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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN CANADA.

Held at Killworth, London District, Commencing, Wednesday

August 22nd., 1849.

QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.

**Edward Lounsbury,
Romulus B. Cook,
Wm. F. Lowe,**

**Sanford M. Eastman,
George Abbs,
Isaac E. Howd,**

John Rice.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

ANSWER.

**G. Bennett,
T. Dawes,**

**J. W. Jacobs,
J. McLean,**

QUESTION III.

What Preachers are admitted into full Connexion?

ANSWER.

- Benjamin Lawrence,
- Sylvester Kerr.

QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER.

- Augustus Hall,
- Sylvester Kerr.

QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

ANSWER.

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| James Richardson, | D. Culp, |
| John Bailey, | Jesse Owen, |
| J. H. Huston, | Charles Pettis, |
| Caleb Sweazey, | D. Pickett, |
| Thomas Webster, | J. W. Byam, |
| David Griffin, | Henry Gilmore, |
| Nathan Parks, | G. Turner, |
| Thomas Robson, | Lewis P. Smith, |
| S. Morrison, | Barnabas Brown, |
| Schuyler Stewart, | Wm. Cope, |
| E. L. Koyle, | A. R. Roy, |
| John Gibson, | E. Bristol, |
| W. D. Hughson, | C. W. Fraser, |
| N. A. Fraser, | G. Lawrence, |
| John Hayward, | Wm. Woodward, |
| B. Lawrence,* | I. B. Richardson,* |
| Geo. P. Harris,* | John Tufford,* |
| J. Mitchell, | B. Markle, |
| Elijah Harris, | |

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

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QUESTION VI.**Who are the General Superintendants?****ANSWER.**

John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

QUESTION VII.**Who have located this year?****ANSWER,—None.****QUESTION VIII.****Who are the Supernumeraries?****ANSWER.**Henry Gilmore, Caleb Sweazy,
David Griffin, C. W. Fraser.**QUESTION IX.****Who are the Superannuated Preachers?****ANSWER.**Charles Pettis, George Turner,
Daniel Pickett, Barney Markle,
J. H. Huston, David Culp.**QUESTION X.****Who have been expelled this year?****ANSWER,—None.****QUESTION XI.****Who have withdrawn this year?****ANSWER,—None.****QUESTION XII.****Were all the Preachers' characters examined?****ANSWER,—This was strictly attended to.**

QUESTION XIII.

Who have died this year?

ANSWER,—None.

QUESTION XIV.

What are the numbers in Society?

ANSWER.

Darlington	Circuit,	201
Whitby	"	320
Yonge Street	"	230
Toronto	"	230
Nelson	"	256
Amaranth	Mission,	43
Garafaxa	"	71
Newmarket	Circuit,	97
Markham	"	241
Hamilton	Station,	12
Barton	Circuit,	172
Canboro	"	230
Niagara	"	165
Norwich	"	265
Oxford	"	128
Blenheim	"	175
Dumfries	"	201
Rainham	"	63
London	Station & Circuit,	413
Malahide	Circuit,	219
Southwold	"	75
Thames	"	160
Howard	"	104

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Sandwich	Mission	23
Sauble	"	104
Huron	"	101
Travelling Preachers,		52
Total		4451
Total, last year		4000
Increase, this year		451

QUESTION XV.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?

ANSWER.

Toronto District—Samuel Morrison, P. E.

Darlington Circuit, A. Hall, one to be sent.
 Whitby Circuit, J. Hayward, one to be sent.
 New Market Circuit, George Lawrence.
 Markham Circuit, A. Jones, J. E. Howd.
 Yonge Street Circuit, W. D. Hughson, John Rice.
 Toronto Circuit, J. W. Byam, one to be sent.
 Nelson Circuit, A. R. Roy, E. L. Koyle.
 Amaranth and St. Vincent Mission, Wm. Woodward, one to be sent.
 Garafaxa Mission, Benjamin Lawrence,
 Oakwood Circuit and Mission, Wm. Sutton.
 James Richardson is Agent for the Upper Canada Bible Society.
 David Culp, }
 Daniel Pickett, } Superannuated.

Niagara District—Samuel Dunnett, P. E.

Hamilton Station, and Barton Circuit, E. Bristol, G. Abbs.
 Thomas Webster, Editor of the *C. C. Advocate*.
 John Bailey, Book Steward.

- Canboro Circuit, W. F. Lowe.
- Niagara Circuit, N. A. Fraser, G. Bennett.
- Norwich Circuit, John Tufford, Jesse Owen.
- Gainsborough Circuit, John Gibson.
- Oxford Circuit, I. B. Richardson.
- Blenheim Circuit, Thomas Robson.
- Dumfries Circuit, L. P. Smith, one to be sent.
- Rainham Circuit, Edward Lounsbury.
- Long Point Circuit and Mission, R. B. Cook.
- Caleb Sweazy, Supernumerary.
- Barney Markle, } Superanuated.
- George Turner. }

London District—William Cope, P. E.

- London Circuit, & } G. P. Harris, &
- London Station, } J. W. Jacobs.
- Malahide Circuit, S. Stewart, one to be sent.
- Southwold Circuit, S. M. Eastman.
- Thames Circuit, Sylvester Kerr.
- Howard Circuit, J. McLean.
- Sandwich Mission, Thomas Dawes.
- Sauble Mission, James Mitchell.
- Huron & Goderich Mission, Elijah Harris, one to be sent.
- Henry Gilmour, } Supernumeraries.
- David Griffin, }
- N. Parke, }
- Charles Pettis, } Superanuated.
- J. H. Huston, }

QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?

ANSWER.

At Palermo, Nelson Circuit, to commence on the third Wednesday in August, 1850, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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AMOUNT OF THE FIFTH COLLECTION.

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>	<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Darlington,	£0 13 0	Dumfries,	2 11 3
Whitby,	1 1 8	Rainham,	0 11 8½
New Market,	None.	London,	3 8 6
Markham,	1 1 6	Malahide,	2 2 3½
Yonge Street,	1 1 3	Howard,	None taken up.
Toronto,	2 1 4	Southwold,	do do
Nelson,	1 17 6	Thames,	0 5 0
Hamilton,	None.	Sandwich Mission,	0 10 0
Barton,	1 5 7½	Sauble do,	
Canboro,	0 5 0	Huron do,	
Niagara,	1 1 8	Amaranth do,	0 5 0
Norwich,	2 0 0	Conference Col.,	2 5 0
Oxford,	0 18 10½		
Blenheim,	£1 14 4½	Total	£27 0 1½

Which was distributed as follows:—

<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
George Turner,	£4 9 6
David Culp,	4 9 6
J. H. Huston,	4 9 6
Daniel Pickett,	4 9 6
Jesse Owen,	4 9 6
Widow Alley,	2 4 9
Widow Simons,	2 4 9
Conference Stationary,	0 3 1½
Total	£27 0 1½

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TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—

Another year has brought us, in its annual round, to the period when in Conference assembled, we present you our usual pastoral address. With gratitude to Almighty God, we can inform you, that the angel of death has not been permitted to lay his hand upon any of us during the year.—While the “pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon day,” are walking through our land, and spreading their ravages over many parts of the earth, our lives and health have been mercifully preserved.

It is with no ordinary degree of satisfaction, that we still witness “the pleasure of the Lord prospering in our hands.” The divine blessing has, during the year, accompanied our feeble efforts, in the vineyard of the Lord, and has resulted in the addition of many souls to our numbers, by happy conversion to God. This cheers our hearts, and we are thereby encouraged still to labor, and suffer, and trust in the living God, from whom the increase cometh, and without whom we accomplish nothing.

The borders of our Zion are still enlarging, new fields of labor are still inviting us to enter upon the work of cultivation, and in the providence of God, the way is opening before us for greater usefulness, and that branch of the church with which we are connected, is called to aid, in no small degree, in the great work of evangelization, in our highly favored land.

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We are gratified to witness the progress that is making in almost every part of our work—the increasing stability of christian character, observable in our societies generally—the increase of zeal manifested in supporting the institutions of the church, and in the erection of neat and commodious houses dedicated to the worship of God—the increase of zeal in these respects, notwithstanding it is not commensurate with the increase of the already abundant resources of the Church, encourages us still to devote our energy to the cause of God, and prompts us to additional exertion to promote the best interests of mankind, and labor to increase the wide spreading glory of our Immanuel.

And now Brethren, suffer us to address you on a few points of importance, immediately connected with the interests of the church, and the cause of religion generally :

If you would see the church of your choice rise to that distinction, to which it is, in the providence of God invited,—if you would see the increase of scriptural holiness in our land—if you desire to see the “righteousness of Zion go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth”—if you desire to see the glorious rays of the “sun of righteousness speedily illuminate the dark corners of the earth, now full of the habitations of cruelty”—if you desire to see righteousness and peace become the stability of the times and the security of the nations ; it will be necessary for every member of the church to “come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” The great captain of our salvation is now, through the agency of Bible, Tract, and Missionary societies, waging an aggressive

war upon the powers of darkness : and we cannot mistake the hand of omnipotence in the political changes that now convulse the world, and in the sanguinary conflict maintained with such intrepidity between popular claims and constituted authority—and in the tremendous war of opposing principles that rages so furiously. In all these we recognise the principles of truth combatting error, and indications of a speedy triumph of truth ; especially as contained in the word of God, over every form and grade of error, superstition, and ignorance. We exhort you, in all this “glorious war” to “contend earnestly, for the faith once delivered to the saints.” In order to this, it will be necessary to attend to the injunction, “Be ye holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” For “holiness becometh the house of the Lord forever,” “whose house ye are.” Attend upon all the means of grace—diligently studying the Holy Scriptures, attending strictly to family and private devotion, as well as social prayer—the sacraments of the church—together with every other means, which as Methodists or christians we have adopted for the good of the church, and mutual instruction and edification.

Encourage all those institutions that have for their object the diffusion of light and knowledge through every part of our benighted world, and the increase and extension of our common christianity ;—such as Bible societies, Sabbath Schools, and Missionary societies.

Every true christian is consecrated to the glory of God, the service of the church, and the good of mankind ; and he cannot acquit himself of the responsibility resting upon him, without devoting all his energy to the support of those in-

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We again call your attention to the support of those institutions which, as a church, we employ, to aid the great work of Salvation, in our land, and here we would mention, especially, the stated Ministry among you, and the Book-room and printing establishment. The usefulness of your ministers and preachers, is greatly hindered, because they do not in every instance, realize that support to which they are entitled from the Church. Their wants are not properly supplied. We ask not for wealth; we only ask for our reasonable allowance according to the provision of the Discipline. We have no source from which to obtain this but the voluntary contributions of the people among whom we labor; we believe that "they that preach the gospel, should live of the Gospel."

The Book-room and Printing Establishment is seriously embarrassed; and instead of its being a powerful efficient agency in the hands of the church, it is left to struggle for an existence, in a weak and languishing condition.

Brethren, we urge the claims of these institutions upon you, and solicit for them an increased support. You are equally interested with us, in the welfare of the church; will you render us the necessary assistance in our emergency? We trust you are ready to respond to every reasonable call, and we desire to ask nothing of you, but what is sanctioned by the dictates of reason and the word of God. "Honor the Lord with your substance, so shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine."

Finally, brethren, we trust to come to you in the fulness of the gospel of peace, to enter upon the labors of another year, with the encouraging prospect of a rich harvest of souls, as the result of our efforts; and to continue to be co-workers with the Lord of the harvest, until he shall say it is enough, enter into the joy of your Lord. When the sower and the reaper shall rejoice together in the kingdom of immortal glory.

Signed by

PHILANDER SMITH, *Supt.*
SAMUEL MORRISON, *Secy.*

Killworth, August 29, 1849.

APPENDIX.

Names and standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference.

Darlington Circuit.—James Bradshaw, Deacon; William Hill, Deacon; Michael Cryderman, Deacon; Israel Mallo-ry.

Whitby Ct.—George Fisher, Deacon; George Wells, Deacon; John Campbell, Deacon; J. Orser, J. Fraser, H. Davis, A. Wood.

New Market Ct.—David Peregrine, George Hinea.

Markham Ct.—Elisha Draper, James Cook.

Toronto Ct.—A. Anderson, Elder; James Berry.

Nelson Ct.—John Wood, Lawrence Hager, Deacon; Maurice Kennay, Deacon; Robert Lyman, Deacon; Abraham Parnell, Solomon Griffin, James Tyner, Moses L. Dimick

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G. Mission.—Francis Headley, Deacon Elect; Samuel Bellhamay.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Barton Circuit.—John Vandusen, Deacon; Eli Bartram.

Canboro Ct.—Leonard Haney, Elder; Jacob Pattison, Deacon; Gilbert Lane, Deacon; John Upper, Deacon; Amos Bradshaw, Deacon; J. Cutler, William Stringer, Abel Rogers.

Niagara Ct.—Daniel Collord, Deacon; Matthias Haun, Jesse Brodrick, Thomas Raney; Fletcher Haney, William Dell.

Norwich Ct.—Hezekiah Tuttle, Daniel Drake, Elijah Pettitt, C. M. Odell, John Connell, Elder.

Oxford Ct.—Thomas B. Brown, Deacon; Andrew Burse, Elder; William Grey, A. Abbott, John Armrod.

Blenheim Ct.—James Degeer, Elder; George F. Hill, Deacon; Charles Read, Deacon.

Dumfries and Rainham Cts.—Maurice Hendershot, Wm. Bawtenhimer, Daniel Howell, Nathaniel Rey, Henry Jones;

LONDON DISTRICT.

London St. and Ct.—W. T. Cartwright, Elder; James Bailey Deacon; Matthew Magill, Deacon; Andrew Banghart, Walter Lawrence, Robert Smith, Aaron Trotman, Ralph Morden, J. E. Waldron, Wm. Cope, Stephen J. Lan-
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Thames Ct.—Alfred Scarlett, Deacon; John Bobier, James Shaw, Elijah Sutton.

Howard Ct.—J. D. Dalsen, Deacon ; Ira Bentley, Obadiah Tomkins.

Malahide Ct.—John Elliott, Deacon ; Ransom Dexter, Deacon ; Orren Tyrell, Wm. Yokom, Nathaniel Westover.

Huron Mission—John S. Cox, Jeremiah Crysler, Richard Vines, Deacon.

Sauble Mission.—George Cosfield, Deacon ; M. Archer, William Brown, Charles Mann.

Sandwich Mission.—Henry Scratch, Deacon.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

James Richardson, Samuel Morrison,
Thomas Webster, E. L. Koyle,
L. B. Richardson.

Probationers for examination to meet the committee at the Palermo Chapel, at 2 o'clock, on the Tuesday afternoon immediately preceding the sitting of Conference.

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Sixth Session of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN CANADA.

Held at Farmersville, Commencing, Wednesday, Sept, 12, 1849.

QUESTION I.

What Preachers are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.

Joshua H. Johnson, Henry Dockham,
L. S. Church.

QUESTION II.

What Preachers remain on trial?

ANSWER.

John McMullen,

QUESTION III.

What Preachers are admitted into full Connexion?

ANSWER.

Nathan H. Howard, John G. Bull,
John W. Sills, Wm. Graham,
Charles Manson,

QUESTION IV.

Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER.

John G. Bull,	Charles Manson,
Ezra Orser,	John A. Rogers,
Nathan H. Howard,*	John W. Sills,*
L. S. Church,*	J. H. Johnson,*

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

QUESTION V.

Who are the Elders?

ANSWER.

Benson Smith,	Wm. Bird,
A. Jones,†	T. Lewis,
Wm. E. Norman,	Henry Lane,
John Sills,	Luman Hurlbert,
Richard Beal,	Alex. Wright,
Geo. Jones,	S. Young,
J. McNally,	J. H. Leonard,
M. Davy,	H. H. Johnson,
Robert Earl,	I. N. D. West,
G. Shepard,	J. Gatchell,
Geo. D. Greenleaf,	J. Gardiner,
Wm. Brown,	John F. Wilson,
Robert Perry,	John Hill,
David Wilson,*	Wm. Graham,
Hiram Williams,*	B. W. Blanchard,*
Daniel Brown,*	S. Terwilliger,*
S. W. LaDu,*	David Perry,

John Tuke.

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

† Transferred to the Niagara Conference.

QUESTION VI.

Who are the General Superintendants ?

ANSWER.

John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

QUESTION VII.

Who are the Supernumeraries ?

ANSWER.

J. H. Leonard, Richard Beal,
James McNally, Robert Earl.

QUESTION VIII.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?

ANSWER.

Joseph Gatchell, David Perry,
Henry H. Johnson.

QUESTION IX.

Who have located this year ?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION X.

Who have been expelled this year ?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XI.

Who have withdrawn this year ?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XII.

Were all the Preachers' characters examined ?

ANSWER.—This was strictly attended to.

QUESTION XIII

Who have died this year?

ANSWER,—None.

QUESTION XIV

What are the numbers in Society?

ANSWER.

Leeds Circuit	127	Leeds Circuit	155
Brockville & Elizabeth's	200	Brockville & Elizabeth's	430
Augusta	347	Augusta	154
Matilda	39	Matilda	159
Spencerville	205	Spencerville	184
Ottawa Mission	210	Ottawa Mission	53
Winchester do.	321	Winchester do.	25
Stormont do.	100	Stormont do.	58
Wolf Island do.	127	Wolf Island do.	40
Bonnacheur do.	130	Bonnacheur do.	59
Crosby Circuit	4	Crosby Circuit	197
Bytown	46	Bytown	70
Rideau	242	Rideau	158
	211		—
Travelling Preachers			4049
Total			47
Total last year			4096
Increase			4022
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QUESTION XV

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

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ANSWER.

Bay Quinte District—John F. Willson, P. E.

Hope & Otonabee, Henry Lane, N. H. Howard.

Cobourg, S. W. La Du.

Brighton, Wm. Graham, one to be sent.

Consecon, Alexander Wright.

Hallowell, George Jones.

Milford, Wm. E. Norman.

Sidney, Gideon Shepard, I. N. D. West.

Huntington, John Tuke.

Belleville, L. S. Church.

Tyendinaga, John Sills.

Bay Quinte, G. D. Greenleaf, Ezra Orser.

Camden, John G. Bull.

Augusta District—James Gardiner, P. E.

Waterloo, Sheldon Young, Henry Dockham.

Wolf Island, Robert Perry.

Leeds, Daniel Brown.

Crosby, Luman Hurlbert, Thaddeus Lewis.

Brockville & Elizabethtown, Wm. Brown, J. A. Roger

J. H. Johnson.

Augusta & Spencerville, Benson Smith, M. Davy.

Matilda & Winchester, Charles Manson, John McMullen.

Stormont, Simon Terwillager.

Ottawa, B. W. Blanchard.

Bytown & Marlborough, Wm. Bird, J. W. Sills.

Rideau, John Hill.

Bonnacheur, Hiram Williams.

QUESTION XVI.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

At Northport, to commence on the first Wednesday
August, 1850, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

AMOUNT OF THE FIFTH COLLECTION.

Circuits.	Amount.	Circuits.	Amount.
Hope,	£0 7 6	Leeds,	£0 9 0
Brighton,	0 15 10	Brockville & Eliz.	1 8 7
Sidney,	1 5 0	Augusta,	0 14 1½
Belleville,	0 5 0	Matilda,	0 6 7½
Huntington,	0 0 0	Spencerville,	0 6 9
Gyendinaga,	0 17 2	Ottawa,	0 0 0
Say Quinte,	0 13 0	Winchester,	0 0 0
Milford,	0 7 0	Stormont,	0 1 4½
Hallowell,	0 7 6	Crosby,	0 8 8
Consecon,	0 7 8	Wolf Island,	0 0 0
Otonabee,	0 0 0	Bytown,	0 11 1
Tobourg,	0 18 0	Rideau,	0 8 2½
Camden,	0 9 10	Bonnacheur,	0 0 0
Waterloo,	1 1 6	Conference col.,	4 5 0
Total,			£16 13 6

QUESTION XVIII

How was the fifth collection appropriated?

ANSWER.

To whom paid.	Amount.
Paid for Stationary,	£0 2 9½
Joseph Gatchell,	5 10 3
Henry H. Johnson,	5 10 3
Widow Powley,	2 15 1½
Widow Alley,	2 15 1½
	£16 13 6½

STEWARDS REPORT.—Claims, Receipts, and Deficiencies of Effective Preachers.

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CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARY.		TABLE EXPENSES.				FUEL & HOUSE R'T.		DEPT'Y.	
		Cl'm	Received	Claim.	Received	Claim.	Received	Claim.	Received	£ s. d.	Parsn'ge.
Bay Quinte District.....	G. Shepard.....	50	32 3 5	40 0 0	26 19 7½	5 0 0	3 12 8	32 4 3½	17 1½		
Hope Circuit.....	N. H. Howard.....	50	19 16 2	40 0 0	26 6 8	0 0 0	0 0 0	41 17 1½	15 5 1		
Cobourg.....	A. Jones.....	50	34 4 0	25 0 0	7½ 0 0	7 15 0	9 0 0	15 5 0	29 5 0		
Brignton.....	Henry Lane.....	50	21 15 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	10 0 0	0 0 0	29 5 0	14 2 6		
Do.....	J. W. Sills.....	25	10 17 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	7 10 0	3 5 0	14 2 6	22 12 3		
Consecon.....	A. Wright.....	50	31 12 9	18 0 0	18 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	17 1 2	17 1 2		
Hallowell.....	G. D. Greenleaf.....	50	32 18 10	No ret's	No ret's	9 0 0	9 0 0	29 18 0½	29 18 0½		
Millford.....	Ezra Orser.....	50	0 1 11	No est'ite	8 17 11½	0 0 0	0 0 0	29 7 7½	29 7 7½		
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TO THE MEMBERS

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Through the protection and guidance of Him in whom is our sufficiency, we your "servants for Jesus' sake" have been permitted to meet in another annual conference and to deliberate upon matters connected with the progress of the cause of our Divine Master; and being about to separate and to repair to our respective fields of labor, we first unite in presenting you this our annual pastoral epistle.

We are happy in being able to announce to you that in the midst of the ravages of the destroying angel—death—not one of the members of this body has fallen a victim during the past year.—While the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day" have been depopulating our towns and cities and spreading terror throughout many parts of the earth, we have been mercifully continued to the present.

Our annual review of the several circuits within this Conference does not present so flattering a prospect as we could have desired and had confidently anticipated; yet upon several of them the pleasure of the Lord has greatly prospered in his servants' hands.

To what causes the present apparent want of prosperity in the church is attributable, it is difficult for us fully to determine. Several may exist: but whatever these may be, the fact of there having been but a small numerical increase should at once arouse the entire church to a careful and

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prayerful enquiry after those causes, and to a prompt and energetic effort for their speedy removal, if, within the reach of human agency.

We fear, dear brethren, that one great cause of the present state of our church is the want of deep personal piety—a heart wholly consecrated to God and his cause. Without this, all things else are, and must of necessity ever be, comparatively inefficient in any effort to spread scriptural holiness in the land. If your hearts are not properly under the influence of Divine grace—if you have not freely and fully surrendered to your rightful sovereign your affections, and without reserve resolved to be for God, you can feel but a small incentive to do that which as Methodists, as Christians, is or may be exacted of you. } There must be a right stimulus to constant and consistent action, if we would secure as the servants of God our contemplated end. Hence if your own hearts are not deeply imbued with the essence of that religion which is not vain—if they are not impelled by the principle of love to God and love to man, you are wanting in that which can alone give uniformity, stability, and triumph to your efforts.

We are also compelled to entertain the painful conviction that you, or many of you, do not, dear brethren, put forth that personal effort which is absolutely requisite for the advancement of the cause of the Redeemer. We believe it possible for you to be pious—to love God and your fellow-creatures, and yet to be wanting in your personal efforts to a very great extent. This may arise from your not properly understanding the claims of the Church and the world upon you—from your not having duly reflected that the several Institutions of the Church, according to God's plan of working, are dependent for their support upon the free will offering and cheerful labor of the people. Ye are God's stew-

ards; to you He hath committed talents not to be buried nor to be appropriated to your own use exclusively, but to be used for Him who gave them to you.

Personal effort in doing good, embraces a large and varied moral field for labor and usefulness both for you and for your servants. To contribute of your earthly possessions to the support of a spiritual itinerating, and efficient ministry in the Church—to be watchful and prayerful, giving no time nor place to the devil, are imperative demands, and all essential in the great work to which you, as the members of Christ's body, are called. If you are remiss in one point where personal exertion is called for, your usefulness becomes limited, and your barrenness proportionate.

Suffer us, therefore, dear brethren, in view of the foregoing suggestions, to direct your attention to some of our particular claims, not, brethren, as being distinct from you, or as wishing to lord it over you, but as your servants engaged in and striving to promote the same cause with which you claim to be identified.

It is ordained of the Great Head of the church that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel—shall derive their support not from secular powers, not from priestly exactions, but from that which flows into the Lord's storehouse as the spontaneous effusions of hearts actuated by the spirit of the Gospel. Upon supplies of this kind, you are doubtless aware, brethren, we are dependent, not only for our individual support as ministers, but for the support and furtherance of those enterprises in which as the servants of Christ we are called to engage.

The public ordinances and institutions of the Church as means of grace claim your particular attention. Your prompt attendance upon, and support of these is especially important in diffusing light and knowledge, and extending our common christianity throughout all our land, and thus aiding in the evangelization of the world.

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That portion of our work which we regard as missionary ground has claims upon you and upon this Conference which call loudly for our countenance and mutual co-operation; as also those portions of our country whence come up the Macedonian cry—"come over and help us," must be abandoned, as from them but little pecuniary aid can for the present be expected or realized. To us these upon our missionary field who ask our ministrations stretch out their hands—our hearts prompt us to respond to the appeal, but, brethren, we cannot to that extent required without a more prompt effort on your part.

On the subject of sabbath schools, we fear, brethren, that you are not sufficiently interested, as there seems to have been little or no improvement in this department of the work during the past year. We would urge you, in view of your fearful responsibilities as parents and as christians, to renewed and greater zeal and diligence in establishing Sabbath schools and procuring therefor suitable libraries and periodicals. Would you secure your offspring from the withering influence of foreign socialism being scattered throughout our land in the shape of periodicals under the fascinating guise of polite literature—would you not entail upon them the curse of the sabbath-breaker? Then, dear brethren, will you exert yourselves in this most imperative work—will you seek the improvement of your children's minds and to rescue them from the most debasing morals.

We desire also to present to your favorable consideration the state of our Book Room and Printing establishment.—You are aware, brethren, that these departments in our helps are yet comparatively in their infancy and require time and assiduousness to give to them a permanency which their real importance actually demand. At present these are considerably embarrassed and require your further aid to secure their permanency and render them those efficient auxiliaries

in one common cause which from their character they are, if free from embarrassment, destined to be.

We desire also, dear brethrer, to call your attention to one other subject intimately connected with the vital interest of our beloved Zion. We refer to the subject of church discipline. "To prevent confusion on the one hand and despotism on the other" we are guarded by "those constitutional restraints which limit the power of each officer in the execution of his trust and of the General Conference in its enactments, while the membership are restricted and held accountable to the church for their moral religious and methodistic character. The whole outline of this economy is believed to be fully recognized and sanctioned by the high authority of the Scriptures; and in no part of it are scriptural principles or precepts contravened. We therefore regard ourselves as bound—as sacredly pledged by the most solemn of all obligations to defend, enforce, and practice" the disciplinary rules of the church, and we regard you as having bound yourselves, by becoming the members of the church, to abide by the doctrines and moral restraints of the church, "and as not being at liberty to exercise your private judgments in opposition to its standards, and to those regulations by which ministers and members have bound themselves to be governed."

And now, dear brethren, we are coming to you and hope to be able to come in the bonds and fullness of the Gospel of peace. We repeat we are your servants for Jesus' sake, and fully resolved to spend our remaining strength in cultivating Immanuel's land. With this resolution, and feeling in some sort the worth of souls, we are just about to enter the labors of another year, and hope to meet you as co-workers with us and the Head of the church in the moral fields assigned us.

JOHN REYNOLDS, }
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APPENDIX.

Names and standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference.

Hope Circuit.—David Lent, David Nickerson, Elder; James Lent, Hugh Sherwin.

Brighton Ct.—Joshua Webster, Elder; P. Waldron, Deacon; J. L. Sweet, Deacon; G. L. Tuttle.

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Milford Ct.—William Ranous, Deacon; William Williams.

Sidney Ct.—Ira Hays, John Ranous, George Betts,

Huntington Ct.—Wm. Sills, Peter Wright, John Bird, John Border.

Tyendinaga Ct.—Wm. Bennet, Peter Holmes.

Belleville Ct.—P. G. Selden.

Bay Quinte Ct.—George Sills, Elder; Augustus Short, Elder; Ephraim Ash, Elder; Matthias German, Deacon; Samuel D. Short, D. Unger, Deacon; Eli Woodcock.

Waterloo Ct.—B. Atkinson, Z. David, Jacob Darling.

Camden Ct.—C. Thompson, Deacon; B. Lewis, Z. Mills, J. D. Bell.

Wolf Island Ct.—Almond Wait.

Leeds Ct.—Joseph Mallory.

Brockville and Elizabethtown.—Jabis Bullis, Elder; Peter Bullis, D. Smith.

Augusta Ct.—J. C. Bass, Isaac Essett, Deacon.

Matilda Ct.—Elijah Tuttle.

Spencerville Ct.—James Johnson.

Winchester Ct.—Benjamin Meeker, Deacon.

Crosby Ct.—William Brown 2nd., Elder.

Bytown Ct.—Richard McMaconnel.

Rideau Ct.—John Andrews, Elder ; Elisha Landon,
Deacon.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.

Divinity.—Bible, Wesley's Sermons, Second part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline.

English Grammar.—Kirkham.

Geography.

2ND YEAR.

Divinity.—Bible, with notes, Clark's or Benson's ; first part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline.

Church History.—Ruter's Mosheim's.

Church Government.—Bangs' Original Church of Christ, Bangs on Discipline, Hedding's Notes.

3RD YEAR.

Divinity.—Bible, Wesley's Notes, Horn's Introduction, 3rd part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline.

Natural Philosophy.—Comstock.

Logic.—Hedge or Jamieson.

Mental Philosophy.—Upham, Watts.

4TH YEAR.

Divinity.—Bible, Watson's Apology, Fletcher's Checks.

Rhetoric.—Newman or Jameson.

Moral Philosophy.—Dick or Paley.

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Your Committee would also recommend that the Presiding Elder examine all the Local Preachers who have not been ordained as to their attainments in Divinity and Church History at the 3rd. Quarterly Conference in each year.

THE COMMITTEE,

Appointed to examine the Probationers, are,

Gideon Shepard,	J. F. Wilson,
Wm. Brown,	B. W. Blanchard,
James Gardiner.	

Preachers on trial and the Deacons are expected to meet the above named Committee at Northport, on the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in August, 1850, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

