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OF THE

BIBLE CHRISTIANS,  
IN CANADA,

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QUESTIONS  
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**EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FOURTH**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

1858.

**QUESTION 1.—Who compose this Conference?**

**ANSWER.—Robert Hurley, President of the Conference 1857.**

Paul Robins, Secretary                      ditto.  
 Thomas Green, Superintendent of the Cobourg District.  
 John Hicks Eynon,                      do.                      Bowmanville do.

*Representives sent by the District Meeting.*

John H. Smale, Authorized by the the Cobourg District Meeting.  
 Richard Allin,                      do.                      Bowmanville do.

*Preachers sent by the District Meetings.*

John Brown Tapp, authorized by the Bowmanville District Meeting.  
 John Edwards,                      do.                      Huron                      do.  
 John Chapple,                      do.                      Bowmanville                      do.  
 William Hooper,                      do.                      Cobourg                      do.  
 Joseph Hoidge,                      do.                      Huron                      do.  
 Arthur Doble,                      do.                      Bowmanville                      do.  
 Joseph Dix,                      do.                      do.                      do.  
 Henry Stevens,                      do.                      Cobourg                      do.  
 William Roberts Roach, do.                      Bowmanville                      do.

JOHN CHAPPLE was elected President, and

PAUL ROBINS was elected Secretary.

**1. RESOLVED.—That this Conference return their sincere thanks to brothers Robert Hurley and Paul Robins for their valuable services rendered during the past year as PRESIDENT and SECRETARY of the Bible Christian Conference.**

**Q. 2.—Who remain on the list of APPROVED PREACHERS?**

A.—Paul Robins,	John Williams,
John Langdon, (Superanuated.)	William Hooper,
John Hicks Eynon,	Henry Ebbott,
Abraham Morris,	Joseph Hoidge,
John Brown Tapp,	George Haycraft,
Thomas Green,	Arthur Doble,
John Edwards,	Joseph Dix,
Robert Hurley,	Henry Steven,
John Chapple,	William Roberts Roach,

**Q. 3. Who remain ON TRIAL?**

John Hooper,  
 David Cantlon,  
 Thomas Hull; these have travelled **THREE YEARS.**

Gerrence Colwell,  
 Andrew Gordon,  
 Isaac Ashley,  
 Thomas Rice; these have travelled TWO YEARS,

Q. 4.—Who are ADMITTED ON TRIAL?

A.—Edward Roberts,  
 Thomas Courtice Pickard,  
 William Jolliffe.

II. RESOLVED.—That as brother John Pinch's health is very precarious, and the probability of his being able to take a circuit in future doubtful; while we understand his health will admit of his pursuing some other means of obtaining his support, we agree it would be best for him to be dropped from the list of itinerant preachers at present, with the understanding that should his health be restored, and his character remain unexceptionable, that he shall be allowed to return to the same position in the ministry with us he now occupies, if he desires it.

Q. 5.—What are the STATISTICS of the Connexion?

A. 1. CIRCUITS.	Itinerant Preachers	Local Preachers	Chapels.	Other Places.	Deaths.	On Trial.	Members	Total.	Sun. Sch.	Teachers	Scholars.
Cobourg .....	2	30	13	1	5	21	492	513	9	168	627
Bowmanville .....	2	18	8	2	3	5	375	380	7	100	452
Hampton .....	2	25	8	3		35	291	326	8	60	311
Total Circuits, .....	6	73	29	6	8	61	1158	1219	24	328	1390
A. 2. MISSIONS.											
Peterboro', .....	2	3	3	4		35	101	136	3	17	66
Dummer, .....	1	6	1	4			68	68	2	8	40
Huntingdon, .....	1	7	1	9	2	30	199	229	2	9	60
Seymour, .....	1	3	3	6		15	114	129	3	20	77
Hungerford, .....	1	2	2	10	1	17	128	145	2	11	55
Port Perry, .....	1	4	1	6	1	49	50	50	1	10	82
Mariposa, .....	2	18	7	5		20	267	287			
Pickering, .....	1	5	1	8		21	45	66	1	6	20
Scott, .....	1	2	3	6			47	47			
Mitchell, .....	2	6	1	10	1	17	202	219	4	32	220
Exeter, .....	2	13	7	10	4	61	214	275	3	24	113
Clinton, .....	2	2	3	8		7	104	111	1	3	35
London, .....	2	12	2	5			65	65	3	30	185
Dereham, .....				5			35	35			
Grey, .....	1	1		7			25	25	1	5	30
Orange, .....	2	9	4	4		10	216	226	5	73	273
Wisconsin, .....	3	11	2	10		31	108	211	3	69	241
Total Missions, .....	25	104	41	117	9	265	2059	2324	34	317	1497
Total 1858, .....	31	177	70	123	17	326	3217	3543	58	645	2887
Doitto 1857, .....	26	160	60	115	25	152	2437	2589		336	1720
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Q. 6.—What is the state of our Christian experience ?

A.—We feel great satisfaction with the regulation which makes it a part of Conference business to relate our Christian feelings to each other, and while doing so at this Conference in the presence of many members of our Church, who embraced the privilege of being with us, we have experienced a delightful influence ; and know that we not only preach Christ to others, but feel him to be our own Saviour. And the more we know of Christ and Christianity, the more deep and full is the satisfaction we feel that Christianity, and Christianity alone, meets the necessities of the soul.

Some of the brethren are feeble, and are looking to the end of their toil, but it has been very cheering to hear them speak as having an evidence which excludes every doubt that for them to be absent from the body would be, to be present with the Lord. We are dear to each other ; the Lord is dear to us ; and we rejoice to belong to a family a part of which are pursuing the highest object of man in various parts of the world below, and a part of which has arrived to the heaven above.

Q. 7.—How are the preachers STATIONED ?

#### A. I. COBOURG DISTRICT.

*Cobourg*—W. Hooper, W. R. Roach. (W. R. Roach's address is Port Hope.)

*Peterboro*—E. Roberts, T. Rice.

*Dummer*—A. Morris. (Warsaw P. O.)

*Huntingdon*—T. Hull. (Ivanhoe P. O.)

*Seymour*—H. Stevens. (Campbelford P. O.)

*Hungerford*—G. Colwell. (Tweed P. O.)

WILLIAM HOOPER, Superintendent of the District.

#### II. BOWMANVILLE DISTRICT.

*Bowmanville*—J. Chapple. Another.

*Hampton*—J. B. Tapp, J. Ashley.

*Port Perry*—J. Langdon.

*Mariposa*—A. Doble, J. Hooper. (Little Britain P. O.)

*Pickering*—T. Green. (Brougham P. O.)

*Scott*—J. Dix. (Uxbridge P. O.)

J. CHAPPLE, Superintendent of the District.

#### III. HURON DISTRICT.

*Mitchell*—R. Hurley. Another.

*Exeter*—J. Edwards, D. Cantlon.

*Clinton*—J. Williams, T. C. Pickard.

*London and St. Thomas*—P. Robins, A. Gordon.

*Dereham*—To be supplied from London and St. Thomas.

*Grey*—R. Miller. (Ainleyville P. O.)

*Orange*—J. Hoidge. Another. (Cleveland, Ohio, U. S.)

*Wisconsin*—H. Ebbott, G. Parsons, W. Jolliffe. (Palmyra P. O. Jefferson County.)

PAUL ROBINS, Superintendent of the District.

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645	2887
336	1720
309	1167

III. RESOLVED.—That the Salary of married preachers be \$260, and the salary of single preachers \$140 a year, and it shall be considered the duty of Stations to provide suitable board and lodgings for single preachers, and also a sum of from \$40 a year and upwards for table expenses of married preachers, especially in towns and villages.

IV. RESOLVED.—That it shall be the duty of every pastor to send an account of the work on his station to the Superintendent of his District after each quarterly meeting, and the superintendent of each district shall make extracts from these communications, and forward to the Editor of the Bible Christian Magazine in England, whenever he judges them of sufficient importance.

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

V. RESOLVED.—That Br. J. H. Eynon be appointed to correspond officially with the Connexion in England.

#### ASSISTANCE TO CHAPELS &c.

VI. RESOLVED.—That with respect to the following requests: viz., \$32 for Clarke's Chapel, Seymour Mission; \$400 towards Bowmanville Chapel; \$70 for a Chapel at Scott; \$150 for a Chapel at Dereham; \$140 for Moore's Chapel; \$74 for Exeter Mission house; and \$200 for the Mission house, London; we are sorry to say that, being considerably in debt in meeting the year's expenses, we have no funds from which we can make the grants requested.

#### CHARGE FOR PREACHERS CHILDREN.

VII. RESOLVED.—That the charge for the present year for the support of Preachers' children be \$20.17 each quarter with each single preacher, and \$5.16 each quarter with married preachers.

#### EFFORT IN BEHALF OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

VIII. RESOLVED.—That notwithstanding the financial difficulties which press on us at present, we nevertheless sympathize with the Parent Society in their effort to liquidate the Missionary Debt, and request the preachers belonging to the Canada Conference to lay the matter before the friends as far as they consider circumstances will warrant, and agree that the sums given shall be sent to brother Paul Robins, by the first of November next that he may transmit the amount to England.

#### GRANT TO MISSIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

IX. RESOLVED.—That the following grants be made to meet the deficiencies of the several Missions hereafter named during the next year, viz:

*Peterboro*,—All they can raise and \$80.

*Dummer*,—All they can raise.

*Huntingdon*,—do. and \$80.

*Seymour*,—do. and \$60; and \$20 for furniture.

*Hungerford*,—do. and \$20 for furniture: and provided it shall be found necessary to employ a hired preacher, \$40 towards his support.

*Port Perry*,—All they can raise.

*Mariposa*,—do. and \$40.

*Pickering*,—do.

*Scott*,—do. and \$140.

*Mitchell*,—To pay their deficiency from their Missionary Receipts.

*Exeter*,—All they can raise except \$20.

*Clinton*,—do. and \$140.

*London and Wisconsin*,—

X. Resolved, in Ohio and Wisconsin past year, and

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A.—Cobour 1½ o'clock

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*Huron District* A. M.

The Pastor of the District

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XIV. Resolved the members a istered to their

*London and St. Thomas,—do. and \$160.*

*Wisconsin,—do. and \$100.*

### STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

X. *Resolved*,—That we feel warmly attached to our ministers and friends in Ohio and Wisconsin; we rejoice in the success they have realised in the past year, and hope that they will continue to prosper more abundantly.

#### BROTHER J. H. EYNON.

XI. *Resolved*,—That as our esteemed brother J. H. Eynon, in consequence of ill health, has been requested by his medical advise, to cease from the duties of the ministry the coming year; we cannot allow him to retire from the work in which he has been so long and successfully engaged, without expressing our sense of his valuable services to the Church; and our sympathy with him in his affliction; praying that he may be speedily restored to his wonted health and labors.

#### TEMPERANCE.

XII. *Resolved*,—That we are as much as ever interested in the cause of Temperance, and hope ere long to see it triumphant in this Province, and the world at large.

XIII. *Resolved*,—That R. Hurley be the Treasurer, and W. R. Roach the Secretary of the Missionary Society for the next year. And that the Pastors send the Missionary accounts, with the statistics and spiritual state of the several Missions, to the Missionary Secretary, on or before the 1st of May in each year.

Q. 8.—Where and when shall the next District Meetings be held?

A.—*Cobourg District*.—At Port Hope, the last Thursday in May, at 1½ o'clock, P. M.

*Bowmanville District*.—At Bethesda Chapel, Bowmanville Circuit, the last Wednesday in May, at 8 o'clock, A. M. The Pastors to meet the preceding day at 2 o'clock.

*Huron District*.—At Exeter, the third Wednesday in May, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Pastors must send their amounts to the respective superintendents of the Districts, one week before the District Meeting.

Q. 9.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Hampton, to commence the 1st Thursday in June, 1859, at 1½ o'clock.

The Preparatory Committee consisting of the President and Secretary of the Conference, the Superintendents and Representatives of Districts, J. H. Eynon, J. B. Tapp, T. Green, R. Hurley, and J. Hoidge, to meet the preceding Tuesday at 8 o'clock.

XIV. *Resolved*,—That the cordial thanks of the Conference, be presented to the members and friends at Cobourg, who have so kindly and gratuitously ministered to their wants during the session.

JOHN CHAPPLE, *President*.

PAUL ROBINS, *Secretary*.

## AN ADDRESS TO THE SOCIETIES,

OF THE

## BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Being assembled together once more in Conference, we embrace the opportunity afforded us of addressing you on a few of the most important subjects that constitute the foundation of our Union, Glory, and Strength. As Jehovah the Great Head of the Church, has set us as watchmen upon the walls of Zion, we feel it our duty not only to seek the peace and prosperity of her citizens, but to sound an alarm if at any time we see an invading foe, or danger near.

We now invite your attention to the state of our Church, and of the privileges and duties, which form the source of our joy, and the obligations of our calling.

In casting a glance over the "Little Hills of our Zion," we see a freshness on the surface, like the face of the vegetable world, evincing internal life. The Lord has truly watered his heritage, and the result is, an increase of peace, joy, and righteousness, in the hearts and lives of many of the members; a greater attachment to the doctrine and discipline of the Connexion; and an increase to our church of souls, a great majority of whom we believe are made "New creatures in Christ Jesus." To God be all the praise. And now, brethren, we exhort you to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, "and seek to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," "Live in the Spirit," and let your motto be "Holiness unto the Lord." "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, arise then and wash away all your sins calling upon the name of the Lord." "We entreat you who believe, to be careful to maintain good works." Let your religion be of a practical character.—"Ye are my servants, saith the Lord, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Again, if ye love me, keep my commandments."

Our safety, happiness, and usefulness, are inseparably connected with our duty. "Who shall harm ye if ye be followers of that which is good?"—This our safety. "In keeping thy commandments there is great reward." This is our happiness. And if we shine as lights in the world, others seeing our good works will glorify our Father who is in heaven. In thus living we are useful. We entreat you to be diligent in your attendance to the public and private means of grace—the ministry of the word, prayer meetings,

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class meetings, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the reading of the Book of God, and closet devotion, also family worship; all these means are necessary and cannot be dispensed with without endangering the soul.— Many of you are heads of families, and on you rests a great weight of responsibility. God expects you to train up your children in the way you should go, and if your example and precept be christian, a blessing will rest on the family circle. The Lord blessed Abraham's family for his sake.

We are sorry to reflect on the fact that some of our members though not immoral in conduct, appear as though they were yet under carnal influence. Some adorning themselves in gaudy attire and superfluous ornaments, instead of seeking the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God, is of great price. Others are light and trifling in their conversation, and sometimes mixing up uncalled for with those that fear not God. How can two walk together except they be agreed? "Come out from among them, and be ye separated, saith the Lord." And are not some so anxious and careful about worldly things that they do not scarcely ever attend the house of God, except on the Sabbath. And others occasionally make use of intoxicating drinks, through which we suffer reproach. We beseech you, brethren, to abstain from all appearance of evil, and exemplify the title which you claim—servants of God, that you may have your fruit unto holiness, and be crowned with everlasting life.

A word to you brethren who do but little towards the support of the Ministry; there are some among us in whose hands the Lord has placed much of this world's goods; by him we are held responsible for its use, and to him we shall soon be accountable. The Lord does not require of a man according to what he hath not, but according to what he hath. Let every man give as God has prospered him.

Our receipts are not equal to the disbursements, so that the Society is in debt many pounds, and unless a greater spirit of liberality is manifested among us the work of God cannot be carried on as it should, we hope the friends will duly consider the duty of giving, and abound in this grace also.

There is another important truth we wish to remind you of. The shortness of time, the time for getting and doing good; very soon our probation will end, then shall we render up our accounts and receive our reward. In view of that solemn event let us give all diligence to get and do all the good we can before the night cometh when no man can work.

And now beloved friends we are about to leave the Conference and come to you, if the Lord permit, to labor among you another year. We desire an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may bless and make us a blessing on our Stations, and that the coming year may be a season of great prosperity. We hope you will heartily unite with us in carrying on the work of the Lord. We need your help. Union is strength, and if we be one in heart and christian effort, Zion will prosper.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, that his truth may be made known in the earth, and his saving health among all nations. Amen.

JOHN CHAPPLE, *President,*  
PAUL ROBINS, *Secretary.*

# ADDRESS

TO THE

## ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

Your addresses from the last and preceding Conferences have melted our hearts, and refreshed our spirits. Some of us remember with great pleasure the happy seasons we have had with you at your annual gatherings in England; and though at present the Atlantic rolls between us, we are often with you still in spirit, and feel a bound uniting our hearts to yours far stronger than country or kindred can command. We are one in Christ Jesus.

We heartily approve your exhortation to maintain our original plainness and fervent piety, being fully convinced that we shall be strong and prosperous in proportion to our separation from the world, and to the degree of divine unction we continue to realize. In this country there are greater inducements to worldliness and spiritual apathy than in England. Most people can by diligence and economy acquire wealth, and hence the temptation to pursue it with too much ardour; and, should the love of the world prevail, it must of necessity extinguish the love of God: "For if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." And preachers being men of like passions with others, in seeing their fellow creatures prospering around them, are in danger of drinking into a worldly spirit, and in equal proportion, declining in vigorous, self-denying piety. May our Heavenly Father preserve us from surrounding snares.

The interest we feel in whatever concerns the connexion at home can scarcely be realized but by persons in similar circumstances. Your interest in us may be regarded as the sympathy of the head and heart with one of the members of the body; but should that member be severed, the heart may beat, and the head may govern the remaining members, and at the same time retain their vital energy almost unimpaired. But what becomes of the most amputated member? Under these circumstances you can scarcely estimate the pleasure it would afford us to be furnished with full information respecting the affairs of the connexion at home. We do certainly see what is printed and circulated to the world; but we cannot forget that we stand in much closer fellowship with you than the public at large, and if we cannot be with you in person it would greatly tend to cheer our hearts and increase our fellowship with you, could some means be adopted to lift the veil and show us the affairs of the connexion as you see them yourselves. As a

means of better understanding, not be well if the intervals to visit things, and attend to to endear us to each course.

It affords us no spreading and prosperous and of their success in last Conference colony, where 14 persons meeting in prosper more abundantly.

We would however period the work has in formed, 36 additional ship, though no addition these 7 years; nor by deficiency of funds repeated requests for would have been conducted in England that ther you sent us since tention of the friends and that young men examined in the regular to spend their period supplying the places. We wish, dear brethren lieve our obtaining a England will greatly dissolve ties to the

There has not for try respecting financial heavily on our connexion ciety excites our sympathy the attempt to liquid standing their present object.

And now, dear brethren mighty waters, hoping graciously realized desire yours; and that in an endless and blissful

means of better understanding matters on both sides the Atlantic, would it not be well if the English Conference sent an agent to Canada at certain intervals to visit the several stations, assist in holding Missionary Meetings, and attend our Conference? We believe it would greatly tend to endear us to each other if means were adopted to increase our intercourse.

It affords us no small pleasure to know that the Bible Christian cause is spreading and prospering. We look at the efforts put forth in Australia, and of their success with great satisfaction. During the seven years preceding last Conference you succeeded in opening six stations in that distant colony, where 14 missionaries were employed, 31 Chapels built, and 694 persons meeting in church fellowship. We trust the work will go on and prosper more abundantly there, as well as in other parts of the connexion.— We would however call your attention to the fact that during the same period the work has increased in Canada so that 9 new stations have been formed, 36 additional chapels built, and 1,272 persons added to the membership, though no additional labourer was sent from England to Canada during these 7 years; nor has she, during this time, burdened the parent society by deficiency of funds. Had you been able to respond to our earnest and repeated requests for additional labourers we have no doubt our borders would have been considerably enlarged. It is much easier to obtain preachers in England than in this Country. We tender our thanks for the brother you sent us since the last Conference, and would suggest that the attention of the friends be called to the subject by an article in the magazine, and that young men should be invited to offer themselves for Canada, to be examined in the regular way, and if approved sent directly to this country, to spend their period of probation here. This appears to us the best way of supplying the places of those preachers in Canada who are fast wearing out. We wish, dear brethren, to impress this deeply on your attention, as we believe our obtaining a supply of suitable preachers from time to time from England will greatly tend to bind the preachers and friends in Canada by indissoluble ties to the parent society.

There has not for many years been such difficult times in this country respecting financial matters as exist at present, and these difficulties press heavily on our connexion here; nevertheless the debt on the Missionary Society excites our sympathy and we feel disposed to co-operate with you in the attempt to liquidate it, hoping the friends in this country will notwithstanding their present difficulties do something towards accomplishing that object.

And now, dear brethren, in spirit we shake hands with you across the mighty waters, hoping that the union and heavenly influence which we have graciously realized during our conference, may more abundantly characterize yours; and that our earthly separation and toil will at length happily end in an endless and blissful union in our Fathers house above.

JOHN CHAPPLE, *President.*

PAUL ROBINS, *Secretary.*

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UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

Bible Christian Conference in Canada.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1858.

“Preach the Gospel to every creature.” Mark xvi. 15.

Another year has passed with all its toils. Brethren who after the last Conference commenced their labors with anxiety, trembling, and tears, have returned rejoicing with the sheaves of a spiritual harvest; but crying “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory.”

The last English Conference decided to place the Missions in the United States under the direction of our Conference. On one of these missions there was 60 members and on the other 100; now the 160 have augmented to 396 with 41 on trial. We have at present 15 mission stations in Canada in addition to the two stations in the States. On these missions there are 23 regular ministers, 104 local preachers, 158 preaching places, 41 of which are chapels, 2059 members in society, 265 on trial for membership, 32 Sabbath Schools with 1467 scholars, and 311 teachers. While the increase for the year of those who meet in church fellowship is 692.

The year past has been one of great financial difficulties, and the effects of these difficulties have been felt by this Society. We fear some of our esteemed friends have acted under the impression that to increase their contribution for the support of the gospel among themselves, they must curtail the amount of their subscriptions to send it abroad. In this we conceived they err. We believe they could amply support it at home, and at the same time increase rather than diminish what they give to extend it. Earnest calls are reaching us from different quarters for an increase of la-

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bourers, and for financial aid towards meeting the unavoidable expense in extending the work, but our exhausted funds compel us to give a reluctant and sorrowful negative to many of these calls. We sigh and ask when will the disciples of Christ who are adding house to house and field to field, be faithful stewards of their Lord's goods? When will they give according to their means, and according to the wants of man, and the importance of furnishing the perishing with the gospel of salvation. When, oh! when, shall we be worthy of being called by his name who became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich?

We would also remind our friends in Canada that the leaving one tenth of our Missionary receipts to be appropriated by the Parent Society, links us to their Missionary operations at home and abroad, and should induce them to give more rather than less; while in return the Committee at home take into their consideration our connexion with the wants of others.

Communications containing the following information have reached us respecting the several Missions.

**PETERBORO.**—has sustained loss through unfaithfulness of members and the giving up of two places, one for want of the means of supplying it and the other from other causes, but there has been on the other hand an ingathering by conversions during the last quarter, so that, including the persons admitted on trial, the number is about equal to what it was last year. One new chapel has been built in Otonabee East, and land has been offered, with considerable funds, for another in Otonabee West.

**DUMMER.**—The friends on this Station, including their own missionary receipts, have supported their minister; but they say, 'a larger effusion of the Spirit is much needed.'

**HUNTINGDON.**—The pastor says: We have great cause to thank God and take courage. Most of our time this winter has been devoted to Protracted Meetings, and many souls have been led to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Three quarters of an acre of land has been given in Madoc for a chapel site; the frame is up, and we hope to get it ready for divine service by the next harvest. The friends on the mission contemplate the erection of a preachers house on the same spot; as they think it necessary that a preacher should be stationed in Madoc, that he may be able to visit the destitute settlers in Tudor, who are going thither from all parts of the old country, and as yet have no preacher among them.

**SEYMOUR.**—One new place has been opened for preaching, three new classes formed, between 50 and 60 have been converted, and others are enquiring the way to Zion. Several however have been left off the class-book, some for non-attendance, and others for immoral conduct, so that the increase is not in proportion to the conversions. We expect a Chapel, in course of erection at Clark's, to be ready for opening some time this summer. We are sadly in arrears financially: a large portion of the wheat was killed by the frost, the weavel fed bountifully on the remainder, and left but a small portion, for which it was difficult to obtain cash.

**HUNGERFORD.**—About 50 have professed faith in Jesus; but in consequence of removals, one death, and some having left the society, the increase is but 27. Prospects are brightening, and the Bible Christian cause is growing in interest. The receipts are more than double the amount raised last year; which speaks well for the liberality of the friends these trying times. Two new Sabbath Schools have been lately organized. The last quarterly meeting was the best we ever saw; there was a panting after holiness.

**PORT PERRY.**—The Pastor says: This Mission is yet in its infancy. We suffer for want of Chapels, having only one in the Mission. A few sinners have been converted, and several perfected in love.

**MARIPOSA.**—Unity has generally prevailed during the year. The two Chapels referred to in last year's Report have been built, and with considerable effort, are freed of debt. God has accepted the free will offering of his people; and, as a proof has made these chapels the place where many have been born for glory.

**PICKERING** has experienced a quickening; the preacher says, "We have a great work at Providence. A long pull, a strong pull, hath pulled the devil's kingdom all in pieces. We have been holding a protracted meeting for 11 weeks, and not over yet. We held it six or seven weeks before scarcely any good was done; then we appointed a day for prayer and fasting. The work broke out after that. I think about 45 have experienced a change.

**SCOTT.**—The pastor in his report says:—During the past year we have not experienced so much to cheer us in the work, as to test our faithfulness in the cause of Zion; yet, in the midst of discouragements, we have had the great "I AM" in our midst, to sustain and cheer our spirits. We have opened four new places for preaching, where we have some prospects. We have also held three protracted services which resulted in the conversion of some souls, and the quickening of others; but not to the extent we hoped for. The new chapel in Scott, though not finished, was opened last October. It is a neat, commodious place. Our Missionary Meetings were in general tolerably good for the times. The congregations are in general encouraging, and we have reason to believe that the cause of Zion is taking deeper root."

**MITCHELL.**—From this station we have received the following statement. This mission is, we believe, improving. Some of the members are aiming at the mark, and striving to gain the prize of their high calling—holiness, which is of God in Christ Jesus. God is among us, and his smile our joy; and we have seen his power displayed since our last report was given, in the salvation of a few souls. Our full members are 38 more than last year, and during the year we have received upwards of 50 on trial.—The hearers of the word are increasing, and "the fields are white unto the harvest." "O Lord revive thy work."

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We have four Sunday Schools numbering in all 220 children, some of whom have received the truth in the love thereof, and are numbered with the Church of Christ. The good Lord save them all. May all our friends pray more for the peace of Jerusalem, for they shall prosper that love her.

**EXETER.**—During the year special efforts have been made in five different places, believers have been much quickened, and 105 persons admitted on trial, most of whom evince that they are passed from death unto life. Some of the local preachers and other friends cheerfully toiled hard in the good work. Fourteen who formerly met in Society have for different causes been dropped; and four have died in the Lord. Owing to the depression of the times the quarterly and missionary receipts are less than last year. A hewed log chapel 30 feet by 24 has been recently opened and 20 persons just brought to God have united in church fellowship there; and another chapel site has been secured on one of the outskirts of the station.

**CLINTON** does not prosper as could be desired; but there are true friends of Zion in the station. A few souls were brought to God during protracted services at Bridgwater. The pastor laments that the station is likely to continue financially a burden for some time to come, as the friends generally are poor. A mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit is much needed. When will all unite to pray till it is realized?

**LONDON.**—Since last Conference Dereham has been opened, where some sinners have been turned from the error of their ways, and friends who had formerly been connected with us, have again become united with the people of their choice. Other parts of the station do not present much of a cheering character. Many friends one after another have left London to seek the means of subsistence elsewhere, which could scarcely be obtained in the city. Speculators had pushed matters in London beyond all reasonable bounds, and in consequence a reaction has taken place, which, in addition to the general depression through the country, has produced effects which probably years of patient toil and economy will scarcely remove.—Under these circumstances the number is small and finances low. It is however, hoped that patient perseverance will ultimately surmount every difficulty.

**ORANGE, OHIO.**—The pastor says: With feelings of gratitude to Almighty God, who crowned the year with his goodness, we present a Report of this station. On taking charge of this station my feelings are well described by the Apostle: "I was with you in weakness, and fear, and in much trembling." There are on the station a goodly number of kind, praying, working, and liberal friends, who are warmly attached to the Bible Christian cause, and who talked, felt, and waited on God for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to revive his work. Special efforts were blessed of God in the awakening of sinners. Quite a number of young and old, native and foreign, have been converted to God. To his name be all the praise.—Many children of our old and tried friends are among the converts.—

Parents and teachers of sabbath schools have been greatly cheered and encouraged. Our Sabbath Schools have been quickened, and the anniversary services have indeed been delightful seasons. Numbers have been added, and great liberality manifested in their support. The temperance cause has not been forgotten. Numbers have signed the pledge, and very remarkable conversions to God taken place among them. "All hail to the temperance cause!"

Our congregations have greatly increased. But for the gracious quickening, I know not what would have become of us at Cleveland. The lease of the land on which the chapel stands was nearly expired, and doubts were entertained about renewing it; but the owner being disposed to sell, and our friends alive to secure it at \$527, they soon raised \$127; the balance to be paid in four years. About \$1500 also have been subscribed towards the erection of a Brick Church there, which is to be commenced soon.

The present prospects of this station are cheering; we could open other places had we another preacher, but cannot do so at present, nor can we work those we have to advantage unless we get another, whom we greatly need, for which we earnestly pray, and whom, if sent, we will warmly support.

**WISCONSIN.** At the commencement of the year affairs looked rather gloomy, but they soon began to brighten. One new chapel has been built, which already has proved a blessing. Special services were commenced immediately after its dedication, and God poured out his Holy Spirit.— There services were continued at different places through the Mission for 29 weeks; the effects have been delightful, for about 200 have been hopefully converted. The pastor says: Many times we have been weary in the work, but not weary of it; believing if we wish extraordinary effects we must use extraordinary efforts. The mission cannot be worked efficiently without another preacher; and we want two to enter the doors which are opening before us.