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# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

## Primitive Methodist Church,

CANADA,

HELD IN EBENEZER CHAPEL, ETOBICOKE,

ON APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1860, AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

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BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.  
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## Of the Seventh Annual Conference.

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According to appointment of the Conference held at Victoria Square Markham, the Conference assembled, and after devotional exercises conducted by the ex-President, proceeded to the transaction of business.

WILLIAM ROWE, *President.*

JOHN GARNER, *Secretary.*

*Question 1.—Who compose the present Conference?*

*Answer.*—JOHN LACEY, General Committee Delegate.

TIMOTHY NATTRASS, English Representative.

THOMAS ADAMS, Agent of Friendly Society.

JOHN DAVISON, Missionary Secretary.

ROBERT WALKER, Treasurer.

TORONTO—John Garner, James Edgar, J. Natrass, J. Milner, H. Jennings, J. Middleton, W. Mutton, J. Stonehouse, C. Sherwood, C. Maginn, Isaac Middleton.

BRAMPTON—R. Cade, W. Lomas, Robert Boyle, T. Crompton, W. P. Lacey, J. Kellam, W. Marshall, T. Burgess, R. Ward, G. Hudson, W. Wiikinson, J. Percey.

HAMILTON.—W. Rowe, R. Paul, T. Dudley, J. R. Swift, G. Walker, J. Lawson, F. Sanderson, J. Darling, J. Courtis, T. Passmore, G. Newman W. Wade.

*Q. 2.—What Ministers are taken into the Annual List?*

*A.*—Wm. Cook, Wm. Bee, J. Smith.

**Q. 3.—What Ministers are on trial?**

**A.**—W. Clayton and G. Watson, who have travelled 3 years; M. H. Mathews, who has travelled 2 years; W. Herridge, J. Cheetham, S. P. Lacay, and W. S. Hugan, who have travelled one year.

**Q. 4.—What Ministers are received on pledge?**

**A.**—J. Goodman, A. Heyworth, S. Nicklin, G. Lee, H. Evans, and W. Monkman.

**Q. 5.—What Preachers have ceased to travel?**

**A.**—W. Frankish, DIED IN THE LORD; J. Clarke, J. Simpson, and E. B.

**Q. 6.—How are the Ministers stationed for the ensuing year?**

**TORONTO DISTRICT.**

**A.**—JOHN DAVISON, Editor, Book Steward and General Missionary Secretary, Mission Office, King Street, Toronto.

*Toronto*—James Edgar, William Lomas.

*Markham*—John Natrass, Robert Stephenson.

*Darlington*—William Herridge.

*Scarboro'*—John Garner, Sec. of Conference; G. Lee.

*Reach*—Joseph Markham.

*Osprey*—Thomas Foster.

**BRAMPTON DISTRICT.**

*Brampton*—Robert Boyle, one to be obtained.

*Etobicoke*—Thomas Crompton, one to be obtained; W. Jolly, sup., W. Lyle, sup.

*Albion*—Robert Cade, William Monkman.

*Laskey*—John Lacey, William Clayton.

*Orangeville*—Charles Roffe.

**HAMILTON DISTRICT.**

*Hamilton*—James Cheetham.

*Walpole*—Richard Paul.

*Blenheim*—Timothy Natrass.

*Brantford and Paris*—John R. Swift, John Gilbert.

*Grand River*—William Bee.

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**GUELPH DISTRICT.***Guelph*—Thomas Adams.*Galt*—John Goodman.*Peel and Wellesley*—James Smith ; John Towler, stp.*Brant*—George Watson.*Minto*—Isaac Ryder.**LONDON DISTRICT.***London*—William Rowe, President of Conference,  
Mathew Henry Matthews.*Bosanquet*—William Shakel Hughan.*Walsingham*—William Newton.*Macgillivray*—Samuel Picard Lacey.*Stratford*—Thomas Dudley.*Plympton*—Abraham Heyworth.*Chatham*—Mathew Henry Moody.**KINGSTON DISTRICT.***Kingston*—George Wood.*Portland*—Jonathan Milner, Henry Evans.*Napanee*—William Cooke.*Bath Road*—William Gledhill.

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Increase of Members for the year . . .	436
“ Local Preachers . . . . .	21
“ Class Leaders . . . . .	18
“ Chapels . . . . .	9
“ Other Preaching Places . . . . .	22
“ Sabbath Schools . . . . .	18
“ Sabbath School Scholars . . . . .	499
“ Sabbath School Teachers . . . . .	139

Revs. W. Antliff, R. Cook and J. Friskin are our  
*principal* Delegates to the English Conference of 1860.

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Q. 7.—*What are the Statistics for the present year ?*

✓ A.—For the Statistical view of the Primitive Methodist  
Connexion in Canada see next page.

# A TABULAR VIEW OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA WEST,

For the Year ending April 20th, 1860.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.			Increase.	Decrease.	From other Stations.	From Abroad.	Deaths.	Fallen, &c.	Removals.	Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Other Places.	Parsonages.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	CONFERENCE FUND.	RELIEF FUND.	MISSION FUND.	CHILDREN'S FUND.	ORDINARY ANNUAL INCOME.					
	Approved.	On Trial.	Total.																			\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
*Toronto .....	186	54	240	25				1	9	32	2	14			3	75	350	9	30	9	30	400	00	100	00	856	00
*Markham .....	259	34	293		32			3	40	42	2	21	7		6	58	285	12	95	12	95	257	28	72	00	581	56
*Darlington .....	142	20	162	20				1	11	17		8	4		3	30	85	7	10	7	10	114	18	36	00	321	77
*Scarboro' .....	106	24	130	6				2	7	11	2	7	2	1	5	45	200	5	30	5	30	204	00	52	00	483	48
*Reach .....	195	5	200		39			4	30	33		7	6	1	3	26	255	9	80	9	80	180	53	32	00	301	82
Kingston .....	108	23	131	4					7	10	2	5	8		1	6	30	5	40	5	40	100	00	7	00	245	85
Portland .....	167	57	224	18					35	11	2	12	13	1	1	4	30	8	35	8	35	155	82	11	49	187	83
Napanee .....	102	18	120	40				2	6	4	1	4	9					1	00	1	00	30	00	6	25	109	50
*Brampton .....	194	70	264	100		1		5	3	25	1	10	6		4	47	305	9	70	9	70	216	25	64	00	543	52
*Etobicoke .....	280	48	328	8		4		3	35	37	1	21	1	1	7	56	300	14	00	14	00	286	30	72	00	579	54
*Albion .....	230	55	285	10		1			14	12	1	14	8	1	3	16	89	11	50	11	50	156	00	52	00	382	35
*Laskay .....	210	51	261			2		1	25	20	2	17	10		2	14	90	10	50	10	50	181	00	52	00	467	45
Orangeville .....	109	27	136	23					10	5	1	11	4		2	13	85					55	00			167	62
Guelph .....	65	29	94	10		2		1	4	14	1	9	5		2	17	62	3	25	3	25	93	75	5	80	158	35
Peel & Wellesley ..	153	24	177		6	2		3	9	8	1	14	4	1	2	22	111	7	65	7	65	114	25	19	63	223	26
Brant .....	41	1	42		5			2		3	1	2	7	1				2	05	2	05	10	78			35	81
Osprey .....	65	16	81	21		3			13	6	1	9	14		1	8	45	3	25	3	25	59	43	3	76	52	50
Minto .....	55	9	64	64		37					1	5	9					2	75	2	75	42	16	0	89	32	78
*Hamilton .....	48	2	50	5		1			6	9	1	2	1	1	1	9	54	2	40	2	40	143	27	8	50	287	73
Walpole .....	50	19	69	16				1		5	1	4	5	1				2	50	2	50	48	39	6	19	116	94
Galt & Blenheim...	88	11	99	1		2			7	14	2	5	4					4	40	4	40	92	06	5	09	191	20
Brantford & Paris..	113	36	149	6		2			19	23	2	11	3		3	13	70	5	65	5	65	144	84	10	25	247	01
London .....	128	10	138	10		3		1	10	23	2	9	8		1	8	50	6	40	6	40	117	00	10	00	230	28
Bosanquet .....	90	21	111	3				1	3	29	1	7	9		1	4	26	4	50	4	50	73	66	6	28	123	29
Walsingham .....	51	15	66	30				2	2	1	1	5	6		3	27	100	2	55	2	55	54	18	0	89	135	25
McGillivray .....	108	29	137	37					12	5	1	3	9		4	18	148	5	45	5	45	77	70	11	03	147	67
Grand River .....	109	8	117		14			1	25	5	1	9	6		3	27	100	5	40	5	40	81	97	6	83	160	00
Stratford .....	48	18	66	35					11	6	1	3	6		1	6	30	2	40	2	40	76	93	2	00	70	00
Plympton .....	27	13	40	40		14					1	2	6					1	32	1	32	39	10	1	90	30	16
<b>Totals in 1860..</b>	<b>3527</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>4274</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>74</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>2891</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3605</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>7470</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Totals in 1859..</b>			<b>3838</b>					<b>32</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>2392</b>					<b>2952</b>	<b>00</b>				
<b>Increase .....</b>			<b>436</b>					<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>499</b>					<b>653</b>	<b>00</b>				

\*Circuits.

Q. 8.—*Who compose the Committees?*

A. **GENERAL COMMITTEE.**

President and Secretary of Conference, T. Crompton, J. Edgar, J. Lacey, T. Adams, W. Lyle, J. Natrass, R. Cade, T. Natrass, T. Dudley, J. R. Swift, R. Walker, R. Sargant, R. Ward, J. Lawson, W. Marshall, W. P. Lacey, T. Passmore, A. Thurlow, G. Hudson, G. Walker, G. Darling, W. Wilkinson, C. D. Maginn, H. Jennings, and J. Davison, *Secretary*.

Meetings to be held at the Mission Office, Toronto, at 1 o'clock p.m., on the second Thursday in July, October, January, and the day before next Conference.

**GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.**

This Committee shall be the same as the General Committee, and its meetings held at the same time and place. All the Missionaries are required to send in their quarterly reports to the Secretary, at the Mission Office, Toronto, *POST-PAID*, at least one week before the time of holding the Quarterly Meetings of the Committee. Accounts cannot be adjusted unless this rule is strictly attended to.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive of the two above named Committees shall be composed of the following persons:—President and Secretary of Conference, with J. Lacey, J. Edgar, Robert Boyle, W. Marshall, Robert Walker, and John Davison, *Secretary*.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEES.**

*Toronto*—W. Daniels, R. Walker, T. Lawson, J. Edgar, and J. Davison.

*Hamilton*—J. Lawson, J. Cook, and J. Cheetham.

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*Brampton*—W. Marshall, W. P. Lacey, L. Walker,  
and Robert Boyle.

*Guelph*—W. Wilkinson, J. Hockin, and T. Adams.

*London*—G. Walker, W. Trebilcock, W. Wade, and  
W. Rowe.

*Kingston*—H. Dougan, J. Milner, and G. Wood.

The last named person to be the Secretary.

The Publishing, Book Room, and Children's Fund  
Committees are the same as the Executive.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

The Preparatory Committee to arrange business for  
the next Conference, shall consist of the President and  
Secretary, with the General Committee Delegates to the  
next Conference.

CONFERENCE.

Q. 9.—*When and where shall the next Conference be  
held?*

A.—At Brampton, on the third Friday in April, 1861.

Q. 10.—*Who are appointed Members of the Boards of  
Examiners for the ensuing year, in relation to Can-  
didates for the Ministry?*

A.—*Toronto*—J. Edgar, J. Garner, and J. Natrass.

*Hamilton*—J. R. Swift and T. Natrass.

*Brampton*—R. Boyle and T. Crompton.

*Guelph*—T. Adams and T. Dudley.

*London*—W. Rowe and T. Dudley.

*Kingston*—G. Wood and J. Milner.

The first named person to be the Convener.

Q. 11.—*What is the order into which our Work is  
now divided?*

A.—*Toronto District*—including Toronto, Markham,  
Darlington, Scarboro', Reach, Osprey,



**Brampton District**—including Brampton, Etobicoke, Albion, Laskay, Orangeville.

**Hamilton District**—including Hamilton, Walpole, Blenheim, Brantford and Paris, Grand River.

**London District**—including London, Bosanquet, Walsingham, Macgillivray, Stratford, Plympton.

**Guelph District**—including Guelph, Galt, Peel and Wellesley, Brant and Durham, Minto.

**Kingston District** — including Kingston, Portland, Napanee, Bath Road.

**Q. 12.**—*When and where shall the next District Meetings be held, and who shall attend as G. C. Delegates?*

**A.**—**Toronto**—To be held at Bethel, Markham. John Natrass, G.C.D.

**Hamilton**—To be held at York, Grand River. Timothy Natrass, G.C.D.

**Brampton**—To be held at Sharon, Etobicoke. Robert Cade, G.C.D.

**Guelph**—To be held at Guelph. T. Adams, G.C.D.

**London**—To be held at London. T. Dudley, G.C.D.

**Kingston**—To be held at Sydenham. G. Wood, G.C.D.

Each District Meeting to be held on the first Wednesday in April, 1861.

**Q. 13.**—*Who are Members of the next Conference, and what shall be the District Delegation?*

**A.**—W. Rowe, Gen. Committee Delegate; J. Garner, English Representative; J. Davison, Missionary Secretary; R. Walker, Gen'l Treasurer; W. Gledhill, Agent of Friendly Society. Also Toronto and Brampton Districts shall send three Ministers and six Laymen each; and two Ministers and four Laymen shall be sent from each of the other Districts.

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The General Committee Delegates to District Meetings to be chosen by SENIORITY in regular succession, having travelled seven years.

### STATIONING OF MINISTERS.

Q. 14.—*What shall be the course of proceeding in this matter for the future?*

A.—A Stationing Committee shall be composed of the General Committee Delegates of the Districts, with two Laymen each from the Toronto and Brampton Districts, and one Layman from each of the other Districts. The Stationing Committee thus formed shall meet immediately after the opening of Conference, and have power to receive communications to assist it in submitting to the Conference, on the second day of its Session, a Draft of the Stations, for amendments. Then the draft of the Stations, in its corrected form, shall be submitted to the Conference and read a second time, for further corrections, on Monday morning. And on Tuesday afternoon a third reading shall take place for final revision and confirmation.

Q. 15. — *What are the further regulations of Conference?*

A.—That no Minister's children, born during the PROBATION of the said Minister, be entitled to allowances from the Children's Fund.

That the thanks of this Conference be given to the British Conference for its liberal grant in aid of Canadian Missions.

That a Book of Discipline be prepared in six months, for our Connexion in Canada, and that the following Ministers and Laymen examine and decide upon the manuscript for publication, viz:—The President and Secretary of Conference, Messrs. Garner, Lacey, Adams, Crompton, Boyle, Edgar, Walker, Marshall, J. Lawson, Kellam, Wilson, Dougan, Ward, and W. P. Lacey.

J. DAVISON, *Compiler and Convener.*

### THE CHRISTIAN JOURNAL.

That each Minister on a Station ascertain the views of the Subscribers on publishing the Paper weekly, at \$1·50, the subscribers paying postage; and how many fresh Subscribers can be obtained in order to warrant us in the change and *large additional expenditure*. Each Minister to send the desired information immediately, in order to a decision,—if the returns do not arrive, or are adverse, the present semi-monthly issue to be continued. The brethren, when remitting, must furnish names of subscribers when cash is sent to the “Christian Journal” Office.

That all our Conference Probation Ministers stationed as Superintendants, shall have the necessary authority to solemnize Matrimony.

That the Church Assistant Fund continue. Donations and Subscriptions forwarded to the Miss. Secretary, Toronto, to be paid in to the General Treasurer.

### JUBILEE REGULATIONS.

It being 50 years since the Primitive Methodist Body was founded, and the British brethren having resolved to hold a Jubilee to raise subscriptions as

*thank offerings* to God; the Canadian Conference has resolved to hold a Jubilee, and carry out with energy the following regulations:—

That Jubilee services be held in the month of October throughout our Work, on every Station, and collections and subscriptions be taken up on behalf of the Jubilee Fund.

That donations of from \$1 to \$5 be paid within six months; subscriptions from \$5 to \$10 within one year, and sums of from \$10 to \$100 be paid within two years.

The objects for which the Jubilee Fund subscriptions are raised shall be the Missionary Society, and the formation of a Connexional Book Establishment in Canada. Two accounts will be kept, and parties may give for either object, or both, as they may choose to determine.

### MISSIONARY GRANTS.

The following shall be the Scale of yearly Grants to Mission Stations, after a minute and careful investigation by a Committee of Six, submitted to Conference, revised and confirmed; and which Grants are final; no deficiencies to be paid.

Kingston & Bath R.	\$345 00	Macgillivray . . .	\$60 00
Portland . . . . .	330 00	Brantford & Paris .	360 00
Napanee . . . . .	180 00	London . . . . .	400 00
Guelph . . . . .	250 00	Bosanquet . . . . .	100 00
Orangeville. . . . .	150 00	Peel and Wellesley	150 00
Osprey . . . . .	210 00	Minto . . . . .	130 00
Walpole . . . . .	190 00	Stratford . . . . .	300 00
Grand River . . . . .	150 00	Plympton . . . . .	100 00
Brant . . . . .	200 00	Galt . . . . .	100 00
Walsingham . . . . .	210 00	Blenheim . . . . .	230 00

RECORDS OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE  
**CHILDREN'S FUND.**

That the Scale of Contributions from the Stations to the Children's Fund, arranged by a Committee and confirmed by Conference, shall be as follows:—

Toronto . . . . \$100 00	Grand River . . . . 30 00
Etobicoke . . . . 72 00	Brant . . . . 18 00
Markham . . . . 72 00	Walsingham . . . . 24 00
Darlington . . . . 40 00	Macgillivray . . . . 28 00
Albion . . . . 52 00	Brantford and Paris 46 00
Scarboro' . . . . 52 00	London . . . . 44 00
Laskay . . . . 46 00	Bosanquet . . . . 28 00
Reach . . . . 40 00	Guelph . . . . 40 00
Kingston . . . . 54 00	Orangeville . . . . 30 00
Portland . . . . 54 00	Peel & Wellesley 36 00
Napanee . . . . 36 00	Minto . . . . 20 00
Osprey . . . . 28 00	Stratford . . . . 16 00
Brampton . . . . 68 00	Blenheim . . . . 28 00
Hamilton . . . . 24 00	Galt . . . . 20 00
Walpole . . . . 24 00	Plympton . . . . 12 00

**THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS**

*For the Year ending April 20th, 1860.*

**THE CONFERENCE FUND.**

Dr.	Cr.
Balance .....	18 83
Cash from Toronto Dist.	60 20
"    "    Hamilton    "	49 32
"    "    Brampton    "	66 24
	Cash Travl'g Exp. extra \$3 00
	Conference Minutes and extra Tickets .....
	Binding the Reports and District Books .....
	Ordination Bibles .....
	Travl'g Exp of Delegates to Conference of 1860
	Balance .....
<b>\$194 59</b>	<b>\$194 59</b>

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## THE RELIEF FUND.

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Balance .....	By cash paid.....
\$253 38	18 45
Cash from Toronto Dist. 60 20	" balance.....
" " Hamilton " 49 32	410 69
" " Brampton " 66 24	
\$429 14	\$429 14

## THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

Dr.	Cr.
Cash from the Stations \$576 87	Balance due the Treas- urer, 1859.....
Cash from Mission Fund	153 00
for Mission deficiencies 497 35	Cash paid to Circuits and Missions for Children
Balance due Treasurer.. 343 96	1265 00
\$1418 18	\$1418 18

## THE BOOK ROOM.

Dr.	Cr.
To Stock received dur- ing the year.....	Stock on hand.....
\$1200 59	\$500 11
To cash received from	Book Debts owing ....
Sales.....	451 28
1258 69	Cash paid for Stock
	Carriage, &c.....
	40 62
	Cash to Gen. Treasurer
	1183 45
	Office Expenses.....
	17 31
	By balance (net).....
	266 50
\$2459 28	\$2459 28

## THE MISSIONARY FUND.

(See the Annual Missionary Report now publishing.)

*Further Regulations of Conference.*

That the thanks of the Conference be given to brother T. Crompton, and the friends at Ebenezer chapel, Etobicoke, for their generous and christian hospitality to the delegates to the Conference of 1860.

That the thanks of Conference be given to all the Officers of the Connexion for the attention and efficiency with which they have discharged the duties committed to them.

That the 2nd Sabbath in June be appointed for special prayer for this Province; and the following Friday as a day of fasting and prayer for the general revival of religion in the Primitive Methodist Connexion.

The attention of the Ministers and Friends is respectfully called to the Conferential regulations regarding the *Christian Journal*. It cannot fail to be of great service to the Connexion to have a regular weekly medium for disseminating religious knowledge among its people. All the brethren, especially ministers on Stations, are requested to exert their influence to promote its success.

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# PASTORAL ADDRESS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

## Primitive Methodist Church,

BY THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE.

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

We, your Ministers and Representatives in Conference, beg once more to assure you of our interest in your happiness, and to inform you that our Annual Meeting has been the best ever held in Canada. The increase of our Membership and Funds of the Church, notwithstanding the depressed state of the country, has excited our warmest gratitude to God, and our admiration in relation to you, that you have not suffered the cause of God to starve, nor become crippled for want of that help so necessary both to your Ministers on Circuits and the Missionary work in general. But, dear friends, it will *still* require your utmost liberality to sustain the cause of the Lord Jesus, as our work is continually expanding; and we must never think of quieting ourselves with the flattering unction, that having succeeded in the past, we may now repose a little in the future. This, dear Brethren, would be a delusion and a snare. Souls are perishing: God has united us to act in saving them. If, therefore, we relax our efforts, we shall bring down the displeasure of Heaven



lose our spiritual enjoyments, and forfeit the reward, to which, through the Lord Jesus, we are sealed and entitled.

As you have, on former occasions of a similar nature, received the word of exhortation, which has gladdened our hearts, and joined our souls with yours in the holiest bonds, suffer us, dear Brethren, to remind you of personal holiness. We rejoice that this doctrine is believed more than ever amongst us, and that God is raising up so many witnesses of its power. Be faithful, dear Friends, in your households, in reading the Scriptures and in family prayer, and encourage your *dear ones* to attend public worship and the Sabbath School. Train them to give *liberally* to the cause of God from infancy, and bring them up as Missionary Collectors and active agents in Temperance Reformation, and in every good word and work.

We would particularly call your attention to *two matters*, in which we earnestly request your *special co-operation*. The first is the Jubilee Fund. Our Connexion is now in its 50th year; and it is settled by us in Conference that we all, in October next, in each of our neighborhoods, give liberally to the Jubilee Fund ourselves, and get others to give. This is designed to manifest our gratitude to God in raising up the Connexion, and blessing it with such glorious success in Britain and the Colonies. The next measure is our Christian Journal Newspaper. It is contemplated to publish it weekly: this is much desired. Now, if you in your Neighborhoods, Congregations, Classes, and in the Family, canvass for *additional subscribers*, and pay your subscription *in time*, this object, so much hoped for, may be accomplished; but

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without this, the responsibility connected with the Christian Journal would be greater than could be sustained. Now, dear Brethren, you must begin to act *immediately* in this matter, as there is no time to lose, if the measure is to succeed.

And now, dear Brethren, we commence another Connexional year. Let us be faithful to our principles and to each other, as a people that God has blessed, and look for *greater things*, and by the grace of our Lord we shall have them. Our joys will increase: we shall be blessed in our union as Primitive Methodists and Christians: our households will rise up and call us blessed; and by and by we shall be called, by our honored Jesus, to the Happy Land of the blessed, where all fare well.

Wishing you and yours, dear Friends, every temporal and spiritual blessing for life and immortality, we remain yours in one common Lord and Master.  
“ Finally, Brethren, farewell.”

Signed by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM ROWE, PRESIDENT.

JOHN GARNER, SECRETARY.

*Ebenezer Chapel, Etobicoke, April 20, 1860.*

# Address of the Canadian Conference

OF THE

## PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH,

### TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

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DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through God the Father, Son, and Spirit.

We have pleasure in addressing to you our annual Letter, after the labors, trials and successes of another Conferential year.

During the past year our ears were often greeted with reports of your triumphs and progress in our Fatherland. The Lord of the Harvest is wonderfully blessing your efforts, and for numbers and strength you are not much behind the largest religious denominations of England. In America, Australia, and other parts of the world, where your Missionaries are laboring, the good work is prospering. That within fifty years such a vast host of living witnesses for Jesus Christ should have been raised up, to carry on the visible machinery of redemption in so many parts of the earth,

affords great cause for gratitude and humility. In this great work of the world's regeneration, we are more than ever closely allied to you; we rejoice in your prosperity, and pray that God may increase you more and more.

We are glad to inform you that in this Country (so rapidly approaching greatness), the master is blessing our efforts. The past year has been one of great prosperity. Our field of labor is enlarging, and our work strengthening. Our Polity and mode of operation seem adapted to this land of all nations. We commence another year's labor under great encouragement, and are sanguine in reference to success.

You will doubtless be glad to learn that our increase for the year, after making up for removals, deaths, &c. which amounted to several hundreds, is 436 members. To God be all the glory.

We have been subject to troubles, as you are aware. Connexionally, as well as personally, we have our afflictions. One of our number, a young man just commencing in the ministry, has been taken from our midst by death; he has received his reward. May we all be found faithful when the Lord calls us to his presence. Two have settled down in secular pursuits; and *one* has gone to another religious body!!

Four young men having successfully completed their probation, have been received as full preachers.

There were a number of candidates for the Ministry this Conference, which is a gratifying exception to our previous history in this country. Owing to our Mission funds being very limited, only a few could be recommended to be employed.

We continue, dear Fathers and Brethren, to experience the value of your liberal grant in aid of the Mission work in Canada. Without it our operations would be much more limited. We beg to assure you that no missionary grant could be of more benefit and importance. Since last Conference several additional Missionaries have been employed, and new Mission stations have been opened. Had we more means at our command, other inviting fields of labor would at once be entered. We hope, by your continued aid, and the increasing contributions of our people in this country, united with fervent prayer to the Lord of Hosts, to do greater things.

The Jubilee which our Conference has made arrangements for celebrating, will afford an excellent opportunity for bringing the history and merits of our Connexion before the members of our churches and congregations.

The "Christian Journal" gives increasing satisfaction, and has now become an agent for good which our people could not dispense with. May it go on and prosper.

Our Conference held in Ebenezer Chapel, Etobicoke Circuit, was of the most interesting character. The deliberations were well conducted, and happily terminated, by the delegates separating to their various stations greatly edified.

And now, dear Fathers and Brethren, we ask an interest in your prayers; that God may bless us more and more; "and unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, in all ages, world without end. Amen."

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

We are yours in the gospel of Jesus Christ,

WILLIAM ROWE, President.

JOHN GARNER, Secretary.

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