 00	E. S. Howard.....	2 00
A. D. Traveller.....	2 00	D. Smith.....	2 00
N. H. Howard	2 00	I. B. Aylesworth.....	2 00
J. Young.....	2 00	Z. B. Hitchcock	2 00
W. Service	2 00	W. Blair.....	2 00
W. Bird	2 00	J. A. Rogers.....	2 00
D. Wilson	2 00	A. Shorts.....	2 00
J. Hulin	2 00	T. McAmmond	2 00
J. G. Bull.....	2 00	J. W. Sills	2 00
F. B. Knowlton	2 00	J. Ferguson	2 00
M. Davy	2 00	J. D. Bell	2 00
D. Brown.....	2 00	W. Brown.....	2 00
J. F. Wilson	2 00	A. Hunt	2 00
A. Dawson	2 00	J. Brill	2 00
J. H. Andrews	2 00	J. Smith	2 00
F. B. Stratton.....	2 00	S. G. Stone	2 00
H. Hesselgrave	2 00	W. E. Johnston	2 00
E. Woodcock	2 00	T. W. Pickett.....	2 00
A. Martin	2 00	D. Brill.....	2 00
G. S. White	2 00	Mrs. Lewis	2 00
J. Gardiner.....	2 00	Mrs. Took.....	2 00
W. G. Hudgins	2 00	Mrs. Powley	2 00
B. Smith.....	2 00		
I. N. D. West.....	2 00	Total.....	\$106 00
W. H. Graham.....	2 00		

PREACHERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID:—Levi Moore, A. Anderson, J. Hill, J. Halliwell, S. Young.

RECAPITULATION.

Napanee District	\$152 00
Kingston	106 15
Augusta	85 82
Ottawa	23 00
Preachers' subscriptions	106 00
Interest on S. P. Fund.....	31 00
Sabbath Collection, less expenses	20 03
Total	\$524 00

Q. 18.—How was this expended?

A.—

\$2 00	B. Smith	\$80 10
2 00	E. Orser	80 10
2 00	M. Davy	73 70
2 00	I. N. D. West	70 50
2 00	D. Brown	54 45
2 00	J. Smith	32 05
2 00	Mrs. Lewis	40 05
2 00	Mrs. Took	35 25
2 00	Mrs. Powley	4 80
2 00	Reserved for necessitous cases	53 00
2 00	Total	\$524 00

RESERVED FUND.—\$40 to B. Smith and \$13 to I. N. D. West.

Names handed in too late for insertion in body of above report.

	BAY QUINTE CIRCUIT.	F. Haycock	\$1 00
	C. Smith	Mrs. Garrison	1 00
	John Anderson	N. Asselstine	1 00
	A. D. Fraser		
	B. Detlon	NAPANEE CIRCUIT.	
	P. Alcombrack	M. Parks	1 00
	G. B. Sills	Jason Parks	1 00
	N. Dollar	R. Dennison	2 00
	S. Bell	J. Wells	1 00
	C. Dollar	Rev. D. Unger	1 00
	J. Blanchard	J. Huffman	1 00
	W. Gifford	J. C. Huffman	1 00
	J. Joice		

00	E. WOODCOCK, }	
15	A. MARTIN, }	Con. Stewards.
82	L. A. BETTS, }	
00	A. DAWSON, }	
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Q. 19.—Where are the preachers stationed?

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Mellville—F. B. Stratton.*Hallowell*—J. Hill, W. Service.*Milford*—W. G. Hudgins, J. Young.*Napanee & Lonsdale*—I. B. Aylesworth, B. A., F. Chisholm, M. Davy, Superannuated.*Shannonville*—A. Anderson.*Canifton*—L. A. Betts, T. McAmmond; R. Beal, G. French, Supernumeraries.*Tamworth*—W. Bird.*Hungerford*—F. B. Knowlton.*Kaladar*—J. T. Clark.*Denbigh*—R. B. Denike, A. R. Orser; D. Brown Superannuated.

KINGSTON DISTRICT. J. H. ANDREWS, P. E.

Bay Quinte—D. Wilson, Levi F. Moore; J. G. Bull, Superannuated.*Camden*—James Hulin, one to be sent; W. H. Snider, Supernumerary.*Odessa*—E. Woodcock; B. Smith, Superannuated.*Loughboro*—S. Young; D. Perry, Superannuated.*Kennebec*—N. D. Peters.*Verona*—E. A. Sanderson; I. N. D. West, Superannuated.*Inverary & Kingston*—A. Martin, R. M. Pope.*Wolf Island*—E. S. Howard.*Lyndhurst*—H. Hesselgrave.*Elgin*—N. H. Howard.*Sherbrook*—D. Smith, one to be sent.

BROCKVILLE DISTRICT. J. D. BELL, P. E.

Gananogue—A. D. Traveller; E. Orser, Superannuated.*Mallorytown*—A. Dawson.*Lyn*—B. Lane.*Brockville*—J. W. Sills.*Farmersville*—J. Gardiner.*Rideau*—J. A. Rodgers.*Arnprior*—W. Blair; H. Seymour, Superannuated.*Renfrew*—G. S. White.*Eganville*—J. L. Rose.*Westmeath*—To be supplied.*Huntly*—D. Brill.

OTTAWA DISTRICT. W. BROWN, P. E.

Augusta—J. F. Wilson, H. Lane, Superannuated; A. Youker permitted to attend college.

Edwardsburg—W. H. Graham

Matilda—J. Halliwell

Inkerman—Z. B. Hitchcock.

Winchester—W. E. Johnson.

Aultsville—J. Ferguson.

Newington—J. Brill

Riceville—A. Shorts.

Ottawa East—S. G. Stone

Ottawa West—T. W. Pickett.

A Hunt, transferred to Ontario Conference.

E. Sherwood, transferred to Niagara Conference.

D. W. Aylesworth, granted a letter of removal:

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

SECRETARY—S. G. Stone, Ottawa P. O., Box 91.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—F. B. Stratton, Melville.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—E. S. Howard, Wolf Island.

SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—E. S. Howard, Wolf Island.

TREASURER " " Jas. Gardiner, Farmersville.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE PARENT MISSIONARY SOCIETY—H. Williams, D. Wilson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ALBERT COLLEGE—Jas. Gardiner, I. B. Aylesworth.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

*Of the Preachers of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference with their
Post Office Address, also the Address of the Bishops.*

P. SMITH, D.D., Senior Bishop, Brooklin.

J. RICHARDSON, D.D., Junior Bishop, Yorkville.

Andrews J. H., Loughboro.	Johnson W. E., Winchester.
Anderson A., Shannonville.	Knowlton F. B., Stoco.
Aylsworth I. B., B. A., Napanee.	Lane B., Lyn.
Bell J. D., Arnprior.	McAmmond T., Belleville.
Betts L. A., Canifton.	Moore Levi F., Morven.
Bird W., Tamworth.	Martin A., Inverary.
Brown W., Iroquois.	Orser E., Gananoque.
Brown D., Mountain Grove.	Orser A. R.
Beal R.	Peters N. D., Arden.
Bull J. G., Newburg.	Perry E., Loughboro.
Blair W., Arnprior.	Pope R. M., Inverary.
Brill J., Newington.	Pickett Ottawa, box 91.
Brill D., South Huntley.	Rodgers J. A., Easton's Corners.
Chisholm F., Selby.	Rose J. L., Eganville.
Clark J. T., Cloyne.	Sanderson A. E., Bell Rock.
Davy M., Napanee.	Stone S. G., Ottawa, box 91.
Denike R. B., Vennachar.	Stratton F. B., Melville.
Dawson A., Mallorytown.	Service W., Demorestville.
Empey P., fweed.	Smith B., Wilton.
French G., Belleville.	Smith D.
Gardiner J., Farmersville.	Sills J. W., Prescott.
Graham W. H., Edwardsburg.	Shorts A., Riceville.
Hill J., Demorestville.	Traveller A. D., Gananoque.
Howard E. S., Wolf Island.	Williams H., Belleville.
Howard N. H., Elgin.	Wilson D., Morven.
Hudgins W. G., Milford.	White G. S., Renfrew.
Hulin J., Newburg.	Wilson J. F., Charleyville.
Hesselgrave H., Lyndhurst.	West I. N. D., Verona.
Halliwell J., Iroquois.	Young J., Milford.
Hitchcock Z. B., Inkerman.	Young S., Loughboro.

Q. 20.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

A.—At Ottawa City, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M: on the
4th Wednesday in May, 1869.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CON-
FERENCE :

DEARLY BELOVED,—We offer to you our annual greeting, and would ask you to join with us in thanksgiving and praise to the Great Head of the Church for the multitude of his tender mercies vouchsafed to us as a people. He has kept us alive, and given us food and raiment; He has been a refuge in distress and afforded help in trouble; He has quickened us by His spirit and afforded us the consolation of His grace; He has satisfied us early with His mercy, and crowned the year with his goodness; He has given us peace in all our borders, and prospered the institutions of our Church; He has blessed the intercourse of our preachers and people, and caused it to be for the mutual strength and comfort of both; He has enlarged the borders of our Zion, so that we can now rejoice in the numerical increase of six hundred and ninety-seven members during the past year, in three Conferences. Blessed be His holy name, for His mercy endureth forever.

Let gratitude fill out hearts, and let us gather assuredly that God is with us, and for us, and on our part; and that the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada is a child of Providence; and that He has a work for us to do that can be done by none other. Let us be loyal to our Church, and stand by it, and work in it, and for it, and for God, and he will make it a praise and a glory in the whole land.

Retrospect the past. "Look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and the hole of the pit whence ye were digged," and see what God has wrought. Thirty-four years ago we had only about one thousand members, a few preachers, one or two churches, no parsonages, no Church paper—these things having been wrested from us by a large secession from the Church. We were compelled to struggle for a while empty handed and against powerful opposition, which opposition, however, has, by the blessing of an overruling power, turned out for the furtherance of the Gospel, and caused our principles to take deeper root, and become more firmly grounded in a better soil, so that with deep humility we can rejoice in our present prosperous condition. We have now two Bishops, about 20,000 members, 215 traveling preachers, 60,000 adherents, and nearly \$600,000 in church property, an excellent church paper, a competent ministry, a Ladies' College, a University, with a full staff of professors. Our loyalty has been demonstrated and acknowledged; our legitimacy has been recognized and established by our American fathers and brethren, clearly indicating to us that Providence has a work for us to do in this land. God has honored us, and will still

delight to honor us as workers if we prove ourselves worthy of his cause.

Then let our sentiments of attachment to our Church be strong, rational and consistent. We do not wish you to hate other Churches or contend with them, for the servant of God must not strive, but cultivate a love for your own that you can say, if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth. With such religious preferences you can most fervently serve God and lay up treasure in heaven; most effectually work for God and good to your fellow men; and most faithfully perform the duties of Christian citizenship in your day and generation; and that you may be as burning and shining lights in all the relations of life, be conscientious in cultivating personal holiness and vital godliness; attend strictly to your family devotions, and never be absent from the ordinances of God's house. Take an active interest in the Sabbath School, and be forward with your means in support of all the institutions of the Church. Provide yourselves with the CANADA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and be careful to read it, for in the use of these means you will grow in grace and knowledge, and love, and faith, and if these things be in you and abound, they make you that you will neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We again repeat our request of former years that you should attend more especially to the support of your preachers. As a Church we will be strong or weak in ratio of the strength or weakness of our ministers; and that they may be strong in faith and religious power, they must be disencumbered from its financial management and placed above financial embarrassment. For it is not reason that the preachers should leave the Word of God and serve tables, but should have time and be free to give themselves continually and wholly to prayer and the ministry of the Word; and knowing this to be a matter of peculiar and pressing importance, we have thought it advisable to counsel with you more particularly on this point.

We ask you then to consider the propriety and necessity of increasing your preacher's salaries; because, generally, the present salaries of your preachers are not commensurate with present prices. Everything which the preacher requires for comfort and sustenance has advanced in value from 50 to 100 per cent. While this fact secures a financial advantage in all departments of business, the preacher's salary has not been correspondingly increased, so that it is utterly impossible for our men to continue in their work and be useful with their present salaries. Considering the advanced price of produce you are well able to support your preachers liberally. The preacher is worthy of his hire, and therefore it is not right that you should enjoy the advantages of his labor without giving him an adequate support.

Your preacher should be able to furnish himself with books and periodicals that he be thoroughly furnished for every good word and work. Your preacher should have means for benevolent contributions that he may be an example of liberality. Your preacher should have means to educate his children, being the best and only endowment he can give them.

We recommend therefore that a general and through movement be made in this matter throughout the Conference. We also recommend that a more efficient financial system be undertaken.

For this purpose we authorize each Presiding Elder to call a convention of ministers and laymen in his District. Let the laymen be selected by the Estimating Committees of each circuit, and let two laymen be chosen with each preacher to co-operate in this work.

Enter into these duties, brethren, heartily, and as unto the Lord; and may the God of Peace sanctify you wholly, and cause all the Christian graces to abound in you.

P. SMITH,
JAS. RICHARDSON.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

1. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the people of Iroquois who have so kindly, agreeably and hospitably entertained the ministers thereof during the present session.

2. That in order to insure uniformity in carrying out the recommendation in reference to preachers' salaries in the Pastoral Address, the following gentlemen be appointed a committee, to meet at Farmersville on the 25th inst., to draft a policy to guide the action of the District Conventions, viz.:—Charles Lane, Esq., Chas. Gardiner, Gersham Wing, J. C. Huffman, H. Alguire, J. G. Robinson, Esq., and Revs. J. Gardiner, J. F. Wilson and J. D. Bell, and that any person who may have any suggestions to offer this Committee will please communicate with Rev. J. Gardiner, Farmersville, before the meeting of the Committee.

3. That a vote of thanks be conveyed through the Secretary to the Managers of the G. T. R., B. & O. R. and O. & St. L. R. for the favor of reduced fares to and from the seat of Conference.

COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO THE ARNPRIOR CHURCH LOAN
—Revs. J. F. Wilson, J. D. Bell and W. Blair.

COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO CHURCH PROPERTY IN CLAR-
ENDON—Revs. J. D. Bell and G. S. White.

COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO CHURCH PROPERTY AT LA
CHUTE—Revs. W. Brown and A. Shorts.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee beg leave to report—

That we are encouraged in being able to report an increase in the S. School work, and moreover we rejoice that the fruit of S. School labor begins to appear in the conversion of children, the number being more than three hundred per cent. in advance of the previous year. Believing that those children who are taught in the Scriptures and who are brought up under good influences are more apt, when converted, to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" than those not so taught, we would recommend a hearty co-operation in this great work. A Church without a S. school must in these days soon cease to exist, having no revenue from which to supply the places of those who are passing away. If we as a people do not look after the youth of this land others will do it. We are not careful enough to preserve our own. Let us have Union Schools when no others can be had, but where it is possible let us follow the example of others around us, let us establish denominational schools, introduce Methodist literature and Methodist catechisms, and see to it, as a body, that our children are cared for.— We must do this or we will soon be left without a Church.

As there are many children who have no religious training at home, and who are growing up to go out into the world to oppose, directly or indirectly, the reign of Christ in the earth, we do believe, as citizens of a goodly land, as members of a Christian Church, it is our duty, for the sake of our country and the cause of our God, to take a deep interest in the S. school enterprise. We would call attention to the fact that as much as may be teachers should be employed who enjoy religion themselves, and that they should not only teach them the letter of the law but that they should inquire into the state of their minds, and lovingly and perseveringly urge them to seek for the forgiveness of their sins and the conversion of their souls, in the mean time praying for them that the blessing of God may rest upon their labors. We therefore submit the following:—

Resolved, 1st. That our sincere and heartfelt thanks are due to Almighty God for the abundant success with which he has crowned the S. school enterprise in the past.

2nd. That as a body of ministers we will do our utmost in the future to establish in all our work, as well as give an impetus to those already existing, denominational schools, further the circulation of literature of the right kind in those schools, and aid by all laudable efforts this noble cause, seeking thereby the grand end, the salvation of the youth of this land.

3rd. That in order to give permanence and union of effort to this work we organize and carry into effect the District S. S. under the direction of the Provincial Union S. S. Constitution, thereby consolidating our work.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Convertions.	Bible Classes	Vols. in Library.	Expenses.	Papers.	Union Schools.
							\$ cts.		
Napanee.....	23	307	1007	36	21	2895	148 00	64	16
Kingston.....	33	204	1201	47	24	1973	186 50	32	4
Augusta.....	13	79	541	2	7	1000	54 00	1	11
Ottawa.....	3	39	417	8	2	734	117 00	1	4
Total.....	82	629	3166	93	53	6602	505 00	98	35

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. B. STRATTON.
Z. B. HITCHCOCK.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to report as follows :—

In common with all Christians, we regard it as a sacred duty to cherish with unabated loyalty the injunction of our Lord and Master in reference to the Sabbath day. We also regard the gift of a Sabbath as the greatest of all God's earthly blessings, conducing alike to the peace and well-being of both body and soul, and affording the sons of toil their only boon of unalloyed and unadulterated good, and all men their fairest opportunity of learning on earth how to live in heaven.

Your Committee are of opinion that as a people we owe in this Dominion our fairest rights and noblest privileges to our national regard for the Sabbath ; hence we hail with delight all efforts that are put forth by provincial or local associations in order to secure to our citizens all the rights of an unbroken Sabbath ; and that our influence may be properly felt as a body, your Committee would recommend to this Conference the duty of more earnestly and continually impressing upon our people their duty with regard to the Sabbath : first, by discountenancing all Sunday visiting and traveling ; and secondly, by seeking to introduce in all our work such exercises as are calculated to occupy our people properly, such as Sabbath schools, wherever practicable ; local prayer or class meetings, and by the more frequent employment of local preachers, so as to keep up, if possible, regular weekly Sabbath work in all our leading appointments.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend that as ministers of

the Lord Jesus we not only aim by our teaching, but also by our example to impress upon all with whom we come in contact the sacredness of this holy day, by avoiding all loose and trifling conversation, reading of newspapers, or needless personal indulgences.

JOHN HALLIWELL.

THOS. McAMMOND.

ALEX. SHORTS.

Committee Room, Iroquois, June 8th, 1868.

EDUCATION.

TO THE BAY QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED :

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to report—

That while on the one hand we regret that the finances of the year have gone backward, on the other we see ground of hope and encouragement in the suggestions of the General Treasurer—that the debt incurred by the loan from the Building Society be met by the College collections on the several charges, and that Rev. J. Wild, M. A., be appointed College Agent. Therefore resolved,

1st. That we will do what we can to raise on our several circuits and missions a fair proportion of the amount required by this claim.

2nd. That should the Board see fit to appoint Bro. Wild agent, we will heartily co-operate with him in his work of raising College funds, whether by subscriptions or lectures.

3rd. That we will further, to the best of our ability, the collection of old claims, whether of the conditional or Centenary subscriptions.

In passing our opinion upon the present aspects of the College question in the country, we recommend the following resolutions:—

1st. That we hold to the declaration of our General Conference at Brooklyn in 1856—that in our view the collegiate education of the country should be provided for on some general and equitable system under act of Parliament as in the case of our Common and Grammar Schools.

2nd. That under such fair Legislative provision not only would we accept aid for Albert College, Belleville, but would demand it as a right of which we have been long deprived.

3rd. That we believe great wrong is done to the country by keep-

ing the old system of executive grants on the one hand, and on the other by laying out all the money provided for University education on one College at Toronto; therefore we demand as citizens that the rights of all the people be respected, and that, since it is so required by the majority of the people of the Province, public aid be given to other Colleges that may bring up their work to a proper legal standard.

4. That we believe also that steps should be taken by the proper authorities to give to a lady's degree some value in the country, and that there should be legal recognition of the work of properly constituted Ladies' Colleges.

5th. That we hold that there is nothing in a school being under the ownership and control of a denomination of Christians to deprive it of its legal rights, and we protest against the disabilities that are attempted and inflicted on this account.

6th. That we recommend Albert College and our Ladies' College to our people and the public generally for support. We feel thankful for past patronage and favor; yet we are persuaded that many more students might be secured for the respective institutions by proper effort; and since it is necessary to keep up a certain staff and incur certain expenses, we hold it to be both interest and duty to make all possible effort to fill the school with students.

7th. Your Committee would also recommend the establishment of a Conference scholarship in Albert College to be called the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference Scholarship, for the benefit of such candidates for membership in this Conference, or for such member of this Conference as this Conference in Conference assembled may from time to time determine; and to provide for the expenses of said scholarship, each preacher receiving an appointment within the bounds of this Conference be requested to raise, by subscription or otherwise, the sum of two dollars, and that the Secretary of this Conference and the Presiding Elders be charged with the oversight thereof, and be requested to use all diligence to secure the sum necessary.

8th. We recognize the hand of God in our educational enterprise so far, and we pray our Father above still to guard our institutions and revive his work of grace in them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. AYLESWORTH,	} Committee.
W. H. GRAHAM,	
E. S. HOWARD,	
A. D. TRAVELLER,	
S. G. STONE,	

Com. Room, Iroquois, June 8th, 1868.

REPORT ON PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing are desirous of expressing a high opinion of the character and usefulness of our connexional journal. We think it impossible to overestimate the advantages of weekly visits of a paper so chaste, so instructive and so well calculated to cherish in the minds of its readers all that is noble, elevating and Christian.

Your Committee find that, while the *C. C. Advocate* has more than maintained its reputation as an eminently useful family newspaper, both as regards its matter and management, there has been a falling off in its subscription list until the number of its paying subscribers has fallen below 2,000. By comparing the receipts and expenditures of the past with previous years we find a falling off in this department too. This circumstance, though mainly attributable to the introduction of a strictly advance-pay system, is nevertheless to be deplored, and suggest the propriety of an earnest effort to remedy the evil. Your Committee would respectfully urge all the families in our connexion and all the friends of our institutions to take and to read the *Advocate*, for we are fully persuaded that in no way can they, at such trifling cost, so materially bless themselves, the Church and their families. We renew the recommendation to all the preachers, old and young, to make a vigorous effort this year to place the paper in every family in our connexion. We also suggest that all the preachers raise, by subscription or otherwise, at least five dollars from each charge to assist the Press Committee in purchasing a new press.

Your Committee find upwards of five thousand dollars of old subscription still due, and recommend that each preacher be furnished names of delinquents and sums on their respective charges, and that one more earnest effort be made to collect it. We also find six hundred and ninety-five dollars due on notes against preachers, and advise a call upon them for the whole or a part of it at this Conference.

J. D. BELL.

A. YOKER.

H. HESSELGRAVE.

Iroquois, June 8th, 1868.

CENTENARY REPORT.

Your Committee on Centenary beg leave to report—

That having failed to obtain any information relative to the present state of the Centenary funds within the bounds of this Conference, except what we obtained from the Treasurer, Rev. G. Shepard, we cannot present a satisfactory report.

The following is the amount collected for the Superannuated fund in connection with this Conference as reported by the Treasurer : \$537 26.

The following circuits have failed to make any report of members for the General Centenary Record :—Edwardsburg, Hinchinbrook, Mallorytown, Lyn, Augusta, Lyndhurst. Bay Quinte and Wolf Island have only reported in part.

Your Committee, in view of these facts and in view of the embarrassed state of our Connexional funds, do recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

1st. That the preachers in charge of circuits where the names of the members have not been reported, as before directed, be instructed to send such report as soon as convenient to Prof. A. Carman, Secretary of the General Centenary Committee, at Belleville.

2nd. That each preacher in charge be instructed to collect all the Centenary subscriptions yet unpaid within the bounds of his charge as early at least as the first of January, 1869, and forward the same to the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BIRD,
JOHN FERGUSON,
F. B. KNOWLTON, } Committee.

Committee Room, June 8th, 1868.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee on Church Property beg leave to report—

That after having examined the reports from the various circuits we find the value of church property to be as follows :—

DISTRICTS.	No. Chap'ls	Value.	No. Par- sonages.	Value.	Total Value.
		\$		\$	\$
Napanee	28	32,850	10	6,000	38850 00
Kingston	14	17,990	10	4,850	22840 00
Augusta	21	28,300	12	4,400	32700 00
Ottawa	5	10,960	3	1,650	12610 00
Total	68	89,900	35	16,900	107000 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. BULL.
W. G. HUDGINS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to report—

Temperance may not always mean total abstinence, but is to be understood in connection with whatever is injurious. We mean by Temperance total abstinence from all that can intoxicate.

The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors are carried on somewhat extensively in this country, and as a *consequence* there is a large amount of suffering, shame, disgrace, poverty and premature death.

That the manufacturer of ardent spirits reaps a large profit is not a recommendation of the business. The slave trade was profitable and no more disgraceful than the liquor traffic, yet few persons have agreed that it was right because the merchants of humanity made a large profit. As a people we enjoy very many advantages. It is ours to enjoy civil and religious liberty and the best form of civil government in the world. The only difficulty, or, at least, the greatest difficulty the people of this Dominion have to meet in their onward march is the liquor traffic and its attendant evils. How strikingly does this traffic illustrate the truth of God's Word—"Sin is a reproach to any people." It appears to your Committee that all lovers of their country, of humanity and of God should do all that is possible to destroy this wicked traffic in intoxicating liquors. Light having come surely it is not much to expect that all the Christian Churches will, unitedly, do their utmost to advance the Temperance cause.

A great deal has been done both by the Church and Temperance organizations; much remains yet to be done. The Christian Churches and various organizations of Temperance are suitable instrumentalities to be employed in advancing this great moral reform. We recommend that our preachers give such attention to this subject, both in and out of the pulpit, as it deserves; also that our people do what they can to advance the Temperance cause. We suggest that it would be well for us as a Church to continue our former determination to allow none to excel us in devotion to and effort for the Temperance cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HUNT.
W. E. JOHNSON.
J. BRILL.

Committee Room, Iroquois. June 8th, 1868.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY:

Your Committee on Temporal Economy beg leave to report the following table of assessments for the ensuing year :

CHARGES.	Sup'd Fund.	Cont. Fund.	Bishop's Claims.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
NAPANEE DISTRICT.			
Melville	8 00	3 00	4 00
Hallowell	24 00	3 00	10 00
Millford	14 00	4 00	6 00
Napanee	28 00	9 00	12 00
Shannonville	18 00	6 50	9 00
Canifton	25 00	9 00	12 00
Lonsdale	8 00	3 00	5 00
Tamworth	8 00	3 00	5 00
Hungerford	8 00	3 00	4 00
Kaladar	4 00	1 00	3 00
Denbigh	4 00	1 00	3 00
KINGSTON DISTRICT.			
Bay Quinte	25 00	8 00	10 00
Camden	20 00	7 00	9 00
Hinchenbrook	5 00	1 50	3 00
Kennebec	6 00	1 75	3 00
Sherbrook	4 00	1 00	2 50
Inverary	10 00	3 25	5 75
Kingston			
Odessa	15 00	4 00	5 00
Loughboro'	17 00	6 00	9 00
Wolf Island	12 00	4 00	6 00
Lyndhurst	7 00	2 00	4 00
Elgin	20 00	7 00	9 00
BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.			
Gananoque	7 00	2 50	5 00
Mallorytown	5 00	2 00	4 50
Lynn	15 00	4 00	6 50
Brockville	5 00	2 00	3 00
Farmersville	20 00	6 00	9 00
Rideau	12 00	4 00	6 00
Arnprior	4 00	2 00	4 50
Huntly	3 00	1 00	3 00
Renfrew	9 00	2 00	4 75
Westmeath	5 00	2 00	4 00
Eganville			
OTTAWA DISTRICT.			
Augusta	25 00	8 00	10 00
Edwardsburg	8 00	3 00	5 00
Matilda	17 00	6 00	7 00
Inkerman	6 00	2 00	4 00
Winchester	20 00	7 00	9 00
Aultville	14 00	4 00	6 00
Roxboro	6 00	2 00	3 75
Riceville	5 00	2 00	3 50
Ottawa East	10 00	3 50	4 50
Ottawa West	10 00	3 50	5 00
Total	500 00	165 50	251 25

We recommend that the preachers on the various charges bring the subject of these assessments prominently before the people, holding themselves responsible personally for the Bishop's claim, to be paid to the Presiding Elders quarterly, and the Superannuated collection to be taken up in the months of September and March, and Contingent collection during the first quarter of the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

H. WILLIAMS,

J. F. WILSON,

D. W. AYLSWORTH,

S. G. STONE,

Committee.

Com. Room, Iroquois, June 9th, 1868.

NAMES AND STANDING

Of Local Preachers within the Bounds of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Melville—S. Wood, Deacon. J. Lewis, Deacon Elect.

Milford—Wm. Williams.

Canifton—W. Sills, Elder; A. Parks, E. S. Badgley.

Hungerford—P. Wright, Elder.

Shannonville—L. Cole, Deacon Elect.

Napanee—D. Unger, Deacon; J. B. Smith, Deacon.

Camden—B. Lewis, T. Ferris, L. Clement, L. Jackson, I. Winter, I. Forster, I. Switzer.

Turnworth—C. Thompson, Elder.

Kennebec—E. Peterson, P. Peterson, I. Berley.

Lionsdale—S. D. Shorts, Elder; R. P. Smith, L. Pringle, C. Pringle.

Hallowell—A. Arkett, I. Cole.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Elgin—W. Brown, Elder; Abram Wiltzie.

Mallorytown—Wm. Avery, G. Avery.

Hinchinbrook—Ephraim Ash, Elder; Jas. Babcock, M. Loveless.

Odessa—D. David, Deacon; J. Galloway, H. Snider, C. Nicholson, Jos. Beckwith.

Inverary—W. Caverly.

Loughboro—J. McMillan, J. Freeman, M. Holden, A. Davy.
Gananogue—Jos. Mallory.
Sherbrooke—A. Adams, Elder; T. Moss, H. Parks, G. Garrett.
Wolf Island—J. Ranous.
Kingston—B. Atkinson, Elder; I. D. Powley.
Lyndhurst—L. Hurlburt, Elder; J. Wing, T. Smith, G. Halladay, N. White.
Farmersville—J. Graham.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Augusta—A. B. Pardee.
Rideau—T. Edmunds.
Winchester—Jos. Johnson, Deacon; James Smith, Elder; B. Meeken, Deacon.
Matilda—E. Tuttle, Deacon.
Roxboro—W. Taylor.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Ottawa West—J. Cross.
Riceville—J. Pickering.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Bible—Doctrines; Questions based on the Articles of Religion in the Discipline; read Watson's Institutes, Parts I. and II.; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; History of Methodism by Stevens, Vols. I. and II.; Kidder's Homiletics; English Grammar; Geography (Lovell's or Campbell's); Biblical Geography; Exercises in Reading, and a Written Essay.

2ND YEAR.—Bible—Sacraments; read Watson's Institutes, Parts III., IV.; History of Methodism, III., IV., V.; Wesley's Sermons; Discipline; Hibbard on Baptism and Lucky's Lord's Supper; Natural Philosophy (Parker's); English Grammar; Rhetoric (Newman's); Logic (Hedge's); Kidder's Homiletic's; A Skeleton.

3RD YEAR.—Review of Bible and Church History; Fletcher's Checks; McIlvaine's Evidences of Christianity; Horne's Introduction (abridged); General History; Upham's Mental Philosophy; A Written Essay or Sermon.

4TH YEAR.—Review the whole course; Stephen's Church Polity; Hallam's Middle Ages; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Townley's Biblical Literature; Claude's Essay on Composition; Sermon.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
NAPANEE DISTRICT	H. Williams	550 00	507 50	42 40
Canifton	L. A. Betts	450 00	425 95	25 05
"	A. Anderson	380 00	365 22	14 78
Shannonville	W. Bird	400 00	362 00	38 00
Lonsdale	F. Chisholm	400 00	344 59	55 41
Melville	R. B. Deutke			
Milford	J. Hulin	400 00	400 00	
"	J. Young	175 00	175 00	
Hallowell	N. H. Howard	500 00	450 00	150 00
"	L. F. Moore	150 00	150 00	
Hungerford	J. Hill	300 00	230 00	70 00
"	J. T. Clark			
Denbigh	F. B. Knowlton	300 00	300 00	
Napanee	I. B. Aylsworth	450 00	395 00	55 00
"	Wm. Blair	255 00	200 00	55 00
Tamworth	A. Traveller	350 00	320 50	29 50
Kennebec	P. Wright	300 00	180 00	120 00
Camden	J. G. Bull	440 00	279 00	161 00
"	E. Sherwood	375 00	344 00	31 00
Bay Quinte	D. Wilson	500 00	400 00	100 00
"	W. Service	200 00	174 67	25 00
KINGSTON DISTRICT	J. F. Wilson, P. E.		450 00	
Odessa	E. Woodcock	517 00	398 27	118 73
Loughboro	J. H. Andrews	550 00	550 00	
Inverary	F. B. Stratton	500 00	345 54	154 46
Hinchinbrook	A. Sanderson	400 00	315 00	85 00
Wolf Island	W. Graham	400 00	400 00	
Lyndhurst	H. Hesselgrave	320 00	308 50	11 50
Elgin	S. Young	500 00	500 00	
Farmersville	J. Gardiner	600 00	581 59	18 41
Mallorytown	Wm. Hudgins	400 00	285 00	115 00
Canaanogue	A. Martin	460 00	460 00	
Sherbrook	G. S. White	400 00	117 00	283 00
Kingston	A. Dawson			
BROCKVILLE DISTRICT	D. W. Aylesworth, P. E.			
Brockville	E. S. Howard	450 00	244 62	205 38
Augusta	D. Smith	500 00	500 00	
Lyn	J. Hallowell	500 00	500 00	
Edwardsburg	A. Youker	400 00	400 00	
Matilda	W. Brown			
Winchester	A. Hunt			
Aultsville	J. Ferguson	500 00	465 81	34 19
Roxboro	A. Shortt			
Arnprior	J. D. Bell	500 00	167 41	332 59
Renfrew	T. McAmmond	400 00	400 00	
Westmeath	J. Brill	300 00	225 00	75 00
Eganville	N. D. Peters		35 00	
Rideau	J. A. Rogers	450 00	450 00	
OTTAWA DISTRICT	S. G. Stone, P. E.			
Ottawa East	S. G. Stone	750 00	750 00	
Ottawa West	T. W. Picket	300 00	300 00	
Huntly	D. Brill	200 00	125 63	74 37
Riceville	W. E. Johnson	350 00	335 00	15 00