

MINUTES
OF
SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN
The Ministers
OF THE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA;
AT THEIR
NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
BEGUN IN YORK, U. C.,
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1833.

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Conference Office, Jordan Street, York.

MINUTES.

QUESTION I.

WHAT Preachers are admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference, and ORDAINED ?

ANSWER.

Silbert Miller,
Conrad Vanduzen,
James Currie,

James Brock,
Edmund Shepherd,
John Armstrong.

The following persons had been received into full connexion heretofore, but not ordained ; on account of there being no person present at the two preceding Conferences who was authorised to ordain :—

John C. Davidson,
George Pool,
Richard Jones,
James Norris,
Cyrus R. Allison,
Matthew Whiting,
Peter Jones, 2nd,—Indian
Missionary,
William Smith,
John Beatty,
Asahel Hurlburt,

Alva Adams,
Hamilton Biggar,
Richard Phelps,
Ephraim Evans,
Thomas Bevitt,
John H. Huston,
Simon Huntington,
John Carroll,
Henry Shaler,
William Patrick,
James Evans.

QUES. II. Who remain on trial?

ANS. Henry Wilkinson, Horace Dean.

These have travelled two years.

John Baxter,
Lewis Warner,
Edwy Ryerson,

James Musgrove,
Alexander McNabb,
John Sunday, (Chippewa.)

These have travelled one year.

QUES. III. What Preachers are now received on trial?

ANS. Thomas McMullen, William McFadden,
John Williston, - Peter Ker,
John Watson, Samuel Rose,
Thomas Fawcet, Heman Davis,
John Law, Moses Walker, — (Mohawk Chief.)

QUES. IV. What Preachers have died since the last Conference?

ANS. None.

QUES. V. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

ANS. They were all examined one by one.

QUES. VI. What Preachers have desisted from travelling?

ANS. John S. Atwood, and John H. Huston; the former solely for want of health; the latter at his own request.

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Ques. VII. Who are the Supernumeraries ?

Ans. There are none.

Ques. VIII. Who are the superannuated, or worn-out preachers ?

Ans. Thomas Whitehead, Peter Jones, 1st,
 James Willson, Wyat Chamberlaine,
 David Youmans, Joseph Gatchel,
 William Brown, King Barton.
 Thomas Madden,

Ques. IX. How are the Preachers stationed this year ?

Ans. As follows, viz :—

I.—NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Stamford,—David Wright, Edwy. Ryerson.

St. Catharines,—James Evans, John Baxter.

Canboro',—William Griffis.

Ancaster,—Henry Wilkinson, John Armstrong.

Long Point,—Hamilton Biggar, John Watson,

Westminster,—Samuel Rose, Peter Ker.

London,—John Beatty. One wanted.

Thames,—John Burgess.

Gosfield,—Horace Dean. One wanted.

Oxford,—Richard Phelps.

Goderich,—John Bailey.

FRANKLIN METCALF, *Presiding Elder.*

II.—YORK DISTRICT.

- York*,—Alexander Irvine, Joseph Stinson.
Dumfries,—Conrad Vandusen, Thomas McMullen.
Nelson,—George Bissell, John Williston.
Toronto,—Thomas Fawcett.
Yonge-Street,—Edmund Stoney, Robert Carson.
Albion,—Gilbert Miller.
Whitby,—Solomon Waldron.
Brock,—One wanted.

JAMES RICHARDSON, *Presiding Elder*

III.—BAY OF QUINTE DISTRICT.

- Kingston*,—William Ryerson.
Bay of Quinte,—Matthew Whiting, James Musgrove.
Waterloo,—George Ferguson, James Currie.
Hallowell,—Roley Heyland, Edmund Shepherd.
Belleville,—John C. Davidson.
Cobourg,—Richard Jones, Thomas Bevitt.
Cavan,—John Law, Thomas Harmon.
Murray,—George Poole.
Sidney,—James Norris, Heman Davis.

JOHN RYERSON, *Presiding Elder*

IV.—AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

- Augusta*,—A. Adams, Simon Huntington.
Matilda,—E. Healy. One wanted.
Ottawa,—J. Black. One wanted.
Bytown,—John Carroll.
Richmond,—William H. Williams.

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Mississippi and Bonchere,—James Brock,

Perth,—William Patrick.

Rideau,—Henry Shaler, Lewis Warner.

Brockville,—William Smith.

Hull,—William McFadden.

Elizabethtown,—Charles Wood, A. Hurlburt.

Prescott,—Alexander McNabb.

ANSON GREEN, *Presiding Elder*.

V.—MISSIONS.

Joseph Stinson, *Superintendent of the Missions*.

William Case, *General Missionary to the Indian Tribes*,
who will also pay special attention to
the translation of the sacred Scriptures
into the Indian languages.

Credit,—William Case, Peter Jones, 2nd. who is also
to visit the Indian tribes under the
direction of the Superintendent.

Lake Simcoe,—Samuel Belton.

Rice Lake,—Daniel McMullen.

Muncey,—Ezra Adams.

Grape Island,—To be visited by Belleville Preacher.

Coldwater,—To be visited by Lake Simcoe Missionary.

Amherstburgh,—One wanted.

Mohawks, Bay of Quinte,—To be visited by the
Belleville Preacher on week days.

Sahgeeng,—One wanted.

Grand River,—Joseph Messmore.

JOHN SUNDAY, *Missionary to the Indians*.

EGERTON RYERSON, *Editor of Christian Guardian*.

E. EVANS, and C. R. ALLISON, *Agents for the
Upper Canada Academy*.

QUES. X. What is the NUMBER OF MEMBERS in our Societies?

ANS. As follows, viz:—

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in-Society.</i>
Stamford,	524
St. Catherines,	401
Canboro',	530
Ancaster,	608
Nelson,	555
Toronto,	485
York,	255
Yonge-Street,	951
Albion,	414
London	698
Thames,	240
Amhersburgh,	340
Westminster,	338
Long Point,	500
Oxford,	190
Dumfries,	416
Kingston,	130
Waterloo,	855
Bay of Quinte,	780
Hallowell,	813

<i>Missions.</i>	<i>Indians.</i>
Credit,	85
Grand River,	170
Lake Simcoe,	130
Cold Water,	70
Amhersburgh	20
Rice Lake,	210
Grape Island,	81
Bonhcere,	47
Marmora,	55

Total No. of Whites and Indians in Society, 16,000
 Last Year, 14,900
 Increase, 1,100

<i>Circuits.</i>	<i>Members in Society</i>
Belleville,	500
Cobourg,	400
Whitby	500
Cavan	200
Brock,	400
Brockville,	400
Elizabethtown,	600
Augusta,	500
Prescott,	400
Matilda	400
Ottawa,	300
Bytown	100
Hull,	300
Richmond,	300
Mississippi,	100
Perth,	100
Rideau,	200
Eramosa,	100
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Total	15,000

<i>Missions.</i>	<i>Indians.</i>
Muncey,	100
Mohawk,	100
St. Marie,	100
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Total,	1,000
Last year,	1,000
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Ques. XI. What has been collected for the continuation of expenses, and for making up the allowances of teachers?

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CIRCUITS.

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CIRCUITS.	NUMBER IN SOCIETY.	£	s.	d.
Ans. Stamford,.....	524	10	7	9
Catherines,.....	401	11	10	0
Borough,.....	530	Nothing.		
Wester,.....	608	3	10	6½
son,.....	555	1	5	6½
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k, (station).....	255	5	18	3
ge-Street,.....	951	21	18	7
on,.....	414	8	2	6
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l,.....	70	25	0	0
mes,.....	240	Nothing.		
g Point,.....	500	0	15	0
own,.....	159	Nothing.		
ord,.....	190	1	10	9
mosa,.....	122	Nothing.		
nfries,.....	416	6	10	0
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gston, (station).....	130	3	0	0
issippi,.....	183	Nothing.		
erloo,.....	855	8	0	3
of Quinte,.....	780	2	10	0
owell,.....	813	6	0	0
mond,.....	327	Nothing.		
eville,.....	536	2	5	0
wa,.....	310	Nothing.		
burg,.....	400	0	10	6
thy,.....	580	3	5	0
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ck,.....	76	Nothing.		
ckville, (station) t.....	98	0	15	0
abettown,.....	660	Nothing.		

CIRCUITS.	NUMBER IN SOCIETY.	£	s.
Augusta,	584	3	17
Prescott,	65	Nothing	
Amherstburgh,	340	Nothing	
Perth,	177	Nothing	
Westminster,	338	Nothing	
Matilda,	400	1	0
Collections by Brother J. Gatchel,		10	9
Collection at Conference,		14	1
From the Book Committee,		200	0
Total,		£ 340	14

QUES. XII. How has this been expended ?

	AMOUNT DUE.	AMOUNT PAID.
Ans. Thomas Whitehead, £	25 0 0	21 4
Widow Slater,	25 0 0	21 4
Wyatt Chamberlain,	50 0 0	42 8
Joseph Gatchel,	50 0 0	42 8
James Willson,	50 0 0	42 8
David Youmans,	50 0 0	42 8
Peter Jones, 1st,	50 0 0	42 8
Alva Adams,	50 0 0	42 8
William Griffis, during 3 month's sickness,	12 10 0	10 7
J. H. Huston,	25 0 0	21 4
Total due,	£ 387 10 0	
Late Secretary for Stationery, and printing Ordination Parchments,		1 17
Special appropriation for the relief of Bro- ther T. Madden's Family,		10 4
Total paid,		340 14

Deficiencies of worn out and afflicted Preach-
ers, without any allowance to their families, £88 17

AMOUNT PAID IN ADVANCE.	£	s.
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QUES. XIII. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANS. In KINGSTON, at SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING the second Wednesday in June, 1834.

BOOK CONCERN.

QUES. XIV. What are the arrangements of the Conference in regard to Books?

AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT PAID	RESOLUTIONS.
0 0	21 4	<i>Resolved, 1.</i> —That a Depository of Books be established in York, and that a Book Committee be appointed, consisting of the Chairman of the York district the Superintendents of York station and the Yonge et circuit; Brothers William Case, Joseph Stinson, E. Ryerson, who shall have power to order books Great Britain and the United States, to examine accounts, and otherwise manage the concern.
0 0	21 4	<i>Resolved, 2.</i> —That the Book Committee render to Conference a detailed account of the state of the concern.
0 0	10 7	<i>Resolved, 3.</i> — That Brother Egerton Ryerson be appointed Book Agent.
0 0	21 4	<i>Resolved 4.</i> —That no Preacher shall order, or in any procure Books <i>for sale</i> , except through the Book Agent or Committee.
0 0	10 4	<i>Resolved, 5.</i> —That the Preachers be respectively held responsible for all the Books they order, and that they be allowed a discount of ten per cent. on all such books.
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UNION BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN CONFERENCES.

Ques. XV. What is the decision of the Conference in regard to the Articles of Union agreed to by the British Conference?

Ans. It was *Resolved unanimously*, That this Conference cordially concurs in the Resolutions of the British Conference, dated *Manchester, August 7th, 18* as the basis of Union between the two Conferences.

ARTICLES OF UNION

BETWEEN THE BRITISH WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The *English Wesleyan Conference*, concurring in communication of the *Canadian Conference*, and depicting the evils which might arise from collision, believing that the cause of religion generally, and interests of Methodism in particular, would, under blessing of God, be greatly promoted by the united exertions of the two connexions;—considering, also, that the two bodies concur in holding the doctrines of Methodism as contained in the Notes of Mr. Wesley the New Testament, and in his four volumes of Sermons do agree in the adoption of the following Resolutions

I. That such a union between the English Wesleyan and Canadian Connexions as shall preserve inviolate the rights and privileges of the Canadian Preachers and

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ds of the English Conference against any claims on
part of the Canadian Preachers, is highly important
desirable.

I. That (as proposed in the second and third resolu-
s of the Canadian Conference) in order to effect this
ect, the Discipline, Economy, and Form of Church
vernment in general of the Wesleyan Methodists in
ngland, be introduced into the Societies in Upper
nada, and that in particular an annual Presidency be
pted. *

II. That the usages of the English Conference, in
erence to the probation, examination, and admission,
Candidates into the Itinerant Ministry, be adopted.

IV. That Preachers who have travelled the usual
m of probation, and are accepted by the Canadian
nference, shall be Ordained by the imposition of the
nds of the President, and of three or more of the senior
eachers, according to the form contained in Mr. Wes-
's "Sunday Morning Service of the Methodists," by
hich the Wesleyan Missionaries in England are or-
ned, and which is the same as the form of ordaining
ders, in the Discipline of the Canadian Conference.

V. That the English Conference shall have authority
send, from year to year, one of its own body to preside
er the Canadian Conference; but the same person shall
be appointed oftener than once in four years unless at
request of the Canadian Conference. When the Eng-

This is understood, both by the Canadian Conference and the
representatives from the British Conference, to refer to no other
fications in the Economy of Methodism in Upper Canada,
n those which have taken place at this Conference and that
Canadian Book of Discipline has heretofore provided for.

lish Conference does not send a President from England the Canadian Conference shall, on its assembling, choose one of its own Members.

The proposal of the Canadian Conference is understood to include, as a matter of course, that the President of the Conference shall exercise the same functions generally as the present General Superintendent now actually exercises: he shall not, however, have authority to appoint any Preacher to any circuit or station, contrary to the counsel or advice of a majority of the Chairmen of Districts or Presiding Elders, associated with him as a Stationing Committee.

VI. That the Missions among the Indian tribes and destitute settlers which are now, or may be hereafter established in Upper Canada, shall be regarded as Missions of the English Wesleyan Missionary Society under the following regulations:

1. The Parent Committee in London shall determine the amount to be applied annually to the support and extension of the Missions; and this sum shall be distributed by a Committee, consisting of the President, the General Superintendent of the Missions, the Chairmen of Districts, and seven other persons appointed by the Canadian Conference. A Standing Board or Committee consisting of an equal number of Preachers and Laymen shall moreover be appointed, as heretofore, at every Conference, which during the year shall have authority in concurrence with the General Superintendent of the Missions, to apply any monies granted by the Parent Committee, and not distributed by the Conference, to establishing new Missions among the heathen, and otherwise promoting the Missionary work.

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2. The Methodist Missionary Society in Upper Canada shall be auxiliary to the English Wesleyan Missionary Society, and the monies raised by it shall be paid into the funds of the Parent Society.

3. The Missionaries shall be stationed at the Canada Conference in the same way as the other Preachers; with this proviso, however, that the General Superintendent of Missions shall be associated with the President and Chairmen of Districts in their appointment.

4. All the Preachers who may be sent from this country into the work in Upper Canada, shall be Members of the Canadian Conference, and shall be placed under the same discipline, and be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the native Preachers. *

5. Instead of having the Annual Stations of the Missionaries sent home to the English Missionary Committee and Conference for their "sanction," as is the case with our Missions generally, and as the Canadian Conference have proposed, the English Conference shall appoint, and the Parent Committee shall meet the expense of supporting a General Superintendent of Missions, who, as the Agent of the Committee, shall have the same superintendence of the Mission Stations, as the Chairmen of Districts, or Presiding Elders, exercise over the Circuits in their respective Districts, and shall pay the Missionaries their allowance as determined by the Conference Missionary Committee, on the same scale as the Canadian Book of Discipline lays down for the

* The understanding of this Article is, that the Canadian Conference shall employ such young men in Upper Canada, as they may judge are called of God into the itinerant work; but should not a sufficient number be found in Upper Canada properly qualified, the British Conference will send out as many young men from England as may be requested by the Canadian Conference.

Preachers on the regular Circuits;—but who be at the same time recognised as a Member of the Canadian Conference, shall be accountable to it in regard to his religious and moral conduct.—This General Superintendent of Missions representing the Parent Committee in the Canadian Conference, and in the Stationing and Missionary Committees, the appointments of the Missions at the Conference shall be final.

VII. That the Canadian Conference, in legislating for its own Members, or the Connexion at large, shall not at any time make any rule, or introduce any regulation which shall infringe these Articles of Agreement between the two Conferences.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

RICHARD TREFFRY, PRESIDENT
EDMUND GRINDROD, SECRETARY

MANCHESTER, AUGUST 7th, 1833.

ANSWER

OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS AND PROPOSALS OF UNION BY THE CONFERENCE HELD AT HALLOWELL, AUGUST, 1832.

To the General Superintendent and the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Upper Canada.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Address of your Conference has afforded us cause of devout thanksgiving. We rejoice in the success with which Almighty God has crowned your labours in general during the past year and dwell with peculiar satisfaction on the good results from your Missionary operations among the Indian tribes. To you has been awarded the honour of paying some considerable portion of the debt which we owe as a Nation to those interesting aboriginal inhabitants

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British America. In regard of ourselves, the Methodist-
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entful. We have experienced some of the most
ictive bereavements ever sustained by us as a body,
ome of our brightest luminaries have been extinguished;
any of our most respected and most useful fellow-
ourers have been removed. But, in the midst of our
ouble, God has been eminently with us, and has made
r labours successful to an unprecedented extent—our
crease this year being 23,023 in Great Britain, 1504
Ireland, and 1937 in our Foreign Mission stations.

Your proposals of union have been received by us with
eat satisfaction. We are anxious to have a closer
nnexion with a religious body to which we are so nearly
lated; which holds the same doctrines, and walks by
e same rule as ourselves. The few alterations which
e have made in your plan, have for their object to
cure more effectually a vital and beneficial union,
without interfering with the privileges of your Preachers
Societies, or affecting your chapel property. We
ve ascertained from your Missionary Report the aid
quired for your Missions, and have agreed to allow a
arly sum for their support, not exceeding £1000, and
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We are truly thankful for the appointment of your
cellent Representative, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson.
he urbanity of his manners, his pious deportment, and
s efficient public labours, have strengthened the general
elling in favour of the proposed union; and the talent
d temper with which he has negotiated the business
trasted to his management, have proved him worthy
your confidence.

We have received with great pleasure the expression
your regard for our beloved brother, the Rev. Robert
lder; but his appointment to an official situation at
ome prevents our sending him on a second visit to you.
e have, however, appointed as our Representative to

your Conference, our highly esteemed brother, the Rev. George Marsden, who has twice honourably filled the office of President, and whose knowledge of Canadian affairs, acquired in his office of General Treasurer to the Missions, especially qualifies him for the business now confided to him. And we send, as his companion, the Rev. Joseph Stinson, formerly Missionary in Canada, and whom we regard as a fit person to remain with you as the General Superintendent of the Missions.

We earnestly pray, that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon you in all your deliberations; that you may be led to the adoption of the measures which will be best calculated to extend the common cause in your rising country; and that you will be enabled successfully to prosecute your noble plans to the benefit of the young. We trust that you will continue to watch over your doctrines with holy jealousy, that they may be preserved in their purity, and that you will be enabled so to train your candidates for the Ministry, that they may be found in due time, "workmen approved of God, rightly dividing the word of truth." And we have confidence in you, dear Brethren, that you will incessantly labour, while disseminating a pure faith, to lead your people onward to the highest attainments in experimental religion, and to the most elevated Christian practice. This we ourselves are determined to do. We are resolved still earnestly to recommend Christian business in all its branches, teaching those among whom we labour to perform their duties to all men, and, avoid the mere politics of this world, to render, for Christ's sake, all due obedience to "the powers that be."

Anticipating the happiest results from the negotiations so prosperously commenced,

We remain, dear Brethren,

In behalf of the Conference,

RICHARD TREFFRY, PRESIDENT
EDMUND GRINDROD, SECRETARY

MANCHESTER, AUGUST 7, 1833.

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REPLY TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

To the President and Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Most gratefully do we acknowledge your parental and affectionate Reply to the Address of our last Conference. We sympathize with you in your unprecedented bereavements, and rejoice in your unparralleled prosperity; and we most devoutly pray, that the light of this blessedness may continue to shine more and more upon you until the perfect day of universal illumination. We have been blessed with peace and harmony in all our societies during the year past. It has been a year of building up what had been previously gathered in by numerous and extensive revivals, rather than of large accessions to our numbers. Our numerical increase is 1138, making a total of church members, 16,039. The work among the Indian Tribes is still on the advance. The Christian converts are, with very few individual exceptions, steadfast, and improving in civilization, in industry, in knowledge, in all the virtues and comforts of christian and domestic life. New openings for the establishment and extension of Missions among these aboriginal inhabitants of our country are presented before us, and the Missionary fields to the north and west are already white to harvest.

The Articles of Union, as amended and unanimously and cordially adopted by your Conference, have been unanimously and cordially agreed to on our part. We do rejoice that a foundation is thus harmoniously laid for the permanent unity of Methodism, and indefinite extension of the work of God, in British North America.

We should have been gratified to have seen our esteemed and excellent friend and benefactor, the Rev. Robert Alder; but we are happy to learn that the appointment which prevented his return to Upper Canada is one which will enable him to serve us perhaps more efficiently than he could have done on this side of the Atlantic.

We are unable to express the obligations we are under and the gratitude we feel, for the appointment of your venerated and beloved Representative, the Rev. George Marsden, to preside over us. His despatch in business the fervent ever burning piety of his heart, the wisdom of his counsels and admonitions, the constancy of his labours, and the great acceptance and usefulness of his public ministrations, have imposed upon us a debt of gratitude that we can never discharge, and more deeply than ever impressed upon our minds the great advantage which we are likely to derive from the annual visit of a member of your Connexion. Mr. Marsden leaves us with our unanimous and sincere thanks for his services with our earnest prayers for his safe return to his family and friends, and with an anxious request that he may be re-appointed to visit us again as soon as it will be agreeable to his sense of duty, and the interests of your Connexion, for him to do so. Nor can we omit expressing our cordial approbation of the pious and amiable deportment of the Rev. Joseph Stinson, the excellent Agent of your Missionary Committee, whom we receive as a fellow-labourer in the work, and from whose piety, talents, and zeal, we anticipate pleasure and profit to ourselves and people, and especially to the Mission under his superintendence.

We beg to express our humble and hearty thanks for your attention and kindness to our Representative; and are happy to learn, that every part of his deportment and proceedings were as highly approved of by you as they have been serviceable to us.

We tender you our most grateful acknowledgments for the liberal assistance you have afforded us in carrying on our interesting and important Missions. Our co-operating exertions in this great work shall not be wanting; but over and above the supplies which we can raise in this new country, our circumstances and the extent of the work are such, as will require, at least for some time to come, such assistance as you can grant-

with the addition this year of from six to twelve young men, should you be able to spare them.

We feel it in our hearts to attend to your parental advice, and to do all in our power, in humble dependence upon Divine agency, to have our Ministry keep pace with the intellectual improvement of the country, to guard our congregations against a secular and political party spirit, to live peaceably with all men, and perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord, and to promote religious education among the rising generation.

Believing that this negotiation has been commenced, conducted, and completed in the fear and under the smiling approbation of God our Saviour—entreating an interest in your prayers—and humbly imploring the blessing of Almighty God upon us on both sides of the Atlantic, until the tree of Methodism shall flourish in every part of the British Empire, and every family and the pluck life-giving fruit from its branches,

We remain,

Very Dear Fathers and Brethren,

By order and on behalf of the Conference,

EGERTON RYERSON, SECRETARY.

NEW YORK, U. C., OCTOBER 9, 1833.

ADDRESS

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

the Bishops and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

REV. FATHERS AND BROTHERN,—We rejoice to avail ourselves of this occasion to declare, in the words of the venerable Wesley, in his last letter to America, “that the Methodists are one people in all the world, and that it is their full determination so to continue,

“Though mountains rise and ocean's roll,
To sever us in vain.”

In connexion with you we were born and nourished ;— in connexion with you we have laboured and prospered ;— and from your example and liberality, and the counsel of two of your venerable Bishops, and several of your highly esteemed Preachers, we have derived assistance and advantages which have enabled us greatly to extend the work of God in this new country, and the grateful recollection of which will never be effaced from our minds.

When the full period arrived in 1828, in which the welfare, harmony, and safety of our Church rendered it expedient for us to be organised into a separate independent body, you candidly took into consideration our local circumstances, and generously complied with our wishes—and at the same time continued to us the expression of your kindness and liberality. That separation, however, was not on our part, any more than a separation of Doctrine, or discipline, of motive or of affection, but only of political, geographical and ecclesiastical boundary ; still with you we are one heart, in aim, in doctrine and discipline. Under the influence of this conviction and feeling, we sought to obtain a General Superintendent from your Connexion and made successive application to no less than four members of your Conference to fill that highly important office over us. But all our applications were unsuccessful, and our efforts to establish and settle our economy were fruitless. In this unsettled state of anxiety and suspense we have been involved for the last five years ; during which time we have been with difficulty but mercifully preserved from agitation, division and encroachment. Providence has at length opened the way for the settlement of our economy upon a permanent foundation. By the large influx of British emigration to this Province and especially of persons who had been connected with Methodist Societies and congregations in Great Britain and Ireland, the attention of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London was particularly attracted ; and

and nourished ;— pressing appeals were made to the christian feelings and
 and prospered ;— benevolence of the British Conference from many of
 and the counsel their former flocks for a supply of those ordinances which
 several of you they had enjoyed in the land of their fathers. These
 derived assistance circumstances, together with the admitted and notorious
 greatly to extend fact, of our inadequacy as a body, both in regard to men
 and the grateful and means, to supply all the religious wants of the white
 effaced from our settlements and Indian tribes, induced the Wesleyan
 Missionary Committee, about a year since, to determine
 18, in which they on sending a number of Missionaries into Upper Canada.
 Church rendered for this purpose the Committee sent the Rev. Robert
 a separate independent Alder, as their representative to this Province, to inquire
 consideration into its religious condition. Between Mr. Alder and
 complied with our this Conference a negotiation was commenced, which
 led to us the express as now resulted in a union between the Canadian and
 . That separate British Connexions. This measure has been accom-
 ply more than plished upon a principle of perfect equality, without any
 discipline, of motive sacrifice of principle or independence on either side, and
 geographical and with merely those changes in one or two features of the
 we are one providential part of our economy “ which our local circum-
 Under the instances require”—as stated and provided for in the ar-
 we sought to ob- ticles of separation from your connexion in 1828. So
 your Connexion that without departing from either the letter or spirit of
 to less than four the resolutions of your body in generously granting us
 at highly impor- our request for a separation, we have, through the Divine
 tions were unsuc- cessing, been able to adopt a plan—the only and most
 settle our econ- efficient plan—by which divisions may be prevented
 state of anxious amongst our own Societies, and misunderstandings with
 last five years hers ; a plan which will secure the unity of Methodism
 difficulty but me- throughout the Province, and bring to our assistance a
 n and encroach- large addition of means and men to carry on the work
 d the way for the of the Lord among the white population and the Indian
 nent foundation tribes of British North America ; a plan which has been
 to this Province adopted unanimously and cordially both by this and the
 connected with British Conference.
 in Great Britain In this Providential and gracious opening we recognise
 byan Missionar- the peculiar hand of God ; and we are persuaded you will
 y attracted ; and rejoice with us in thus witnessng Methodism throughout

the British Empire, as throughout the United States, cemented in a common bond of union, and sustained and extended under a common management. Nor are we in this necessary and beneficial arrangement the less united and grateful to you as our Fathers, Brethren and Benefactors ; and we devoutly hope that no circumstance will occur which may tend to weaken our mutual confidence and affection in the final adjustment of those claims, the justice of which has been recognised and sanctioned by the majority of your body at two successive sessions.

We shall rejoice to co-operate with you, and to assist you with native labourers, as far as in our power, until by the blessing of God, the western wilderness shall be illuminated with the light of the Gospel, and the banners of the Lamb shall be unfurled to the Pacific Ocean.

We enjoy perfect harmony and peace throughout all our Societies, and great prosperity in many places. Our Church members amount to 16,039 ; and the blessing of the Lord our God is abundantly upon us. We rejoice to hear of your great success, and most devoutly pray that you may go on prospering more and more.

By order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church
in British North America,

GEORGE MARSDEN, PRESIDENT.

EGERTON RYERSON, SECRETARY.

YORK, OCTOBER 9, 1833.