



EXTRACTS FROM THE

MINUTES

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE PEOPLE DENOMINATED

BIBLE CHRISTIANS,

HELD IN THE

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BOWMANVILLE.

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference? ANS.—ARCHIBALD CLARKE, President of the Conference, of 1879; WILLIAM S. PASCOE, Secretary of the Conference of 1879. William C. Beer, Sup't of the Cobourg District. William Kenner, "Victoria & Peterboro do. William Jolliffe, "Toronto do. George Webber, "Exeter do. William Hooper, "London do.

William Hooper, "London do. John Harris, "P. E. Island do. William R. Roach, "Wisconsin do. Henry J. Nott, "Cleveland do.

Representatives sent b	by their respective District	Meetings.
G. Bond, Representative	of Cobourg	District.
J. Nott, "	do.	do.
J. Wade, "	do.	do.
F. Reynolds, "	do.	do.
T. Crocker, "	do. I bereat	do.
E. E. Stephens, ,"	do.	do. *
R. Gordon, "	do.	· do. 🛥
J. Williams, "	do.	do.
W. Windatt, "	Bowmanville	do.
W. Elford, "	do."	do.
W. Coates, "	do.	do.
C. R. Tamblyn, "	do.	· do.
T. Kirby,	do.	do.
W. Hodgson, "	do.	do.
W. Jeffery, "	do.	do.

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J. Broad, Representa	ative of	Victoria & Peterboro	District.
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R. Hambidge,	66	do.	do.
T. E. Moynes,		do.	do.
J. F. Cunnings,		do.	do.
A. Wilson,	46	do.	do.
T. Werry,	**	do.	do.
J. Hull,	66	do.	do.
H. C. Brent,	4 HACT	Toronto	do.
M. Wardell,	"	do.	do.
T. Carter,		do.	. do.
. Lewis,	·· ,	do.	do.
H. Heal,	04.10	Exeter	do.
. Pickard,	+4	do.	do.
H. C. Wills,	44	do	do.
W. Lewis,	"	do.	do.
J. Parsons,	51 4 (15.)	do.	do.
T. Werry, Jr.,	44 MA	do.	do.
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W. Jennings,	66	London	do.
R. Kennedy	44	do. g	do.
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J. Cole,	'66	do.	do.
W. Field,	66 N. 201	dd dd	do.
W. Gerry,		do.	do.
J. Dixon,	(66) (1) (1)	Wisconsin	do.
J. Smith.	46 DOM	do.	do.
W. Morrish,	\$6 MAR	Cleveland	do.
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R. Gifford,	66	do.	do.
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C. Barker,	**	Bowmanville	do.
I. W. Butcher	61	Exeter	do.
J. Whitlock,		Victoria & Peterboro	do.
T. R. Hull,	"	London	do.
A. Gordon,	"	Toronto	do.
I. Kenner.	"	Bowmanville	do.
E. Roberts.	44	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
H. A. Newcombe,	"	Exeter	de.

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J. J. Rice, authorized	by the	Toronto	District.
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R. T. Courtice,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
W. Kinley,	"	Cobourg	do.
A. Schuster,	44	do.	do.
R. Baker,	"	do. ·	do.
A. Richard,	"	Bowmanville	do.
R. Allin,	"	do.	do.
J. Archer,	"	London	do.
J G. Yelland,	"	Cobourg	do,
W. Quance,	"	London	do.
R. B. Rowe,	"	Bowmanville	do.
T. Broad,	44	Exeter	do.
W, H. Butt,	"	Cobourg	do.
J. Holmes,	"	Toronto	do.
M. Metherall,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
R. Mallett, B. A.,	"	London	do.
J. Kestle,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
T. H. Dry,	"	Wiscensin	do.
T. Mason,	"	London	do.
J. M. Tredrea,	"	Victoria & Peterboro	do.
S. J. Allin,	"	Exeter	do.
W. Rollins,	4	London	do.
H. Moore,	"	. Cleveland	do.
R: Thomas,	"	Exeter	do.
T.J. Sabine,	"	Cobourg	do.

WILLIAM KENNER, was elected President; and JOHN KENNER, Conference Secretary.

Q. 2.-Who remain on the list of Approved Preachers?

Paul Robins, (superan.) John Langdon, do. John Hicks Eynon, do. John Edwards, do. Robert Hurley, do. John Chapple, do. John Williams, do. Cephas Barker, William Hooper, George Haycraft, (superan.)

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John W. Butcher, Jacob Gale, (superan.) Jesse Whitlock, William R. Roach, William S. Pascoe, William Kenner, Thomas R. Hull, George Bodle, Andrew Gordon, John Kenner,

*Isaac Ashley, (supernum.) George Webber, Edward Roberts. William Jolliffe, Archibald Clarke, Henry A. Newcombe. John Guard, George Dunkley. Walter Ayers, John Harris. William Medland, James J. Rice, Lewis Wickeft, Henry J. Nott, Richard T. Courtice, William Kinley, William C. Beer, Anselm Schuster, Robert Baker, Stephen H. Rice. Alexander Richard. Roger Allin, James Collins, Ioseph Archer. John G. Yelland,

George Smith, William Ouance, Richard B. Rowe. Thomas Broad, William H. Butt, John Holmes. John Veale, George H. Copeland, John Ball, Moses Metherall, Richard Mallett, B. A. Iames Kestle, Robert Davidson, John Greenway. Thomas H. Dry, Thomas Mason, John M. Tredrea, William Limbert, Samuel J. Allin, Edwin A. Tonkin, William Rollins, Herman Moore. Richard Thomas, William M. Willison, Thomas J. Sabine.

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Q. 3.—Who are admitted into Full Connexion?

A.-John Pooley, Daniel Williams, Francis M. Whitlock.

Q. 4.-Who remain on Trial?

William Bryenton, James A. Datoe,

Silas J. Cunnings, James Hoskin.

John W. Cannom.

These have travelled three years.

William H. Spargo,

These have travelled two years.

John Ferry,

Thomas Brown. +J. S. Lean.

These have travelled one year.

*Bro. Ashley's name is left on the list of Preachers as a supernumerary, with the distinct understanding that he has no financial claims, either for himself or family, arising out of a continuance of this relationship.—See Res. XI.

+Bro Lean was employed immediately after last Conference, and is now set down as having travelled one year.

Q. 5.-Who are admitted on Trial?

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S. Muxworthy, W. Blatchford, B. A., A. C. Courtice, B. A., W. Coombe.

Q. 6.-What preacher has died this year?

A .- WILLIAM DAVIS, who was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland, on the 5th day of June, 1851. In 1854, he came with his parents to Toronto. He was never, as a boy, very immoral in his conduct. In 1869, under the ministry of the Rev. T. Boyd, of the P. M. Church, Toronto, he was truly converted. He joined the church, went to work in the choir and Sunday School, and soon began, as a local preacher, to publish salvation. He soon felt called to devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry. As no way was, just then, open, to enter the ministry in the church of his spiritual birth, he was employed by us, immediately after the Conference of 1873, and went to assist Bro. G. Smith, in Huntingdon. In 1874, he labored with Bro. W. Hooper, on the Peterboro' & Ashburnham Station. The next year he was appointed to the pastorate of the Colchester Mission, where his name is still as ointment poured torth. In 1876, he labored with Bro. Nott, in St. Thomas and Talbotville. The next year, he was appointed to Exeter, in conjunction with Bros. J. W. Butcher, and J. P. Rice. Soon after the Conference, of 1877, he married. Having been appointed to work a portion of his previous year's charge," separated and now known as the Centralia Circuit, here his health became so much impaired, in 1878, that for the closing half of the year, he could only, with much difficulty, take two services on the Sabbath. Last Conference, he was set down at St. Thomas as a supernumerary. He was so weak, that he seldom attempted any work.

In February last, Bro. Davis went to Wisconsin, hoping to regain his health and take work in Manitoba next year. For several weeks, he enjoyed Bro. Dry's hospitality. About the middle of April, he went to Bro. Roach's, at Palmyra. On Sabbath, the 18th, it was discovered that Bro. Davis was sinking rapidly; and on the 19th, about 3 A.M., he softly and sweetly said, "Christ is all and in all," and fell asleep in Jesus, in the 28th year of his age. He was a diligent student, a true friend, a sincere Christian, and an earnest, practical and conscientious minister. He had an intense longing to win souls, and, with joy unspeakable, saw his labors in this direction blessed, in a good degree, by the Master. In work, active ; in suffering, patient and trustful,—he has gone to his glorious and eternal reward.

THE STATIONS.

Q. 7.-How are the Preachers stationed ? A.-As follows :

I. Cobourg District.

I. COBOURG-W. C. Beer,

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2. *CAMBORNE -A. C. Courtice, B. A.

3. WELCOME-A Clarke ; R. Hurley, Superannuated.

4. PORT HOPE-W. H. Butt.

5. HUNGERFORD-J. M. Tredrea.

6. HUNTINGDON-G. Dunkley.

7. CAMPBELLFORD-J. G. Yelland, J. Pooley.

8. BELLEVILLE-A. Schuster; G. Bodle, Supernumerary.

W. C. BEER, Superintendent of District. W. H. BUTT, Church Secretary.

J. M. TREDREA, School Secretary.

Bowmanville District. 11.

9. BOWMANVILLE-J. Kenner, R. Mallett, B. A., Another ; P. Robins, J. H. Eynon, and J. Gale, Superannuated; C. Barker, to visit England on leave ; H. J. Nott, Connexional Editor.

10. HAMPTON-R. B. Rowe, J. W. Cannom.

11. COLUMBUS-A. Richard, T. Brown.

12. OSHAWA-W. Ayers.

13. PRINCE ALBERT-R. Allin; J. Langdon, Superannuated.

14. PERRYTOWN-G. Smith.

J. KENNER, Superintendent of District. A. RICHARD, Church Secretary. R. ALLIN, School Secretary.

Victoria & Peterboro. 111.

15. LITTLE BRITAIN-W. Kenner, J. Kestle, Another.

16. PETERBORO-E. Roberts.

17. LAKEFIELD-J. Guard, Supernumerary, S. Muxworthy.

18. FENELON-M. Metherall.

19. LINDSAY-R. T. Courtice.

20. MANVERS & CARTWRIGHT-J. Whitlock, J. Hoskin.

21. ASHBURNHAM-T. W. Blatchford, B. A.

W. KENNER, Superintendent of District. J. KESTLE, Church Secretary.

M. METHERALL, School Secretary.

*Camborne Preacher labors under the supervision of Cobourg Pastor.

IV. Toronto District.

- 22. TORONTO-W. Jolliffe.
- 23. PICKERING-W. R. Roach.
- 24. HAMILTON-J. J. Rice.
- 25. UXBRIDGE-A. Gordon.
- 26. SUTTON-D. Williams.
- 27. PALMERSTON-T. J. Sabine.
- 28. WIARTON T. H. Dry.

J. J. RICE, Superintendent of District. D. WILLIAMS, Church Secretary. A. GORDON, School Secretary.

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V. Exeter District.

29. EXETER-G. Webber.

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- 30. BETHESDA & HENSALL-F. M. Whitlock.
- 31. CENTRALIA-J. W. Butcher; J. Edwards, Superannuated.
- 32. MITCHELL-W. S. Pascoe ; J. Williams, Superannuated.
- 33. FULLARTON-J. Veale.
- 34. USBORNE-H. A. Newcombe, W. Coombe.
- 35. CLINTON---R. Thomas, W. H. Spargo.
- 36. COLBORNE- T. Broad ; I. Ashley, Superannuated.
 - G. WEBBER, Superintendent of District. R. THOMAS, Church Secretary. F. M. WHITLOOK, School Secretary.

VI. London District.

- 37. LONDON CENTRE-W. Ouance.
- 38. LONDON SOUTH-W. Rollins.
- 39. LONDON EAST-G. H. Copeland.
- 40. LAMBETH-T. Mason.
- 41. INGERSOLL-J. Archer.
- 42. DEREHAM-T. R. Hull.

W. QUANCE, Superintendent of District. G. H. COPELAND, Church Secretary. W. ROLLINS, School Secretary.

VII. Windsor District.

- 43. ST. THOMAS-W. Hooper.
- 44. TALBOTVILLE-S. H. Rice.
- 45. WINDSOR-W. Limbert.
- 46. COLCHESTER-One to be sent.

W. HOOPER, Superintendent of District. S. H. RICE, Church Secretary.

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W LIMBERT, School Secretary.

VIII. Prince Edward Island District.

47. CHARLOTTETOWN -J. Harris.

48. UNION-E. A. Tonkin.

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49. *WHEATLEY RIVER-J. A. Dafoe.

50. VERNON RIVER-J. Ball.

51. MURRAY HARBOR-W. Medland.

52. STURGEON & MONTAGUE-W. Bryenton.

53. WEST CAPE-J. Ferry.

54. SUMMERSIDE-J. Collins.

J. HARRIS, Superintendent of District. J. COLLINS, Church Secretary, E. A. TONKIN, School Secretary. ha

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IX. Wisconsin District.

55. PALMYRA-R. Baker.

56. LISBON-W. Kinley; G. Haycraft, Superannuated.

57. YORKVILLE-R. Davidson.

58. LITTLE PRAIRIE-W. M. Willison.

59. BURLINGTON-J. S. Lean.

60. WALDO-One requested.

W. KINLEY, Superintendent of District. R. BAKER, Church Secretary. J. S. LEAN, School Secretary.

X. Cleveland District

61, CLEVELAND-S. J. Allin.

62. ORANGE-H, Moore,

63. CHAGRIN FALLS-L. W. Wickett.

64. NEWBURG-To be supplied

L. W. WICKETT, Superintendent of District. S. J. ALLIN, Church Secretary. H. MOORE, School Secretary,

XI. Rock Lake District.

65. CRYSTAL CITY & SNOW FLAKE-J. Greenway.

66. ALEXANDER & CALF MOUNTAIN-S. J. Cunnings.

67. WINNIPEG & WEST-To be supplied.

*The Wheatley River preacher must bestow one-fourth of his labors on the Rustico Road and Glasgow Road appointments, Union Circuit; and these appointments must give for this labor an amount equal to one-fourth of the regular expenses of the Wheatley River Mission.

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Q. 8.—What is the state of our Christian Experience? A.—We are pleased to be able to place on record, a few happy words concerning the large gathering and blessed influence attending our Conference Sacrament. Veterans in the cause of Christ, and younger soldiers of the Cross,—the strong and the feeble alike,—testified to the genuineness of their Divine enlistment. Many spoke of continued and constantly increasing satisfaction with their high and holy calling. Through tears of joy by faith, we saw and sang of "a home over there," and no words could describe the brightness of the prospect of our complete triumph through Christ, not only complete, but eternal.

Q. 9.—What is the Spiritual State of the Connexion?

A.--On examining the Spiritual State of the Connexion, we are grateful to be able to report accessions to the Church of Christ, though the increase is smaller than we could have desired, and small when compared with the amount of energy put forth to accomplish such results. On every District some have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and some have gone to heaven to join the Church triumpbant. While the salvation of one soul is worth more than all the energies expended, we believe that we might have seen more brought to God, if we had been more faithful to our high calling. The various Districts report the want of entire consecration to God, the lack of Spiritual power and of the presence of the Holy Ghost. As this want is seen and felt, may we wholly consecrate ourselves to God and His Cause, that He may be more abundantly glorified in the salvation of men.

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Q. 10.-What are the Statistics of the Connexion?

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Q. 11 .--- Who are the Executive, Missionary, Stationing, and Examining Committees?

A .-- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. -- President, ex President, Secretary, Editor, General Treasurers, Financial, Missionary, Church and School Secretaries, Superintendents of Districts, Book Steward, J. H. Eynon, P. Robins, J. Whitlock, A. Clarke, R. B. Rowe, J. Hull, J.F. Cunnings, J. Williams, C. R. Tamblyn, J. Pickard and T. Bowden.

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SUB COMMITTEE-EAST.-President and Secretary, H. J Nott, R. T. Courtice, C. R. Tamblyn. WEST: President, W. Hooper, G. Webber, W. Quance, J. Pickard.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.—All members of Executive Committee.

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STATIONING COMMITTEE.—President, Secretary, ex-President, Superintendents of Districts, Editor, Missionary and Financial Secretaries, with the District Representatives.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.-W. C. Beer, A. Richard, W. Quance.

Q. 12.—Who are the Conterence Officials?

A.—W. Kenner, President; J. Kenner, Conference and General Corresponding Secretary; H. J. Nott, Editor; J. Kenner, Corresponding Secretary with England; E. Roberts, Financial Secretary, and Secretary of Church Loan Fund; W. Quance, General Church Secretary; W. H. Butt, General School Secretary; W. Jolliffe, Book Steward; R. T. Courtice, Missionary Secretary; C. Barker, and R. Souch, General Treasurers; J. Hull, and J. F. Cunnings, Auditors; J. Kenner, Treasurer and Secretary of the Preachers' Annuitant Fund.

Q. 13.—When and where shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—Cobourg. at Belleville; Bowmanville, at Hampton; Victoria & Peterboro', at Zion, Fenelon Falls; Toronto, at Toronto; Exeter, at Clinton; London, at London Centre; Windsor, at Windsor—all on the 3rd Wednesday in May. P. E. Island, at Charlottetown, and Friday in May; Wisconsin, at Siloam, Palmyra, 1st Wednesday in May; Cleveland, at Chagrin Falls, 3rd Wednesday in May.

Q. 14.-When and where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Dondon, on the 1st. Thursday in June, 1881, at 9 A.M. The Executive Committee to meet on the preceding Tuesday, at 9 A.M.

N.B.—The Missionary and General Financial Secretaries must have their Reports to lay before the Committee. Stationing Committee to meet the same day, at 4 P.M.; Executive Committee, next day, (Wednesday) at 9 A.M.

Q. 15.—When and where shall the Executive Committee Meetings be held?

A.—1st. Meeting, at Toronto, in September; 2nd. Meeting, at Bowmanville, on the last Wednesday in January; 3rd. Meeting, in connection with Conference. etary, H. J resident, W.

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OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Address to the Societies.

As it is a practice among us, as a branch of the Israel of God, to present to the churches over which the Holy Ghost has made us over-seers, an annual address; and being now in Conference assembled, we write to you a few words for the purpose of stirring up your minds by way of remembrance ; knowing, as we do, both from experience and the holy Word of God, that the christian course is a continual warfare, and that those who will be victors at the end of this warfare, must in the meantime acquit themselves like men. For this reason, we beseech you, as brethren and sisters in the Lord, to suffer the word of exhortation :--

1st. Make it a point of duty to have your hope well grounded, assuring yourselves before God, that your trust is in Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for the remission of your sins. For, if you have experimental knowledge of the love of Christ, in whom you have believed, you will also have included in that experience the strongest conviction, that he is able and willing to keep what you have committed to His trust until the decisive hour. And by attending promptly and faithfully to this duty, you will have made a good beginning.

2nd. Keep up a daily, hourly, and momentarily intercourse in your spirits with the Lord. It

is said of Enoch that he walked with God, and God took him to heaven without passing through the usual process of dying. And it is the privilege of all the children of God, to walk continuously in sweet communion with their heavenly Father, so as to be able to glory in tribulation, and even meet death, the last enemy to be conquered, without a groan or fear. But, remember, dear brethren and sisters in Christ. that this blessed state of mind is only retained by unceasing prayer; or, phrasing it like Paul, " Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverence and supplication for all saints." Eph. vi : 18.

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3rd. We beseech you in the name of Christ, whose we are, and whom we serve, to abstain from all such practices as do not harmonize with Christian character : such as the frequenting of balls, circus plays, horseracing, and all other such practices as have a tendancy to incur God's displeasure and bring your Christianity into disrepute. With Paul, we advise you to abstain from all appearance of evil, and may the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and we pray God, that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless until the coming of our Lord

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4th. We advise you to increase your diligence in the reading of the Holy Scriptures: Iesus said, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal me : and they are We they which testify of me." fear that the study of God's word is too much neglected, by many who profess to love Jesus. It you have friends who are beloved by you, living in a far country, but yet keeping up correspondence with you every year by letter, how do you treat their letters? Do you lay those letters aside on your shelves unread? No. indeed. you read every sentence of their contents, and then, out of courtesy and love, you send a reply, expressive of your high appreciation of the remembrance which your friends have shown of you. Well, the Lord once for all, sent you a long letter, expressive of His love to you, and the duties which you are to perform to Him; and will you treat Him and His letter with less courtesy than that of your earthly friend, by refusing to read said letter? It ought not to be so, for the Bible ought to be read and studied carefully by all the friends of Jesus, and also by all

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5th. We advise you not to forsake the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is ; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. Do not forget that every moment of your time on earth, should be employed in the service of God, that you may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. Therefore, be as often at the public means of grace as is practicable, and let your motto to all comers and goers, be like that of Moses, who said to Hobab, his father-in-law, " We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: Come thou with us, and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."-Numbers X. 29. .

Finally, let love be the governing principle in your hearts, and may the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. Amen.

W. KENNER, President. J. KENNER, Secretary.

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Address to the English Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETH-REN,—Assembled in our Annual Conference, we again greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus, and invoke upon you the blessing of our God, in your persons and your work.

The mercies of the year have been very many. Our hearts have been gladdened at the news of revivals which have increased your numbers, and, as we trust. your effective power to make yet greater conquests for the glory of the Master. We also have had cause to thank God that tokens of His presence and proofs of His saving power have not been witholden from us; 1300 persons have been admitted on trial; but still more important accessions would be annually realized were all our churches as fully alive to God as it is their privilege to be. The number meeting in church fellowship is only slightly in excess of last year, owing to the many who have been lost by death, removals and excisions.

In relation to our work throughout this Conference, there are certain things to cause anxiety—the large indebtedness on some of the funds, for instance, and the comparatively small result of the year's labors, which humbles us before God; but in this Conference there is no indisposition to relax our efforts for the extension of the work of God on this great continent.

In consequence, therefore, of the steady and increasing migration from the province of Ontario to Manitoba and the North-West, at the last Conference we sent a brother to the "Great Lone Land," to explore the country, and do what he could during the year, to visit our members who have gone there. In order to fulfil what we believe to be a trust reposed upon us by God, it will require that our people going there be followed, and themselves, their families, and neighbors be sought out, that they be not as "sheep without a shepherd."

The year has not been without cases of painful affliction among the brethren. Bro. J. J. Rice lost his excellent wife immediately atter the last Conference. Bro. Ayers was severely afflicted at the beginning of the year, and for a considerable period after, but is now restored to his wonted health. Bro. S. H. Rice, who through affliction had to take a Supernumerary relation, a year since, has been able to render good service in the Uxbridge Station, in supply for Bro. Holmes, whose painful affliction still continues, and Bro. Rice is on hand for full work again. Bro. Holmes's state renders it necessary that he shall have rest.

He has our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of his little boy, by which an added burden was placed upon him in his affliction. Bro, W. Medland and his family have also been painfully afflicted for months, and his health is still somewhat feeble. Bro, Guard now lies dangerously ill, but hopes are cherished that the shadow of death that for several days seemed to lie cold and dark upon him, is passing away.

There has happily been but one breach in our ministerial circle by death. Bro.W.Davis, whose failing health necessitated his taking a Supernumerary relation, has passed away to his reward. He was a young man of unblemished repute and deep piety, whose widow and little child have our earnest prayers.

We are highly pleased that our Superannuated brethren are still able to labor from time to time, as their length of days gives them permission. Their's is the glory of a life's evening, in which, while the shadows lengthen, there are ever-brightening tokens that a more glorious dawn'is not far away. God bless the dear old mea, who have so nobly borne the burden in the heat of the day, , when the burden was heavy indeed. May their last days

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on earth be as "the days of heaven."

We feel that we need not bespeak for Bro. Barker, who is about to pay a twelve-month's visit to his native country, all that attention which his long service in the Denomination, and the character he has won and sustained, justify. We trust that his visit to England will be both pleasant and advantageous to himself, and of service to you.

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Our Conferential gathering has been a happy one; we have had a most pleasant season together in our business sessions, while the public services have been seasons of great public interest, and we trust that we shall go to our several spheres of labor with the earnest resolve to consecrate ourselves afresh to work for God and the salvation of souls.

"Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

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Your Committee are pleased to report as follows : We have an increase of 311 admitted in the year, giving us an addition of 18 on total membership. We occupy 9 additional preachingplaces, and employ 4 ministers more than we did the previous year; 73 have passed from the toils and perils of earth to their rest and home in heaven. We are sorry to report a decrease of 11 local preachers and 123 in full membership. The Sabbath School department of our work does not present so good a shewing as it should, there being 9 Schools and 510 scholars less than reported last year ; we have, however, an increase of 43 teachers. We cannot fail to express our deep sense of obligation to God for the measure of success that has attended our labors--over 1000 having professed taith in Jesus as their Saviour. Nevertheless, when we remember that, after allowing for removals, deaths and unfaithfulness, we are 123 less in full membership than when we commenced the year's labors, we feel humbled before God, and earnestly pray to be filled with the spirit of wisdom and power so that we may be more successful in winning souls to W. R. ROACH. Christ.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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Your Committee, after a careful examination of the year's accounts, makes the following shewing, viz: The Quarterly receipts shew an increase of \$1,090, while there is a decrease of disbursements to the amount of \$57.16, shewing this department to be in a healthy condition. We have an increase of \$151.98 in our Missionary receipts. We find a decrease of receipts in the Children's Fund of \$133.25, while the Church Aid, Contingent, Beneficent and General Funds shew an increase \$27.38, \$80, \$21.18, \$73.75, respectively. On summing up, there is a deficiency of \$941.41 in the Missionary department, and \$502.63 in the Contingent Fund; while in the Children's, Beneficent and Church Aid Funds, there are balances on hand aggregating \$410.50—thus leaving a deficiency on the year's operations of \$1033.54. A. RICHARD.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice to learn that, as a Church, we are so free from the tippling habits, which so injuriously affect the moral standing of many professing Christians. This, no doubt, is due, in a very great measure, to the principles of total abstinence, being deemed not only imperative on the part of the minister, but earnestly and fathfully enjoined upon the laity. Still, in order to free ourselves entirely from any connection with intemperance, or lending our influence towards it, it would be well to aim at making total abstinence a test of membership.

One sure way to save the future of our race from the evils of strong drink, is to reach the children; for which purpose, Bands of Hope or Juvenile Temperance Associations should be established in all our Sabbath Schools; and we further suggest a union of these once a quarter, in our towns and villages, to be held alternately in the different Churches.

We would express our hearty approval of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, and urge upon our people the exercise of their influence and franchise in making it the law of the land, thus bringing about total prohibition and freeing our tair Canada from the blighting and withering curse of intemperance. We strongly deprecate the attempt made at the last sessions of Parliament to practically nullify the provisions of that Act, and heartily concur in the course taken by the Senate in checking such unwarrantable and unjust legislation. W. H. BUTT.

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CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report which your Secretary has to present, is not of the most flattering shewing, the reason of which will appear in the statistics which are to be presented.

The value as returned last year, was \$435,290.58. The receipts for the year have been \$21,143.25; decrease, \$583.40. The return for improvements of Church and Parsonage Property, is \$6,137.52 There should therefore be an increase of \$6,137.52. But since the last return, the Connexional Property in Bowmanville, has been sold, which was valued at \$10,000.00; hence, on this shewing, the value of Church Property should now be \$431, 428.08.

The total disbursements for the year is \$22,019.53; increase, \$905.79. The debt last year, was \$63,386.22. The debt returned for the present year is \$59,462.30; decrease of debt, \$3,-923.92. The subscriptions promised towards this debt is \$55,599.36, so that the total debt unprovided for now, is said to

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be \$53,863.43. This is the shewing for the present year; but, according to the resolution of last Conference, there has been a revaluation of the Church Property. The work has been done with the following shewing:

The value of Church and Parsonage Property as per return for 1874, was 306,379.00. Since then there has been a return of New Church Property, of 73,743.55; New Parsonage Property. \$18,960.00. The amount returned for improvements since the last valuation, is \$49,271.06, thus making a total of \$141.974.61, The value as returned for 1880, is \$359,093.78. There is therefore an increase over the former valuation, of \$52,714.78; thus showing that \$89,259.83 has to be accounted for. This may be done in good part, by depreciation of value of property and land.

The present returns shew that there has been an increase of Church accommodation, of 4,891. The accommodation in 1874, being 28,542; in 1880, 33.433. The average attendance, however, has decreased by 1768. In 1874 the average attendance was said to be 18,151; in 1880, 16,383. W. QUANCE,

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RESOLUTIONS.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

I. That the thanks of this Conference be given to the retiring President and Secretary, for the ability and good nature with which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

II. That Bro. I. Ashley be allowed to retain the same relation to this Conference which he now sustains, so long as he maintains a good moral character.

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III. That while this Conference agrees to leave Bro. I. Ashley's name on the list of Preachers as a Supernumerary, it is with the distinct understanding that he has no financial claims, either for himself or family, on the funds of the Connexion because of the continuance of this relationship.

IV. That we hereby express our deep sympathy with Bro. J. J. Rice, in his heavy affliction, resulting in the death, immediately after the last Conference, of Sister Rice. We devoutly thank God for the grace that enabled our departed Sister to triumph in death, and our Brother to bow in submission to the Divine Will, in his heavy affliction.

V. That as Bro. Holmes's health has so far failed that he feels unable to take charge of a Circuit at present, and has no hope of being able to resume the responsibilities of the ministerial office, at least for some months to come; and desires, accordingly, to be be relieved for one year; we therefore place his name on the list of Supernumeraries, allowing him to choose on what station he shall be set down. And we hereby tender Bro. Holmes our deep sympathy in his severe and protracted affliction, including the death of his little boy. While we are thankful that, through a kind Providence, our Brother is so far improved as to enable him to be with us in our Annual Conference, we hope that, by the Divine blessing. he may continue to improve in physical strength, and be enabled still to render the Denomination valuable aid.

VI. That this Conterence expresses its deep and prayerful sympathy with Brother and Sister Guard, in the present afflicted condition of our Dear Brother, and in Sister Guard's anxiety as to what the issue of her husband's sickness may be, as well as in her fatigues and painful watchings by his sick bed. We earnestly pray, in submission to the Divine will, that Brother Guard may be speedily restored to his health and work; that God will sustain Sister Guard in her present anxiety and sorrow, and overrule this painful dispensation to their mutual good; and further, that should the great Father summon our dear Brother to his

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place in heaven, our afflicted Sister may feel that God doeth all things well.

VII. That we hereby tender Bro. and Sister Dry, and Bro. and Sister Roach, our thanks for their very kind and liberal treatment of our late Bro. W. Davis, for several weeks, during his last illness, while in Wisconsin.

VIII. That as Bro. S. H. Rice, though not yet well, is manitestly much improved in his general health, and for the past five months, has labored on the Uxbridge Station, without injury to himself; we hereby express our sympathy with him and his family in the painful ordeal to which he has been subjected, and decide to give him a station.

IX. That Conference consent be given to dispose of Providence Church Property, Mariposa Circuit, as requested by that station.

X. That the communication of F. F. McArthur, Esq., Mayor of Bowmanville, tendering congratulation and greeting to Conference, and offering cordially to render any service in the power of the Civic Board, be courteously acknowledged, with thanks.

XI. That the following resolution of the young men who have been received into full Connexion, be entered in the Journals, viz : "That we desire to convey, through the medium of the Conference, an expression of our sincere gratitude to the ex-President, tor the exceedingly kind and fatherly manner in which he delivered his solemn charge to us, as Ministers of God's Word, in connection with our ordination, and to affirm our high appreciation of the excellence, suitableness and timeliness of the subject matter of the charge, its advice and warnings ; and, while we hope by the grace of God to be truly observant of the exhortation given, we pray that our sympathizing adviser may long live to give us and others, wholesome counsel. We also most respectfully request the publication of the charge in the Observer, for our further benefit, and that of the numerous other readers of 'Our Paper.'"

XII. That inasmuch as it is necessary that the duties of the Book Steward be facilitated, in order that the interests of the Toronto Mission be not impaired; therefore, resolved, that in future, he be allowed to fill orders on the Book Room only twice a month, viz: the First and Third Thursday—except in special cases to which it may be necessary to give immediate attention; and the Brethren and friends are requested to observe this regulation as tully as circumstances shall warrant.

XIII. That Bro. C. Barker's name be set down in the Minutes in connection with the Bowmanville Circuit, after the Superannuated Brethren, with the words added, "visiting England on leave."

XIV. That we express our great pleasure in receiving the Deputation bearing fraternal greetings from the Primitive Methodist Conference in Canada, heartily reciprocate the Christian feelings which they express and good wishes they indulge in; and earnestly hope that the good feeling and Christian courtesy evinced, will be unitedly tostered and strengthened. We further pray that we may realize enhanced mutual joy in signal manifestations of the Divine power, accompanied with corresponding success in the object and end contemplated by our organization, viz: the glory of our Divine Master in the salvation of souls and the strengthening and upbuilding of the Christian Church.

XV. That we urge on the English Conference to settle with Bro. G. Bodle, the same as with all other Brethren withdrawing from the Preachers' Fund, and allow him accordingly; that we recommend the Conference to pay him the sum of \$100, in full of all his claims; and that his name be continued on the list of Preachers as a Supernumerary, without any further claims on our funds.

XVI. That as a Resolution has come from the Exeter District Meeting for the abolition of the charge for Childrens' Allowance ; and as the doing this would affect the finances of all our Quarter Boards, we refer the matter for the consideration of our stations said stations to report their pleasure, through the Quarterly Meetings, to the next Annual Conference.

XVII. That we authorize Bro. C. Barker to visit his native country; and in doing so we desire to assure him of our sincere attachment and respect for his character and our high estimate of the effective service he has rendered the Denomination in this country during the past 24 years. We appoint him a member of the English Conference and our Delegate to that Body; and we commend him to our Brethren at home as a Brother beloved, and trust that he will return to Canada in good health and spirits, to render, for years to come, good service to the cause of the Master.

XVIII. That we express our being satisfied with our present form of public worship, without seeking to effect any change therein; believing, as we do, our present mode calculated to inspire and foster a spirit of devotion and instruction.

XIX. That \$10 be charged with each Preacher for Contingent Fund, and 25 cents per member for the Childrens' Fund; also, 25 cents per member towards meeting interest on Connexional Debt.

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XXI. That whereas the published report of the proceedings of the late District Meeting in Wisconsin, indicates that what they are pleased to call the Stationing Committee, was composed of laymen only, we beg to call their attention to the fact that we know of no such custom elsewhere in all our work, and we respectfully request that they will in future conform to our Connexional regulations in the composition of their Committees and all other Church Courts.

XXII. That in view of what has been done by the Missionary Society in years gone by, for our Missions in the United States, and the present very heavy debt on our Missionary Society in Canada, as contrasted with the comparatively good financial standing of our friends in the States, we respectfully ask our friends in Wisconsin and Ohio, to render us aid from their Missionary Fund, in this our time of need.

XXIII. That the first Sabbath in July be observed, on all our stations, as a day of special prayer in connection with the Centennial of Sunday Schools.

XXIV. That we hereby instruct the Missionary Secretary to write to the Brethren on P. E. Island, shewing the necessity for diminishing the Grants to Missions, and asking their active cooperation in raising additional Missionary money; and we further suggest that an earnest appeal be made to the Brethren on selfsustaining stations to aid, either by vote from Quarterly Meeting, or by means of Children's Cards, the Missionary Society in extending its work.

XXV. That the Special Fund for the Manitoba Mission be continued as last year, and our friends be respectfully urged to make the financial department of such responsibility a great success.

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XXVI. That we hereby appoint the Brethren, C. Barker and W. C. Beer, to convey our fraternal greetings to the Primitive Methodist Conference, to be held at Kingston, in 1881.

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XXVII. That all changes, or sales, of Church Property, affecting its value, shall annually be returned to the General Church Secretary.

XXVIII. That Bro. W. S. Pascoe be authorized to write an address in reply to that received from the Australian Conference, and forward the same.

XXIX. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be and hereby are given to Bro. J. Kenner and the friends in Bowmanville, for'the excellent arrangements made and the generous hospitality extended to the members of this Conference during the continuance of its Sessions; and we pray that God may abundantly bless them.

XXX. That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the Railway Companies for reduction of rates afforded members in coming to and returning from this Conference.

XXXI. That the hearty thanks of this Conference be given to the Financial and Missionary Secretaries for their valuable services during the past year.

XXXII. That as Bro. C. Barker is about to return to England, and can conveniently attend the Centennial celebration of Robt. Raikes, and, being desirous for representation at that gathering, we hereby appoint Bro. Barker a Delegate thereto.

XXXIII. That the entire profits accruing from the Publishing Department, shall, from year to year, be applied to the diminution of the Connexional Debt, the interest of which has hitherto been unprovided for, and to that object only.

XXXIV. That our thanks are due and hereby tendered to Bro. S. J. Allin, as Journal Secretary ; to the Brethren who have reported for the papers ; to Bro. J. J. Rice, for preparing copy for the Minutes, and to Bro. R. Baker, as Duplicate Secretary, for their valuable services in their several departments.

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