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Seventeenth Annual Conference.

1st Question.—What Ministers are received into full Connexion ?
*Answer.—*George Lewis, B.A., Wm. Huggins, and Luke Hall.

*2. What Preachers remain on trial, and how long have they travelled ?—*Jesse Burdge, Timothy Gavin, these have travelled four years ; Eli Middleton, Thomas W. Joliffe, Dunning Idle, Joseph J. Haylock, and Wm. Clarke Allen, these have travelled three years ; George Nixon, Reuben Toy, John A. Waidson, Robert McKee, and Thomas G. Scott ; these have travelled two years ; John Ockley, Benjamin J. Brown, John W. Robinson, Thomas J. Reid, Joseph Bell, Joseph T. Thompson, and Goram A. Gifford, these have travelled one year.

*3. What Preachers are received on trial ?—*W. Tarrant, J. S. Corcoran, J. F. Boyd, R. Thompson, and Charles Mattingley.

*3. What Preacher sustains a Supernumerary relation this year ?—*James S. Boyes.

*5. What Preachers are superannuated this year ?—*John Natrass and William Cook.

*6. What Preachers have resigned this year ?—*George Haigh, S. C. Keetch, William Johnston, H. S. Matthews, and Isaac Wilkinson. Also Wm. Bielby and J. W. Walker. The resignations of these two latter were compulsory.

*7. What Preachers have died during the year ?—*John Frankish and Henry D. Gifford.

(1.) JOHN FRANKISH was born in Yorkshire, England, in the year 1840. He was converted to God when fourteen years of age, under the ministry of the Primitive Methodist Church. Soon afterwards his parents emigrated to this country, and settled in the township of Pickering, where they united with our Church. Subsequently they removed to Reach Circuit, and continued their membership. After several years faithfulness as a private member, our deceased brother's name was placed on the local preachers' plan, and some time afterwards he was recommended to the regular ministry. His first station was Orangeville. Here his labours and toils were great, but he was successful in winning souls to Christ. His first superintendent, the Rev. J. Goodman, speaks highly of his works. His second station was Hinchinbrooke, where he laboured by himself. This is one of the roughest and most laborious missions in our work, but he cheerfully performed his duty, and endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus : he was successful. His third

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station was Albion Circuit, and his superintendent was the Rev. Wm. Bee : here, too, God approved of his labours. He was invited to remain a second year, but the Conference appointed him to Bruce Mines. Here his stay was brief, for, having caught cold in the previous Fall, which resulted in the enlargement of the lymphatic glands of the neck, he was compelled to leave, to secure proper medical aid. He spent the winter partly at the Institute, and partly visiting his friends, to try to recover his health. Finding himself somewhat better, he made an engagement with the Albion Circuit authorities to labour a portion of his time on the Circuit, which the Conference approved. He laboured with his accustomed faithfulness until the 1st of June, 1869, when his health finally gave way. Soon after he was taken to his father's house, in a low condition, and though he had medical attendance, he never thoroughly rallied, but lingered until November 26th, 1869, when he fell asleep in Jesus. His end was peaceful and happy, and a few days before his death he said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." He loved his work, and had it pleased God would liked to have remained in it. He was truly loyal to the people under whose agency he had been converted, and brought into the ministry. On the 29th of November his remains were interred in the burying-ground of our Bethel Church, on the Pickering Station ; a large company being present to testify their respect for his memory.

(2.) HENRY D. GIFFORD was born in the township of Clarke, in the county of Durham, June 24th, 1846. Little is known to the compiler, of his youth. About six years ago he was engaged in teaching school near our Ebenezer Church, in the Bosanquet Circuit. While here, a protracted meeting, conducted by Brothers Paul and Amy, was held, during which he was awakened to a sense of his danger as a sinner, and was led to believe on Christ, and received the remission of his sins. The new life given to him soon evidenced itself, both in words and actions. He united with our Church, and continued a pious, consistent and active member thereof until he was called to a more extensive sphere. He was called to the work of the regular ministry by the authorities of the Peel Circuit, in July, 1867. He laboured on this circuit for nine months, and was then sent by the Missionary Committee to supply the work of Brother Jolley, who was ill. The following Conference appointed him to Macgillivray Circuit, with Brother Cheetham. This Circuit was then very extensive, and his labours were heavy ; he caught a violent cold, while conducting a protracted meeting. Not being physically very robust, this cold affected him severely, and superinduced enlargement of the liver and dropsy. On the 1st of April, 1869, he was conveyed to his father's residence in Forest, where he lingered until the 8th of January, 1870. On that day, and in his 24th year, he passed into the "glory land," relying on the merits of Jesus Christ the Saviour. During his long illness, he cherished the hope that he

would recover, and re-enter the beloved work of winning souls to Jesus; and it was not until within a few days of his death that he felt his hope was vain. However great the shock this conviction gave him, he soon rallied, and became perfectly resigned to God's will. On the 11th of January, the remains of our deceased brother was committed to the earth, in the burying ground near Forest. A large company of people were present.

S. How are the Preachers stationed for the year?

In Toronto—Wm. Rowe, General Secretary and Book Steward.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto—John R. Swift, President of Conference; Henry Harris, W. C. Allen. J. Davison, Sup.

Yorkville Branch—Charles E. Stafford. Wm. Lyle, Sup.

Toronto West Branch—W. S. Hughan.

Markham—James Smith, Robert McKee.

Pickering Branch—Eli Middleton.

Bowmanville—Robert Boyle.

Scarborough—James Edgar, Reuben Toy.

Reach—William Bee, William Tarrant.

Sandford—William Huggins.

Bruce Mines—J. Parker Bell.

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Brampton—William Herridge, John Ockley.

Etobicoke—John Goodman, Jesse Burdge. One to be obtained.—William Jolly, Sup. (since deceased.)

Albion—John Garner, John W. Robinson, J. F. Boyd.

Luskay—Geo. Wood, Secretary of Conference; Geo. H. Thompson.

Orangeville—James Campbell, J. Bell. One wanted. John Simpson, Sup.

Rose Mount—Luke Hall.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton—Walter Reid.

Hamilton West—E. W. Waite.

Grand River—Richard Paul.

Walpole—Thomas Amy.

Blenheim—William Monkman.

Brantford—Thomas Griffith.

Paris—William Clowes Jolley.

Walsingham—William Thornley.

Woodstock—James Cheetham.

GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph—Thos. Crompton, Editor of "Christian Journal." Thos. Adams, Sup.

Beech Grove—One to be obtained.

Peel—M. H. Matthews. Richard Auger, Sup.
Hawksville—A. Heyworth. J. Towler and I Ryder, Sup.
Minto—G. Watson.
Brant and Clifford—Thos. Dudley. One to be obtained.
Kincardine—Amos Knapp.
Jubilee—R. Hassard, Goram A. Gifford.
Arthur—T. Gavin.

LONDON DISTRICT.

London—Joseph Markham, Thos. W. Joliffe. J. Natrass, Sup.
Bosanquet—John Wesley Gilpin, John A. Windsor
Macgillivray—E. Whitworth, R. Thompson.
Stratford—Charles Rofie.
Mitchell—Joseph J. Haylock.
Plympton—Thomas G. Scott. Wm. Cook, Sup.
Chatham—James H. Stonehouse, Benj. J. Brown. J. S. Boyes, Sup.
Caradoc—William Newton.
Kirkton—William Pyke.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Kingston—George Lewis, B.A.
Portland—Samuel C. Willis, Geo. Nixon. J. Lacey, Sup.
Napanee—Job Roadhouse.
Collinsby—Rounding Pattison.
Hinchinbrooke—Dunning Idle.

BARRIE DISTRICT.

Barrie—Jonathan Milner, J. S. Corcoran.
Bradford—William Lomas, T. J. Read.
Osprey—James Walker. R. Stephenson, Sup.
Collingwood—David Simpson.
Artemesia—George F. Lee.
Muskoka—Thomas Auger, Charles Mattingley.
Stayner—J. D. Gilbert. T. Foster, Sup.

9. What is the numerical state of the Church ?

Number of Ministers	89	decrease	1
Local Preachers	263	"	15
Class Leaders	320	increase	5
Connexional Churches	193	"	1
Other Preaching Places	167	"	2
Parsonages	25	"	3
Sabbath Schools	130	"	7
Sab'th School Teachers	1109	"	31
Sab'th School Scholars	7833	"	444
Church Members	6432	"	221
Value of Church Property	\$188,025	"	\$10,575
Number of Members who have died			63

10. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*—In Bowmanville, on Friday, 2nd June, 1871.

11. *When and where shall the District Meetings be held, and who shall be the General Committee Delegates?*

District.	Where held.	Date.	G. C. Delegate.
Toronto	Manchester, Reach Circuit,	May 17,	W. S. Hughan.
Brampton ...	Salem, Albion Circuit,	May 17,	W. Herridge.
Hamilton....	York, Grand River Circuit,	May 17,	R. Paul.
Guelph	Bethel, Peel Circuit,	May 17,	R. Hassard.
London	London, London Mission,	May 17,	E. W. Whitworth.
Kingston	Sydenham, Portland do.	May 17,	R. Pattison.
Barrie	Maxwell, Osprey do.	May 17,	J. Milner.

12. *What Committees shall be held before the Conference?*—The Ministerial Association, on Wednesday, the 31st of May, at 9 o'clock a.m.—The Primitive Methodist Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, at 3 p.m.; and the Preparatory Committee at 1 p.m. of the same day.—The Finance and Stationing Committee shall meet on Thursday, the 1st of June, at 10 o'clock a.m.

13. *What Connexional Officers shall attend the next Conference?*—John R. Swift, as General Committee Delegate; Thos. Crompton, as Editor; Wm. Rowe, as General Secretary and Book Steward; R. Walker, as Connexional Treasurer; and Wm. Bee, as Friendly Society's Representative.

14. *Who compose the Committees?*

The General Committee.

President & Sec. of Conference.

John Davison.

R. Boyle.

J. Edgar.

Wm. Bee.

Wm. Herridge.

H. Harris.

J. Garner.

J. Goodman.

J. Cheetham.

W. Reid.

T. Crompton.

J. Markham.

S. C. Willis.

J. Milner.

W. Lomas.

W. S. Hughan.

R. Paul.

R. Hassard.

E. W. Whitworth.

R. Pattison.

Wm. Rowe shall be Secretary.

R. Walker.

D. McLean.

W. Daniels.

W. D. Fitzpatrick.

R. I. Walker.

M. Jones.

T. Appleby.

J. Stonehouse.

W. Marshall.

R. Ward.

L. Walker.

I. Wilson.

J. Law.

D. Parks.

T. Whale.

W. Sturtridge.

S. Nicklin.

L. Purdy.

W. P. Lacey.

G. Cook.

(2.) **The General Missionary Committee**

Shall be composed of the same persons as the General Committee. Wm. Rowe shall be their Secretary; and both Committees shall meet at the same time and place. The Quarterly Meeting of these Committees shall be held in Toronto, on Thursday, the 11th of August; Thursday, the 19th of November, 1870; Thursday, 9th of February; and Thursday, the 11th of May, 1871. Missionary Reports must be in the possession of the Secretary one week before these days, otherwise the grants will not be paid until the following quarter.

(3.) **The Executive Committee.**

President and Secretary of Conference, J. Davison, W. S. Hughan, J. Goodman, R. Walker, D McLean, R. I. Walker, and W. D. Fitzpatrick. To meet at the call of the Secretary, who shall be Wm. Rowe.

(4.) **The Educational Committee** shall be the General Committee for the year.

(5.) **The Book Committee** shall be the same as the Executive.

(6.) **District Committees.**

Toronto District . . . J. R. Swift, J. Bugg, and R. Walker.
Brampton District . . . J. Goodman, L. Walker, and G. Wood.
Hamilton District . . . R. Paul, J. Baldwin, and J. Baker.
Guelph District . . . M. H. Matthews, T. Whale, and W. Sturtridge.
London District . . . J. Markham, W. Trebilcock, and E. Robinson.
Kingston District . . . G. Lewis, B.A., W. P. Lacey, and P. W. Day.
Barrie District . . . J. Milner, W. Thompson, B. Crompton, and W. Lomas.—The first named brother of each Committee shall be the Secretary.

(7.) **Boards of Examiners.**

Toronto Dist. R. Boyle, Wm. Bee, J. Edgar, and J. R. Swift.
Brampton " J. Goodman, G. Wood, J. Garnér, and W. Herridge.
Hamilton " J. Cheetham, W. Reid, and T. Griffith.
Guelph " T. Crompton, R. Hassard, and M. H. Matthews.
London " J. Markham, E. W. Whitworth, J. W. Gilpin, & W. Pyke.
Kingston " R. Pattison, S. C. Willis, and G. Lewis, B.A.
Barrie " J. Milner and Wm. Lomas.

The last named person shall be Convener.

15. *On what day shall the Thanksgiving Service be held?*—The last Friday in September.

16. *In the absence of the Institute, what shall be done to assist our probationary Preachers?*

(1.) Each probationer shall be placed under the care of one of our senior brethren, who shall take charge of his theological and other studies, and shall meet him not less than once in three

months, at some convenient place, and shall frequently hold communication with him, and shall annually report the progress he makes to the Board of Examiners of the District to which he belongs.

(2.) That each probationer in future shall be required to keep a journal for three months for the first three years of his probation, and the whole of the fourth year as now, and such journal must be submitted each year to the Board of Examiners.

(3.) Twice in the year an examination of all our probationers shall take place, by tutors appointed for that purpose. Examination papers shall be prepared, and forwarded to each probationer, a reasonable time before the examination. Marks indicating the proficiency of the examinees shall be given by the examiners, and to those who shall have secured the highest number of marks shall be given certificates of merit; and if thought desirable by the Committee, prizes may be given to the two who have the highest number of marks. The travelling expenses of examiners and probationers shall be paid from a fund created for that purpose. The annual examinations shall be held in the same place and at the same time that the Conference assembles; and the semi-annual examinations shall be held in Toronto, in the month of November, or any other month the examiners may decide on.

N.B. These examinations do not supersede the District Boards of Examiners: probationers must meet these as usual, until otherwise ordered.

(4.) That a fund for the purpose mentioned in the preceding resolution, and which shall be called the Educational Fund, shall be formed, of a collection that shall be taken up once in the year at each place where we preach, and also of sums that may be subscribed by our friends who are interested in Ministerial Education.

(5.) That this Fund shall be under the direction of a Committee, composed of Ministers and Laymen, to be called the Educational Committee, who shall appoint the tutor of each probationer, and who shall also have the power of examining all applications of candidates for our ministry, who may have been recommended by the Quarterly Meetings of our Stations, and of rejecting such candidates as may prove unsuitable.

(6.) That in future, any young man attending and graduating at the University, and who has laboured on the Toronto Circuit, under the supervision of the Ministers on that Station, shall have allowed one year's probation for each two years' study.

18. *What shall be done with the Committee on Grants to Missions, and with Missionaries' deficiencies of salary?*

(1.) Henceforth the Finance Committee, as elected by the District Meetings, shall compose the Committee on Grants. The General Secretary shall, by virtue of his office, be a member of this Committee.

(2.) Where deficiencies exist, appeals to the Conference shall be allowed, and if the Mission funds permit, such deficiency shall be paid in part, so that each married Missionary shall not be more than \$50 00 deficient for any given year, and no unmarried Missionary more than \$25 00, unless the Conference is assured that such Missionaries have neglected their duties.

(3.) All monies raised on Missions for Preachers' use, from re-unions, socials, surprise parties, or any other source, shall be reported on the yearly Report of the Mission as forming part of the income of the Station.

(4.) A form shall be provided by the General Missionary Committee, and shall be filled up by the May Quarterly Meeting of each Mission, and shall contain every particular necessary to enable the Committee on Grants to comprehend the actual financial position of the Mission.

18. What further Rules and Regulations are made and adopted on miscellaneous subjects?

(1.) That in the future, where there is a deficiency in salary on any Station, the married preacher shall sustain two-thirds, and the single preacher one-third of such deficiency.

(2.) That every Station in our work is earnestly requested to adopt the schedule system, as prepared by our Book Room, in order to increase the quarterly income.

(3.) That the question on the Annual Report Form: "What is the value of our Church Property?" be followed by this one: "What is the amount of debt on the said property?"

(4.) Each preacher in our work shall preach once a year a sermon on Scriptural beneficence.

(5.) Each preacher shall, on or before the 30th of June, report to the General Secretary what amount of salary he received between the last Quarterly Meeting of his Station before Conference and the last Monday but one in June.

(5.) That the question in the Yearly Report, in reference to family visiting, shall be struck out, and the following be substituted: "Has he visited fifteen families weekly, on an average, during the year? If not, how many has he visited?"—If the number of families visited is less than fifteen weekly, reasons why this is the case must be sent to the Conference, and it shall decide whether they are satisfactory.

(7.) That any preacher who has laboured continuously as a hired local preacher for seven years, shall be eligible for election as a Ministerial Delegate from a District Meeting to Conference.

(8.) That when a difficulty arises in the Stationing Committee, from which they can be relieved by the re-stationing of a preacher a fourth year, they shall lay the case before Conference, and on its consent being obtained, such re-stationing may be effected; pro-

vided however that the Station apply for it ; but under no circumstances shall a preacher be re-stationed a fifth year.

(9.) The Stationing Committee shall entertain no case as a special one, unless it be a work of grace.

(10.) That Plympton Mission authorities be permitted to sell their Church in Wyoming, provided they build another in the village.

(11.) That Brant Mission authorities have permission to sell their present parsonage, and build another in the village of Walkerton.

(12.) That the Conference having heard the application of Walpole and Walsingham Missions for assistance to their parsonages, hereby promise to help them whenever the funds will permit.

(13.) That henceforth *documentary evidence only* shall be received at District Meetings, in reference to exceptions to the Annual Reports of Stations.

(14.) That in future all candidates for office in our Church shall be requested to become total abstainers from intoxicating drinks ; and all candidates for Church membership shall also be kindly requested to do the same.

(15.) That Brothers R. Walker, W. Rowe, Wood, Swift, Edgar and Herridge shall be a Committee to prepare a Constitution for our Sabbath Schools.

(16.) That the brethren mentioned in the preceding resolution shall prepare a new edition of our Society Rules, and shall publish it as soon as possible.

(17.) That the preparation of a new Discipline, and the consolidation of the Minutes of Conference, shall be left with the General Committee, who shall attend to the same as soon as possible.

(18.) That in the event of any preacher tendering his resignation during the Conferential year, no credential shall be given him until the following Conference.

(19.) That the arranging of the Missionary Deputations shall be left with the President, General Secretary, and Brother Herridge.

(20.) That Gore Street Church, Hamilton, become a Mission Circuit in the second year of its probation ; and that Queen Street Church, in the same City, be placed under the care of the General Missionary Committee, and shall be called Hamilton West Mission.

(21.) That Beech Grove appointment shall be separated from Guelph, and shall be placed under the care of the General Missionary Committee, who shall send it a preacher as soon as possible.

(22.) That the Conference have listened with great interest to the report of Brother Davison, our Deputation to the last English Conference ; and while thanking him for the efficient services rendered, desire to place on record our thanks to the Great Head

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of the Church for his safe return ; and pray that his life may be long spared to his many friends in Canada.

(23.) That we invite Brother Davison to revise, enlarge, and publish the Report now read in pamphlet form.

(24.) In order that a proper feeling may be promoted and strengthened between this and the Parent Conference, and also that our fathers and brethren in England may clearly understand our circumstances in this land, we hereby resolve to ask the English Conference of 1871 to appoint a Delegation to meet our Conference of 1872.

(25.) That the appointing of the brethren to represent us at the next English Conference be left to the General Committee.

(26.) That the Reports of the General Committee, the General Missionary, Book, Educational, Finance, Sabbath Observance and Sabbath School, Temperance, and Ordination Committees be received and adopted.

(27.) That the Conference has heard with great pleasure the addresses of the Revs. S. Rose and F. H. Bland, the Deputation from the Wesleyan Methodist Conference now in Session in this City, and do hereby appoint the Revs. R. Boyle and W. Rowe to visit our Wesleyan brethren, and reciprocate the fraternal greetings which they have sent to us.

(28.) That we have listened with interest to the sentiments expressed by the Rev. B. W. Day, the Deputation from the Congregational Union, and appoint Revs. J. Edgar and J. S. Boyes to represent us, and convey to the Union our assurances of esteem and love for them.

(29.) That the Rev. T. Crompton and R. Walker, Esq., do now visit the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church on our behalf, and express to them our brotherly affection and desires for their continued prosperity.

(30.) That we desire to record the pleasure it affords us to hear the Christian address of the venerable Rev. Dr. Richardson, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and do appoint the President and Secretary of Conference, and the Rev. R. Boyle, a Deputation to the approaching General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and convey to that court our appreciation of their labours, as fellow-workers in the Lord's vineyard.

(31.) That we courteously acknowledge the kind letter sent by the Methodist New Connexion Conference, and direct our President and Secretary to assure them of our continued Christian regards and love.

(32.) That the visit of the Rev. Dr. Jennings and F. L. Dalglish, Esq., the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, has afforded us great satisfaction, and we have listened with pleasure to their addresses. The visit also of

the Rev. Dr. Edmonds, of London, England, who has kindly accompanied the above-named gentlemen, has also highly gratified us, and we desire to place on record our appreciation of the genial and truly Christian manner in which he has addressed us.

(33.) That in view of the fact that other Methodist Churches have appointed Committees to confer on the practicability of an amalgamation of all the Methodist Churches in the Dominion, this Conference, without giving any opinion as to such practicability at present, do appoint the following brethren, Revs. R. Boyle, W. Rowe, T. Crompton, J. Edgar, G. Wood, and Messrs. R. Walker, R. I. Walker, D. McLean, and D. Fitzpatrick a Committee to confer with other Committees, and report to the next Conference.

(34.) That the thanks of the Conference are hereby given to R. Walker, Esq., for the good service he did us at the English Conference of 1869; and also for the munificent manner in which he has entertained at breakfast the members of the Conference, the visitors, and those friends who have been our hosts during this Session.

(35.) The thanks of the Conference are also given to D. McLean, Esq., for his donation of five hundred dollars to the Hamilton Gore Street Church; and to all those other friends who contributed to reducing the debt on that Church.

(36.) That the Conference tenders its thanks to J. Coyne, Esq., M.P.P., for his services rendered in the Provincial Legislature in taking charge of the bill enabling us to convey and dispose of church property, without the provisions formerly imposed on religious bodies by the Consolidated Statutes.

(37.) That we hold in high estimation the generous hospitality afforded by the friends of Toronto^a Circuit and Branch to the members of Conference and to the visitors attending Conference, and hereby desire to express to them our hearty thanks; and while remembering their favours, we pray for the enlarged prosperity of their Circuits.

(38.) Our thanks are due, and are hereby presented to the Managers of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, and Northern Railways, and the Steam Navigation Company, for reducing their fares in favour of those who have attended this Conference; also to all our Connexional Officers, for the manner in which they have discharged their duties.

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Book Room Account, for year ending May 21, 1870.

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" Rates and Taxes...	19 29	" Rent	60 00
" Light and Firing ..	10 73	" Furniture & Fixtures	200 00
" Insurance.....	21 90	" Sales.....	5477 81
" Freightage & duties	109 46	" Error by Invoice	
" Postage.....	12 00	omitted in last year's	
" Benevolence	12 92	report	92 21
" Miscellaneous exp's	52 81		
" Assistant's salary ..	236 53		
" Bookstew's do. & rent	330 00		
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" Interest	72 49		
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Audited and found correct.

T. THOMPSON.
J. R. SWIFT.

Relief Fund—1870.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Toronto District...	\$65 80	By Cash to Mr. Matting-	
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" Hamilton do.	25 00	Walsingham	\$107 00
" Guelph do.	34 00	" Cash Rev. W. C. Jolley	25 00
" London do.	36 05	" " to late H. D. Gifford	52 00
" Kingston do.	23 45	" " Rev. J. Natrass.	136 00
" Barrie do.	21 05	" " for supply for Rev.	
" Book Room subscrip'n	52 00	W. Cook.....	6 00
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" Donation from Robt.		Cheetham.....	25 00
Walker, Esq.....	87 10	" " Rev. R. Auger's	
" Sale of Ins. Furniture	130 80	claim	70 00
" Balance due Treasurer	100 00	" " Rev. T. Dudley's	
		claim.....	79 28
		" " Rev. J. Edgar's	
		claim	48 00
		" " Loan to Treasurer	
		refunded.....	100 00
		" " Postage.....	1 00
	<u>\$649 28</u>		<u>\$649 28</u>

Conference Fund—1870.

Dr.	Cr.
To Toronto District \$65 80	By Delegates expenses, \$239 22
" Brampton do. 62 05	" Ordination Bibles... 8 10
" Hamilton do. 25 00	" Conference Journal
" Guelph do. 34 15	Barrie Dist. Book,
" London do. 36 05	and binding Rep'ts. 8 00
" Kingston do. 23 45	" Printing Return Forms,
" Barrie do. 21 05	Travelling Certificates,
" Balance due Treas. ... 2 44	and the Stations.... 10 90
	" Conference Stationery
	and Postage..... 3 77
\$269 99	\$269 99

Institute Account—June, 1870.

DR.	CR.
To amt School Fees.... \$161 00	By paid out by Treasurer \$921 69
" Rev. Mr. Rowe 0 75	" T. Crompton's salary 164 06
" Stations 471 69	" Due do. 104 94
" Journal & Book Room 300 00	" Geo. Lewis' salary.. 39 00
" Young Men 55 00	" Due do. 56 40
" Cash adv'd, Mr. Rowe 45 00	" Due Mr. Rowe 45 00
" Balance deficient ... 297 65	
\$1331 09	\$1331 09

Grants to Mission Stations—1870-71.

Bruce Mines \$240 00	Plympton.....	
Rose Mount 200 00	Chatham.....	225 00
Hamilton West..... 128 00	Caradoc.....	175 00
Walpole 225 00	Kirkton.....	210 00
Blenhiem 230 00	Kingston.....	275 00
Brantford 260 00	Portland.....	285 00
Paris 228 00	Napanee.....	260 00
Walsingham 250 00	Collinsby.....	200 00
Woodstock 260 00	Hinchinkrooke.....	76 00
Guelph 285 00	Barrie.....	345 00
Hawksville 210 00	Bradford.....	380 00
Minto 200 00	Osprey.....	230 00
Brant 230 00	Collingwood.....	230 00
Kincardine 30 00	Artemesia.....	240 00
Jubilee 285 00	Muskoka.....	350 00
Arthur 100 00	Stayner.....	220 00
London..... 375 00		
Stratford..... 260 00		
Mitchell 75 00		
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Children's Fund Apportionments—1870-71.

Bruce Mines	\$34 00	Hinchinbrooke	22 00
Rose Mount	32 00	Barrie	44 00
Hamilton West.....	8 00	Bradford	46 00
Walpole	44 00	Osprey	34 00
Blenhiem	46 00	Collingwood	34 00
Brantford	47 00	Artemesia.....	34 00
Paris	49 00	Muskoka.....	34 00
Walsingham	38 00	Stayner	20 00
Woodstock	46 00	Albion	80 00
Guelph	45 00	Brampton	108 00
Hawksville	42 00	Bowmanville	52 00
Minto	38 00	Bosanquet	50 00
Brant	44 00	Etobicoke	120 00
Kincardine.....	30 00	Hamilton	50 00
Jubilee	50 00	Grand River	45 00
Arthur	12 00	Laskay	76 00
London	60 00	Markham	116 00
Stratford.....	42 00	McGillivray	50 00
Mitchell	20 00	Orangeville	54 00
Plymton	20 00	Reach	60 00
Chatham	52 00	Scott and Sandford	24 00
Caradoc	44 00	Scarborough	68 00
Kirkton	34 00	Toronto	130 00
Kingston	50 00	Yorkville Branch.....	24 00
Portland	56 00	Toronto West Branch ..	24 00
Napanee	42 00	Peel	44 00
Collinsby	42 00		

Statement of the Children's Fund.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Cash from Circuits & Missions.....	\$2360 87	By deficiency of 1869..	\$273 90
" Cash from Missionary Committee to pay deficiency of Mission Circuits..	110 67	" Cash to Circuits and Missions for 95 children	2160 00
	<u>2471 34</u>		<u>2403 90</u>
		To balance.....	37 44
			<u>\$2471 34</u>

Report of Finance Committee.

To the Conference of 1870.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Your Committee respectfully submit the following numerical and financial report of the work within the bounds of our Conference, viz., approved members

5,344, on trial 1,088, total 6,432; which we are happy to find is an increase of 221 for the year.

It is gratifying to your Committee to find that there is an increase of \$207 73 in our Missionary Revenue for the year; also an increase of \$635 19 in the ordinary income of the Stations.

The reports of the Stations show an increase of \$10,575 09 in the value of Church property.

We find that the income of the Children's Fund shows an increase of \$150 00, which leaves a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$37 00.

We have carefully examined the exhibit of the Book Room account, and find it satisfactory. (*See Book Room Report.*)

We have also reviewed the Christian Journal accounts, and find the indebtedness of the Paper to be about \$300 00.

There is however (at a low estimate) now due from Subscribers to the Journal upwards of \$700 00. We would advise the Conference to adopt some means to collect the above named sum.

The following is the report of monies available for expenditure on Mission Work for the ensuing year:—Three fourths of the Missionary Revenue of this year being appropriated by the preceding Conference, leaves a balance at the disposal of this Conference of

Extra Grant from English Conference for 1869.....	\$1,873 00
Probable English Grant for 1870	400 00
Three-fourths of the supposed income for the ensuing year	2,000 00
	5,618 00

Making a total of \$9,891 00

PROSPECTIVE EXPENDITURE, for the year ending June, 1871:—

PROBABLE:—Removal expenses	\$300 00
" Furniture	200 00
Missionary money appropriated by Mission Circuits	425 00
Printing Reports, Cards, Collecting Books, &c.	156 00
General Secretary's salary and house rent.....	330 00
Miscellaneous items.....	50 00
Margin to be allowed for exigencies.....	500 00
Balances paid to Children's Fund for Mission Circuits	107 67
	2118 67
Income.....	9891 00

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE CONFERENCE.

1. That in consequence of the healthy state of the Children's Fund, your committee recommend the Conference to raise the allowance to Ministers' children, from \$6 00 to \$6 50 per quarter.

2. That we recommend the Conference to discontinue the present system of Rewards to Juvenile Missionary Collectors.

REASONS—1. It has not been generally adapted.

2. Where it has been practiced, its novelty having passed away, it does no longer appear to answer its designed end.

3. That in the opinion of your Committee, the Conference will not be able to appropriate any Missionary money to special objects without embarrassing the Mission Fund; three-fourths of the ensuing year's income being already appropriated.

4. That your Committee recommend the Conference not to allow any appropriations to be made to any "Institution," or objects, from the proceeds of the Book Room at present.

All of which is most respectfully submitted for your consideration and adoption.

Signed, in behalf of the Committee,

THOS. DUDLEY, PRESIDENT.
JAMES SMITH, SECRETARY.

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Book Room Report for 1870.

To the Conference.

In presenting you with another yearly Report, we are thankful to say it has been our privilege to diffuse a larger amount of literature than during any previous year's operations. Our sales have exceeded those of last year by \$330 55, and though we are not able to report a large balance in our favor, this is owing to the increase of expenses, and to the increased sums the last Conference voted to be paid from the Book Room. It will perhaps be the wisest course for the Conference not to vote any money from the Book Room, until it is placed in a position enabling it to do so without crippling its operations and lessening its means; the money the Book Room may make should, for a time at least, be appropriated to enlarging the stock, paying off liabilities, and increasing its efficiency. During the year a large sale of our Connexional Hymn Books has been made to the Atlantic District of our Church in the United States; and though little was made by this transaction, yet in view of the advantages to be derived from the use of our Hymn Book, we should be satisfied with small returns. Several Schools belonging to our Church in the new and poor settlements have solicited assistance in the shape of Books, &c., to enable them to carry on their work; and though the Book Steward had no authority, yet he has prudently granted help, by sending Books, Magazines, Pictorial Papers, and Tickets. Nothing in the shape of pecuniary gain has been made by responding to these solicitations; yet if actual loss were sustained, it would be sound policy to help these Schools; and to assist every new School that may be organized in a really poor settlement by a small grant of Books would, in reality, be strengthening the

Church, and adding to her efficiency. Our Sabbath Schools must be attended to, and everything should be done that can assist them, and encourage those who have consecrated themselves to the important work of Sabbath School tuition. Our hope of the future, as christians and as a part of Christ's church on earth, is in the young; and it is our duty to gather these into nurseries of the Church, that they may be surrounded by and subject to christian influences, and be won to Jesus; and your Book Steward considers he has acted rightly in affording assistance to schools, which perhaps for want of that assistance might have languished and died. The Committee have pleasure in saying, that one or two brethren in Toronto have also, at their own cost, assisted Schools, by sending to them Books and Papers, and these have been supplied at a slight advance on the cost, so that while no profit has been made, no loss has been sustained by this act. It would be well, perhaps, if the Conference could give some expression of their will in this matter. The Book Steward thinks it would be advisable to afford Ministers 15 per cent. discount on all works that may not be connexional, which they may purchase at the Book Room: provided, however, that the Book Room may make 15 per cent. profit on such works, and provided also, that the credit asked for on such purchases does not exceed six months.

Trusting that these statements and suggestions may be satisfactory, this Report is respectfully submitted.

N.B. It may be necessary to add, that there are no further copies of the Discipline for sale, as the edition is exhausted.

WM. ROWE, *Secretary.*

Report of the Educational Institute.

We beg to lay before Conference a brief Report of the Institute. The terms started, according the printed circular, on 20th July, and 16th August.

Brother Wm. Tarrant came by appointment of Conference, and has been with us from the first. Messrs. Mattingley and Foulger, the other two brethren appointed by Conference, have not attended the Institute. The former was employed by the Missionary Committee, in the place of Bro. T. Auger, on Walsingham Station; and Bro. Foulger declined, believing his health would not permit him to engage with permanency in the work of the Primitive Methodist Ministry.

Both departments of the Institute have proceeded with their duties all the year; except that the usual holidays have been granted, viz., a short time at Christmas, and a few days at Easter.

John Trevaskis came on 6th October, and continued 15 weeks, when the Committee thought he was not likely to succeed, and was therefore discontinued. Bro. J. S. Corcoran came September

30th, and has attended to the close ; and Bro. T. F. Boyd arrived January 4th, and has pursued his studies ever since.

The studies in which the young men have principally engaged are geography, grammar, composition, reading, writing, homiletics, and theology. They have succeeded well in several of these branches, especially in grammar, and have made considerable progress in composition, sermonizing, and theological knowledge, considering their state when they first came. In order to form a proper idea of the progress made, it is necessary to know what were their attainments at the beginning. A single year, or a few months only, affords but a small opportunity for advancement in many branches of knowledge, especially considering the specific preparation they have had to make for the pulpit, as the time for general study passed along. We must in candour say that the young men have made all the progress we could reasonably expect, for the time they have had ; and they have evinced considerable diligence in application to study. They have also laboured much in the work of God, and a number of souls have been professedly converted in connection with their labours. They have done much in family visiting ; and in respect to this department of ministerial labour they have evinced tact, judiciousness, and courage.

It has been our aim to direct the special attention of the young men to what concerned them most in their circumstances, taking into account the short time they have had for preparatory studies. Hence grammar, composition, theological lectures and conversations, addresses and coversations in what pertained to pastoral work and its duties, readings and addresses on the preparation of sermons, and a considerable amount of theological reading, have been mainly the exercises through which they have passed. They have also gone through the Primitive Methodist Discipline, and frequently had attention directed to the special duties of ministers.

Thus, taking into account their existing mental status and the limited time they have had for preparatory studies and to what was most essential for their becoming effective and useful Primitive Methodist Ministers, we have had an eye to necessity and practicalness in making the best of our Conferential year.

If the young men diligently improve upon what they have attained, we are certain it will be of great advantage to them in the work to which they are about to be devoted. We would also observe, that considering the great need of our ministerial ranks being reinforced this year, it is fortunate that we have three young men ready, with some measure of preparation, to meet existing lack.

We beg also to say, and it is only just to name the fact, that the Institute has performed much connexional work during the year. Brother T. Crompton has taken appointments to the amount of about three-fourths of the Sabbath labour of a regular minister,

in Toronto Circuit and elsewhere, besides the duties of the Journal and the Institute; and the young brethren have taken work very frequently.

With respect to the Junior Branch of the Institute, we submit that it has not answered the expectation of Conference, inasmuch as boys have not been sent from the country; and such a department is not specially required in Toronto, amid so many facilities for education that abound.

Sabbath School Report.

Your Committee having examined the statistics of our Sabbath Schools, are glad to find that this very important part of our moral field is still widening, and we trust is also increasing in power as a divine instrumentality in bringing souls to Christ.

The increase for the year, though not large, is encouraging; the increase being 7 Schools, 31 Teachers, and 444 Scholars.

Your Committee would again call the attention of our Ministers, Official Laymen, and Members of our Church, to the great importance of unwearied diligence in the employment of every available means to instruct and bless the youth of our land: the loving ever present Saviour is still saying to us "Feed my lambs," and we cannot disregard the claims of Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We are also pleased to find that during the past year our book steward has responded to calls for help in the shape of books, to assist in establishing new schools in needy settlements, and we recommend that similar assistance be given in future to very needy cases; and also that the book steward be the almoner of books, magazines, or money from any friends who may wish in this way to help forward the Sabbath School enterprise of our Dominion.

We would also remind our friends whom it may concern, that the Upper Canada Bible Society gives grants of Bibles and Testaments to newly formed Schools in back settlements.

Your Committee would also recommend the managers of our Sabbath Schools to be careful in selecting library and other books, for our youth; and also that becoming zeal be manifested on behalf of our own Book Room, that the valuable Sabbath School Hymn Books, and the cheap and useful Magazines issued therefrom, be as far as possible circulated in our Sabbath Schools.

Praying that our Heavenly Father may abundantly bless our Sabbath Schools and rising Youth, your Committee respectfully submit the above Report.

M. H. MATTHEWS
D. McLEAN.
W. HERRIDGE.

Report of the Ordination Committee.

We beg to submit that we have examined the Journals of Bros. W. Huggins and Luke Hall, and find them well written, and indicative of earnestness in the work if God; also these bretheren and Brother George Lewis have been examined relative to their theological views, and other matters connected with ministerial work. We cordially recommend them to the Annual List.

THOS. CROMPTON, *President.*
WILLIAM BEE, *Secretary.*

Toronto, June 7th, 1870.

Yearly Report of General Missionary Committee, to the Conference of 1870.

Your Committee beg to report, that out of the many items of business transacted by them during the year just closed, they wish to bring under your notice the following :

1. RESIGNATIONS.—Soon after the last Conference, the Rev. G. Haigh announced to your Secretary his intention of resigning his ministry amongst us, and going to the United States, with a view to entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but stating that if he did not succeed in getting into the ministry in the States, he would return, and go to the Station to which he was appointed by the Conference. He went to Stratford, and laboured until the first Quarterly Meeting of that Station, when he gave in his resignation. The Committee appointed Brother Jolley to the superintendency of the Mission, and sent Brother G. Gifford to assist him.

At the February Quarterly Meeting of the Chatham Mission the Rev. W. Bielby, not giving satisfaction to the officials, was required to give in his resignation, which they accepted, subject to the action of your Committee. After hearing the case, the Committee confirmed the action of the Chatham Quarterly Meeting, and to supply his place, they were under the necessity of removing Bro. Gifford from Stratford to Chatham, Bro. Haylock from Hamilton to Stratford, and to supply Hamilton and assist Brother Reid with the brethren connected with the Institute.

Rev. S. C. Keetch having resigned his charge, Brother Adams was requested to take charge of Blenheim Station, which he kindly consented to do.

2. ILLNESS OF MISSIONARIES.—Previous to the last Conference, Brother Auger's health had been impaired, but his friends at the Conference thought he would get better, and consequently he was appointed to his Station; but the Committee were soon called on to supply his place, for instead of getting better, his health became worse, so much so, that his medical adviser directed him to desist from all labour. The Committee were compelled to

send Brother Mattingley to Walsingham, hoping that in a month or so he would be able to go to the Institute, to which he was appointed by the Conference, but the Committee's hopes were not realized, for Bro. Auger's health continued bad, and he has not been able to take charge of his Station for the year.

The affliction of the Brethren Cheetham, Hassard, and Cook placed the Committee in trying circumstances. They could not send persons to fill the places of these esteemed brethren. Woodstock was supplied for a season with brethren from Toronto and London, but Jubilee was too distant from Toronto to be supplied in this manner, even if the Committee were able to do it. Bro. Hassard was empowered to engage the services of any suitable person, but it appears no one could be found. This was the more to be regretted, as Jubilee was doing well, and likely to do better, but for the illness of Bro. Hassard. It is gratifying to the Committee, that though these brethren could not preach, yet at some risk to themselves they did their best to keep matters in a right state on their Stations. The illness of Bro. Cook, and that of his family, was the cause of much anxiety to the Committee. He was authorized to employ some one to help him, and though his health is somewhat better, yet it is still such as to constrain Bro. Cook to ask for superannuation. The Committee earnestly hope that these brethren may yet, if it be God's will, be spared to their families and charges, and soon be in possession of their accustomed health.

3. **MINISTERS FROM ENGLAND.**—Correspondence was held last September with the English Missionary Committee, respecting a probationary preacher coming out to this country, but it was decided that it would be better for him to come this spring. The English Missionary Secretary forwarded the application of the Rev. S. C. Willis, of Hastings, for a Station in this country. At the same time, Mr. Willis corresponded with our Secretary respecting coming here; and after some correspondence with himself and the English Committee, his offer was accepted by your Committee, and it is expected that both Mr. Willis, and the young brother already referred to, will be here to take the Stations to which you may appoint them.

4. The Committee, at their February Quarterly Meeting, had the pleasure of welcoming to their midst our venerable friend the Rev. John Davison, who had been appointed our Deputation to the last English Conference, and hearing from him a Report of his visit, and the success attending his efforts in connection with those of our esteemed Brother R. Walker, Esq., with the Conference. The Committee feel that an increased interest has been awakened with our English friends, by the visit of both Messrs. Davison and Walker. The efforts of these brethren has resulted in an increase to the Annual Grant made to our Missions in this land, and in an increased discount allowed by the English Book Room on works published by them, and purchased by our Book Room.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR HELP TO BUILD PARSONAGES.—During the year several applications were made by Missions for assistance in the way of a Money Grant, to build Parsonages. Your Committee, though deeply sympathizing with the persons concerned, yet from inadequacy of funds were not able to render any assistance in the way desired. They have, however, directed one or two Stations applying to lay their case before you.

6. REQUESTS FOR INCREASED GRANTS.—Two or three Missions, through their Quarterly Meetings, preferred requests for an addition to be made to the Grants voted them by the last Conference, but as the Committee had no jurisdiction in the matter, they could not of course accede to the requests made. It would be well if Missions understood that Grants made by Conference were *final*, and that no appeal could be made from any act of the Conference to a Committee, which after all is only a subordinate Court, and one whose function it is to carry out the decisions of the Conference, which is our highest Ecclesiastical Court.

7. REMOVAL EXPENSES.—At the first Quarterly Meeting of the Committee, it was found that owing to the scarcity of funds all the claims of the Missions could not be paid in full; especially was this the case with the removing expenses of brethren appointed to Mission Stations; these were found to be more than ordinarily heavy, and the Committee, feeling that the Stations ought to do something towards paying these expenses, paid two thirds, and called upon the Stations to pay the remaining third. It was not designed by the Committee that if the Mission Stations did not pay this third, the Missionaries should lose it. The Committee regrets that their appeal was not responded to, and they recommend the Conference to arrange that the whole burden of the removal expenses shall not devolve on the Mission Fund. They also recommend that the Stationing Committee should exercise great care in the changes which are necessary to be made, so as not to increase, without the greatest necessity, the claims for removal expenses.

8. MISSION SUPERINTENDENTS.—At their first Quarterly Meeting, the Committee appointed certain senior brethren to visit once or twice in the year those Missions to whom were appointed junior and comparatively inexperienced brethren, for the purpose of assisting such brethren by their presence and counsel; most of the brethren accepted the appointments given to them, but one or two objected, owing to the distance from their homes to the Missions which the Committee wished them to visit. This arrangement was found to be satisfactory, and to work well; and in the absence of any one person being appointed to the oversight of the entire of our Mission work, the Committee considers such an arrangement as they made likely to be productive of considerable good.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.—A large amount of miscellaneous business was transacted by the Committee at their regular meetings, and

the Secretary's time has this year been greatly occupied with the correspondence which this business has occasioned; in fact, he finds that each year his duties become more numerous and onerous. Hoping that your deliberations will tend to the advantage and efficiency of our whole work, this Report is respectfully submitted.

WM. ROWE, *Secretary*.

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The Report of the General Committee.

To the Conference of 1870.

The General Committee beg to report, that comparatively little business has been done by them, for the reason that the jurisdiction of the General Missionary Committee being so extensive, the greatest amount of business falls to their share. The Committee have pleasure in stating that the connexion generally is in a peaceful state, as evidenced by the absence of complaints and appeals for the year. The Committee welcomed the return of the Rev. J. Davison, and requested him to prepare a report of his visit to England and labors there, for presentation to you. They appointed the Rev. Wm. Antliff, and Messrs. Wade and Fairlass, to represent this Conference at the English Conference now in Session. Your Committee also watched the Bill which was brought before our Provincial Legislature, for the purpose of relieving us from certain disabilities in the disposal of Church Property, and were glad to find that the Bill met with general favor, and has become law, your Secretary assisted both the Law Clerk and Mr. Coyne, M.P.P., who had charge of the Bill; and the Committee feel under obligation to Mr. Coyne for his efforts to procure the passage of the Bill; the Committee authorised the Secretary to advance the money necessary to pay the customary fees belonging to private Bills; these fees were afterwards returned, with the exception of the Law Clerk's. Trusting that these acts of the Committee will meet with your approval, this Report is respectfully submitted.

WM. ROWE, *Secretary*.

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Report of the Temperance Committee.

Primitive Methodist Conference, Toronto, June, 1870.

Resolved—I. That we as a body of Ministers are true to the Temperance Question, evidence of which we have in the fact that every Minister in the Conference is a Total Abstainer.

II. That we most heartily wish the Temperance cause that success which such a noble enterprise ought to have.

III. That we deplore the melancholy fact that certain Ministers are opposed to Total Abstinence Principles.

IV. That we hereby pledge ourselves to stand by and aid in every lawful way the Temperance Cause.

Signed,
ROBERT BOYLE, *President*.
JAMES EDGAR, *Secretary*.

NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

Of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Years Travelled.</i>	<i>Where Stationed.</i>
Adams, T.	61	36	Galt. Sup. 1865.
Auger, R.	32	8	Peel. Sup. 1869.
Auger, T.	30	6	Muskoka.
Allen, W. C.	26	3	Toronto.
Amy, T.	30	5	Walpole.
Boyle, R.	45	25	Bowmanville.
Boyes, J. S.	29	9	Chatham. Sup. 1870.
Bee, W.	42	14	Reach.
Bell, J. P.	26	5	Bruce Mines.
Bell, J.	20	1	Orangeville.
Brown, B. J.	22	1	Chatham.
Burdge, J.	26	4	Etobicoke.
Boyd, J. F.	20	0	Albion.
Crompton, T.	53	35	Guelph.
Cheetham, J.	56	11	Woodstock.
Cook, W.	34	15	Plympton. Sup. 1870.
Campbell, J.	24	5	Orangeville.
Corcoran, J. S.	24	0	Barrie.
Davison, J.	71	44	Toronto. Sup. 1866.
Dudley, T.	49	19	Brant.
Edgar, J.	45	24	Scarboro'
Foster, T.	59	16	Stayner, Sup. 1865.
Garner, J.	46	21	Albion.
Gilbert, J. D.	55	10	Stayner.
Goodman, J.	37	9	Etobicoke.
Griffith, T.	26	6	Brantford.
Gilpin, J. W.	32	5	Bosanquet.
Gavin, T.	30	4	Arthur.
Gifford, G. A.	21	1	Jubilee.
Hassard, R.	32	9	Jubilee.
Hall, L.	28	7	Rosemont.
Haylock, J. J.	26	3	Mitchell.
Harris, H.	38	12	Toronto.
Herridge, W.	47	12	Brampton.
Heyworth, A.	37	10	Hawksville.
Hughan, W. S.	36	11	Toronto West.
Huggins, W.	32	4	Sandford.
Idle, D.	25	3	Hinchinbrooke.

Jolley, W. C.	30	5	Paris.
Jolliffe, T. W.	28	3	London.
Knapp, A.	46	6	Kincardine.
Lacey, J.	70	26	Portland. Sup. 1865.
Lee, G. F.	34	10	Artemesia.
Lewis, G., B.A.	27	4	Kingston.
Lomas, W.	42	20	Bradford.
Lyle, W.	74	32	Yorkville. Sup. 1865.
Markham, J.	39	16	London.
Matthews, M. H.	29	12	Peel.
McKee, R.	25	2	Markham.
Milner, J.	40	16	Barrie.
Middleton, E.	25	3	Pickering.
Monkman, W.	36	9	Blenheim.
Mattingly, C.			Muskoka.
Natgrass, J.	41	19	London. Sup. 1870.
Newton, W.	50	19	Caradoc.
Nixon, G.	26	2	Portland.
Ockley, J. F.	20	1	Brampton.
Paul, R.	42	19	Grand River.
Pattison, B.	31	7	Collinsby.
Pyke, W.	31	9	Kirkton.
Reid, W.	28	8	Hamilton.
Rowe, W.	44	26	Toronto.
Roffe, C.	51	11	Stratford.
Roadhouse, J.	31	8	Napanee.
Robinson, J. W.	29	1	Albion.
Ryder, I.	65	14	Hawksville, Sup. 1860
Scott, J.	39	2	Plympton.
Simpson, D.	34	7	Collingwood.
Simpson, J.	46	10	Orangeville, Sup. 1863
Smith, J.	36	14	Markham.
Stafford, C. E.	28	5	Yorkville.
Stonehouse, J. H.	27	6	Chatham.
Stephenson, R.	46	12	Osprey, Sup. 1861.
Swift, J. R.	37	18	Toronto.
Tarrant, W.	25	0	Reach.
Thornley, W.	30	6	Walsingham.
Thompson, G. H.	21	1	Laskay.
Thompson, R.	23	0	MacGillivray.
Towler, J.	54	16	Hawksville. Sup. 1853
Toy, R.	26	2	Scarboro'.
Walker, J.	33	7	Osprey.
Waits, E. W.	21	1	Hamilton West.
Watson, G.	49	13	Minto.
Whitworth, E.	35	7	MacGillivray.
Willis, C. S.	33	12	Portland.
Windsor, J. A.	21	2	Bosanquet.
Wood, G.	44	15	Laskay.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

#To the Members of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD,

The Ministers and Official Laymen composing the 17th Annual Conference of our Church, which held its Session in Alice Street Church, Toronto, send to you their united Christian greeting.

It affords us great joy to tell you, that the general character of the services held in connection with the Conference,—the importance of the measures which were brought forward for deliberation, and adopted,—indicate the growth of intelligence, and the enlargement of liberal principles amongst us, as a section of the Church of Christ.

Some questions arose, which from their peculiar character gave rise to occasional irritation, and the expression of very great diversity of opinion; but were ultimately determined with unanimity, in the spirit of mutual concord.

The education required by young men, previous to their entering our Ministry,—the improvement of those on probation,—and the means at our disposal to render some assistance in the attainment of such an education, were freely discussed; and a method was adopted, thought to be suitable to our requirements, and within easy reach of our connexional ability, so as to render it practical and satisfactory.

Other questions, aiming at sudden, great, organic changes in the polity and relations of the body, passed under review, and were debated at considerable length, which elicited sufficient conservative opposition to show that the ship possesses a goodly proportion of ballast to her spread of canvas.

A review of the Reports testified that divine providence has favored the Church during the past year with a gratifying measure of prosperity, so that our numerical and financial condition is steadily advancing.

We have reason to be encouraged, dear brethren, in entering upon another ecclesiastical year. All the intimations of the will of God urge us to give the *full vigor* of our hearts' devotion to the propagation of the glorious gospel.

The chief institutions of our denomination are now well tried both as regards the truthness of their foundation, and their popular form. METHODISM never had better human testimony in its favor, than that possessed at the present hour; and it never had more convincing evidences of *divine sanction*, than during the past year's operations. God has given his blessing; sinners have been converted; and souls have gone safe home to eternal glory.

The relations of Methodism to other sections of the Christian Church are of that fraternal and co-operative character, that it enjoys the goodwill, the recognition, and the friendly influence of the Protestant world, to a much greater extent than heretofore. As a sign of the times, this indicates that the employment of lay talent; the vigor of social ordinances; systematic beneficence; and the healthy activity which characterises Methodism generally, will soon assign it a place of the first importance and influence, among the great, growing organizations of our times.

The recent events in our national history, tell us plainly of GREAT STRIFE going on around us, in behalf of antichrist; they tell us of restless and aggressive efforts being put forth, to propogate infidelity and formalism: of determined resistance to gospel truth. These events prove that we have to contend with a continuous tide of licentiousness and folly, which we must meet and conquer. It is equally necessary to withstand an invasion of our country by the emissaries of papal depravity, the agents of sensual literature, and the blood-stained traders in strong drinks, as to hurl back the contemptuous disturbers of the public peace, marshalled under the banner of Fenianism.

The claims of the Church of our dear Redeemer are many and pressing. The Conference unitedly calls upon you, dear brethren, to cheerfully renew your past hearty responses, in the consecration of your talents, both of mind and money; and we are confident that you will consider those claims calmly, and support the cause of God to the utmost of your ability.

Christian work is waiting for us on every hand. The wants of our humane enterprises; the maintenance and extension of our civil liberties; the perfecting of our social reforms; and the prevention of public wrong, continually require earnest prayer, public advocacy, and financial support. It is our *special duty* to ask your most earnest co-operation, in guarding the simplicity,

and increasing the efficiency of public and private worship. Let us wait on God, in the spirit recommended to us in the words of our Saviour, when describing the worshippers of the Father, "They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Unitedly and believingly, let us seek for soul quickening, and *soul saving* worship. The salvation of souls is the chief end of the institutions of religion, and the greatest ornament which can be attached to our services. The immortal souls privileged to dwell with us in heaven, will be the most sublime reward we can enjoy for our labor. Companions in heavenly, soul-saving effort! let us plead mightily, and preach faithfully, expecting the word of God to be the means of arousing men from the sleep of sin. Let us labor in hope, for God "healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." O for souls! a multitude of souls! both on the circuits and missions. Pray the effectual prayer of the righteous man, at every sanctuary, and every family altar, and work for souls in fervor, improving every opportunity. How is it, dear brethren and sisters, officers and teachers, that the harvest is not more plenteous? How is it the sheaves are so few? and the Church so lean? Are we losing the aptitude for that kind of effort which has been so eminently successful in the past? Are we diminishing in the possession of the mighty talent, which gives the qualification for winning souls?—are we permitting indifference, or carnality, to render powerless those forms of service which gave such brilliancy and glory to the history of our Church in the days gone by? We ask, brethren, in the solemn presence of God, and in prospect of the judgment, if, when the pale faces in the sepulchre flame again with life, and their searching vision fastens on us in the awe struck assembly, will they accuse us of feeble rebukes, time-serving palliations, or cruel neglect? Can we see sinners waste their substance, and hurry on to the deep, dark gulph of woe, without putting forth strenuous effort to turn this tide of souls towards the throne of God and of the Lamb? If we are not true to our vows of ordination, and faithful to our God and fellow-men, lost souls *will witness against us* at the last day, as the wail of eternal woe commences, never to die away. Oh! rather may divine precept, Christian consistency, the benevolent spirit of our age, and the examples of the great and good, *help* and *urge* us to watch and pray—to WORK AND LIVE, for the salvation of souls.

The fruitless enterprises, and the fluctuating condition of many churches, prove the importance of upholding the discipline of the Church, in a courteous, decided, and righteous manner; and also of cultivating, to the utmost of our ability, charitable emotion. Let us profit by the penalties of failure; by becoming more thorough in our plans, and more *vigorous* in their execution.

The blessing of our Master has been bountiful upon our agencies in the MISSION FIELD, which should stimulate us to zeal in this godlike work. Can we not *extend* this section of the work? During the past few years we have been trying to concentrate, to consolidate,—it is high time to *extend*, to take hold of the *cities* and *towns* where, as yet, we have not planted a cause, or sent an agent. God has sufficiently honored faithful, energetic enterprise, for us to say boldly, "In the name of our God, we will set up our banners."

The young people, who compose a considerable portion of our flocks, require careful cultivation and much Christian encouragement, that their talents may be turned to good account; their attachments strengthened to that which is good and pure; and our resources for enlargement fully tested and developed. Our denomination is capable of a much larger ratio of advancement; and it is to the young we must turn mainly for the workmen, and the means, to carry on our enterprises, with greater power and prosperity.

We entreat you to give diligent attention to the building of churches, as one of the most prominent and important sections and means of progress. Much depends on this, in reference to the permanence and rapidity of our successes. Style and location, convenience and space, require their respective measures of regard. What an *ample* field there is here, for the bestowment of capital, benevolently consecrated to the Lord,—a new church pushed forward by a *generous example*, at the right time; or a debt reduced, by the stimulus afforded through the courageous sympathy of a wealthy friend, may give a cause such a position in a few days, that otherwise would have consumed the cost of years to accomplish; but if left to languish by neglect, must gradually go down in ignominy and contempt.

Remember the Ministers of the Word sent amongst you in the name of Jesus. Retard not their good works by lack of suste-

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nance, neither leave them to labor under a load of care, subject to discouragements they have not merited, or hampered by hindrances arising out of want of unity, and love, in the churches. May the living God honour your willing, loving labor, with great and glorious prosperity.

Finally, brethren in the Lord, endeavour to live in a high, holy state of consecration to Christ: give yourselves fully to Jesus. Think how rapidly the places of the dead are filling up. Soon the summons will come to all, "Give an account of thy stewardship, for thou mayest be no longer steward." It behoves us to "dwell together in unity," that our Zion may have rest: that "her walls may be salvation, and her gates praise."

Press on! press on! to the gladsome gateway, where the glorified wait to welcome you with songs of victory and joy, to the eternal presence of your God, where the tears of trial will be wiped away for ever.

Yours affectionately, in behalf of Conference,

JOHN R. SWIFT.

GEORGE WOOD.

ADDRESSES OF THE STATIONS,

For 1870-71.

<i>President of Conference</i>	Rev. J. R. Swift, Toronto.
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<i>Brampton</i>	Rev. W. Herridge, Brampton.
<i>Etobicoke</i>	Rev. J. Goodman, Malton.
<i>Albion</i>	Rev. J. Garner, Albion.
<i>Laskay</i>	Rev. G. Wood, Laskay.
<i>Orangeville</i>	Rev. J. Campbell, Orangeville.
<i>Rosemont</i>	Rev. L. Hall, Rosemont.
<i>Hamilton</i>	Rev. W. Reid, Hamilton.
<i>Hamilton West</i>	Rev. E. W. Waits, Hamilton.
<i>Grand River</i>	Rev. R. Paul, York.
<i>Walpole</i>	Rev. T. Amy, Selkirk.
<i>Blenheim</i>	Rev. W. Monkman, Drumbo.
<i>Brantford</i>	Rev. T. Griffith, Brantford.
<i>Paris</i>	Rev. W. C. Jolley, Paris.
<i>Walsingham</i>	Rev. W. Thornley, Pleasant Hill.
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<i>Guelph</i>	Rev. T. Crompton, Guelph.
<i>Beechgrove</i>Puslinch.
<i>Peel</i>	Rev. M. H. Matthews, Drayton.
<i>Hawksville</i>	Rev. A. Heyworth, Hawksville.
<i>Minto</i>	Rev. G. Watson, Newbridge.
<i>Brant</i>	Rev. T. Dudley, Walkerton.
<i>Kincardine</i>	Rev. A. Knapp, Bervie.
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<i>London</i>	Rev. J. Markham, London.
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<i>Hinchinbrooke</i>	Rev. D. Idle, Parham.
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<i>Osprey</i>	Rev. J. Walker, Feversham.
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<i>Artemesia</i>	Rev. G. F. Lee, Cornabus.
<i>Muskoka</i>	Rev. T. Auger, Bracebridge.
<i>Stayner</i>	Rev. J. D. Gilbert, Stayner.

Missionary Deputations for 1870-71.

<i>Stations.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Deputations.</i>
TORONTO DISTRICT.		
Toronto	Dec. 11,	*J. Garner, *G. Wood.
Yorkville	Dec. 4,	*J. Edgar, J. Goodman.
Toronto West	Dec. 4,	*J. Goodman, J. Edgar.
Markham	Dec. 12,	W. S. Hughan, R. Toy.
Do.	Jan. 9,	W. Bee, E. Middleton.
Pickering	Jan. 2,	H. Harris, C. Stafford.
Bowmanville	Jan. 15,	*J. R. Swift, W. Huggins.
Scarboro'	Oct. 3,	R. Boyle, W. C. Allen.
Do.	Oct. 10,	J. Smith, E. Middleton.
Reach	Oct. 10,	W. S. Hughan, J. Garner.
Do.	Jan. 2,	R. Boyle, J. Edgar.
Saundford	Dec. 26,	J. Smith, W. Tarrant.
Bruce Mines	-----	W. Rowe.
BRAMPTON DISTRICT.		
Brampton	Jan. 15,	*J. Garner, J. Campbell.
Do.	Jan. 23,	I. Hall, W. C. Allen.
Etobicoke	Oct. 3,	W. Herridge, C. Stafford.
Do.	Oct. 10,	J. Smith, J. W. Robinson.
Do.	Oct. 17,	J. Campbell, J. Ockley.
Albion	Jan. 2,	G. Wood, J. Burdge.
Do.	Jan. 16,	L. Hall, G. H. Thompson.
Do.	Jan. 23,	H. Harris, J. Bell.
Laskay	Jan. 23,	W. Lomas, J. Ockley.
Do.	Jan. 30,	J. R. Swift, R. McKee.
Orangeville	Dec. 4,	*W. Herridge, J. Bell.
Do.	Dec. 12,	J. Goodman, J. Burdge.
Do.	Dec. 19,	G. Wood, G. H. Thompson.
Rosemont	Dec. 12,	J. Campbell, J. F. Boyd.
HAMILTON DISTRICT.		
Hamilton	Nov. 6,	*J. Cheetham.
Hamilton West	Nov. 6,	*J. Cheetham.
Grand River	Jan. 9,	W. Thornley, W. Monkman.
Do.	Jan. 16,	T. Griffith, T. Amy.
Walpole	Oct. 10,	W. Thornley, W. C. Jolley.
Blenheim	Oct. 17,	T. Griffith, E. W. Waits.
Bradford	Nov. 27,	*W. Reid, T. Amy.
Paris	Nov. 6,	*T. Griffith, W. Monkman.
Walsingham	Oct. 3,	T. Amy, J. Cheetham.
Woodstock	Jan. 8,	*T. W. Jolliffe, E. W. Waits.

GUELPH DISTRICT.

Guelph	Jan. 8,	*W. Reid, M. H. Matthews.
Beech Grove	Jan. 9,	W. Reid, M. H. Matthews.
Peel	Oct. 3,	T. Crompton, A. Heyworth.
Do.	Jan. 2,	R. Hassard & Brant second Preacher.
Hawksville	Dec. 26,	T. Crompton, G. Watson.
Minto	Jan. 2,	A. Heyworth, G. A. Gifford.
Do.	Jan. 9,	T. Dudley, T. Gavin.
Brant	Jan. 16,	G. Watson, A. Knapp.
Do.	Jan. 23,	M. H. Matthews, T. Gavin.
Kincardine	Dec. 26,	T. Dudley, G. A. Gifford.
Jubilee	Sept. 12,	M. H. Matthews, A. Heyworth.
Do.	Jan. 9,	T. Dudley, G. Watson.
Arthur	Oct. 10,	R. Hassard, A. Knapp.

LONDON DISTRICT.

London	Oct. 9,	*T. Crompton, J. J. Haylock.
Bosanquet	Jan. 9,	W. Newton, R. Thompson.
Do.	Jan. 16,	J. Markham, B. J. Brown.
McGillivray	Jan. 16,	W. Pyke, T. W. Jolliffe.
Do.	Jan. 23,	W. Newton, J. A. Windsor.
Stratford	Oct. 2,	*J. Markham, W. Pyke.
Mitchell	Oct. 2,	*W. Pyke, J. Markham.
Plympton	Feb. 6,	J. H. Stonehouse, J. A. Windsor.
Chatham	Oct. 2,	*E. Whitworth, T. F. Scott.
Do.	Oct. 10,	J. W. Gilpin, J. S. Boyce.
Caradoc	Jan. 16,	C. Rogie, T. W. Jolliffe.
Kirkton	Sept. 26,	J. W. Gilpin, C. Rogie.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Kingston	Nov. 27,	*S. C. Willis, R. Pattison.
Portland	Oct. 10,	G. Lewis, B.A., R. Pattison.
Do.	Oct. 17,	J. Roadhouse, D. Idle.
Napanee	Oct. 31,	R. Pattison, G. Nixon.
Do.	Nov. 7,	S. C. Willis, D. Idle.
Collinsby	Oct. 3,	S. C. Willis, G. Lewis, B.A.
Hinchinbrooke	Jan. 9,	J. Roadhouse, G. Nixon.

BARRIE DISTRICT.

Barrie	Dec. 11,	*D. Simpson, W. Lomas.
Bradford	Jan. 15,	*J. Walker, D. Simpson.
Do.	Jan. 30,	J. Milner, J. Auger.
Osprey	Dec. 12,	G. F. Lee, J. D. Gilbeft.
Collingwood	Nov. 28,	J. Milner, G. F. Lee.
Do.	Dec. 5,	J. Walker, J. S. Corcoran.
Artemesia	Jan. 30,	J. D. Gilbert, D. Simpson.
Muskoka	Jan. 9,	W. Lomas.
Stayner	Dec. 19,	G. F. Lee, J. Walker.

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