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REPORT

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Niagara Annual Conference.

The Niagara Annual Conference commenced its Twenty-Fourth Session in the Village of Lambeth, County of Middlesex, Province of Upper Canada, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1867, being the Thirty-Ninth year of the separate existence of the M. E. Church in Canada.

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

BISHOP SMITH presided in the opening services, which consisted of his reading the 5th chapter of the 1st Epistle of Peter, and the Conference singing the 227th Hymn, and prayer lead by D. Culp, M. Benson and Bishop Richardson.

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

STANDING OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE WITH THEIR ADDRESSES.

BISHOPS—Rev. P. Smith, D.D., Brooklin, C. W.; Rev. Jas. Richardson, D.D., Yorkville, C. W.

SECRETARY—M. Benson, Springfield, C. W.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ALBERT COLLEGE BOARD—M. Benson, Springfield, G. Abbs, Hamilton.

MEMBER OF BOOK COMMITTEE—O. G. Collamore, Ancaster, C. W.

MISSIONARY TREASURER—M. A. Wright, Ridgetown, C. W.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY—C. S. Eastman, St. Marys.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—B. B. Rogers, Sylvan.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—G. Abbs, Hamilton.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

ADVISORY—Niagara District, E. Bartram, F. M. Smith.
 Oxford “ B. Bristol, J. Wood.
 London “ J. M. Collins, H. J. Kilty.
 St. Clair “ G. Lawrence, T. Rouston.

DIVINE SERVICES—J. McLean, W. D. Hughson.

MISSIONS.—J. T. Davis, J. N. Elliott, J. M. Collins, S. Card,
 O. G. Collamore, R. Service, S. Terwilligar.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—J. R. Phillips, R. C. Parsons, M. D.
 Terwilligar.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—W. D. Hughson, J. N. Elliot, J. A. Liv-
 ington, W. G. Brown, W. Benson, B. Bristol, D. Williams.

PRINTING—G. Abbs, E. Lounsbury, J. Gilray, J. Wood, J. W.
 Yokom, W. Fansher, C. Burdett.

EDUCATION—A. Hunsberger, D. Griffin, W. Yokom, J. P.
 Morden, F. M. Smith, M. Benson, W. D. Hughson.

TEMPERANCE—A. E. Griffith, S. Stewart.

CHURCH PROPERTY—J. C. Tufford, J. Hubbell, J. W. B.
 Johnson, E. A. Terwilligar.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—P. Smith, E. Bartram.

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

CENTENARY FUND—D. Culp, T. Webster, E. Bristol, W. Gra-
 ham, M. Benson, J. McLean.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND—R. B. Cook, Chairman.

STEWARDS—G. Hunt, C. S. Eastman, H. J. Kilty, G. Smith.

CONTINGENT FUND—J. F. Fairchild, H. Locke, D. Barker, T.
 Rouston.

MEMORIALS—T. Webster, E. Bristol.

EXAMINATION—E. Bristol, Chairman. 1st Year: J. Gilray,
 B. Bristol. 2nd Year: W. Yokom, B. B. Rogers. 3rd Year:
 W. D. Hughson, E. Lounsbury. 4th Year: J. McLean, M. A.
 Wright.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

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

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—J. Brown, J. W. Emerick.

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

A.—~~J. Reynolds, F. Smith, J. S. Williamson, B. C. Moore, D. Misner, L. Randall, A. Beamer.~~

Q. 4.—*Who are the Deacons?*

A.—D. Barker, J. W. B. Johnson, D. Williams, R. C. Parsons, M. Dimmick, J. Hubbell, J. Reynolds,* F. Smith,* J. S. Williamson,* B. C. Moore,* D. Misner,* L. Randall,* A. Beamer.*

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

A.—W. G. Brown, T. Rouston, J. F. Fairchilds, J. A. Livingston.

Q. 6.—*Who are the Superintendents?*

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

Q. 7.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—S. Short.

Q. 8.—*Who are the Supernumeraries?*

A.—C. Sweazy, J. Draper, D. Griffin.

Q. 9.—*Who are the superannuated preachers?*

A.—J. Hayward, S. Stewart, D. Culp, J. C. Tufford.

Q. 10.—*Who have been expelled from the connexion?*

A.—None.

Q. 11.—*Who have withdrawn this year?*

A.—I. B. Richardson (his letter of removal was granted last Conference, but taken during the year). M. D. Terwilligar, granted a removal.

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

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

Q. 13.—*Who have died this year?*

A.—None.

* Ordained this year.

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

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland Circuit	180	Beverly	266
Pelham	185	Ancaster	104
Dunville	100	Brant	280
St. Davids	65	Eramosa	150
Smithville	203	Canboro	180
Saltfleet	300		
Barton & Hamilton	125	Total on District.....	2273
Flamboro	135		

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford Circuit	300	Embro	59
Blenheim	180	St. Marys	251
Oakland	251	Walsingham	107
Norwich	355	Nanticoke	58
Hartford	68	Vienna	92
Rainham	100		
London City.....	93	Total on District.....	1914

LONDON DISTRICT.

Southold	85	Seaforth	59
Strathroy	170	London	60
McGilvary	115	Westminster	147
Malahide	132	Bosanquet	150
Dorchester	228	Arkona	150
Goderich	23	Yarmouth	43
Maitland	75		
Springfield	145	Total on District.....	1691
Stanley	109		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence Circuit	120	Brooke	131
Howard	155	Enniskillen & Petrolia	55
Harwich	108	Oil Springs	61
Sandwich	84	Newbury	90
Blythwood	130	Tilbury	20
Dover		Bothwell	60
Sydenham	130		
Wallaceburg	85	Total on District.....	1339
St. Clair	110		

RECAPITULATION.

Niagara District	2273
Oxford "	1914
London "	1691
St. Clair "	1339
Number of travelling preachers.....	77
Total this year.....	7294
 Increase of members this year.....	 59
Increase of preachers.....	3

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

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland	\$15 10	Flamboro	\$14 00
Pelham	20 00	Beverly	23 00
Dunnville.....	5 00	Ancaster	10 00
St. Davids.....	5 00	Brant	27 00
Smithville	19 00	Eramosa	15 00
Saltfleet	28 48	Canboro	17 00
Barton and Hamilton ...	10 20		
		Total on District...	\$208 78

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Rainham	\$10 00	Vienna.....	\$ 8 00
Walsingham.....	10 00	Oakland.....	14 67
Hartford	6 50	Nanticoke	6 00
Oxford	30 00	Blenheim	19 00
Norwich.....	16 13	London Station.....	10 00
St. Marys.....	17 20		
Embro	6 50	Total on District...	\$154 00

LONDON DISTRICT.

London	\$ 5 00	Southwold	\$ 9 00
Westminster	10 00	Arkona	10 00
Strachroy.....	10 18	Stanley	9 00
Dorchester	9 00	Bosanquet	11 00
Springfield	10 25	Goderich	2 53
Malahide	5 00	Maitland	8 00
Yarmouth	5 00	McGilvary	7 20
Seaforth	5 50		
		Total on District...	\$116 66

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Howard	\$12 24	Sydenham	\$15 00
Wallaceburg	6 75	Harwich	7 87
St. Clair.....	3 02	Blythwood	2 00
Sandwich	4 06	Florence.....	15 00
Brooke	10 37	Bothwell	7 50
Petrolia and Enniskillen	5 00		
Oil Springs	6 05	Total on District ...	\$94 86

RECAPITULATION.

Niagara District.....	\$208 78
Oxford "	154 00
London "	116 66
St. Clair "	94 88
Conference Collection	22 95
Interest on Centenary Fund	3 67
Committee's Collection	1 20

Grand Total.....\$602 14

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

A.—

Paid D. Culp.....	\$100 00	Paid Widow Huston....	\$50 00
" S. Stewart	100 00	" " Pickett	50 00
" J. Hayward	100 00	" " McNames	50 00
" J. C. Tufford....	100 00	" " Bailey.....	50 00
" Con. Stationary .	2 14		
		Total.....	\$603 35

Q. 17.—Where are the preachers stationed ?

A.—

NIAGARA DISTRICT. E. BRISTOL, P. E.

WELLAND—W. G. Brown, A. Beamer.

PELHAM—J. R. Phillips, C. Sweazy, Supernumerary J. Hayward, Superannuated.

DUNVILLE—Z. Elliott.

ST. DAVIDS—D. W. Misner.

SMITHVILLE—E. Draper.

SALT FLEET—R. Service. One to be sent.

BARTON—D. Williams, J. Draper Supernumerary.

- HAMILTON.—J. Gilray, G. Abbs, editor and book agent.
 FLAMBORO.—W. Yokom.
 BEVERLY.—F. M. Smith. One to be sent. S. Stewart, Superannuated.
 ANCASTER.—O. G. Collamore.
 BRANT.—E. Bartram. One to be sent.
 ERAMOSA.—R. B. Cook.
 CANBORO.—R. C. Parsons.

OXFORD DISTRICT, W. GRAHAM, P. E.

- OXFORD.—E. Lounsbury, B. Lyman.
 BLENHEIM.—W. Benson. One to be sent.
 OAKLAND.—J. Wood, D. Culp, Superannuated.
 NORWICH.—S. Terwilligar, J. Brown, allowed to attend Albert College.
 MT. ELGIN.—M. Benson.
 EMBRO.—J. W. B. Johnson.
 ST. MARYS.—C. S. Eastman.
 NISSOURI.—B. Bristol.
 BLANCHARD.—M. Dimmick.
 WALSINGHAM.—J. Miller. One to be sent.
 HARTFORD.—J. W. Emerick.
 RAINHAM.—G. Smith.
 NANTICOKE.—To be supplied.
 VIENNA.—E. A. Terwilligar, D. Griffin, Supernumerary.
 LONDON STATION.—P. Smith, jr.

LONDON DISTRICT, J. McLEAN, P. E.

- LONDON.—S. Card.
 WESTMINSTER.—H. Locke.
 STRATHROY.—A. E. Griffith, B. C. Moore.
 DORCHESTER.—H. J. Kilty.
 MALAHIDE.—J. M. Collins, J. C. Tufford, Superannuated.
 SPRINGFIELD.—A. Jones.
 SOUTHWOLD.—J. P. Morden.
 ARKONA.—W. Fansher.
 MCGILLIVARY.—B. B. Rogers, L. Randall.
 BOSANQUET.—G. Hunt.
 STANLEY.—G. Hardy.
 SEAFORTH.—S. Williamson.
 GODERICH.—J. A. Livingston; S. L. Kerr left without an appointment.
 MAITLAND.—J. H. Kennedy.
 YARMOUTH.—C. Burdett.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, T. WEBSTER, P. E.

FLORENCE - F. Smith.
 HOWARD—M. A. Wright.
 HARWICH—J. T. Davis.
 BLYTHWOOD—J. Hubbell.
 SYDENHAM—T. Rouston.
 WALLACEBURG - To be supplied.
 SANDWICH—J. Reynolds.
 ST. CLAIR—G. Lawrence.
 BROOK—J. F. Fairchilds.
 ENNISKILLEN—D. Barker.
 PETROLIA—J. W. Yokom.
 OIL SPRINGS—A. Hunsberger.
 NEWBURY—W. D. Hughson.
 BOTHWELL—J. N. Elliott.

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

A.—At Princeton, County of Oxford, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M., of the fourth Wednesday in April, 1868.

RECEIPTS FOR CONTINGENT FUND.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

St. Davids.....	\$ 1 22	Ancaster	\$2 30
Welland	7 30	Brant	4 50
Pelham	10 00	Eramosa	3 00
Dunnville.....	1 12	Barton	4 41
Saltfleet.....	6 55	Smithville	3 68
Flamboro'	3 00		
Canboro	3 70	Total on District...	\$56 78
Beverly	6 00		

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford	\$5 36	Hartford	\$1 00
Blenheim	4 50	Rainham	2 00
Oakland.....	1 00	Nanticoke.....	1 93
Norwich.....	3 69	Vienna.....	78
Embros	4 12	London City	1 00
St. Marys	3 32	Yarmouth	1 00
Walsingham	2 00		
		Total on District...	\$33 10

LONDON DISTRICT.

London	\$1 50	Southwold	\$1 48
Westminster	2 00	Arkona	3 00
Strathroy	4 08	Bosanquet	2 00
Dorehester	2 05	McGilvary	1 45
Springfield	2 50	Stanley	2 00
Maitland	1 00	Goderich	1 00
Seaforth			
		Total on District...	\$26 06

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence	\$1 68	Sydenham	\$2 17
Howard	2 33	Wallaceburg	2 10
Harwich	1 00	St. Clair	1 75
Sandwich		Brooke	1 00
Blythwood	1 00	Enniskillen	1 25
Tilbury	50		
Newbury	2 80	Total on District...	\$17 58
Total in Conference			\$133 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid D. Culp	\$45 70
" Traveling expenses, Bishop Richardson	10 60
" S. Williamson	22 80
" J. W. Yokom	22 80
" J. Hayward	18 20
" C. S. Eastman	13 42
Total	\$133 52

ASSESSMENT FOR SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland	\$18 20	Flamboro'	\$13 50
Pelham	18 50	Beverly	26 60
Dunville	10 00	Ancaster	10 40
St. Davids	6 50	Brant	28 00
Smithville	20 30	Eramosa	15 00
Saltfleet	30 00	Canboro	18 00
Barten and Hamilton ...	12 50		
		Total on District...	\$227 50

NIAGARA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

OXFORD DISTRICT.

Oxford.....	\$30 00	Embro	\$ 5 90
Blenheim	18 00	St. Marys.....	25 10
Oakland	25 10	Walsingham.....	10 70
Norwich.....	35 50	Nanticoke	5 80
Hartford	6 80	Vienna.....	9 20
Rainham	10 00		
London City	9 30	Total on District...	\$191 40

LONDON DISTRICT.

Southwold	\$ 8 50	Springfield	\$14 90
Strathroy	17 00	Stanley	10 90
McGilvary	11 50	Seaforth	5 60
Malahide	13 20	London	6 00
Dorchester	22 80	Westminster	14 70
Goderich	2 30	Bosanquet	26 00
Maitland	7 50	Arkona	15 00
Yamouth.....	4 30		
		Total on District...	\$160 80

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence.....	\$12 00	Enniskillen and Petrolia	\$ 5 50
Howard	15 50	Brooke.....	13 10
Harwich	10 80	Oil Springs	6 10
Sandwich.....	8 40	Newbury	9 00
Blythwood	13 00	Tilbury	2 00
Sydenham	13 00	Bothwell	6 00
Wallaceburg	8 50		
St. Clair	11 00	Total on District...	\$133 90
		Total in Conference.....	\$713 60

STATISTICS OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
OXFORD DISTRICT..	W. Graham.....	No Return		
Oxford	E. Lounsbury.....	500 00	500 00	
"	B. C. Moore.....	20 00	200 00	
Blenheim	W. Benson	440 00	440 00	
Oakland	B. Bristol	400 00	443 80	
Embroid	J. Wood.....	350 00	330 00	20 00
Norwich	M. Benson.....	600 00	493 00	107 00
"	J. Moore & W. D. Kelly	220 00	193 25	26 75
St. Marys.....	S. Terwilligar ..	413 00	413 00	
"	E. A. Terwilligar ..	337 00	337 00	
Walsingham	J. Miller	312 00	312 00	
Hartford	J. W. Emerick.....	315 00	315 00	
Rainham	G. Smith	300 00	280 00	20 00
Nanticoke				
Vienna.....	J. R. Phillips	420 00	380 00	20 00
London City	P. Smith	525 00	525 00	
NIAGARA DISTRICT.	E. Bristol	50 00	450 00	50 00
Welland	W. G. Brown	4 0 00	389 00	11 00
"	A. Beemer	200 00	194 50	5 50
Pelham	J. G. Collamore	400 00	360 00	40 00
Dunnville	J. W. B. Johnson.....	350 00	350 00	
St. Davids.....	D. W. Misner	330 00	330 00	
Smithville	D. Williams.....	400 00	359 00	41 00
Saltfleet	J. Gilray	500 00	500 00	
Barton & Hamilton ..	E. Draper	400 00	400 00	
Flamboro	W. Yokom	400 00	400 00	
Beverly	F. M. Smith	400 00	400 00	
Ancaster	G. Hunt.....	400 00	400 00	
Brant	E. Bartram.....	400 00	400 00	
Eramosa	R. Service	300 00	320 00	
Canboro.....	R. C. Parsons.....	325 00	342 00	
LONDON DISTRICT..	J. McLean	475 00	475 00	
Westminster.....	W. D. Hughson	360 00	300 00	
London	H. J. Kilty.....	350 00	350 00	
Strathroy.....	W. Fansher.....	400 00	343 00	57 00
"	L. Randall.....	200 00	171 00	29 00
Dorchester	A. Jones	450 00	425 00	25 00
Springfield	S. Card	380 00	365 00	15 00
Malahide	J. M. Collins	361 50	308 00	53 50
Yarmouth	S. Williamson	300 00	260 86	39 14
Southwell	J. P. Morden	375 00	351 38	23 62
Arkona	H. Locke.....	350 00	350 00	
Bosanquet.....	M. D. Terwilligar.....	400 00	400 00	
McGilvary	A. E. Griffith.....	400 00	373 00	27 00
Stanley	G. Hartley	325 00	295 00	30 00
Seaforth	J. W. Yokom	400 00	392 00	8 00
Goderich	J. A. Livingston	462 00	402 98	59 02
Maitland	M. Dimmick.....	275 00	225 00	50 00
St. CLAIR DISTRICT	T. Webster.....	500 00	500 00	
Florence	F. Smith	No Return		
Howard	M. A. Wright	424 00	424 00	
Harwich	B. B. Rogers			
Sandwich	W. Darwood	350 00	230 17	119 83
Blythwood	C. Burdett	400 00	381 00	19 00
Sydenham	T. Rouston	300 00	300 00	
Wallaceburg	J. T. Davis			
St. Clair	G. Lawrence	300 00	206 16	93 84
Brooke.....	J. F. Fairchilds.....	375 00	350 00	25 00
Enniskillen	J. Reynold	175 00	175 00	
Oil Springs	Eastman & Hunsburger	500 00	361 16	138 84
Newbury	J. H. Kennedy	350 00	301 00	49 00
Tillbury	J. Hubbell	325 00	325 00	
Bothwell	J. N. Elliott.....	600 00	600 00	

SYNOPSIS REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

DISTRICTS.	No		No		Total Value.
	Chapels	Value.	Parsonages	Value.	
		\$		-\$	\$
Niagara	49	41,095	12	8650 00	49745 00
Oxford	34	43,600	8	7537 00	51137 00
London	37	28,260	10	3925 00	32185 00
St. Clair	27	17,080	9	4100 0	21180 00
Total	147	130,035	39	24212 00	154247 00

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—Through the favor of a kind Providence we are permitted to address our Pastoral letter to you, feeling that

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

Hence that which is of interest to us, as ministers in our beloved Zion, is of equal interest to you, as we are one in Christ. We record our tribute of praise to the Great Head of the Church for the protection and prosperity which we, as a Church, have hitherto enjoyed. During the past year death has not been permitted to invade our itinerant ranks; and although we, as ministers, have been called upon to consign many of our members to the silent tomb, they have given unmistakable evidence of their faith in Christ and their hope of a glorious resurrection to eternal life. We rejoice that the preaching of the word amongst you has not been devoid of effect, having been mixed with faith in them that heard, but has proved to be the power of God unto unto salvation, and many have been added to the Church such, we trust, as shall be eternally saved. In our associations with you at our Centenary Camp-meetings God was with us in very deed, prompting in our hearts the question,

If our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When around his throne we meet.

But while we live in fond anticipation of the end of our faith, we

are reminded that the promise is to those who are faithful over a few things which God has committed to our care.

While we would not forget your liberality in the past, we would remind you of the continued necessity of not only sustaining our present mission work, but of the necessity of developing our missionary enterprise in different parts of our beloved Canada, as the Macedonian cry is heard from various parts—come over and help us,—and should your hearty co-operation, according to your ability, be given thereto, with the blessing of God we shall succeed.

We would further direct your attention to the present prosperous condition of Albert College, which hitherto has proved an efficient auxiliary to the Church; while it has developed the mental ability in many instances, it has given moral cast to many of the youth of our land, and is considered by us as not only indispensable to our success, but every way worthy of our confidence and support.

Our Book Room and Printing Establishment are institutions of vital importance to our Church, and the benefits arising therefrom in the past should not be lost sight of. The financial position of the concern, under the able management of our excellent editor, is improving from year to year; while the exalted position which the C. C. AVOCATE occupies in the public mind is steadily, but surely, advancing; and after its appearance before the public for over twenty-two years, it stands acknowledged as one of the leading religious journals of our country.

Next in order is our Sabbath School enterprise, which we acknowledge to be a nursery to the Church, and as the youthful mind is like wax to receive and marble to retain, it behooves us to apply all our energies to instil in the minds of our children the gracious and soul-saving truths of the gospel of the Son of God.

Judging from the great effects produced in the past, we conclude that were the latent energies of the Church fully aroused to action in this important work, the results would not only be great but glorious.

We rejoice that still there are found amongst us a few of the veterans who have stood by the Church in her hours of peculiar trial and threatening danger, but regret that hitherto we have not been able to secure to them that degree of grateful recognition which their services have so amply demanded and their positions positively required. But we trust that we stand on the verge of a brighter era to our superannuated fathers, believing as we do that a mere reference to the facts is necessary to arouse to action on your part the feelings of benevolence and acts of beneficence for which you in the past have been proverbial.

Our present Annual gathering has been one of marked unanimity and love. And now, dear brethren, we trust that we come to you in the fulness of the gospel of peace.

Finally, brethren, farewell; and may the God of peace sanctify

you wholly. The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost remain among you now and ever more. Amen.

PHILANDER SMITH, }
JAS. RICHARDSON, } *Bishops.*

M. BENSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, in taking into consideration the Sabbath School interests of our Church at this time, feel that no ordinary responsibility devolves upon them. It pertains to this Conference to do its share in giving efficiency to the late important enactment of the General Conference, inaugurating a responsible system of Sunday School operations in our Connexion. It is impossible to estimate the advantages of this movement, especially to the church of our choice.

If we would have a membership fully persuaded in their own minds as to their duties, and strongly attached to the institutions of our Church, we must commence when we can store the principles of our holy religion in the bottom of their hearts. Childhood stores the mind with food for *after year's* reflection and the last supplies which the trembling hand of memory lifts to the mind for reflection in old age, are the first layers of mental acquisitions laid down in the bottom of the heart.

We must commence before prior prejudices and predilections have left us only the upper surface upon which to move. We may indeed, with mighty zeal, raise huge waves upon that surface, but, alas! too often when the blast is past, these waves relax to that normal condition in which the deep quiet of first principles finds the old boundaries and continues to mark the old shores.

Your Committee therefore recommend that we co-operate with the "Sunday School Union" of the M. E. Church in Canada by forming a Conference auxiliary with the following

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

ART. I.—It shall be known as the "Niagara Conference Sunday School Union" of the M. E. Church in Canada, auxiliary to the S. S. Union.

OBJECT.

ART. II.—Its object shall be to further the objects contemplated in the organization of the "Sunday School Union" of the M. E. Church in Canada.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF PARISH SCHOOLS

OFFICERS.

ART. III.—The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, a Treasurer, and four others, constituting a board of "*Nine Managers*," of whom *Five* shall form a quorum.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. IV.—The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers. 2nd. The Board of Managers shall take supervision of the Sunday School work within the bounds of this Conference; *call special meetings*; fill all vacancies occurring in the board of managers, by death or otherwise, during the intervals of the Annual Meetings, and to advance the interests of the cause by such measures as they may deem expedient, consistent with the design of the parent society, and submit a report of their doings annually to the society at the regular meetings.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. V.—Any person may become a member of this society by the annual payment of *twenty-five* cents; and the payment of "*three dollars*" at any one time shall constitute a life member.

MEETINGS.

ART. VI.—A regular meeting shall be held at the session of this Conference, annually, to elect officers. The Vice-President of the parent society to be chosen by this Conference to be ex-officio President of this auxiliary.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. VII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

BY LAWS.

ART. VIII.—By Laws, in accordance with this constitution, may be made at any regular meeting or by the board of managers in the interval of such meetings, subject to the approval of the Annual Meetings next succeeding.

W. D. HUGHSON, *Chairman of Com.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHARGES.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Bible Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses.	Papers.
NIAGARA DISTRICT.								
Welland	4	35	150	5	3	650	\$	
Canboro	3	43	240		3	727	70 00	30
Dunnville	1	12	41	1	1	350	17 50	
Beverly	3	41	233	5	3	2635	22 00	
St. Davids	1	4	50	10		50	44 00	
Smithville	2	29	85	1	2	300	10 00	15
Halfleet	3	21	95	5	3	700		
Incaster	1	13	51		2	67	55 00	
Irani	3	33	250	30	6	800	40 00	
Barton	1	10	75		2	200		
Clamboro	3	30	120	20	5	600	75 00	
Total on Dist	25	271	1390	77	30	7079	333 50	45
OXFORD DISTRICT.								
Blenheim	2	10	75		1	270	10 00	
Wingersoll	5	40	200	6	4	650	50 00	10
London sta	3	30	300	1	8	600	30 00	20
Wakland	1	17	125		1	276	50 00	40
Norwich	4	48	170	5	8	430	95 00	24
Hartford	7	75	580	12	6	1180	50 40	40
St. Marys	1	10	80	7	1	105	20 00	
	2	20	165			400	30 00	
Total on Dist	25	250	2395	31	29	3841	335 40	134
LONDON DISTRICT.								
Springfield	1	13	75		1	100	15 00	10
Westminster	1	12	82		1	225	40 00	10
Southwold	1	5	60			150		
Arkona	2	18	150		4	500	30 00	
London Ct	2	25	100		2	300	75 00	60
Strathroy	1	16	100		1	220	40 00	125
Seaforth	1	10	100			100		12
Godrich	1	8	70		1	100	2 00	
Dorchester	1	10	92	2		100	33 00	35
Malahide	3	39	250	8	6	860	75 00	20
Malahide	2	13	50			125		
Malanquet	1	6	45	8	1	137	14 00	18
McGilvary	1	14	68	2	2	80	23 00	
Total on Dist	18	189	1242	20	19	2997	347 00	280

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee in reporting would submit the following:

The importance and necessity of the Sabbath will be evident if we consider the situation in which we are found: Christianity opposed to wickedness, right to wrong, truth to error; and just in proportion as the cause of the Redeemer triumphs or languishes do we notice the keeping of that holy day.

We can see its importance when our minds contemplate the toils and labors, cares and difficulties of life. The Scripture command is, "Six days shalt thou labor;" and as mankind goes forth to the toils of life, the mind becomes influenced more or less by its labors, its anxieties, and its difficulties, and while day succeeds to day, each one bringing its varied trying scenes, as the week begins to close how the mind seems to rest in anticipating the repose of the Sabbath. It has been truthfully ascertained that those establishments or communities who have supposed to realize a profit from labor engaged in on that day have failed so to do. Still these are only the low grounds by which we are to judge of the matter; there are higher views and holier thoughts which fill our minds when we consider that it was intended, not only to be a rest from toil, but a day in which the Christian does more immediately hold intercourse with his God. It seems to us that there can be no more striking emblem of the better, holier land than a calm, quiet, peaceful Sabbath morning. We think of that better world as a resting-place, a home where sin will be forever excluded, no appearance of evil, no discordant sound, but all in keeping with the being who presides there. And when the Christian sits down in the repose of that holy, hallowed day, how trying to gaze on scenes of employment or pleasure, or to listen to sounds that fall on the ear, telling plainly of the efforts of the powers of darkness to pollute that day and blot out its sanctity.

We are plainly taught in the Bible that one-seventh of our time should be devoted to Him whose we are. And, aside from any profit that would arise from its repose, or the gratification we may receive from intercourse with the divine being, or the perusal of his holy word, or the communings of christians, the truth is forced home to us because it is the command of Him who "spake as never man spake,—“ Remember the Sabbata day to keep it holy.”

In considering these thoughts we offer the following:

Resolved, 1st. That as a Church we consider the strict observance of the holy Sabbath a duty enjoined on all who are expecting to participate in the enjoyment of a holier world.

2nd. That as Ministers of the cross we will use our endeavors by proclaiming its importance from the sacred desk, by setting example to those among whom we labor, by discouraging whatever tends in the least to detract from its sacredness, and to lead the

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people, as far as possible, to the practice of those things that will fit us for the enjoyment of the eternal Sabbath that shall have no night.

Signed

JOHN. R. PHILLIPS.

W. FANSHER.

R. C. PARSONS.

Com. Room, May 1st, 1867.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:

That intemperance, with its vast and complicated appliances for evil, is still doing its work of misery, destruction and death in our fair country, is still shattering the physical systems, blighting the intellectual faculties, and degrading the moral powers of thousands in our land. Your Committee are of the opinion that the use of intoxicating drinks is the cause, either directly or indirectly, of three-fourths of the misery and crime that exist in the community. The clanking chains of the murderer incarcerated in the gloomy cell, who committed his foul deed while impassioned by the poisoned chalice, echo to the truth of this statement; the thousands of children among us that are brought up in idleness and ignorance by drunken parents, and who will swell our list of criminals and fill our jails, prisons and almshouses with inmates, and ultimately fill drunkard's graves, are living witnesses of the correctness of our opinion. On every hand this prevails; not a passing breeze that fans the cheek, but bears on its airy wings the sigh of some broken-hearted drunkard's wife or the cries of his starving children.

Notwithstanding this evil prevails to such an alarming extent, we are happy to be able to report that much is being done by the various religious bodies and temperance organizations to combat this giant evil, and already the temperance army numbers in its ranks thousands of staunch, well-trying men and women, and in view of this fact we may reasonably hope that a great many years shall not have passed away before a generation will have sprung up which, being thoroughly educated in the principles of total abstinence, will give us a prohibitory liquor law that will forever banish the curse from our country. We rejoice to learn that the people in many of the neighboring States are actively engaged in the great temperance reform, and are already successfully enforcing the prohibitory laws which their legislatures have enacted. We further state that want of action on the part of teetotalers will be attended with injury.— Hence, in view of our present confederation of these Provinces, your Committee recommend a confederation of all ranks of the temperance army, and spare no pains by vote, if possible, to keep out of the Local Legislature or House of Commons those who are not teetotalers.

Furthermore your Committee are of the opinion that temperance is the handmaid of Christianity, and that whatever tends to promote the Temperance Reform also enhances the cause of Christ and his kingdom, and we therefore offer the following resolution for adoption :—

Resolved, That we, as ministers of a christian church, will endeavor by private conversation, by public lectures, by our daily walk, and by our ministry, to advance the interests of the great and noble cause of Temperance.

Signed

A. E. GRIFFITH,
S. STEWART.

Committee Room, April 30th, 1867.

REPORT ON PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing beg leave to report that from the exhibit of the Book Committee they are pleased to notice the improved financial condition of the concern. There are some things, however, which demand our serious attention.

1st. During the year 1866 quite a number of papers were stopped, the amount due on which was over \$450; and since the first of March of the present year upwards of three hundred more have been discontinued, and on these the aggregate sum due amounted to over \$1100. Since that time a number of the delinquents whose papers were then stopped have paid up arrearages and renewed their subscriptions.

In view of the large amount due on both old and current subscriptions, particularly the former, and the increased difficulty of collecting when delayed year after year, we recommend the following :

1st. That each preacher be required to give special attention to the collection of all accounts due the printing establishment, particularly those papers that have been stopped, and that in accordance with the action of the late General Conference, the passage of his character be held subject to the manner in which he discharged this duty.

2nd. And in order that intelligent action may be secured in each case when a brother's character is passing in review before the Conference, the editor be required to state what he has collected during the year and the amount still due on his circuit.

3rd. To secure efficient action on the part of the preachers, we deem it advisable that the Presiding Elder bring this matter before them at each quarterly visit, and urge the necessity of fidelity in collecting all accounts due the Printing Establishment.

4th. We are pleased to see that a larger amount than usual has been paid on the current volume, and we are of the opinion that the

pay-in-advance principle is the only safe one, and your Committee express the hope that, in accordance with the action of the General Conference, this will be carried out to the fullest extent consistent with the safety and well-being of the concern.

5th. In order to increase the interest in our connexional journal, we recommend that each preacher in charge be required to give a lecture once a year in all his congregations on the power and usefulness of the religious press, and the necessity and importance of all our friends subscribing for the "C. C. ADVOCATE."

6th. We are glad to notice that the amounts due the Printing Establishment by the preachers of this Conference are comparatively small; but there are a few whose indebtedness is quite large, and in view of the wants of the concern, we hope the Conference will urge immediate payment.

7th. We regret to learn that several notes given by the preachers for the liquidation of the N. Y. debt still remain unpaid, and we would suggest to these brethren the propriety and necessity of meeting these obligations as speedily as possible.

8th. The power press now in use in the establishment, having been in operation quite a number of years, is literally worn out, and in the language of the Book Room Committee, "a new press is now a necessity;" and we are pleased that efforts have been and are still being made to obtain funds for its purchase. The appointment of Rev. H. Doekham, of the Ontario Conference, as Treasurer, having been confirmed by the Book Committee, we therefore recommend that all moneys raised for this purpose be forwarded to him as speedily as possible. And we also recommend the Conference to instruct the preachers to get up socials, tea meetings, or adopt any other efficient measures to secure funds for this object, and if possible, that this be done within the next four months.

9th. As the difficulty of sustaining the establishment financially, is principally felt during the summer months, we recommend that each preacher be required, as soon as possible after going to his circuit, to visit all delinquent subscribers and urge immediate payment, and collect accounts where papers have been stopped.

10th. As a Conference we wish to express our hearty approval of the able manner in which our paper has been conducted during the past year, and pledge ourselves to redoubled exertion in securing for it a wider circulation.

J. GILRAY, *Sec. of Com.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee would respectfully report that having given the important subject submitted to them what consideration their time and circumstances would admit of, are of opinion that while the principal object of the Church is to save men from sin and build them up in faith and holiness, yet in order to accomplish this we should

labor in every suitable way for the development and improvement of the human mind through the various educational institutions of the land. As Canadians we appreciate the great advantages afforded by our general school system, beginning with the elementary common school, and ending with the university, thereby furnishing our youth with the very best facilities for acquiring such an education as each may desire; therefore we conceive it to be our duty, as ministers, to encourage the educational institutions of the country, as far as it is in our power so to do, especially "Albert College," it being an institution of our own Church.

Your Committee are highly gratified to learn that the present condition of the College is prosperous, both financially and otherwise, much of its indebtedness having been liquidated during the past year, while the number of students has been increased nearly one-third. It is also a very gratifying fact, which we would not omit to mention, that for the past two years, at least, the school has been self-sustaining. The present term, we are glad to learn, has opened with a considerable increase of students over former years, and that, altogether, the prospects are far from discouraging. In view of the whole case your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That in our opinion it would be well for each preacher to visit the common schools within his bounds as frequently as possible that he may thereby exert an influence in favor of education, and by that means promote the interests of religion and morality in the land.

2nd. That it be made the duty of each member of the Conference to lecture or preach on the subject of education at all his appointments once, at least, during the Conference year, if practicable.

3rd. That it is the duty of the preachers of this Conference to endeavor, in every reasonable way, to secure students for Albert College.

4th. That it is the duty of the preachers to do all in their power to raise funds for the College, inasmuch as their co-operation is indispensable to success, there being no second agency to step in and supply their lack of service.

5th. That it be the duty of the Presiding Elders at each Quarterly Meeting to call attention to the subject of the subscriptions to the College, and use their best endeavors to secure the collection of what-ever may be due on the Charge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. HUNSBERGER, *Chairman*.

Committee Room, May 1st, 1867.

Have not "Lovell's" or Campbell's Geograph

" " Biblical Geograph
" " Wesley's Sermons

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NIAGARA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Townley's Biblical Literature

REPORT ON COURSE OF STUDY.

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

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

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

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

CONFERENCE ORDERS.

1. That the Candidates meet the Committee for Examination at the seat of next Conference on Tuesday next, preceeding the Session, at 10 o'clock A. M.

2. That any brother appointed by the Presiding Elder of his district to attend Missionary Meetings and refusing or neglecting to do so, shall be subject to the censure of this Conference.

3. That each preacher in charge of circuit shall, if practicable, distribute the Juvenile Missionary cards at the beginning of the year to raise Missionary funds.

4th. That we have 800 copies of printed Minutes of Conference and 800 copies Missionary Reports.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS

And Probationers in connection with the Niagara Annual Conference of the M. E. Church in Canada, with their Post Office Address, and the number of years of Ministerial Service in the M. E. Church.

Year of entering Traveling Connection.	Alphabetical List.	Present Charge.	P. O. Address.	Years in the Ministry.	Years Effective
1849	Abbs, G.	Editor	C. Advocate	Hamilton	19 18
1839	Bristol E.	P. E., Niagara Dist.	Ancaster	28 26	
1856	Bristol B.	Nissouri	Lake Side	11 11	
1852	Bartram E.	Brant	Alberton	15 14	
1855	Benson M.	Mt. Elgin	Mount Elgin	12 12	
1857	Benson W.	Blenheim	Princeton	10 9	
1855	Burnell J. C.	Supernumerary		12 11	
1856	Burdette C.	Yarmouth	Sparta	11 11	
1863	Brown W. G.	Welland	Welland	4 4	
1865	Brown J.	Student	Albert Col.	2 1	
1864	Barker D.	Enniskillen	Watford	3 2	
1865	Beemer A.	Welland	Welland	2 2	
1812	Culp D.	Superannuated	Oakland	55 23	
1849	Cook R. B.	Eramosa	Rockwood	18 16	
1854	Collins J. M.	Malahide	Luton	13 13	
1851	Collamore O. G.	Ancaster	Ancaster	16 16	
1859	Card S.	London Ct.	Komoka	8 7	
1852	Draper E.	Smithville	Smithville	15 14	
1855	Draper J.	Supernumerary	Mt. Albion	12 11	
1859	Davis J. T.	Harwich	Fairald	8 8	
1863	Dimmick M.	Blanchard	Carlingford	4 4	
1860	Eastman C. S.	St. Marys	St. Marys	7 7	
1860	Elliott J. N.	Bothwell	Bothwell	7 7	
1867	Elliott Z.	Dunnville	Dunnville	0 0	
1865	Emerick J. W.	Hartford	Hartford	2 2	
1862	Fansher W.	Arkona	Arkona	5 5	
1863	Fairchild J. F.	Brooke	Watford	4 4	
1835	Griffin D.	Supernumerary	Stratfordville	32 11	
1849	Graham W.	P. E., Oxford Dist.	Embro	18 18	
1852	Griffith A. E.	Strathroy	Strathroy	15 15	
1854	Giray J.	Hamilton	Hamilton	13 13	
1841	Hughson W. D.	Newbury	Newbury	25 25	
1855	Hunsberger A.	Oil Springs	Oil Springs	12 12	
1855	Hunt G.	Bosanquet	Widder	12 12	
1846	Hayward J.	Superannuated	Fenwick	21 14	
1858	Hartley G.	Stanley	Bayfield	9 9	
1863	Hubbell J.	Blythwood	Leamington	4 4	
1839	Jones A.	Springfield	Springfield	28 27	
1864	Johnson J. W. B.	Embro	Embro	3 3	
1855	Kilty H. J.	Dorchester	Avon	12 12	
1846	Kerr S. L.		Meaford	21 16	
1867	Kennedy J. H.	Maitland	Auburn	0 0	
1849	Lounsbury E.	Oxford	Ingersol	18 18	
1862	Locke H.	Westminster	Lambeth	5 5	
1844	Lawrence G.	St. Clair	Sombra	23 16	
1863	Livingston J. A.	Goderich	Goderich	4 4	

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.—(CONTINUED.)

Year of entering traveling connection.	Alphabetical List.	Present Charge.	P. O. Address.	Years in the Ministry.	
				Years Effective.	Years
1867	Lyman B. . . .	Oxford	Ingersol	0	0
1845	McLean J. . . .	P. E. London Dist.	Lambeth	19	19
1856	Morden J. P. . .	Southwold	Fingal	9	8
1865	Misner D. W. . .	St. Davids	St. Davids	2	2
1867	Moore B. C. . . .	Strathroy	Strathroy	2	2
1856	Phillips J. . . .	Walsingham	Silver Hill	0	0
1864	Phillips J. R. . .	Pelham	Fenwick	11	11
1825	Parsons R. C. . .	Canboro	Canboro	3	3
1860	Richardson J. D. D.	Bishop	Yorkville	42	38
1863	Rogers B. B. . . .	McGillivray	Park Hill	7	5
1865	Rouston T. . . .	Sydenham	Dresden	4	4
1865	Randall L. . . .	McGillivray	Park Hill	2	2
1865	Reynolds J. . . .	Sandwich	Sandwich	2	2
1820	Smith P., D.D. . .	Bishop	Brooklin	47	38
1843	Stewart S. . . .	Superannuated	Lynden	24	9
1835	Swayze C. . . .	Supernumerary	Font Hill	32	3
1863	Smith G. . . .	Rainham	Rainham Centre	14	14
1867	Smith F. M. . . .	Beverly	Lynden	10	10
1856	Service R. . . .	Saltfleet	Tapleystown	11	11
1858	Smith P. jr. . . .	London City	London	9	9
1865	Smith F. . . .	Florence	Florence	2	2
1845	Tufford J. C. . . .	Superannuated	Luton	22	21
1844	Terwilliger S. . .	Norwich	Newark	23	15
1860	Terwilliger E. A. .	Vienna	Vienna	7	7
1838	Wehster T. . . .	P. E. St. Clair Dist.	Newbury	29	21
1850	Wood J. . . .	Oakland	Oakland	17	17
1862	Wright M. A. . . .	Howard	Morpeth	5	5
1864	Williams D. . . .	Barton	Hannon	3	3
1865	Williamson J. S. .	Seaforth	Seaforth	2	2
1859	Yokom W. . . .	Piamboro	Mountsberg	8	8
1861	Yokom J. W. . . .	Petrolia	Petrolia	6	6

NAMES AND STANDING

Of the Local Preachers in the Niagara Conference.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Welland.—J. M. House, J. W. Gould, Deacon.

St. Davids.—D. Collard, Elder.

Pelham.—R. Farr, R. Dawdy, J. Goodwillie.

Dunville.—A. Rodgers, J. S. Ricker, A. Stringer, Wm. Stringer, Deacon.

- Smithville*.—J. Upper, Deacon; Jno. B. Cutler, Deacon; W. Griffin, N. Pattison, Bro. Lane.
Saltfleet.—C. C. Burkholder.
Eramosa.—A. Warner.
Ancaster.—S. Stone.
Flamboro.—M. S. Dimmick, Elder; T. Pickett, Deacon; S. Griffin.
Beverly.—Wm. Clement, J. Clement.
Brant.—Wm. Bautinheimer, Deacon; Jno. Vanderlip, G. Bradshaw, W. H. Teeple, Jno. P. Wright.

OXFORD DISTRICT.

- Oxford*.—A. Burzee, Elder; A. H. Cogswell, M. Gray, C. M. Odell, Deacon.
Norwich.—D. W. Kelley.
Vienna.—R. Yokom, P. Yokom, E. Pettit, D. F. Martin.
Walsingham.—A. Robinson, C. Garret.
St. Marys.—T. B. Brown, Elder.
Oakland.—O. Olmstead, Wm. Anscumb.
Blenheim.—D. Epps, J. Harley.
Rainham.—J. B. Decew, Deacon.
Nanticoke.—H. Wood, R. A. Howey, M. Hunsberger.

LONDON DISTRICT.

- Malahide*.—Orrin H. Tyrrell, Deacon; J. S. Clendemning, W. L. Brown.
Dorchester.—John H. Hughes, Deacon; Edward Hegler, Henry M. Wiltsie, Henry Gram.
Springfield.—R. Dexter, Elder; John Norton.
Maitland.—Wm. Symington.
London Circuit.—Ralph Morden, Deacon; John McNeil, Deacon; Wm. Mair, James Bailey, Deacon.
Westminster.—Jeremiah Wilson, Deacon.
Arkona.—
Southwold.—Jarvis S. Fraser, Deacon.
Struthroy.—John Jefferson, Elder; Wm. Badge.
Seaforth.—John McGreggor.
Farmouth.—Ira Bently, Deacon.
Bonanquet.—Robt Lyman, Elder; N. Roy, Elder; R. Virtue.
McGilvary.—G. Thompson, Deacon; Morris Kenedy, Elder.
Goderich.—Norman Hollerom, Deacon.
Dorchester.—John Davy.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Florence.—J. W. Morley, Deacon.

St. Clair.—J. D. Dolson, Elder.

Enniskillen.—S. J. Lancaster, Deacon; J. Dupee, Deacon.

Newbury.—J. Walker, Deacon.

Blithewood.—A. Scratch, Deacon; J. Bacom, Deacon; J. W. Malotte.

Howard.—H. Ogletree, Deacon.

Sandwich.—J. Greaves, Deacon Elect; W. McK. Darwood, Deacon Elect; C. Lounsbury.

Florence.—I. Bobier, Deacon Elect; J. Madden, P. Switzer, R. Duff.

Brook.—Jas. Cook.

Sydenham.—M. Pickard, A. Smith, D. D. Williston.

Ontario Annual Conference.

The Ontario Annual Conference of the M. E. Church in Canada commenced its Fifth Session in Brooklin, Ontario County, May 8th, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Bishop P. Smith opened the Conference by reading 2 Cor. iii, and giving out the 692nd hymn, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

J. CURTS, Secretary of Conference.

A. CAMPBELL, Journal Secretary.

J. C. POMEROY, Statistical Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

NOMINATIONS—S. Morrison, G. Jones, W. H. Shaw.

DIVINE SERVICE—S. Morrison, W. Pirritte.

ADVISORY—*Colborne District*: S. W. LaDu, R. Sanderson.
Toronto " W. Pirritte, T. P. Bradshaw.
Huron " J. Foster, T. Argue.

MISSIONS—G. Jones, S. Morrison, W. H. Shaw, C. Taylor, R. Earl.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—R. Sanderson, J. Hiscocks, D. Carraden.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—D. Pomeroy, A. Campbell, P. E. Knox.

TEMPERANCE—G. Bennett, J. Wild, A. V. Hulin.

CHURCH PROPERTY—W. A. Sills, S. A. Thompson, D. Perry.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—S. W. LaDu, E. G. Waite.

EDUCATION—W. Pirritte, G. S. Thompson, T. Argue, J. C. Pomeroy, A. Carman, M.A.

PRINTING—G. Shepard, J. Curts, J. H. Hiltz, T. P. Bradshaw, J. Foster.

WAYS AND MEANS—G. Jones, S. Morrison, W. H. Shaw.

CENTENARY—S. W. LaDu, D. Pomeroy, F. M. Finn, J. Q. Adams, C. Newson.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE—G. Jones, Chairman. *1st Year*: J. H. Hiltz, D. Pomeroy. *2nd Year*: W. H. Shaw, G. Miller. *3rd Year*: R. Sanderson, J. Curts. *4th Year*: S. W. LaDu, T. P. Bradshaw.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' FUND—H. Dockham, Chairman.

UNIFORMITY—R. Earl, G. Jones, C. V. Lake.

CONTINGENT—M. D. Archer, T. C. Brown, J. Egan.

MISSIONARY FUND—T. Meyers, W. F. Harnden, G. Miller.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—John Lynch, Robert Carson, James Campbell, John S. Morris, D. B. Lake.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

A.—C. Simpson, R. Large.

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

A.—W. F. Harnden.

Q. 4.—*Who are the Deacons?*

A.—A. Maybee, P. L. Sparrow, G. S. Thompson, S. Thompson, D. Perry, C. Newson, E. Will, J. Egan, E. G. Waite, W. F. Harnden.*

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

A.—T. C. Brown, A. Campbell, T. Myers.

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

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

Q. 7.—*Who have located this year?*

A.—J. B. Fisher, G. Wilson, J. W. Massey, G. Clark.

Q. 8.—*Who are the Supernumeraries?*

A.—D. Crouter, P. L. Sparrow.

*Ordained this year.

Q. 9.—Who are the superannuated preachers ?

A.—J. W. Byam, H. H. Johnson, J. Owen, B. Lawrence, W. E. Norman, A. Wright.

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

A.—None.

Q. 11.—Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year ?

A.—None.

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

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

Q. 13.—Who have died this year ?

A.—None.

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

A.—(See statistics.)

RECAPITULATION OF NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

Colborne District.....	2350
Toronto ".....	1731
Huron ".....	1223
Total number.....	5304
Total number of traveling preachers.....	72
Total.....	5376

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

A.—(See statistics.)

RECAPITULATION OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' CLAIMS.

Colborne District.....	\$239 7 1/2
Toronto ".....	203 11
Huron ".....	95 95
Interest on Centenary offering.....	6 23
Conference Collection.....	20 85
Sum Total.....	\$575 84 1/2

Q. 16.—How was this expended ?

A.—

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. W. Byam.....	\$102 26
H. H. Johnson.....	102 26
W. E. Norman.....	102 26
J. Owen.....	51 13
Mrs. C. Fraser.....	51 13
Mrs. L. P. Smith.....	51 13
Conference expenses.....	3 40
Total.....	\$565 83

Q. 17.—Where are the preachers stationed?

A.—

COLBORNE DISTRICT. G. JONES, P. E.

BELLEVILLE.—J. Wild, G. Shepard, Treasurer of Albert College; A. Maybee, permitted to attend Albert College; A. Carman, M. A., Principal of Albert College.

SIDNEY.—S. W. LaDu, G. Thompson; D. Crouter, superannuated.

STIRLING.—A. Campbell, James Campbell.

MADOC AND TUDOR.—J. Q. Adams; one to be sent.

COBOURG.—J. Simpson.

OMEMEE AND MINDEN.—J. C. Pomeroy, D. B. Lake.

BRIGHTON.—J. P. Sparrow, J. S. Norris; W. E. Norman, H. H. Johnson, A. Wright, superannuated.

COLBORNE.—R. Earl.

OAKWOOD.—R. Sanderson.

PERCY.—C. Newson.

HALDIMAND.—T. Myers, C. Simpson.

SEYMOUR.—J. Egan.

CLARKE.—W. A. Sills.

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

ORONO.—J. Curts.

OSHAWA.—L. B. Caldwell.

BROOKLIN.—W. Pirritte, S. A. Thompson.

WHITBY.—D. Pomeroy, J. Hiscocks; J. W. Byam, superannuated.

MARKHAM.—J. Ormerod.

MUSKOKA.—M. D. Archer.

QUEENSVILLE--G. Bennett.

KING--T. Argue.

YONGE STREET--E. G. Wait.

BRAMPTON--S. Morrison, R. Large.

GEORGETOWN--C. V. Lake; J. Owen, superannuated.

NELSON--H. Dockham.

TORONTO--One to be sent; J. Wilson left without an appointment at his own request.

OAKVILLE--T. C. Brown.

UXBRIDGE--G. Miller.

HURON DISTRICT. W. H. SHAW, P. E.

COLLINGWOOD--J. H. Hilts.

OSPREY--E. J. Fulford.

ST. VINCENT--C. Taylor, J. Lynch.

TEESWATER AND WINGHAM--R. Carson, A. V. Hulin.

HANOVER--F. M. Finn.

INVERMAY--J. Foster; D. Carscaden left without an appointment at his own request.

KINCARDINE--R. L. Tindall.

ELMA--E. Will.

GARAFRAXA--A. L. Thurston.

CREEMORE--D. Perry.

MT. FOREST--J. H. WATTS.

ORANGEVILLE--P. E. Knox; B. Lawrence, superannuated.

MELANCTHON--W. F. Harnden.

Q. 18.--*What is the amount of Contingent Collection?*

A.--(See statistics).

RECAPITULATION OF CONTINGENT FUND COLLECTION.

Balance in hand from last year, with interest, ...	\$ 96 75
Amount collected this year	105 68½
Total	\$202 43½

EXPENDITURE.

To Bishop Richardson's expenses	\$10 60
To appropriation to A.L. Thurston by Con. last year	50 00
Per J. Wild's expenses in securing return tickets	2 50
Total	\$63 10
Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$139 33½

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD: Another year of ministerial toil having passed we, according to our time-honored custom, send you our Pastoral Address, hoping it may be to you a source of encouragement and blessing. We trust we are truly and humbly grateful to Almighty God for the preservation of our lives to meet together again in another Annual Conference; and we sincerely pray that we as a body of Christian ministers may be more deeply imbued with the spirit of our Master, and qualified for our "work of faith and labor of love."

We would urge upon you first, the importance of earnestly seeking for heart-holiness as necessary to true evangelical success and personal enjoyment. Pray for it, believe for it, live for it, that in true godliness we may all stand together, as co-workers with Christ, until the nations be converted to God.

The institutions of our Church still have a claim upon your liberality. All our operations are carried on upon the principle of voluntary contributions. This affords an opportunity for all, the poor as well as the rich, to honor the Lord with their substance, according as God hath blessed them. The widow can bring her mites, the wealthy their princely offerings, thereby giving tangible proof of their love to God and their zeal to promote the glory of the Redeemer's kingdom. Sustain the institutions of the Church, and you retain and increase her power. Neglect to do this, and she is like Samson shorn of his locks, and therefore unable to accomplish her great end. Give your ministers a liberal support, that they may be men of one work, unembarrassed and unburdened, "workmen approved unto God."

Do not forget the claims of our venerable fathers who have "borne the burden and heat of the day," braving dangers and enduring hardships as pioneers to unfurl the banners of the gospel and our beloved Methodism in this our favored land. However willing, they are no longer able to do effective labor. They yet—though infirm in body—are full of faith and the Holy Ghost, only waiting the arrival of the messenger to summon them to the celestial courts. Let their hearts be cheered by your ample donations, that, though the morning was misty, the evening time of their life may be radiant with light.

The cause of Christian missions, greatly blessed by your former liberality, continues its appeal to you. Embarrassed by debt, the wheels of missionary enterprise are clogged. The future prosperity and success of the church depend upon the vigorous prosecution of the mission work. We therefore would solicit increased liberality in this direction.

What was formerly "Belleville Seminary" is now, by recent Act of Parliament, endowed with University Powers, under the name and title of "Albert College." The importance of this has long been

felt by the lovers of our Institution. The advantages thus secured will be apparent, when you consider that your children can be liberally educated in the arts, under the supervision of the church of your choice, under the watch-care of men who are not only masters in learning, but eminently pious. We are sorry to say that some financial embarrassments still hang over the College. Rally around her, brethren; fill her halls with your sons and daughters, thereby conferring a benefit upon the College and a lasting benefit upon them.

We also call your attention to our Printing Establishment and Connexional Journal. Though they are not in as flourishing a condition as we could desire, the way is gradually opening we trust to complete success. The *C. C. Advocate* is conducted in an able and vigorous manner. Being the organ of our Church, it is indispensable to our prosperity. We regret that so many members of the church are without its valuable reading matter.

We would urge upon you the great importance of inculcating in the minds of the young the cardinal principles of our holy religion. While this may be done in the domestic circle, great good may also be done by way of Sabbath School enterprise. We think this work cannot more effectually be done than in the establishment of denominational schools wherever practicable. We are sorry that in many parts of our work Sabbath Schools are much neglected. Remember, brethren, that the Sabbath Schools is the nursery of the church. If you labor diligently in this direction, you will eventually reap an abundant and glorious harvest. The late General Conference organized a Sabbath School Union for our whole work, which we hope may result to the advantage of the cause.

We would cite your attention to an existing evil in the land, viz., the desecration of the Sabbath day. This evil is very insinuating in its nature, assuming many forms, such as indolently spending the hours of the Lord's day, visiting with friends, conversation on subjects of a secular character, &c., &c. Discourage these practices, brethren, in every possible way. "Be in the Spirit on the Lord's day."

The subject of Temperance should receive your hearty co-operation by word and example. "Go not in the ways of evil doers," and thus you will drive the galling scourge of Intemperance from our land.

In short, brethren, "Be instant in season, out of season, always abounding in the work of the Lord." And may the God of all grace sanctify you wholly, that you may abound in faith and good works until the appearing of the Lord Jesus, and may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be with you always. Amen.

P. SMITH,
J. RICHARDSON, } Presidents.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

	Num- bers.	Superan- nuated.	Contin- gent.	Mission- ary.
COLBORNE DISTRICT.				
Belleville	84	\$17 50	\$ 4 00	\$103 00
Sidney	410	45 00	6 37	180 00
Stirling	400	40 00	5 00	136 00
Madoc	95	15 00	1 00	68 60
Tudor	41			
Cobourg	75	6 43	2 35	70 10
Omeme	35	2 50	30	72 50
Minden	35			
Brighton	320		4 00	92 97
Oakwood	152	27 68	6 70	94 98
Colborne	185	10 65	2 10	
Percy	220	30 00		125 02
Haldimand	203	25 51	10 06	171 30
Seymour	75	8 43		43 82½
TORONTO DISTRICT.				
Orono	80	11 45	1 95	62 95
Clark	78	15 00	1 35	53 92
Oshawa	43			9 00
Brooklin	150	40 00	3 00	210 30
Whitby	242	10 00	5 00	78 73
Markham	218	9 05	1 85	185 01
Muskoka	52			17 75
Queensville	110	12 00	1 00	66 00
King	106	12 60	3 00	67 10
Yonge Street	90	25 51	2 37	1 2 13
Brampton	224	15 37	7 11	175 63
Georgetown	139	30 00	4 25	115 26
Nelson	112	30 00	2 30	90 48
Toronto	21			
Oakville	66	7 78	5 00	57 39
DURHAM DISTRICT				
Collingwood	30	3 40	4 60	36 00
Osprey	60	3 00	1 00	25 00
St. Vincent	145	7 50	1 50	109 31
Teeswater	45	5 00	1 50	62 00
Wingham	28	1 00		14 00
Hanover	104	7 08	2 53	28 49
Invermay	81	2 75	1 15	29 80
Kincardine	70	3 50	1 26	41 71
Elma	77	10 85	1 26	39 33
Garafra	169	7 00	3 50	37 23
Creemore	60	5 00	1 50	38 00
Mt. Forest	152	6 77	1 65	94 44
Orangeville	125	23 00	5 00	131 50
Melancthon	77	10 00	1 00	14 00

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

A.—At Meaford, County of Grey, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M., the 3rd Wednesday of May, 1868.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Missionary.
 103 00
 180 00
 136 00
 68 60
 70 10
 72 50
 92 97
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 171 30
 43 82
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 85 01
 17 75
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 67 10
 2 13
 75 63
 15 26
 90 48
 57 39
 36 00
 25 00
 39 31
 2 00
 4 00
 8 49
 19 80
 1 71
 9 33
 7 23
 8 00
 4 44
 1 60
 4 00

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.
		\$ cts	\$ cts.	\$ cts
COLBORNE DISTRICT.				
	G. Jones		487 00	
Belleville	J. Wild	600 00	600 00	
Sidney	S. W. LaDu	292 00	292 00	
"	D. Crouter	315 00	315 00	
"	C. Simpson	80 00	80 00	
Stirling	A. Campbell	450 00	450 00	
"	S. A. Thompson	200 00	200 00	
Madoc	G. S. Thompson	250 00	238 00	
Colborne	J. P. Sparrow	464 00	443 00	21 00
Cobourg	R. Earl	440 00	359 33	80 67
Omemece	J. C. Pomeroy	440 00	440 00	
Minden	P. L. Sparrow			
Brighton	A. Wright	450 00	425 00	25 00
Oakwood	J. M. Simpson	450 00	430 00	20 00
Percy	C. Newson	450 00	450 00	
Haldimand	R. Sanderson	440 00	440 00	
"	W. J. Massey	150 00	150 00	
Seymore	J. Egan	350 00	317 15	32 85
TORONTO DISTRICT.				
Orono	W. A. Sills	450 00	450 00	
Oshawa	H. Dockam	100 00	52 00	48 00
"	L. B. Caldwell		1 25	
Brooklin	W. Pirritte	525 00	525 00	
"	R. Large	225 00	225 00	
Whitby	J. Q. Adams	400 00	348 85	51 15
"	T. C. Brown	250 00	219 79	30 21
Markham	D. Pomeroy	425 00	425 00	
"	J. Hiscoks	80 00	80 00	
Muskoka	G. Wilson	17 35	17 35	
Queensville	C. V. Lake			
King	J. Curtis	514 56	495 92	18 64
Yonge Street	E. G. Waite	350 00	335 00	14 48
Brampton	G. Bennett	430 00	380 78	49 22
"	E. Will	250 00	221 80	28 20
Georgetown	J. Ormerod	500 00	500 00	
Nelson	F. P. Bradshaw	450 00	450 00	
Oakville	A. L. Thurston	400 00	289 00	110 31
HURON DISTRICT.				
Collingwood	W. H. Shaw	500 00	490 00	10 00
Osprey	C. Taylor	400 00	269 54	132 46
St. Vincent	A. V. Hulin	250 00	170 50	79 50
Teeswater	J. H. Hilts	450 00	409 00	41 00
Wingham	R. Carson	275 00	215 09	61 91
Hanover	E. J. Fulford	300 00	219 00	81 00
Invermay	J. H. Watts	400 00	390 00	10 00
Kincairdine	D. Carscaddon	450 00	402 00	48 00
Elma	R. L. Tindall	375 00	305 00	70 00
Garafraza	D. Perry	410 00	393 55	16 45
Creemore	F. M. Finn	400 00	363 00	37 00
Mt. Forest	J. Foster	375 00	315 00	20 00
Orangeville	P. E. Knox	45 00	450 00	
	T. Argue	400 00	400 00	

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ASSESSMENTS FOR SUPERANNUATED PREACHER'S
FUND.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Sidney	\$45 00	Oakwood	\$30 00
Belleville	20 00	Colborne	25 00
Stirling	45 00	Percy	30 00
Madoc and Tudor	25 00	Clark	15 00
Omeme and Minden	10 00	Seymore	15 00
Brighton	40 00	Cobourg	25 00
Haldimand	44 00		
		Total on Dist.	\$369 00

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Orono	\$25 00	Yonge Street	\$25 00
Oshawa	25 00	Brampton	45 00
Brooklin	44 00	Georgetown	30 00
Markham	35 00	Nelson	30 00
Muskoka	10 00	Toronto	12 00
Uxbridge	10 00	Oakville	12 00
Queensville	20 00		
King	25 00	Total on Dist.	\$400 00

HURON DISTRICT.

Collingwood	\$10 00	Mt. Forest	\$20 00
St. Vincent	25 00	Orangeville	25 00
Hanover	18 00	Melancthon	10 00
Kincardine	18 00	Osprey	10 00
Elma	18 00	Invermay	15 00
Teeswater and Wingham	20 00		
Creemore	17 00	Total on Dist.	\$231 00

RECAPITULATION.

Colborne District	\$ 369 00
Toronto "	400 00
Huron "	231 00
Total	\$1000 00

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

SECRETARY—J. Curtis, Orono P. O.

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—C. V. Lake, Ballinafad.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—G. Jones, Brighton.

TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—T. Argue, Newmarket.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ALBERT COLLEGE—H. Dockham, S. Morrison.

MEMBER OF BOOK COMMITTEE—H. Dockham, Palermo.

VISITOR TO ALBERT COLLEGE—A. Campbell,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee having examined the Returns presented to them from the different Circuits and Missions find that there is a growing interest manifested in imparting to the youth of our land a scriptural education; and during the past year, through this instrumentality, many have been instructed in the revealed will of God, that directs sinners to the cross of Christ. Your Committee are of opinion, however, that in many places the work might be greatly extended. But from the Reports before us we find that there are in connection with this Conference, 63 Schools, 360 Teachers, and 3103 scholars.

In order to give more efficiency to this deeply interesting enterprise your Committee would recommend,—

1st. That the attention of our ministers be called to the section in the Discipline headed, "Instruction for Children," and as far as practicable carry out the suggestions therein contained;

2nd. That each preacher in charge shall consider it a part of his duty to preach one sermon at each appointment during the year, on the advantages of Sabbath Schools, and assist every school in his charge in procuring suitable libraries.

3rd. That each Presiding Elder be directed to make particular inquiry at every Quarterly Meeting Conference into the state of the Sabbath schools on the several circuits on his District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. POMEROY.
A. CAMPBELL.
P. E. KNOX.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

DISTRICTS.	No	Value.	No	Value.	Total Value.
	Chapels		Parsonages		
		\$		\$	\$
Colborne	2	23,700	8	4070 00	27770 00
Toronto.....	32	30,400	5	2150 00	32550 00
Huron	30	11,965	9	5300 00	17265 00
Albert Col. .					40000 00
Total	90	66,065	22	11520 00	117585 00

W. A. SILLS.
D. PERRY.
S. A. THOMPSON.

RETURNS OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

COLBORNE DISTRICT.*

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

TORONTO DISTRICT.*

Orono.—N. E. Scott, H. B. Palmer, H. Stephens.
Brooklin.—J. Bradshaw, Elder; J. Campbell, Deacon Elect.
Whitby.—G. Fisher, Elder; G. Wells, Elder; R. Harnden, Elder; W. Ranous, Deacon; J. Gordon, C. Rose, F. Harper.
Markham.—J. M. Forsythe, T. Jobbett, E. Chapman.
Queensville.—W. Fogg, D. Perregrine.
Brampton.—A. Hutton, B. A. Hutton.
Georgetown.—F. Warren.
Nelson.—L. Hagar, Deacon.
Oakville.—J. Cronkwright.
Muskoka.—G. Wilson, Elder.

HURON DISTRICT.

St. Vincent.—R. Gilray.

Elma.—J. Vines, Deacon.

Invermay.—J. Anderson, J. W. Dunne.

Kincardine.—J. Coleman.

Mt. Forest.—J. P. Bissell.

Hanover.—T. Reid, J. Curtis.

Osprey.—J. F. Halstead, M. D. R. Gordon.

Melancthon.—E. Hardy, E. Hurlburt, J. Bell.

Teeswater and Wingham.—O. Varney.

* The list of Local Preachers for Toronto and Colborne Districts not being furnished, we copy from last year's Minutes.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee would respectfully submit their report on Sabbath Observance,—

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is a divine command, equally binding on man now as when first given to him in paradise, and rehearsed by Jehovah to his servant Moses on Mount Sinai.

We believe it to be the imperative duty of the Church of God in modern as well as in ancient times, to keep alive in the minds of the people the sacred obligations of the Lord's day, both by precept and example; and it is to be feared that, in proportion to the neglect of this sacred duty by those who are in the responsible office of the ministry, that the community become careless and indifferent to the command of God.

The Sabbath we believe to be of divine appointment, having for its object the welfare of man both physically and spiritually; and in such light it was regarded by our divine Redeemer when he said, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."—The man of toil hails it as one of the appointed means of God, in the right use of which the energies expended by labor are renewed.—The spiritual benefits arising from its observance are no less salutary, and therefore it cannot be too highly prized nor too strictly kept.

Notwithstanding the importance of its observance, it is a lamentable fact that it is desecrated in a variety of ways, such as running trains on our railways, traveling, and the taking of pleasure trips.—It is sad to reflect that the practice of Sabbath breaking is not confined to the profane, but it prevails to an alarming extent among those professing Christianity. It is a serious charge to bring against those professing godliness; yet circumstances have come

under our notice, and are of frequent occurrence, that will justify the charge, such as social visiting, indulging in worldly conversation, reading secular newspapers, and inattention to the Bible and public worship. Therefore we your Committee would recommend that, as ministers of the gospel, we will do all in our power to instruct and impress on the minds of the people the imperative duty of keeping the Sabbath day holy, and that we will preach a sermon (especially on Sabbath observance) at each appointment on our respective charges at least once during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. SANDERSON.
D. CARSCADEN.
JNO. HISCOCKS.

Brooklin, May 13th, 1867.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report—

That we regard the education of the youth of our country as a matter of great importance. Our excellent common school system we believe to be very efficient in imparting the elementary knowledge required by the great masses of the Canadian people. Entertaining as we do very high opinions of the industry, propriety, happiness and intelligence of the inhabitants of this Province, these blessings we believe to depend in no small degree on our system of popular Education. Our grammar school system we believe to be of great utility in imparting that knowledge which forms the connecting link between our common schools and colleges. We are pleased also that so many facilities are afforded to those who desire to pursue a collegiate course; and among those institutions which afford such facilities, we must assign a very high place to our beloved connexional institution, the Albert College.

We are highly gratified to learn that this institution has been invested with University Powers of granting Degrees in the Arts, which change has already added to its popularity and efficiency, and we trust that these will continue to increase. We are pleased moreover to learn that additional and necessary chairs have been created and filled, thereby rendering the scientific facilities greater and the curriculum more complete. Your Committee also are sensible that there is great cause for thankfulness to an ever kind Providence that the financial pressure, which has for years weighed heavily on our College, is now in part removed, and we humbly trust at no distant day to see it entirely free from all such embarrassment—Your Committee therefore recommend, First. That we, the ministers of this Conference, as duly authorized agents, do all that we can to secure as large a number of students as possible for the Albert College. Second. That Ladies' Educational Societies, such as exist

at present on the Colborne District, be formed on all the Districts of this Conference, for the purpose of collecting monies for an educational fund, to assist in the education of such young men in our connexion as may be desirous of obtaining a more thorough acquaintance with the liberal studies, and who are in part destitute of means. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DOCKHAM.
J. C. POMEROY.
G. S. THOMPSON.
T. ARGUE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Temperance is a lawful use of lawful things, and that only can be lawful which in its practical bearing upon society produces individual and universal good. Observation and experience go to prove and demonstrate beyond doubt that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage does not produce individual or universal good of a permanent form. All the lawful duties of this life can be performed as well, if not better, without intoxicating drinks than with them.—Total abstinence by no means unfits any one for the more responsible positions of life. The minister can perform his sacred task—the merchant and mechanic, farmer or teacher, can attend to their respective callings without being under the influence of alcoholic drinks. Thus then it is plain that the use of spirituous liquors is not essential either to bodily, mental or spiritual vigor and life. If not essential it becomes every man to abstain, so as by neither use nor example to countenance this useless and dangerous custom. The sad havoc, desolation, ruin and distress entailed on society at large by the indulgence in this evil habit is fearful to contemplate. They who would live and labor for the amelioration of their fellow men will feel it incumbent upon them to lend their aid to the Temperance cause in every suitable way. As a Conference we hereby avow our continued determination to preach, both by precept and example, in favor of this just cause, and earnestly hope, through the favor of a kind Providence, that the means made use of may soon bring about a complete Temperance reformation. In these progressive times, when men are being freed from the curse of slavery, we earnestly hope and pray God that the slave of intemperance may hear the voice of freedom, and rise from his fallen condition to be sober and free.

G. BENNET.
J. WILD.
A. V. HULIN.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That in future all expenses attending the collection of Missionary money be presented to the Missionary Board for its sanction previous to its being paid.

2nd. Whereas an inaccurate report of the members in society is a great offence and prejudicial to the honor, integrity and prosperity of our church, therefore, *Resolved*, That any preacher making unreliable returns of the members within the bounds of his charge, ought to be subject to the censure of the Conference.

2nd. That in order to greater accuracy in the matter, we adopt in future the following form of returns, viz.:—Found on Class Book at taking charge of work, number received, number excluded, number died, number removed, number in full connection, and number on trial at close of year.

3rd. That each preacher in charge be required to keep a record of the members on his circuit—said record to agree with the class books of his charge—to be placed in the hands of his successor.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the preachers in charge see that collections be taken up at all the appointments to meet expenses connected with the delegates to attend the next General Conference of the M. E. Church, U. S., and to be forwarded to Rev. G. Abbs, Hamilton. Collections to be taken between the rising of Conference and the 1st of April next.

4th. That in view of the great deficiency of our superannuated preachers' fund, that we, the members of this Conference, do pledge ourselves to exert our utmost energy in order to secure the amount appropriated to our respective fields of labor.

5th. That the Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to bring the matter of securing the funds for a new printing press before the several circuits in their Districts, and secure as much money as possible for that purpose.

6th. That collections be taken up on all our charges for educational purposes.

7th. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the friends in Brooklin and vicinity who have so hospitably entertained the ministers attending Conference, and assure them of our christian regard and solicitude for their future welfare, and will continue to pray that we may finally meet them in the inheritance of the saints.

8th. That all Missionary money raised on self-sustaining circuits, whether connected with mission stations or not, be paid to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, and that preachers on such charges accept their proper dividends from the Treasurer.

9th. That five cents per member be collected for Ways and Means; each preacher to use his own discretion as to the manner of raising his amount of appropriation.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

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

P. SMITH, D.D., Brooklin, *Senior Bishop.*
 J. RICHARDSON, D.D., Yorkville, *Junior Bishop.*
 JAMES CURTS, Orono, *Secretary.*
 GEO. JONES, Brighton, *Presiding Elder.*
 T. P. BRADSHAW, Oakville " "
 W. H. SHAW, Priceville, " "

NAMES.	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE.
Adams J. Q.	Madoc and Tudor	Madoc
Archer M. D.	Muskoka	Bracebridge
Argue T.	King	Newmarket
Byam J. W.	Superannuated	Myrtle
Bennett G.	Queensville	Queensville
Brown T. C.	Oakville	Oakville
Carscaden D.		
Carman A., M. A.	Albert College	Belleville
Caldwell L. B.	Oshawa	Myrtle
Crouter D.	Supernumerary	Belleville
Campbell A.	Stirling	Stirling
Campbell J.	"	"
Carson R.	Teeswater and Wingham	Teeswater
Dockham H.	Nelson	Palermo
Earl R.	Colborne	Colborne
Egan J.	Seymore	Seymore
Foster J.	Invermay	Invermay
Finn F. M.	Hanover	Hanover
Fulford E. J.	Osprey	Maxwell
Hiscocks J.	Whitby	Myrtle
Hilts J. H.	Collingwood	Thornbury
Hulin A. V.	Teeswater and Wingham	Bluevale
Harnden W. F.	Melancthon	Melancthon
Johnson H. H.	Superannuated	Frankford
Jones G.	Colborne District	Brighton
Knox P. E.	Orangeville	Orangeville
Lawrence B.	Superannuated	Newbury
Lake C. V.	Georgetown	Ballinafad
LaDu S. W.	Sidney	Belleville
Large R.	Brampton	Brampton
Lake D. B.	Omeme and Minden.	Omeme
Lynch John	St. Vincent	Meaford
Morrison S.	Brampton	Glenwilliams
Maybee A. C.	Albert College	Belleville
Myers T.	Haldimand	Baltimore
Miller G.	Uxbridge	Uxbridge
Norman W. E.	Superannuated	Brighton
Newson C.	Percy	Norham
Norris J. S.	Brighton	Brighton
Ormerod J.	Markham	Headford
Owen J.	Superannuated	Gunmarsh, Mich., U. S.

ALPHABETICAL LIST.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE.
Pomerooy D.	Whitby	Myrtle
Pomerooy J. C.	Omemeo and Minden	Omemeo
Pirritte W.	Brooklin	Brooklin
Perry D.	Creemore	Creemore
Simpson C.	Haldimand	Baltimore
Simpson J. M.	Cobourg	Cobourg
Sanderson R.	Oakwood	Oakwood
Sparrow J. P.	Brighton	Brighton
Sparrow P. L.	Supernumerary	
Sills W. A.	Clark	Orono
Shepard G.	Treas. of Albert College	Belleville
Thurston A. L.	Garafraxa	Garafraxa
Taylor C.	St. Vincent	Meaford
Tindall R. L.	Kincardine	Kincardine
Thompson G. S.	Sidney	
Thompson S. A.	Brooklin	Brooklin
Wilson J.	Toronto	Toronto
Will E.	Elma	Elma
Waite E. G.	Yonge Street	Willowdale
Wild J.	Belleville	Belleville
Wright A.	Superannuated	Elginburg

Bay Quinte Annual Conference.

The Bay Quinte Annual Conference commenced its Twenty-Fourth Session in the Village of Farmersville, County of Leeds, on Wednesday, May 29th, 1867, at 10 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. Richardson, D.D., Jr. Bishop, presiding.

The opening services were conducted by the presiding Bishop who, after the singing of the 707th Hymn, read the 6th Chap. of 2 Cor.; the following brethren offering prayer, viz.: Revs. D. W. Aylsworth, H. Williams and J. H. Andrews, the Conference joining Bishop Smith in the Lord's prayer.

Rev. S. G. Stone was elected Secretary; A. Martin, Assistant Secretary; F. B. Stratton, Statistician.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE—The Presiding Elders and the preacher in charge of Farmersville circuit.

ADVISORY—D. Wilson, J. Gardiner, Napanee District; A. Youker and J. A. Rodgers, Augusta District; J. H. Andrews and E. Woodcock, Rideau District.

NOMINATION—J. Gardiner, A. Hunt, and J. F. Wilson.

EDUCATION—D. W. Aylsworth, J. D. Bell, J. H. Andrews.

MISSIONS—J. Gardiner, D. Wilson, D. Smith.

PRINTING—S. Young, W. G. Hudgins, A. Anderson.

STEWARDS—A. Youker, A. D. Traveller, W. H. Graham, H. Hesselgrave.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—F. B. Stratton, E. Sherwood.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—E. S. Howard, H. Hesselgrave.

TEMPERANCE—N. H. Howard, I. B. Aylsworth.

CHURCH PROPERTY—W. Bird, T. McAmmond.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY—Presiding Elders, A. Hunt, Chairman.

CONTINGENT FUND—J. Hill, Z. B. Hitchcock.

CENTENARY—J. G. Bull, J. Ferguson, J. Hulin, G. French, F. Chisholm.

PASTORAL ADDRESS—J. A. Rodgers, F. Chisholm.

EXAMINATION—J. F. Wilson, Chairman. 1st Year: J. H. Andrews, A. Martin. 2nd Year: J. A. Rodgers, F. B. Stratton. 3rd Year: S. G. Stone, J. Halliwell. 4th Year: A. Hunt, I. B. Aylsworth.

OBITUARY—H. Williams, A. Dawson.

UNIFORMITY OF WORSHIP—J. F. Wilson, A. Hunt, J. Halliwell.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *What preachers are admitted on trial?*
ANSWER.—Levi F. Moore, Joseph Young.

Q. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

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

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

A.—J. Brill, A. Shorts, B. Lane.

Q. 4.—*Who are the Deacons?*

A.—H. Seymour, S. Anderson, F. B. Knowlton, J. Brill,* A. Shorts,* B. Lane.*

Q. 5.—*Who are the Elders?*

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

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

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

*Ordained this year.

Q. 7.—*Who are the Supernumeraries ?*

A.—J. McNally, R. Beal, J. W. Sills, G. French, P. Empey.

Q. 8.—*Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers ?*

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

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

A.—None. J. Graham suspended.

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

A.—None.

Q. 11.—*Who have died this year ?*

A.—Rev. Thaddeus Lewis. See obituary

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

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

Q. 13.—*Who have located this year ?*

A.—None.

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

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Mellville.....	139	Kennebe.....	182
Hallowell	217	'amworth	137
Milford	230	Lonsdale	160
Canifton.....	312	Napanee	430
Shannonville	238	Bay Quinte	175
Hungerford	172	Camden	282
Denbigh	108		
		Total on Dist.....	2782

RIDEAU DISTRICT.

Odessa	244	Rideau and Marlborough ...	138
Wolf Island	72	Huntly.....	42
Waterloo	333	Arnprior	23
Hinchinbrook.....	100	Renfrew and Clarendon.....	110
Gananoque.....	115	Westmeath.....	78
Lyndhurst	150	Eganville	71
Elgin	185		
Farmersville.....	185	Total on Dist.....	1846

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Mallorytown.....	113	Osnabruck & Williamsburg .	143
Lyn.....	137	Winchester	253
Brockville	53	Roxboro	116
Augusta.....	234	Riceville.....	53
Edwardsburg.....	120	Ottawa	173
Matilda	197		
		Total on Dist	1592

RECAPITULATION.

Napanee District	2782		
Rideau "	1846		
Augusta "	1592		
Number of Members this year.....	6220		
" Traveling Preachers.....	67		
Total		6287	
Number of Members last year	6157		
" Traveling Preachers.....	67		
Total		6224	
Increase this year.....			63

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

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Mylville	\$ 00	Lonsdale	\$1 65
Hallowell	5 30	Napanee.....	10 00
Milford	3 00	Tamworth.....	3 00
Cannifton	8 21	Kennebec.....	2 00
Hangerford	2 00	Camden	5 00
Denbigh	1 00	Bay Quinte	7 00
Shannonville	1 23		
		Total on Dist.....	\$53 39

RIDEAU DISTRICT.

Odessa	\$4 00	Rideau and Marlborough	\$2 65
Waterloo and Kingston...	6 55	Huntly	1 00
Hinchinbrook.....	1 00	Arnprior	53
Wolf Island	2 00	Benfrew and Clarendon...	2 00
Lyndhurst	No returns	Westmeath	No returns
Elgin	6 00	Eganville and Radcliffe...	1 25
Farmersville	4 11		
		Total on Dist.....	\$31 09

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Gananoque.....	\$5 00	Winchester.....	\$2 25
Mallorytown.....	4 00	Roxboro	2 00
Lyn	4 00	Riceville.....	2 00
Brockville	4 00	Ottawa	3 35
Augusta.....	8 00	Edwardsburg	4 00
Matilda	No returns		
Osnabruck & Williamsb'g	1 70	Total on Dist.....	\$40 30
		Receipts in full.....	\$124 78

Q. 16.—How was this expended ?

A.—

Paid Bishop Richardson, traveling expenses, &c.,	\$ 10 00
“ Treasurer of last year, balance due	2 49
“ E. S. Howard, appropriation to Brockville	112 29
Total.....	\$124 78

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

A.—

RIDEAU DISTRICT.

Odessa	\$12 00	Wolf Island	\$ 9 00
Westmeath.....	5 00	Huntly.....	1 90
Waterloo, Col.....	15 76	Rideau	10 00
Allen Bond	1 25	Eganville	4 00
Mrs. Goldsmith	1 00	Hinchinbrook.....	2 00
J. Freeman	1 00	Elgin	13 00
E. Pixley.....	1 00	Arnprior	4 00
P. Knapp.....	1 00	Farmersville	15 00
J. McMillen.....	1 00	Benfrew	6 00
T. Lawrence	1 00		
Mrs J. D. Powley.....	1 00	Total on Dist.....	\$106 90

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

Shannonville	\$17 50	M. Denyes.....	\$1 00
Hallowell, Col.....	9 00	Miss Emma Sills.....	1 00
S. Terwilligar	1 00	Miss E. Holgate	1 00
A. Arket	1 00	S. J. Ross	1 00
J. Terwilligar	1 00	J. C. Badgley.....	1 00
W. Orser	1 00	W. Katchapaw.....	1 00
J. W. Shawls.....	1 00	M. Haight.....	1 00
O. Morven.....	1 00	Milford	6 00
M. C. Peterson	1 00	Hungerford	7 00
P. Woods.....	1 00	Lonsdale	4 20
A. Vanlaricum	1 00.	Napanee	
Bay Quinte		M. Scott.....	1 00
C. Smith	1 00	Samuel Province.....	1 00
N. Dollar	1 00	Robt. Dennison	2 00
Miss M. Anderson.....	1 00	Mrs. Garrison	1 00
B. Asselstine	1 00	J. Gibbard.....	1 00
J. Joyce.....	1 00	J. Fretts.....	1 00
F. Haycock	1 00	E. Boromen	1 00
R. J. Wright.....	1 00	J. C. Huffman.....	1 00
T. Anderson.....	1 00	J. Dennison	1 00
W. F. Empey	1 00	Wm. Gibbard	1 00
L. Gardner	1 00	Jas Wells	1 00
A. D. Fraser.....	1 00	D. Unger	1 00
N. Asselstine.....	1 00	N. Woodcock.....	1 00
B. Dutler.....	1 00	Isaiah Huffman	1 00
P. Alkembrook	1 00	W. R. Miller.....	1 00
M. Vanslyke	1 00	F. Dupre	1 00
C. Dollar.....	1 00	Ibri Sills	1 00
J. Anderson.....	1 00	James Parks	1 00
Miss A. Bristol.....	1 00	Collection	3 00
Small sums.....	2 00	Tamworth	7 00
Camden	12 00	Kennebec	6 00
Cannifton, Col.....	16 44	Denbigh	4 00
Rev. W. Sills	1 00	Melville	10 00
C. Gilbert	1 00		
John Gilbert	1 00	Total on Dist.	\$160 14

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

Osnabruck & Williams'g.....	\$12 00	Mallorytown.....	\$6 00
Brookville	6 51	Edwardsburg	6 00
Gananoque	6 00	Winchester.....	7 23
Matilda	12 20	Roxborough.....	2 00
Ottawa	18 00	Riceville.....	6 53
Augusta.....	16 50		
Lyn	8 00	Total on Dist.	\$106 97

PREACHERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

J. A. Rodgers	\$2 00	John Ferguson	\$2 00
E. S. Howard	2 00	E. Sherwood	2 00
A. Martin	2 00	J. G. Bull	2 00
W. Brown	2 00	H. Williams	2 00
S. G. Stone	2 00	D. W. Aylsworth	2 00
D. Smith	2 00	J. Hulin	2 00
J. Halliwell	2 00	J. Gardiner	2 00
W. G. Hudgins	2 00	J. Hill	2 00
A. Youker	2 00	F. Chisholm	2 00
A. Hunt, two years,	4 00	D. Wilson	2 00
A. Shorts	2 00	A. D. Traveller	2 00
Jas. Smith	2 00	G. S. White	2 00
E. Woodcock	2 00	A. Anderson	2 00
John Brill	2 00	Mrs. J. Tooke	2 00
J. H. Andrews	2 00	Mrs. Powley	2 00
W. H. Graham	2 00	I. N. D. West	2 00
D. Brill	2 00	T. Lewis	2 00
Z. B. Hitchcock	2 00	D. Brown	2 00
H. Hesselgrave	2 00	M. Davy	2 00
A. Dawson	2 00	E. Orser	2 00
S. Young	2 00	B. Smith	2 00
J. D. Bell	2 00	T. W. Picket	2 00
L. A. Betts	2 00	J. W. Mills	2 00
F. B. Stratton	2 00	J. F. Wilson	2 00
T. McAmmond	2 00	F. B. Knowlton	2 00
Wm. Bird	2 00		
N. H. Howard	2 00	Total	\$106 00

RECAPITULATION.

Napanee District	\$160 14
Rideau "	106 90
Augusta "	106 97
Preachers' subscriptions	106 00
Interest on Centenary offering	7 35
Sabbath Collection at Conference, less expenses ..	22 00
Total	\$509 36

Q. 18.—*How was this expended ?*

A.—

T. Lewis	\$63 67
I. N. D. West.....	63 67
D. Brown.....	63 67
J. Smith.....	63 67
E. Orser.....	63 67
M. Davy.....	63 67
B. Smith	63 67
Mrs. J. Tooke.....	31 83 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Powley.....	31 83 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total.....	\$509 36

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

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

REGISTRAR OF BAPTISMS—S. G. Stone, Ottawa P. O.

TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND—E. S. Howard, Brockville.

TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Jas. Gardiner, Farmersville, County of Leeds.

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ALBERT COLLEGE—D. W. Aylsworth, Jas. Gardiner.

VISITOR TO ALBERT COLLEGE—A. Martin.

MEMBER OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE—D. Wilson.

Q. 19.—*Where are the preachers stationed ?*

A.—

NAPANEE DISTRICT. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

MELVILLE—R. B. Denike.

HOLLOWELL—N. H. Howard, Levi Moore; G. French, superannuated.

MILFORD—J. Hulin, Joseph Young.

CANIFTON—L. A. Betts, A. H. Anderson; R. Beal, W. H. Snider, supernumeraries.

SHANNONVILLE—W. Bird; one to be sent; B. Lane permitted to attend college.

HUNGERFORD AND KALENDAR—J. Hill; one to be sent; P. Empey, superannuated.

LONSDALE—F. Chisholm.

NAPANEE—I. B. Aylsworth, Wm. Blair; M. Davy, superannuated.

CAMDEN—J. G. Bell, E. Sherwood.

TAMWORTH—A. D. Traveler.

BAY QUINTE—D. Wilson, W. Service.

DENBIGH—F. B. Knowlton; one to be sent: D. Brown superannuated.

KENEBC—To be supplied.

KINGSTON DISTRICT. J. F. WILSON, P. E.

ODESSA—E. Woodcock; B. Smith, superannuated.

HINCHINBROOK—To be supplied; I. N. D. West, superannuated.

SHERBROOK—G. S. White.

LOUGHBORO—J. H. Andrews; D. Perry, superannuated.

INVERARY—F. B. Stratton.

KINGSTON—A. Dawson.

WOLFE ISLAND—W. H. Graham.

GANANOQUE—A. Martin; E. Orser, superannuated.

MALLORYTOWN—W. G. Hudgins.

FARMERSVILLE—J. Gardiner.

LYNHURST—H. Hesselgrave.

ELGIN—S. Young.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT. D. W. AYLSWORTH, P. E.

BROCKVILLE—E. S. Howard.

LYN—J. Halliwell.

AUGUSTA—D. Smith; H. Lane, superannuated; J. W. Sills, supernumerary.

RIDEAU—J. A. Rogers.

ARNPRIOR—J. D. Bell.

EAGANVILLE—To be supplied.

WESTMEATH—J. Brill.

RENFREW—T. McAmmond; H. Seymour, superannuated.

EDWARDSBURG—A. Youker.

MATILDA—W. Brown.

AULTSVILLE—J. Ferguson.

WINCHESTER—A. Hunt; J. Smith, superannuated.

INKERMAN—Z. B. Hitchcock.

ROXBORO—A. Shorts.

OTTAWA DISTRICT. S. G. STONE, P. E.

OTTAWA EAST—S. G. Stone.

OTTAWA WEST—T. W. Picket.

HUTLY—D. Brill.

RICEVILLE—W. E. Johnson; J. McNally, superannuated.

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

A.—At Iroquois, in the County of Dundas, to commence at 10 o'clock A. M., on the first Wednesday in June, 1868.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Through a well directed providence we are permitted once more to meet in our Conference capacity and send you our annual greeting. The mercy of God has preserved the lives of his servants in this Conference, with one exception; but he (as you will learn from his obituary on an adjoining page) left for his heavenly home, rejoicing in the power of that gospel he had so long preached. But the increasing infirmities of many among us, as well as the presence of the "grim messenger" in the families of others, remind us that what we do must be done quickly.

And now, brethren, before leaving for your respective fields of labor, there are a few things to which we desire to call your attention. And first in regard to your ministers: They are sent to you in the name of that Redeemer whose they are and whom they serve; receive them as ambassadors of God—not servants of men—remembering him who hath said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." God has made it your privilege, as well as duty, to sustain them while engaged in their work of faith and labor of love; receive them with a warm and friendly greeting; provide comfortable and convenient houses for the reception of their families, if possible, supplied with heavy furniture to save as much trouble and expense of moving as practicable; give them reason to feel that they are among friends who esteem them highly for their works' sake, and to whom they may look with confidence for support. But this will require sacrifice on your part that can only be sustained by pure devotion to God.—Live then faithful in his service, be very punctual in the performance of every religious duty, pray much in your closets and in your families, but do not allow the enemy to deceive you with the idea that you will thereby be released from the duty of the prayer meeting; attend it regularly in your respective neighborhoods, as so the class meeting; ever be found ready to own your Lord and

seek the renewal of your spiritual strength in the use of this means of grace; be punctual in your attendance upon the preaching of the word; let not trifles or even severity of the weather prevent you filling your place in the sanctuary. It is a grievous trial to your preacher, after driving perhaps miles through the storm, to find persons within sight of the place of worship who are unwilling to leave their comfortable rooms to join in the service of the sanctuary.

The Sabbath school has strong claims upon you. The children of this age are to be the men and women of the future. God has placed them under your charge that you might mould their characters for his service. By encouraging their attendance and giving the influence of your presence and support to the Sabbath school, you may lead those children in the way of becoming useful members of the church of God.

The Missionary Society claims your prayers and support. Neglect no encouragement you can give to those who come among you to plead the cause of missions; and never refuse a liberal contribution, remembering that souls are perishing in their sins who might have been saved if the missionary treasury had been properly replenished.

The Temperance movement needs your influence. It is not sufficient that you do not use intoxicating liquors to excess; if you do not abstain entirely, and use your influence to promote total abstinence among all around you, that influence will be claimed to favor the drinking usages of the community.

The cause of Education is also of vital importance. If you desire to benefit the rising generation, either temporally or spiritually, educate them. The Albert College presents an opportunity for a religious, literary and commercial education suitable to the wants of the community; and while your sons and daughters enjoy all the advantages of a university, they are surrounded by an influence tending to preserve them from many allurements to which others have been fatally exposed. Sustain it then by every means in your power; send your children there to be educated and endeavor to induce others to send theirs, and thus secure to yourselves and others the advantages of a first-class institution.

We would next remind you of the claims of the *C. C. Advocate*. This interesting and useful paper should be in the house of every Methodist or friend of Methodism. It is a decided wrong that so few numbers of our church organ are circulated among the many thousands of our members and adherents. Let every member bear in mind that the *Advocate* is the property of the church, and then ask himself the question, is it policy to subscribe for any other paper rather than our own? By introducing the *Advocate* in your families you will not only secure a good class of reading for your children, but attach their feelings and sympathies to the church of your choice.

The circulation of the Scriptures and suitable religious tracts demands your encouragement and support. Send out the unadulterated

Word of God, and thereby aid in enlightening the world and in bringing about the period when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters do the mighty deep.

And now, brethren, pray for us, that the word of God may have free course, may run and be glorified, and that our labor among you may not be in vain in the Lord.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Conference.

PHILANDER SMITH.

JAS. RICHARDSON.

S. G. STONE, *Secretary*.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

Whereas Rev. James Gardiner, one of the senior members of this Conference, has during the past year been called, in the Providence of God, to pass through severe bereavement in the death of a kind companion,—endeared to many members of this Conference by fond recollections and an humble, retiring christian deportment,—therefore, *Resolved*, That this Conference embrace this opportunity of tendering to our beloved brother Gardiner and family their sympathy in this the hour of their bereavement.

That each Agent belonging to this Conference shall prepare an accurate minute of the state of ADVOCATE accounts on his charge as early as the second Quarterly Meeting, and submit the same to the P. E. or send it to the editor quarterly.

Ordered, That a collection be taken in the month of February next in each charge within this Conference for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the delegates to the next General Conference of the M. E. Church in the United States, and that such collections be forwarded to Rev. G. Abbs.

Resolved, That we acknowledge with many thanks the kindness and hospitality of the people of Farmersville and vicinity who have so generously and comfortably entertained us during the session of this Annual Conference.

600 copies of the Minutes and 1000 Missionary Reports ordered.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report—

That they find an increase of two schools in the entire work; also twenty-five Union Schools are reported. From 23 charges returns of Denominational Schools have been received; from 5, Union Schools only; from 5, no schools. In view of these facts, and be-

lieving Sabbath Schools to be nurseries for the Church and indispensable auxiliaries; also that the instruction and religious culture of our children and youth are committed to our care; it is therefore desirable, nay, more, our bounden duty to attend to this important work. Children, in many instances, are partially, in others, wholly ignorant of the Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation, and, instead of being taught to search them, they are accustomed to hear profanity, and are exposed to wickedness of various kinds. But Christ saith, "Feed my sheep," and we shall not be held guiltless if we omit such important duties. In order therefore to the effectual prosecution of this enterprise, we recommend the following:—

Resolved, 1st. That Sabbath Schools are the best public means known for the religious instruction of the young.

2nd. That it is the duty of all Christians to engage in the praiseworthy cause.

3rd. That *pious* teachers—persons of rich religious experience—should be employed, not rejecting good moral instructors when better cannot be secured.

4th. That, where practicable, Denominational Schools be organized and maintained; but, if impracticable, engage heartily in Union Schools.

5th. That those upon whom the duty of selecting Libraries shall devolve, should exercise great care in this direction, knowing that by unguardedness here, much evil may arise, and thereby exercise a baneful influence upon the rising generation.

6th. That we supply Sabbath Schools under our care with the literature of Methodist publishing houses.

7th. That it shall be the duty of Superintendents and friends of Sabbath Schools to introduce the pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks and tobacco into their respective schools, and that all be affectionately urged to sign the same.

8th. That, where practicable, District S. S. Conventions shall be held, for the purpose of devising the best means for prosecuting this work, and that the P. E. shall be empowered to call such Conventions or Conventions; or should it not thus be done, the ministers, by mutual consent, may arrange for monthly meetings upon their respective charges, assembling the children and preaching to them or lecturing, as circumstances may require.

9th. That each minister be required to preach upon the subject of Sabbath Schools at each appointment during the month of August, 1867.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. HOWARD.
H. HESSELGRAVE.

Farmersville, June 4th, 1867.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHARGES.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions	Bible Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses.	Papers.	Union Schools.
							% cts		
NAPANEE DIST.									
Melville	1								
Hallowell	4	30	150			500			4
Hilford	2	23	150	5	2	205	35 00		1
Janifon	4	42	199	3		1055	52 00	1	
Jungerford									
Denbigh	5	25	182		12	100	2 29	3	
Shannonville	3	15	85			250	5 00		1
Lonsdale	1	6							1
Napanee	3	31	147	9	2	540	50 00	25	
Tamworth	1	9	90		1	104	24 00		
Kenebec	3								
Camden	3	12							
Bay Quinte.....									1
Total on Dist. ...	30	193	1003	17	17	2753	168 29	29	8
RIDEAU DISTRICT.									
Odessa.....	3	22	180	3		500			
Waterloo, King's'n	2	20	85		1	136	14 00		1
Hinchinbrook.....	3	15	50						
Wolfe Island.....	3	13	80		3		25 00	2	
Gananoque	4	22	80	4	2				
Lynhurst.....	1	7	69			150			1
Elgin	4	52	120		8	4	40 00		
Farmersville	4	22	350		3		585 26 00		1
Rideau & Marlboro	2	11	100			155			1
Huntly	1	5	25						
Huntly	1	7	30				5 00	9	
Ayrshire	1	4	30	1					
Renfrew Clarend'n						145			
Westmeath.....									
Eganville, Radcliff									1
Total on Dist ...	29	200	1190	8	17	1675	110 00	11	5
AUGUSTA DIST.									
Mallorytown									4
Lyn	1	10	50		1	75	5 00		
Brockville	1	5	30		1	49			1
Augusta	2	16	80			250			
Edwardsburgh									2
Matilda									
Osnabruk & Williamsburg	1	6	60			65		6	1
Winchester									2
Roxboro									
Riceville									
Ottawa	2	20	203			481	764 18		2
Total on Dist.....	7	57	423		2	911	69 18	6	12
GRAND TOTAL—	66	450	2616	25	36	5340	347 47	46	25

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to report—
That the Sabbath, although not the foundation, is one of the key stones upon which rests the whole fabric of Christianity. Notwithstanding this fact, the Sabbath is desecrated, and its claims, privileges, and advantages are ignored. Cars and steamboats are run, men are employed on public works, public offices, hotels, &c., are kept open. Others engage in unnecessary traveling, social visiting, selling milk to cheese factories, manufacturing the same into cheese, taking toll on public roads, canals, bridges, &c., all of which we consider a desecration of this holy day.

F. B. STRATTON.

E. SHERWOOD.

Com. Room, June 4th, 1867.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education respectfully report—
That having given the subject such consideration as they were able, your Committee are fully convinced that the cause of Education is one of vital importance to the prosperity of our beloved country; its material, civil, religious and social development; its progress and growth in all the elements that constitute a truly great and happy nation being in a great measure dependent upon the knowledge and intelligence of its people. If "Education forms the common mind," if knowledge is power, if it stimulates exertion, if it promotes enterprise, if it develops the inventive genius of a people, and qualifies for the various departments of life; then is it indeed a question of the first magnitude to any people or country that would rise to eminence, prosperity and power. We rejoice in the facilities enjoyed by Canada in this respect. Our Common Schools and Grammar Schools, our Colleges and Universities afford superior advantages to the youth of our land for obtaining just such an education as they may desire. And it must be gratifying to every one who feels an interest in the future growth and prosperity of our land, to witness the general waking up of all classes to this most important subject, and the almost universal desire manifested to secure the blessings of a good education, especially in our own Church since the opening of our denominational schools.

We are gratified with our position as a church in relation to this question. That she did not engage in this noble enterprise at an earlier period is not to be attributed to indifference or lack of appreciation of its importance, but rather to the want of ability for so great a work. Some think, even now, that it would have been better to have waited still longer until we were better prepared to grapple

with its responsibilities. However that may be, we are now, as a people, fully committed to the cause of education, and we are glad it is so, and we are fully confident of ultimate success in our undertaking. From the Treasurer's exhibit we glean the following information:—

1st. That the total indebtedness of the Institution on the first day of April last was \$15,621.85. This is a large amount it is true, and may be somewhat discouraging to many; yet when it is considered that eight years ago the debt was over \$24,000; that since that time the country has passed through a severe financial crisis; that during the first few years the school ran behind over \$8,000, and now that it is self-sustaining, with the prospect of increasing patronage and support. When all these facts are taken into consideration, instead of being discouraged we think we have great cause for thankfulness and renewed exertion in its behalf. It is gratifying to learn that the debt has been reduced during the past year nearly two thousand dollars, notwithstanding seven hundred and seventy dollars have been laid out for new furniture for the school. It also appears that a considerable saving has been effected by reduction in the premium for insurance and in the rate of interest on some of the demands, and that there is a prospect of still greater improvement in this respect by borrowing money at a much lower rate of interest and paying off those demands which are drawing so high a rate now.— It also appears that there is a large amount of old subscription still unpaid, and that about \$6,000 of Centenary subscriptions for the College is in hand over and above what has been paid and what remained unreported at that time, viz., April 1st.

We also learn that during the past year an Act of Parliament has been applied for and obtained, conferring upon the Institution University Powers, under the name and title of Albert College. Although this imposes new responsibilities and necessitates increased expense as well as increased effort in order to sustain it creditably, yet when we understand that without this change it could only be a preparatory school, its students leaving at matriculation to complete their studies in some other institution where they could obtain their degrees, we fully justify the course taken, and we commend the Institution to the favorable consideration of our people and the public at large as having greater claims upon their sympathies, and as being more worthy of their patronage and support. In view of the whole case, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That it is the duty of the Church to promote, in every proper way, and to the extent of her ability, the Educational interests of the rising generation.

2nd. That as Albert College is an Institution of the M. E. Church in Canada, established by the zeal and liberality of its members and numerous friends, we pledge it our sympathies, and prayers, and active and continued support.

3rd. That we will exert ourselves to diffuse correct information

on the subject among our people and use our best endeavors to procure students for the Institution.

4th. That as the Centenary subscription books are to be kept open during the year, we will do all we can to secure Centenary offerings in its behalf, both personally and by giving such aid as may be in our power to any duly authorized agent that may visit our respective fields of labor for that purpose.

5th. That we will endeavor, as far as in us lies, to collect as much as possible of the old subscription still unpaid and of the unpaid Centenary subscriptions that may exist within our charges.

6th. That we will strictly and faithfully carry out the order of the General Conference to take up a collection once a year in all our congregations for Albert College.

We recommend that the collection be taken up in November.

D. W. AYLSWORTH.

J. H. ANDREWS.

J. D. BELL.

Com. Room, Farmersville, June 3rd, 1867.

REPORT ON PRINTING.

Your Committee on Printing beg leave to report--

That our gratitude is due to Almighty God and the managers of the Book Concern for the prosperity that has attended this department of our work, and we are sorry to learn that the *C. C. Advocate*, which possesses so much valuable and interesting information, is not more generally circulated. We heartily recommend concurrence in the action of the General Conference in ordering that all subscribers pay in advance.

Your Committee are glad to learn that the profits of the concern are in advance of last year. \$660 were the profits of last year, \$717 this year. In view of the large amount still due the concern, and the pressing demands on the editor, we recommend the settlement of all accounts due by subscribers and preachers as soon as possible, by note or otherwise.

We are pleased to learn that an effort is being made for the purchase of a new press, and would recommend that the preachers of the Bay Quinte Conference do heartily co-operate in raising funds for this desirable object. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we, as preachers of the Bay Quinte Conference, appreciating the able manner in which our paper is edited, pledge ourselves to renewed energy in gaining a wider circulation to the *C. C. Advocate*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. HUDGINS, *Sec'y.*

S. YOUNG, *Chairman.*

A. H. ANDERSON.

UNIFORMITY OF DIVINE WORSHIP.

Your Committee on "Uniformity and Administration of Divine Service" are of opinion that there should be, as far as possible, uniformity of action on all our circuits and stations in all matters pertaining to the administration of Discipline and the manner of conducting divine service. We therefore submit for your adoption the following resolutions:—

Resolved, 1st. That each preacher shall furnish to his P. E. at every quarterly meeting a statement, according to Discipline, of the condition of his circuit or station.

2nd. That each preacher shall renew the class tickets to all of his members every Quarter; that he shall read the *rules*, according to Discipline, and he shall see that each of his Class Leaders do keep his class book in proper form and bring it for inspection to the Quarterly Meeting Conference.

3. That the order of Divine Service shall be as follows, viz:—It shall commence with singing, then prayer, reading the Bible, singing, preaching the gospel, singing, and close by prayer and the benediction.

4th. That the opening prayer shall always include petitions for the Queen, the royal family, our Governor General and Governor, with all the members of Government and the empire at large, and that it shall always be concluded with the Lord's prayer.

5th. That service shall always be closed by the Apostolic benediction, and no other, the minister and congregation standing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed

J. F. WILSON.
JOHN HALLIWELL.
A. HUNT.

CENTENARY REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report—

That the preachers have not made full returns from the several circuits respecting Centenary offerings and the object to which they are to be appropriated. Your Committee therefore cannot give as complete a report as is desirable. The following table however will present to your view the numbers, Centenary subscriptions, the amount of Centenary money paid and the subscriptions yet due on the several circuits within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference:—

CHARGES.	Mem- bers.	Centenary Subscrip'n	Cash Paid	Subscrip- tions due.
NAPANEE DISTRICT.				
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Hallowell	217	224 34	156 34	68 00
Cannifton	312	236 00	128 00	108 00
Hungerford	172	27 00	2 00	25 00
Kenebec	183	9 44	9 44	
Camden	282	74 50	54 00	20 50
Bay Quinte	175	107 00	64 00	43 00
Melville	139	34 00	30 75	3 25
Milford	230	16 00	7 50	8 50
Tamworth	137	78 10	34 60	43 50
Denbigh	108	8 00	8 00	
Shannonville	238	201 25	55 00	146 25
Napanee	430	508 00	430 25	77 75
Lonsdale	160	204 50	26 50	178 00
Total on Dist.	2783	1728 13	1006 38	721 75
AUGUSTA DISTRICT.				
Mallorytown	113	67 00	14 25	52 75
Lyn	137	127 30	29 00	98 30
Brockville	53	129 00	12 50	116 50
Augusta	234	379 00	132 00	247 00
Edwardsburg	120	40 30	5 50	34 80
Osnabruck	143	98 50	19 20	79 30
Winchester	253	130 50	68 00	62 50
Roxborough	116	10 12		
Riceville	53			
Ottawa	173	371 75	75 75	296 00
Matilda	197	135 47	24 50	111 97
Gananoque	115	189 75	46 00	143 75
Total on Dist.	1707	1678 69	426 70	1252 87
RIDEAU DISTRICT				
Odessa	244	112 12	54 60	57 52
Waterloo	233	316 50	138 25	178 25
Hinchinbrook	100	2 65		
Wolfe Island	72	252 90	86 50	166 40
Lyndhurst				
Elgin	185	82 00	17 75	64 25
Farmersville	185	49 00	45 00	4 00
Rideau	138			
Huntley	42	9 00	5 00	4 00
Arnprior	23	15 00	13 50	1 50
Benfrew	100			
Westmeath	78			
Eaganville	71			
Total on Dist.	1571	839 17	360 60	475 92
RECAPITULATION.				
Napanee District	2783	1728 13	1006 38	721 75
Augusta	1707	1678 69	426 70	1252 87
Rideau	1571	839 17	360 60	475 92
Total	6061	4245 99	1793 68	2450 54

Your Committee would recommend—

1st. That each preacher and probationer who has not already subscribed to the Centenary fund, be respectfully requested to do so before the rising of Conference.

2nd. That the Centenary books be kept open during the present Conference year now commencing, for the reception of Centenary offerings.

3rd. That the preachers on the several charges be requested to give all the attention possible to the raising of subscriptions and collecting of monies within their respective fields of labor.

4th. And that all monies so collected be forwarded immediately to the Centenary Treasurer.

5th. That the Rev. J. Ferguson be appointed as Agent to make a personal application to each preacher who has not already subscribed, for his subscription to the Centenary fund, before the rising of Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. BULL.
J. FERGUSON.
G. FRENCH.
J. HULIN
F. CHISHOLM.

OBITUARY.

REV. THADEUS LEWIS was born, A. D. 1793, in the township of Camden, County of Lennox and Addington, C. W., about five miles above where the town of Napance now stands; at that time there was no town there, nor indeed, with few exceptions, in any other part of Upper Canada, the entire country being then a wide-spread and dense wilderness, save here and there a hut, cabin, or log house with a small patch of cleared ground attached. Such was the state of this country when those loyal and devoted men—the United Empire Loyalists—settled in Canada because it was under British rule. One of those loyal hearted men was William Lewis, the father of our deceased brother. He had been a soldier in the British service in America during the Revolutionary war, and at its close he, with his young and devoted wife, Elizabeth Babcock, left that country, with all its comfort, and settled in Canada, then the possession of the wild Indians and the still wilder beasts of prey.

When Thaddeus was but a youth he, inheriting the patriotic and military ardor of his father, enlisted under the British standard, and for some years endured all the sufferings and privations attendant on the life of a soldier on campaign and battle-field. After the close of the war of 1812 he obtained his discharge, having received a

severe wound at the battle of Ogdensburg, when after after a severe conflict the British arms were victorious.

In 1815 he was united in marriage to her who now as his widow deeply deploras his loss. For some time, both before and after his marriage, his mind was greatly exercised about the state of his soul, he felt unhappy, but, though early taught by his parents, who were Baptists, the general outlines of salvation's plan, he knew not how to come to God through the great atonement, till sometime in 1816 under the ministry of Rev. Nathaniel Reader, who then labored on the Hallowell circuit, where Mr. Lewis then resided, he obtained the blessing of justification through faith in Christ Jesus. He at once united himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church—the oldest Methodist church existing in Canada. In 1819 he removed with his family to the township of Camden, and was soon after appointed a class leader, in which office he was greatly owned of God in the salvation of souls. In 1823 he received his license as an exhorter from Rev. Philander (now Bishop) Smith, who at that time was preacher in charge of the Bay Quinte circuit, and some time after he, from the same source, received his license as a local preacher, and continued to labor as a local preacher till 1833, when, in consequence of a large majority of the ministers of the M. E. Church having left that communion and united themselves with the Wesleyan body, who had been for some years past laboring in Canada, there was a call for ministerial help to fill up the vacancies caused by the defection of those men who forsook the church of their early choice and to which they had solemnly pledged themselves in their ordination vows. Bro. Lewis remaining firm in his attachment to and union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, refused to be identified with or have any part in the general apostacy, continued to labor as a Local Preacher in connection with his much loved church till he was called into the ranks of the itinerancy by the Conference held in Cummer's church, Yonges'treet, in 1834, and appointed to the Waterloo circuit, which at that time embraced the townships of Kingston, Loughborough, Portland, Camden, Ernestown, Fredericksburg and Adolphustown and which was afterwards extended westward to Belleville and Thurlow. As a large number of the members and officials of the church had gone with the preachers into the Wesleyan body, but few were left to represent original Methodism in its Episcopal character. Yet a few there were whom neither smiles, frowns nor promises could seduce from the church planted by the venerable Wesley and acknowledged and owned by the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. Some of these continue steadfast till this day, living epistles known and read of all men, others have fallen asleep in Jesus and joyfully await the resurrection of the just. With these few but constant and unwavering friends, encouraged by their smiles, their offerings and their prayers, our brother started on his itinerant and arduous work, and for nearly thirty years labored with great acceptance and success on

different stations in western, central and eastern Canada. As might be expected, he suffered much hardship, fatigue, persecution and want in his extensive and varied labors, but the presence and supporting power of his great Master sustained him. Many hair breadth escapes from danger he had, and in many cases his wants were almost miraculously supplied. In every station which he occupied or circuit that he traveled the Lord made bare his arm in the salvation of many souls. As one instance out of many: In the year 1836 while traveling the Elizabethtown circuit he visited Farmersville, where the Conference is now in session, held a protracted meeting, at which meeting several souls were savingly converted to God, made happy in his love, and fitted for usefulness in his church and in the world. Our good cause then planted and established in this interesting and thriving village still continues, and we trust always shall continue a blessing to the living as it has been to many who have since departed this life, witnessing a good confession.

At the Conference of 1860 Bro. Lewis was placed on the list of superannuated ministers, after which he settled in Melleville, County of Prince Edward, where he spent the remainder of his useful and happy days, loved and honored as a man of God, a patriot and a friend. Up to the closing hours of life he retained all that manly vigor of intellect which he so largely possessed and developed through life till, in peace with man and in deep and hallowed communion with God, he exchanged mortality for bliss on the first day of July, 1866, in the 74th year of his age and the 33rd of his ministry.

Soldier of Christ, well done,
Rest from thy Saviour's employ;
Thy battle 's fought, thy victory's won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

H. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.
A. DAWSON.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

Your Committee on Temporal Economy beg leave to report as follows:—

- 1st. We recommend that the sum of \$173.50 be assessed for contingent fund.
- 2nd. We ascertain that the sum of \$548 is required to meet the demands of claimants on the superannuated fund.
- 3rd. That the sum required to meet the Bishop's claim is \$250.
- 4th. We recommend that, to provide for the above claims, the several charges be assessed as follows:—

CHARGES.	Cont.	Sup'd	Bishop's
	Fund.	Fund.	Claims.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
NAPANEE DISTRICT			
Melville	4 00	10 00	5 24
Hallowell	7 00	20 00	9 00
Milford	5 00	10 00	5 60
Cannifton	8 00	24 00	13 60
Hungerford	3 00	8 00	6 84
Denbigh	1 00	5 00	3 88
Shannonville	6 00	16 00	9 64
Lonsdale	5 00	10 00	6 66
Napanee	8 00	24 00	13 68
Camden	5 00	14 00	11 28
Tamworth	4 00	8 00	4 61
Bay Quinte	7 00	20 00	6 48
Kennebec	1 00	3 00	2 00
KINGSTON DISTRICT.			
Odessa	6 00	12 00	6 00
Hinchinbrook	2 00	4 00	5 04
Sherbrooke	1 00	3 00	2 00
Loughboro	5 00	15 00	6 84
Inverary	3 00	10 00	5 00
Kingston			
Wolf Island	4 00	10 00	5 00
Gananoque	4 00	8 00	4 00
Mallorytown	4 00	8 00	4 00
Farmersville	6 00	15 00	8 16
Lyndhurst	2 00	4 00	6 94
Elgin	6 00	15 00	9 84
AUGUSTA DISTRICT.			
Brockville	4 00	6 00	3 64
Lyn	6 00	15 00	5 80
Augusta	8 00	20 00	10 00
Rideau	4 00	12 00	6 04
Arnprior	2 00	4 00	3 00
Eganville	2 00	4 00	3 72
Westmeath	3 00	5 00	3 61
Renfrew	2 00	6 00	4 00
Edwardsburgh	4 00	6 00	4 15
Matilda	5 00	12 00	5 54
Inkerman	2 00	4 00	3 00
Aultsville	6 00	12 00	7 04
Winchester	6 50	15 00	10 00
Roxboro	2 00	4 00	5 24
OTTAWA DISTRICT.			
Ottawa East	3 50	8 00	4 00
Ottawa West	2 50	8 00	3 00
Huntly	1 00	3 00	2 00
Riceville	2 00	4 00	3 50
Total	172 00	424 00	248 01

We recommend that the preachers in charge of circuits, missions and stations take collections at their discretion to meet contingent assessments. Also that the preachers laboring on circuits, missions or stations be held responsible for the Bishop's claim, to be paid quarterly to the Presiding Elders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. HUNT, Chairman, }
 D. W. AYLSWORTH, }
 J. F. WILSON, } Committee.
 HIRAM WILLIAMS, }

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee on Church Property beg leave to report —

Having received the reports of Church Property from the different charges within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference, your Committee are of opinion that the subject of Church Building for the accommodation of those who worship God in the public congregation, has received marked attention from the members of this Conference; nevertheless, we think there is still room for improvement on a matter of such vital importance to the interests of the Church.

The almost unparalleled success of the Methodists in spreading the gospel of the grace of God, not only in Europe, but almost all over the continent of America, depended to a very great extent on the zeal and untiring efforts of a faithful and efficient ministry, not only in dispensing the Word of Life to the people, but in taking the lead in the financial as well as spiritual interests of the church.

Your Committee are of opinion that school houses are not, strictly speaking, proper places for the worship of God, and even if they were, it may not be long until access to them as such will be forever cut off. In view of this and the unflinching efforts put forth by other branches of the Christian Church in this department, it may soon be almost impossible for us to sustain ourselves as a church or to sustain our congregations where we have no suitable place in which to worship the God of our fathers.

Therefore your Committee urge a successful prosecution of the work of Chapel Building, wherever practicable, on every member of this Conference. We are also of opinion that considerable expense and trouble are incurred by the removal of the preacher's goods from one charge to another;

Therefore, Resolved, That our Presiding Elders be respectfully requested to urge the necessity of furnishing each parsonage within the bounds of his District with heavy and suitable furniture for the accommodation of the minister's family, and that each preacher in charge use his best endeavor to carry out so desirable an object.

The following table will show the amount of Church Property within the bounds of this Conference as reported to your Committee:

DISTRICTS.	No		No		Total Value.
	Chapels	Value.	Parsonages	Value.	
		\$		\$	\$
Napanee	24	28,550	10	4,650	33200 00
Rideau	16	16,150	12	5,740	21890 00
Augusta	17	24,250	8	3,650	27900 00
Total	57	68,950	30	14,040	82990 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BIRD.
T. McAMMOND.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Claims.		Receipts.		Deficit.	
		\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
NAPANEE DISTRICT.	H. Williams	500	00	471	14	28	86
Canifton	J. Gardiner	600	00	584	43	15	57
"	I. B. Aylsworth	200	00	200	00		
Shannonville	W. Bird	400	00	400	00		
Lonsdale	F. Chisholm	400	00	444	00		
Melville	A. Anderson	324	00	198	32	125	68
Milford	Jas. Hulin	400	00	410	00		
Hallowell	N. H. Howard	500	00	500	00		
Hungerford	John Hill	400	00	286	25	113	75
Denbigh	F. B. Knowlton	300	00	285	68	14	32
Mapanee	David Wilson	500	00	500	00		
"	T. W. Pickett	100	00	100	00		
Tamworth	A. D. Traveler	300	00	300	00		
Kennebec	G. S. White	400	00	276	88	123	12
Camden	J. G. Bull	436	00	396	00	40	00
"	E. Sherwood	375	00	340	13	34	87
Bay Quinte	John Ferguson	550	00	550	00		
RIDEAU DISTRICT.	J. F. Wilson P. E.	490	00	434	14	55	86
Odessa	Eli Woodcock	500	00	481	00	19	00
Waterloo	J. H. Andrews	550	00	527	00	23	00
"	F. B. Stratton	440	00	440	00		
Hinchinbrook	A. Dawson	400	00	200	75	199	25
Wolfe Island	W. H. Graham	400	00	400	00		
Lyndhurst	J. Graham						
Elgin	S. Young	500	00	500	00		
Farmersville	L. A. Betts	500	00	500	00		
Rideau	Z. B. Hitchcock	400	00	400	00		
Huntly	D. Brill	250	00	213	00	37	00
Arnprior	J. D. Bell	400	00	312	00	88	00
Renfrew	T. McAmmond	350	00	325	00	25	00
Westmeath	J. Brill	240	00	237	00	3	00
Eganville	H. Hesselgrave	280	00	270	00	10	00
AUGUSTA DISTRICT.	D. W. Aylsworth	500	00	500	00		
Mallorytown	W. G. Hudgins	360	00	325	00	35	00
Lyn	J. Halliwell	500	00	450	60	50	00
Brockville	E. S. Howard	500	00	361	25	138	75
Augusta	D. Smith	500	00	500	00		
Edwardsburgh	A. Youker	350	00	370	00		
Matilda	W. Brown						
"	W. Service	no returns					
Osnabrock	J. A. Rodgers	500	00	433	66	76	34
Winchdster	A. Hunt	500	00	485	00	15	00
Roxboro	A. Shorts	400	00	308	34	91	66
Riceville	W. E. Johnson	450	00	390	00	60	00
Ottawa	S. G. Stone	650	00	540	00	110	00
"	W. Blair	190	00	174	00	16	00
Gananoque	A. Martin	440	00	440	00		

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to submit the following report and resolutions :—

That, whereas the use of alcoholic and malt liquors as a beverage has been proved by science and experience to be highly injurious to the human system and very extensively destructive to human life, inducing disease and premature death, and whereas it has been repeatedly shown to a demonstration that alcoholic beverages positively contain no nutriment, and that they neither aid digestion nor strengthen the system, but the very reverse, and that the use thereof being a foolish and criminal excess, and the traffic therein being an extravagant waste and a curse, and whereas from authentic reports and repeated investigations it has been fully established that at least nine-tenths of the crime, litigation, pauperism and other evils which afflict society are caused by intemperance, and whereas the most crushing weight of the misery and degradation of this traffic falls upon defenceless women and children, and whereas the whole traffic is denounced in the Word of God,

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend the practice and advocacy of total abstinence by our preachers and people.

2nd. That we will cheerfully co-operate with all lawful efforts for the suppression of the traffic.

3rd. That we recommend our people to encourage and support all Temperance organizations in their respective vicinities.

4th. That we heartily coincide with the Montreal Temperance Society who "respectively request that greater prominence be given to the subject in the pulpit; that when it is practicable, temperance societies on the old open basis be formed in connection with and under direction of the churches; that Bands of Hope or some other juvenile temperance organization be formed in connection with the Sabbath Schools."

5th. That we recommend the organization of a National Temperance Society, which shall concentrate and direct the Temperance power of all our Temperance societies and Temperance men in the Dominion of Canada.

6th. That we are pleased to believe that our preachers and people are fully alive to the importance of this great work, that we find them prominent in this and every good cause; and it is with proud satisfaction we remember that as early as the year 1827 our venerable Bishop Smith, while Presiding Elder in this section of the country, had the honor of calling the first Temperance meeting ever

held in the British possessions of North America, in the township of Bastard, Province of Canada, and that from that time until the present he and our preachers have stood in the front ranks of the Temperance cause. In this we have only done our duty.

7th. That we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of an address from the Montreal Temperance Society, and respectfully ask their acceptance of this report in reply.

8th. We recommend that a public meeting be held this evening in the interests of the Temperance cause.

N. H. HOWARD.

I. B. AYLSWORTH.

Com. Room, Farmersville, June 1st, 1867.

COURSE OF STUDY.

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

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

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

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

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NAMES AND STANDING

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

NAPANEE DISTRICT.

- Mcville*—A. Wood, Deacon; J. Lewis.
Milford—Wm. Williams.
Cannifton—Wm. Sills, Elder; A. Parks, E. J. Badgely.
Hungerford—Peter Wright, Elder; J. Borden.
Shannonville—S. Cole.
Napanee—D. Unger, Deacon; J. B. Smith, Deacon.
Camden—B. Lewis, T. Furr, — Clement, L. Jackson, J. Mintz, J. Switzer, J. Foster.
Tamworth—C. Thompson, Elder; J. Sanderson.
Kennebec—H. Parks, E. Sanderson, T. Clark.
Lonsdale—S. D. Shorts, Elder; C. Pringle, L. Pringle.
Hallowell—Arkett, J. Cole.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.

- Mallorytown*—W. Avery, G. Avery.
Augusta—A. B. Pardec.
Brockville—Levi F. Moore
Winchester—B. Meeker, G. S. Johnson, Deacons; E. Cross.
Matilda—E. Tuttle, Deacon
Riceville—G. Pickering.
Roxboro—W. Taylor.
Ottawa City—J. Cross.

RIDEAU DISTRICT.

- Westmeath*—N. D. Peters.
Elgin—W. Brown, Elder; Abraham Wiltsie.
Odessa—Daniel David, Deacon; James Galway, Harman Snider.
Waterloo—R. M. Poke, Wm. Coverly, J. McMullen, J. Freeman.
Lynnhurst—L. Hulbert, Elder; J. Wing, George Halliday.
Wolfe Island—Isaac Ranous.
Rideau—T. Edmonds.
Hinchinbrook—J. Babcock, M. Loveless, E. Ash, Elder.
Kingston—B. Atkinson, Elder; J. D. Powley.