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OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CANADIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST

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COMMENCING JUNE 1st, ENDING JUNE 9TH.

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MINISTERS AND THEIR RESIDENCES;

WITH THE YEAR IN WHICH EACH MINISTER COMMENCED TRAVELLING, THE PERIOD OF HIS APPOINTMENT IN THE CIRCUIT IN WHICH HE NOW LABORS, AND ALSO HIS POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Years on Circuit.	When he began to travel.	MINISTERS AND THEIR RESIDENCES.
	1850	Adkins, T. O., super.
2	1855	Auld, D., Crosby, Delta P.O., C.W.
	1831	Brennan, super, Hamilton P.O., C.W.
	1834	Bell, James, Lambeth P.O., C.W.
1)	1850	Baskerville, James, Lavender P.O., C.W.
1	1853	Birks, William, Ainleyville, Dingle P.O., C.W.
1	1844	Bothwell William, Owen Sound P.O., C.W.
	1855	Bain, J., Fenelon, Falls P.O., C.W.
1	1856	Brown, George, Aurora P.O., C.W.
1	1859	Brown, E. F., Erin P.O., C.W.
2	1860	Buggin, Gorge, Omemee P.O., C.W.
	1044	Cole, T., Brock, Cannington P.O., C.W.
1	1844	Caswell, James, Toronto P.O., C.W. Curry, C., super., Bellmore P.O., C.W.
	1848	Cleaver, John, London P.O., C.W.
1	1859 1852	Crawford, J.
	1864	Dempsey, A. F., Brock, Pefferlaw P.O., C.W.
2	1857	Denord W R Caledon Erin P.O. C.W.
1 8	1861	Danard, W. B., Caledon, Erin P.O., C.W. Demill, A. B., Lake Erie Mission, Dunville P.O., C.W.
0	1861	Depew, S. F Penville, Lloydtown P.O., C.W.
1	1861	Dochstader, J. W., Simcoe P.O., C.W.
†	1863	Elliot, John, Howick, Gorrie P.O.
1 2 2 2 2 4 2 2 1	1862	Follick J., Kendal P.O., C.W.
1	1855	Fox, Thomas, Bodmin P.O., C.W.
6	1860	Fowler, J. H., Durham, Bentinck P.O., C.W.
9	1862	Garry, R., local elder, Smith's Falls, Almont P.O., C.W.
2	1834	Goldsmith, T., Milton P.O., C.W.
6	1842	Gundy William, Birr P.O., C.W.
9	1849	Gaddis James, Kincardine P.O., C.W.
4	1852	Gundy, S. B., St. Mary's P.O., C.W.
9	1853	Gundy, James, Paisley P.O., C.W.
9	1859	Gundy, J. R., London P.O., C.W.
ĩ	1860	Grandy, William, St. Mary's P.O., C.W.
	1864	Haney, J., Malahide, Aylmer P.O., C.W.
3	1833	Havnes, F., Trafalgar, Omagh P.O., C.W.
	1843	Histon, John, Norwich, Otterville P.O., C.W.
2	1844	Haigh, B., Dunham, West Brome P.O., C.E.
2	1844	Hill, James, Dereham P.O., C.W.
ī	1854	Hill, R. N., Middleton, Delhi P.O., C.W.
ī	1855	Holmes, E., Prince Edward, Picton P.O., C.W.
	1857	Hall, H., Howard, Ostrander P.O., C.W.
8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1858	Hamilton, T., St. Catherine's P.O., C.W.
1	1859	Hartley, A., Cayuga P.O., C.W. Henderson William, Delta P.O., C.W.
1	1860	Henderson William, Delta P.O., C.W.
1	1864	Jefferies, T. M., Elizabethtown, N. Augusta P.O., C.W.
1	1847	Jackson T., Artemesia P.O., C.W.
1	1861	Kimbal, H. N., Dunham, local elder.
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Years on Circuit.	When he began to travel.	MINISTERS AND THEIR RESIDENCES.
2	1849	Kershaw, E., Talbotville P.O., C.W.
2 2 2 2 1	1855	Kay, John. Manvers, Ceserca P.O., C.W.
2	1862	Leith, H., Arran, Invermay PO., C.W.
2	1860	Leaver, J. J. A., Montreal P.O., C.E. Lutze, John J., Lindsey P.O., C.W.
1	1861	Lutze, John J., Lindsey P.O., C.W.
	1863	McClure, William, Toronto P.O., C.W.
1	1830	McAllister, James, Waterford P.O., C.W.
1	1851	McGuire, John, Fenelon Falls P.O., C.W.
1 1 1 1	1856 1861	McKenzie, D. M., Ayton, Harriston P.O., C.W.
î	1862	McCann, William, North Augusta P.O. Moss, W. H., Mount Forest P.O., C.W.
3	1851	Miller, J. A., Galt P.O., C W.
	1842	Ogden T., super., Frankville P.O., C.W.
	1859	Orr, J. S.
1	1861	O'Hara J., Walkerton P.O., C.W.
1	1860	Orme, J., Berkley P.O., C.W.
2 3	1847	Preston, W., Adelaide, Strathroy P O., C.W.
3	1857	Paintin, R., East Bolton P.O., C.W.
1	1858	Pec's, J., Manyers, Lifford P.O., C.W.
1	1863	Pitcher, J. T., Cavan P.O., C.W.
	1830	Robinson, J. H., Gen. Super. of Missions, London P.O.
1	1830	Reid, John, local elder, Mono Centre P.O., C.W.
	1837	Rump, T., super., St. Catherines P.O., C.W.
_	1840	Robinson, Wm., supernumerary, Lifford P.O., C.W.
2	1846	Rolston, D. D., Nelson, Kilbride P.O., C.W.
2 1 2 1 1	1846	Reid, Thomas, Holland, Chatsworth P.O., C.W.
3	1857	Rogers, J., West Broome P.O., C.E.
2	1857 1858	Redeoff, R., Smith's Falls P.O., C.W.
1	1859	Rawson, Joseph, Caledonia, York P.O., C.W.
i	1864	Richardson G., Cepetown P.O., C.W. Robinson, G., Dunville P.O., C.W.
-	1830	Seymour, James, super.
3	1848	Shuttleworth, J., Montreal P.O., C.E.
1	1850	Savage, D., Nassagaweya P.O., C.W.
1 1	1850	Shaw, James, Goderich P.O., C.W.
1	1855	Scott, James, Flamboro', Waterdown P.O., C.W.
1 2 2	1857	Seymour, J. C., Bartonville P.O., C.W.
2	1861	Smith, D., Ancaster, Copetown P.O., C.W.
1	1841	Simpson, John H., North Gower P.O., C.W.
1	1853	Tindall, William, Malahide, Aylmer P.O., C.W.
1	1858	Tyler, K. J., Ashneld, Belfast P.O., C.W.
	1833	Warren, J. C, Guanadoque P.O., C.W.
. 1	1834	Wilkinson, John, super.
1	1843	Wilkinson, Henry, Pelham, Fenwick P.O., C.W.
1	1843	Weaver, F. G., Meaford, St. Vincent P.O., C.W.
2	1844	Williams, Elias, New Hope, Hespeller P.O., C.W.
9	1850	Whitcombe, O., Bayham, Straffordville P.O., C.W.
9	1853 1854	Webb William, Melbourne, Longwood P.O., C.W. Williams, Williams, Cavan P.O., C.W.
1 3 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1854	Walker, John, Southampton, Saugeen P.O., C.W.
î	1859	Willimott, William, Walkerton P.O., C.W.
î	1859	White, James, Lansdown P.O., C.W.
ī	1861	Withrow, W. H., Hamilton P.O., C.W.
1	1861	Walker, R., Owen Sound P.O., C.W.
2	1862	Wilkinson, J. A., Thamesford P.O., C.W.
1	1862	Wilkinson, T. L., Waterford P.O., C.W.
1	1864	Wilson, J. J., Yorkville P.O., C.W.

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According to appointment of the Annual Conference, held at Owen Sound, June 3rd, 1863, the Conference met at Hamilton, on Wednesday, June 1st, 1864.

QUESTION 1.

Who compose the present Conference.
ANSWER.

CAVAN DISTRICT.

Canan	W. Williams, Wm. Graham.
Manners	J. B. Kershaw, M. McAlister.
Clarke	J. Follick, Wm. Jackson.
Tandeau	D. Bettes, D. Armstrong.
Hone	Jas. Hocking, John Armstrong.
Milford	James Peck.
Prince Edward	
Larton	Robert Johnston.
Omemee	Geo. Buggan, G. Balfour.
Verulam	

GODERICH DISTRICT.

Goderich	John Cleaver.
Aimlinemille	James Scott, J. J. Hawkes, M. D.
Auton	walker, wm. Arnold.
Howick	J. Kawson, George Strong.
Achfield	J. S. Orr, James Haskett.
Bodmin	

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton	C. Shaw, Wm. Rispin.
Ancaster	J. Hill, John Bennett.
Flamboro	J. Shaw, C. Harris.
D.11	John Histon, Peter Draut.
Parton	J. C. Seymour, G.W.Kirkendoll.
Galt	J. A. Miller, H. Rees.

	6 MINUTES.
	New HopeJ. White, George Clemens. CayugaJ. Baskerville, W. Bullock. Lake ErieA. B. Demille, N. C. Gowan. CaledoniaF. G. Weaver, John Lenington.
	JOHNSTON DISTRICT.
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	LONDON DISTRICT.
	London
	MILTON DISTRICT.
1	MiltonT. Goldsmith, Thos. Wilson. CaledonJ. H. Sin pson, Wm. White. TrajalgarF. Haynes, J. Mason. NassagaweyaE. Holmes, J. Husband. NelsonD. D. Rolston, J. Zimmerman.
	MONTREAL DISTRICT.
	MontrealJ. Shutleworth, R. Irwin. DunhamBoltonR. Paintin. BromeJ. Rogers. Stanstead & Hatley
	OWEN SOUND DISTRICT.
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Durham John H. Fowler, Geo. Cushing.
Owen SoundJoel Pitcher, James Graham.
Southampton D. M. McKenzie, G. Scott.
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WalkertonT. Reid, J. J. Wilson.
Artemesia and Osprey T. Jackson, J. Sloan.
Meaford Wm. Willimott.
Glenelg James Gundy.
Paisley S. F. Depew. S. Shannon
Mulmer Thos. Fox. James Howkins.
KincardineJ. Gaddis.
Colpoy's Bay
TO DO NO DESCRIPTION
TOMORIO DISTRICT.

Toronto	G. Brown, J. J. Withrow.
Aurora	D. Savage, Wm. Hill.
Penville	T. M. Jeffres, Wm. McCann.
Brock	A. F. Dempsey, Thos. King.
Yorkville	J. R. Gundy, James Dobson,

WATERFORD DISTRICT.

Waterford	James McAllister, J. D. Fields.
Malahide	Geo. Richardson, O. Robertson.
Middleton	E. Williams, H. Howey.
Bayham	O. Whitcombe, E. Boughner.
Dereham	H. Wilkinson, E. Yorke.
Norwich	J. Wilkinson, John O. Dildine.

CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

J. H. Robinson,.....Superintendent of Missions. Wm. McClure,.....Assistant "Thomas Loteridge...Treasurer. Wm. Latimer......Mission Treasurer.

The following brethren were entitled to a seat in Conference, T. Cole, J. Gear, H. N. Kimball, A. Smith, R. Geary, J. Reid, and I. Haney, but none of them were present.

QUESTION 2.—Have the characters of the Ministers been examined?

Answer.-They have, according to rule.

QUESTION 3.—What preachers have been received into full connexion?

Answer.—A. Hartley, George Buggin, Joseph R. Gundy, H. Leith, T. Fox, J. Hocking, J. Orme, T. Jackson, J. S. Orr, and W. H. Withrow, M. A.

QUESTION 4. - Who have been ordained elders?

Answer.—A. Hartley, G. Buggin, J. R.Gundy, H. Leith, T. Fox, J. Hocking, J. Orme, T. Jackson, J. S. Orr, W. H. Withrow, M.A., A. B. Demille, D.M. McKenzie, S. F. Depew, J.J. Lutze, J.A. Wilkinson and J. Elliott.

QUESTION 5 .- Who remain on trial ?

Answer.—J. O'Hara, D. Smith, R. Walker, J. J. A. Lever, W. B. Danard, A. B. Demille, D. M. McKenzie, S. F. Depew, J. J. Wilson, and W. H. Moss (who have travelled three years;) T. L. Wilkinson, J. J. Lutze, J. Elliott, J. A. Wilkinson, J. Kay and A. Burns (who have travelled two years;) W. H. Dochstader, J. Pitcher, and W. Grandy (who have travelled one year.)

QUESTION 6 .- Who are received on trial?

Answer.—Samuel Keam, W. Henderson, Geo. Robinson, N. B. Randall, W. Grandy, W. McCann.

QUESTION 7 .- Who have been superanuated?

Answer.-J. Wilkinson, J. Seymour and W.McClure.

QUESTION 8 .- Who have withdrawn from us?

Answer .- J.E. Vining, W.H. Foss, and J.E. Kimball.

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Cavan Manve Clarke QUESTION 9 .- Who have died this year }

Answer. - Rev. W. Keam, who was born in Roche Parish, England, August 27th, 1835. When young, with his parents and their family he removed to Canada. He was strictly moral in his life, but did not profess religion until the spring of 1857, when under the ministry of Rev. T. O. Adkin, with many others, he was savingly From the time of his espousals to converted to God. Christ, he had an ardent desire to be useful, and about two years afterward entered the plan as an exhorter on the Hope Circuit, graduating through the degrees with great promise of usefulness in a higher sphere. In 1861 he was sent as a supply to assist Rev. W. Birks in the The next year he was received on Mt. Forest Circuit. trial, and stationed with Rev. J. Shuttleworth, in Montreal. After a few months of acceptable labor here, he was compelled, by physical debility, to return home to The next Conference recuperate his wasted energies. stationed him once more at Mt. Forest, with his former superintendent; his health again failing, he reluctantly abandoned the work dearer to him than life, and after a few weeks of great suffering, characterized by great patience and resignation to the will of God, he quit this mortal strife, and entered into rest, on Sabbath, March His last words were, "Glory to God! 13th, 1864. Hallelujah! Glory!" Bro. Keam possessed a vigorous and cultivated mind, a soul full of love to God and zeal for his cause; and the great usefulness of his brief career in our ministry, happily illustrates the advantages of talent and learning, sanctified by piety, and laid upon the altar of Christ.

QUESTION 10.—How are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer.—In the following order:

CAVAN DISTRICT.

Cavan	Wm. Williams, J.	Pitcher.
Manvers	.J. Peck, J. Kay.	
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Lindsay J. J. Lutze.	
Milford	
Prince Edward E. Holmes.	
Laxton J. McGuire.	
Omemee	
VerulamJ. Bain.	
Wm. Williams, Chairman.	
GODERICH DISTRICT.	
GoderickJ. Shaw.	,
Ainleyville	
BodminT. Fox.	
AytonD. M. McKenzie.	
HowickJ. Elliott.	
Ashfield	*
J. Shaw, Chairman.	
HAMILTON DISTRICT.	
Hamilton W. H. Withrow, M. A., to	
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AncasterG. Richardson, D. Smith.	
Flamboro	
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A. Millon	
New Hope E. Williams.	
J. Scott, Chairman.	
CAYUGA DISTRICT.	
CayugaA. Hartley.	
Lake Erie A. B. Demille.	
CaledoniaJ. Rawson.	
LouthT. Hamilton.	
Pelham	
H. Wilkinson, Chairman.	

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

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LONDON DISTRICT.

London	J. Cleaver, J. R. Gundy.
	Wm. Gundy, S. Keam.
Melbourne	, Wm. Webb.
Talbotville	
Howard	BEST :
St. Mary's	S. B. Gundy, Wm. Grandy.
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Nissouri	J. A. Wilkinson.
Colchester	H. Hall, to attend two Quar-
	terly Meetings. The Mission-
	ary Committee to supply the
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Wm. Gundy, Chairman.

MILTON DISTRICT.

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Milton	T. Goldsmith.
Caledon	E. F. Brown, W. B. Danard.
Trafalgar	F. Haynes.
Nassagaweya	
	D. D. Rolston, N.B. Randall.
	D. D. Rolston, Chairman.

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MONTREAL DISTRICT.

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OWEN	SOUND DISTRICT
Mount Forest	J. B. Kershaw, W. H. Moss.
Holland	T. Reid.
Durham	
	C. Shaw, R. Walker.
Southampton	J. Walker.
Arran	
Walkerton	Wm. Willimott, J. O'Hara.
Artemesia and Ospre	yT. Jackson.
Meaford	F. G. Weaver.
Holland East	
Paisley	James Gundy.
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	Wm. Bothwell.
1	J. B. Kershaw, Chairman.
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Toronto	J. Caswell.
Aurora	G. Brown.
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WATERFORD DISTRICT.

Waterford	J. McAllister, T.L. Wilkinson.
Middleton	R. N. Hill, J.W. Dochstader.
Bayham	O. Whitcombe.
Dereham	J. Hill.
Norwich	J. Histon. **
	J. McAllister, Chairman,

CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

J. H. Robinson, who is our Editor, Superintendent of Missions, and Treasurer of the Chapel, Contingent and Auxilliary Funds.

W. McClure, who is Assistant Superintendent and Tutor of our Theological Institution.

Thomas Lottridge, Treasurer of the Benificent and Paternal Funds; address, Hamilton P. O., C.W.

James Foster, Treasurer of our Mission Fund; address, Toronto P. O., C.W.

D. D. Rolston, who is our President, Kilbride P. O. George Brown, who is Clerk of Conference, Aurora P. O., C. W.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

J. Brennan	Hamilton.
T. Rump	
C. Curry	Morris.
W. Robinson	Manvers.
T. O. Adkins	Lansdown.
J. C. Warren	4
T. Ogden	Frankville.
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RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

1 That Rev. D. D. Rolston be President.

2 That Rev. G. Brown be Clerk of Conference.

3 That Rev. J. Histon be Recording Secretary of this Conference, and Rev. W. Bothwell assistant Recording Secretary.

4 That Rev. J. R. Gundy be the Conference reporter.

5 That Rev. W. McClure be the reporter for the Hamilton Times.

6 That Rev. J. C. Seymour be appointed to record

the baptisms in the Connexional Register.

7 That Rev. James Gundy be appointed to write the certificates for the brethren travelling by the Great Wes-

tern Railway.

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8 That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Conference annually to furnish the publishers of the Methodist Almanac (Carlton & Porter, 300, Mulberry Street, New York) not later than August of each year, the statistics of our Connexion for publication in that work.

9 That Brethren James Shaw, W. Tindall, and J. Clement be a Committee to examine the Circuit Testimonials and lists of members, and report thereon to

Conference.

10 That the Rev. E. Holmes and J. C. Seymour be a Committee to examine the Circuit and District Schedules, and prepare the Statistics of the Connexion for publica-

tion in the minutes.

11 That Bro. S. B. Gundy and J. Husband be a Committee to ascertain as far as possible the various items of business from the Districts, and present those items to the President, to be brought before the Conference in due order.

12 That Revs. W. McClure and T. Goldsmith, with Bro. Withrow, be a Committee to draw up resolutions on our Canadian Missionary work, and submit to the Conference.

13 That the request of the Cayuga and Caledonia

Circuits, to be re-united, be complied with.

14 That the request of the Ainleyville Circuit, to be divided, be acceded to, and the central line of Morris Township form the dividing line between the two Circuits. The one Circuit to be called Ainleyville, and the other Bodmin, but no increase of grant to be allowed.

15 That the Bewdley appointment, on the Hope Circuit be added to the Cavan Circuit; and that the Church property at Baltimore and Lutes be disposed of, to pay the debt on Bewdley Chapel, and that, if there be any

surplus, it go into the Chapel Fund.

16 That we cannot recommend the re-union of the Louth and Pelham Circuits, as the Pelham Circuit has not been consulted in the matter; but recommend that, if practicable, the grant to the Louth Circuit be increased.

17 That A. F. Dempsey be officer of order.

18 That Rev. J. Caswell, T. Goldsmith, J. H. Wilkinson, with Brethren M. McAllister and William Granham, be the stationing Committee.

REPORT ON CONNEXIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

That the report submitted be adopted and considered item by item.

19 That all Circuits and Stations, self-sustaining, shall constitute the Connexion proper, under the supervi-

sion and direction of the Annual Committee.

20 That all Circuits and Stations able to meet their local expenditure, independent of any grant from the Mission Fund, shall be placed on the list of self-sustaining Circuits.

21 That all those Circuits and Stations unable to sustain themselves without a grant from the Mission Fund, from year to year, shall stand on our Minutes of Confer-

ence as Missions.

22 That a Committee of seven members, consisting of three preachers and four laymen one year, and four annuary (

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preachers and three laymen the succeeding year, shall be annually chosen by Conference, to be called the Missionary Committee, of which Committee the General and Assistant Superintendents shall be members ex officio.

23 That the Missionary Committee shall have the supervision and direction of all Missionary work in the

Connexion.

24 That the Spring District Meetings shall each year inquire into and decide how much each Circuit and Mission on said District can and will raise for Mission purposes during the year next ensuing; and also what is the sum needed by the Missions on said District for the same period; and the Secretary of said District shall immediately report to the General Superintendent the decisions of the District Meetings. And the Missionary Committee shall, immediately after each Conference, take this report into consideration, and decide according to their best judgment upon the grant to be made; and the sums to be raised upon the respective Circuits and Missions; and their report shall be final, and shall be communicated to the different Circuits by circular.

The editor of the Evangelical Witness, at this early stage of the Conference, embraced the opportunity of presenting to the Conference the affairs of the paper, when

it was resolved,-

25 .- The Evangelical Witness be continued in its

present form.

That the following brethren, viz: Revs. J. H. Robinson, S. B. Gundy, W. McClure, J. A. Miller, J. B. Kershaw, with J. Pacey, R. Irwin, W. Hill, and J. Clemens be a Committee to take into consideration all matters in connexion with the *Evangelical Witness* office and printing press, and report to Conference as soon as practicable.

After a lengthy discussion on Article 34, page 45, of the discipline, relating to the time preachers shall remain

on a Circuit, it was resolved,-

26 That Article 34, page 45, of the discipline, is to be interpreted as implying that while there is no absolute

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isting of and four prohibition for a preacher to remain on a Circuit longer than the period specified in said rule, the rule is to be accepted as a general rule; and should it be deemed necessary to continue a preacher on a Circuit longer than our past practice in the application of said article has explained it, such a decision shall first have the sanction of a vote of Conference, before it is acted upon by the Stationing Committee.

27 That Brethren W. Birks and J. White be a Committee to write out the Post-office address of the ministers, for publication in the printed Minutes of Conference.

That Rev.T.M. Jeffres ascertain the number of Minutes

of Conference required by the Circuits.

28 That in consequence of the absence of the Baptism Register, all baptisms up to this time shall be recorded next Conference.

29 That Bro. Wm. Henderson, recommended by the

Milton Circuit, be received as a probationer.

30 That Bro. Samuel Keam, recommended by the Mt. Forest Circuit, be received as a probationer.

31 That J. J. Wilson be received as an ordained married probationer of three years standing.

32 That Bro. George Robinson, recommended by the

Lake Erie Circuit, be received as a probationer.

33 That the application of Mr. Finton, to enter our

Ministry, be declined.

34 That Bro. Nathan B. Randall be received as a married probationer, and placed in the hands of the Stationing Committee, to be employed, if his services be required.

35 That Bro. W. Grandy be received as a probationer

of one year's standing.

36 That Bro. Wm. McCann, recommended by the Penville Circuit, be received as a probationer.

37 That the case of Alfred Lafferty be left in the

hands of the Annual Committee. 38 That Revs. J. Simpson and T. M. Jeffres be a

Committee to apportion the monies of the Paternal Fund.

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39 That we request from the Beneficent Society a loan of \$700, to be used in relieving the General and Assistant Superintendents, and Bro. W. Sharp, from the responsibility of their note to John Doel, Esq., in the case of the Yorkville Chapel property.

40. That the request of the Lansdown and the Mallory.

town Circuits, to be re-united, be granted.

Having heard an interesting account of the state and working of the French Canadian Missionary Society, from

its Agent, it was resolved,-

41 That this Conference deeply sympathises with the French Canadian Mission in its laudable efforts for the salvation of the French Canadians, and we pledge ourselves that whenever the agents of that Society visit our respective fields of laber, we give them our active cooperation.

42 That Rev. J. Rodgers be appointed to raise a subscription of \$30 towards a Scholarship, in connexion with the School of the French Canadian Missionary

Society.

43 That the Elizabethtown and Oxford Circuits be re-united, under the name of the Elizabethtown Circuit.

44 That in future the name of our denomination be

the Methodist New Connexion Church.

45 That Rev. J. H. Robinson, John Plummer and Dr. Salter be a Committee to draft a Deed of Incorporation for our Church, and that said deed be printed and sent to the Circuits previously to Spring District Meetings, for examination and approval, and to be finally sanctioned by the next Conference.

46 That the Hamilton District be divided as follows: Hamilton, Barton, Ancaster, Flamboro, Galt, and New Hope, to be called the Hamilton District. Louth, Pelham, Cayuga, Caledonia, and Lake Erie, to be called the

Cayuga District.

47 That the preacher on the Nissouri Circuit be allowed to visit the Districts hereafter to be specified, to raise funds to build a Connexional Chapel in Ingersoll, viz: the Hamilton, Waterford and Milton Districts.

48 That the preacher of the Ainleyville Circuit be allowed to visit the Districts hereafter specified, to raise funds towards the Ainleyville Parsonage debt; viz: the London, Goderich, Owen Sound and Toronto Districts.

REPORT ON THE WITNESS.

The committee appointed to consider the affairs of the Printing Office and Witness, find the following is the current account for the year 1863:

Expenses	\$2,000	00
Income for 1863, up to Dec. 31st, \$1,270	N.	
Estimated income since 300	1,570	00
Balance due from subscriptions, Capital account:	\$430	
Due Mr. Robinson	\$1,540	
Due Beneficent Society	1,200	
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The Conference will thus perceive that the actual cash income from the subscriptions is \$430 deficient on the year. Under these circumstances, it will be apparent to the Conference, that the Witness cannot live any longer unless an improvement can be effected in the amount of the receipts, or in the reduction of the cost of its production, or both.

The Committee therefore recommend that, for the purpose of securing the first of these ends, an agent be appointed by this Conference who shall visit the whole of the Connexion to collect the subscriptions due, and to canvass for new subscribers.

That for the purpose of effecting the second of these ends, the sum of \$1,000 per annum, for, say three years to come, be applied from funds passing through the hands of the General Superintendent, to pay off the liabilities on the estate, and thus free it from all incum-

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ble circumstances, pay its way. That, failing the adoption of these expedients, the Committee are of opinion that there is no other alternative than the discontinuance of the Witness and the disposal of the office, with a view to pay off its liabilities, and also lessen some of our other Connexional liabilities.

49 That preachers, being agents, pay \$2.00 for their own paper, and that agent who secures five new subscribers, receives his own paper for \$1.00; if ten new

subscribers, with cash, his own paper free.

50 That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Revd. J. H. Robinson for the ability with which he has conducted the Evangelical Witness during the past year, and that he be reappointed as our Editor during the present year.

51 That the London and St. Mary's Superintendent preachers, with Rev. J. H. Robinson, John Plummer, Dr. Salter and Stephen Saunders, be the Publishing

Committee for the following year.

52 That the Conference desires to express its high approbation of the correspondence of Revd. J. C. Watts to the Evangelical Witness, and requests him to continue the same good work, and sends him herewith the sum of £1 sterling to repay him for his postages in conducting the correspondence.

53 That the Editor be requested to make such selections, as he may think proper, from the English Maga-

zines, to be inserted in the Evangelical Witness.

54 That the case of the London North Parsonage debt be referred back to the Circuit, with the express request that the Circuit pay the account to Mr. Scott.

55 That the request of the Waterford Circuit to dispose of their parsonage property, with a view of investing the proceeds in a more eligible situation, be granted.

56 That the Conference appreciates the kindness of

the English Committee and Conference in sending Rev J. Stacy to visit us—a visit which, short as it was, afforded much pleasure and profit to all who had the privilege of Mr. Stacy's ministrations and intercouse, and the Conference learns with pleasure that it is the intention of the English Conference to send a deputation to visit this Conference every two or three years, and assures the Brethren in England that this arrangement will be highly acceptable to this Conference, and we shall gladly allow the Brethren a seat and a vote in the Conference.

57 That all applications for grants to Chapels or Par-

sonages, be referred to the Chapel Committee.

58 That the name of the Glenelg Circuit be changed

to Holland East.

59 That the request of the New Hope Circuit for the return of the Rev. J. White a fourth year, be not granted.

60 That the request of the St. Mary's Circuit for the return of the Rev. S. B. Gundy, a fourth year, (combined with his own request), be granted.

61 That Rev. J. A. Wilkinson, Nissouri Circuit.

be ordained for special purposes.

62 That the request of the Norwich Circuit for the return of the Rev. J. Wilkinson, a fourth year, be not

granted.

thanks to the families of this Church and congregation, and the families of other Churches and congregations, who have so comfortably accommodated the members of the Conference during its present session, feeling that a grateful sense will long be cherished of the kind and cordial manner in which the friends in this city have taken us to their houses, and the many kind attentions we have received from them, and would pray Almighty God to make our visit to this place a blessing to the families with whom we have sojourned, to the Church and congregation particularly entertaining us, and to the community at large.

64 That the resolution uniting the Cayuga and Cale-

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65 That the name of Louth Circuit be changed to that of St. Catharines Circuit.
66 That Conference, while it accepts the resignation

of Rev. J. E. Vining, would express its regret at the circumstances under which he demitted his charge.

67 That Revds. J. Rogers, G. Richardson, W. Tindall and W. Williams, with Bros. R. Irwin, J. J. Witherow and R. Johnson, be a committee to draft resolutions on the questions of Slavery, Sabbath observance and Temperance.

68 That in order to facilitate the studies of our young men (probationers), and assist them in preparing and passing their examinations, the series of questions proposed each year, throughout the course, be published

immediately after the Conference.

69 That the Resolution appointing the Missionary Committee be rescinded, and the following take its place:

That the Missionary Committee shall consist of the General and Assistant Superintendents, the Chairman and a Layman from each District—that for this year, and in future, said Committee shall meet during the sittings of Conference, and shall report after the third reading of the Stationing Committee.

70 That Revds. J. Miller and W. Birks, with Brother R. Irwin, be a Committee to examine the statistics of the Connexion, as compared with last year, and report

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71 That three young men who, at the close of their probation, have the highest marks in their Theological attainments, shall receive honors from Conference in such form as Conference may choose—such honors being confined to three persons annually.

72 That the discounts from the Mission grants for the

past year be 221 per cent.

73 That the sum of \$25 be allowed to Rev. B. Haigh in consideration of the large sum expended in his removal to the Dunham Circuit last year.

74 That in future a separate column shall be placed in the statistical table for superanuated ministers.

75 That the available grant to the Owen Sound Circuit be divided between Revds. W. Birks and Joel Pitcher.

76 That we have heard with pleasure the offer of R. Pinkerton, Esq., J.P., sent us through Bro. Depew, of his determination to build us a Church, and we hope his life may be spared to complete his purpose, and enjoy for many years the privilege of worshipping therein.

CHAPEL BUSINESS. 77 That the sum of \$40 be granted towards purchasing a site for a Chapel in the Village of Kincardine.

78 That there be no grants made to Chapels or Par-

sonages until there are funds to meet those grants. 79 That the loan requested by the Durham Circuit be referred to the favorable consideration of the Chapel Committee.

80 That while we are devoutly thankful for the degree of general prosperity we have realised during the past year, yet we cannot but feel deeply humbled before God, that the number of conversions and accessions to the Church have been so few in the year which is gone, and we pledge ourselves to labor, if possible, more abundantly and faithfully for the salvation of precious souls during the year upon which we are now entering.

81 That the Rev. J. McAllister write the address to

the Canadian Connexion next year.

82 That the Rev. W. McClure write the address to

the English Connexion next year.

83 That the Publishing Committee, with Bro. Tindall, be the Committee to complete the revision of our

Discipline. 84 That we heartily sympathize with all christian denominations in this country, in the great work in which we are alike engaged, and we earnestly desire that a closer bond of union may subsist among us, more especially among those bodies who, in doctrine and polity, are Methodistic.

85 That while we, as a Conference, deeply deplore the present distracted state of things in the United States, of all ent co " hear whate may the p blot c

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86 That in our experience, as a Conference, we are more than ever fully satisfied that the only security against the fearful ravages of intemperance is found in total abstinence; we therefore recommend all our membership to adhere strictly to its principles, to inculcate it especially upon their children; to use all the efforts in their power to reclaim the inebriate, to elevate his suffering family, and to bring their influence to bear, both by moral suasion and elective franchise, to banish this fearful destroyer from the land in which we live.

87 That being fully satisfied that the Christian Sabbath is an institution of God for the benefit of man, and his own Glory-we deplore its extensive desecration, even by those in authority, to sordid purposes; and we would affectionately urge our people "To remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and thus, by their influence and example, give respect to the laws of God, and

reprove the wickedness of man.

88 That the Annual Committee consist of the General Superintendent, the President of Conference and W. Birks, with Brethren N. C. Gowan and Graham.

89 That the report of the Educational Board be The report is as follows: accepted.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR 1864, TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST NEW CONNEX-ION CHURCH, ASSEMBLED IN HAMILTON, JUNE 1st, 1864.

In presenting our report for the years 1863-4, we bid you peace in the name of the Lord. The attendance on the instruction provided for candidates for our public ministry, has not at all been equal either to the hopes of the Connexion, the necessities of the case, nor wishes of several of our young men, whose want of means to support themselves at our institute,

compelled them to stay away, and pursue, as best they could, amid their secular engagements, the necessary attainments in knowledge to their reception, as probationers, or to their passing on successfully through the various stages of their probation.

Soon after the Conference of 1863, Mr William Grandy, as by that Conference directed, left the Milton Grammar School, where he had spent the previous year, and placed himself under the care of your Tutor—for the first half of the year Mr. Grandy attended the Grammar School in Toronto, as well as his daily attendance on Mr. McClure, being anxious to secure some knowledge of Mathematics and Languages, and he worked very diligently both in this and his Theological studies; but he deemed it necessary for the second half of the year to devote his whole attention to the subjects immediately bearing on his calling to the public ministry; in this department he has made very creditable proficiency, as his examination papers shew. While Mr. Grandy was punctual in his attendance on the institution of Mr. McClure every day in the week, he was by no means negligent of any of our valuable means of grace, taking his place also on the Circuit plan, and preaching in Yorkville on Sabbath, and Toronto on week nights. It is his own and his parents wish that he should enter our Ministry this Conference.

Mr. J. R. Gundy was only able to attend to your Institute a few weeks previous to his call from Yorkville to London; his attendance on lectures and other duties, binding on him as a University student, interfered for a season after his arrival in Yorkville—such interruptions, perhaps unavoidable, are much

From the very commencement of the year, Mr. McClure has been in correspondence with several young men, mostly already in their probation with our Church, whose consciousness of their defects seems greatly awakened, and whose efforts in the pursuit of knowledge gives pleasing promise of a better standard of ministerial qualifications being felt a necessity, and quite within the grasp of our gifted youth, could a very small measure of pecuniary aid be annually appropriated to such purposes. It has been a frequent source of pleasure during the year, to your Tutor, to give, by letter, his best advice and encouragement to all such, and, we are happy to say, such counsel has been thankfully received.

The visit of Mr. Stacy to this country was too brief and local to his obtaining correct views of our work in Canada, still it was not without its important consequences, and we trust, will lead to other and more protracted visitations. His enquiries about the status and prospects of your Institute were not favorable, either as to its present basis, or future success, and although he forebore any suggestion, as to what may or

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90 That the Educational Board be requested to write an address to the members of our Church, setting forth the claims of our Institute, and that the same be published in the Witness.

91 That the members of the Educational Board be

the same as last year.

92 That the Rev. W. McClure be reappointed Tutor

of the Theological Institute.

Onference to us, for Educational purposes, be appropriated to the Tutor of our Theological Institute, and that he direct the studies of such students as may be sent to him by the authority of the Annual Committee; also to assist our travelling probationers, as need may require, by correspondence with them; to prepare the examination papers for our several probationers, and forward them to the several Chairmen of Districts, who shall supervise the young men in their examination by these papers; and, finally, that he travel through the Connexion so far as consists with his duties as Tutor, to raise money to defray the expense of young mens' board who may be sent to the Institute.

94 That an Executive Missionary Committee be constituted, of the following persons: Revds. J. H. Robinson, W. McClure, D. D. Rolston, with Messrs. Bennett and Withrow, to act through the coming year. The President, Chairman, and W. McClure, Secretary.

95 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to W. Latimer, Esq., for his services during the past year as Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

96 That James Foster, Esq., be the Mission Treasurer

for the present year.

97 That a vote of thanks be tendered to our Connexional Treasurer, T. Lottridge, Esq., for his efficient services during the past year, and that he be requested to act for the ensuing year.

98 That the case of Bro. James Greenwood, who wishes to enter the Theological Institute, be referred to

the Annual Committee.

99 After thanks to President, General and Assistant Superintendents of Missions, Secretary and Conference Reporter, the Conference closed by singing and prayer.

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TO THE

MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CHURCH IN CANADA.

DEAR BRETHREN,-

Through the mercy of a gracious Providence, we, your Ministerial and Lay Representatives, have been again permitted to assemble in our Annual Conference. In accordance with our usual practice, we tender to you our affectionate salutation, "Grace to you, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ." We invite you to unite with us in offering our grateful acknowledgments to the Giver of all good, for his

abundant mercy toward us.

Questions of great interest and importance have occupied our attention, and have, upon the whole, been discussed in the spirit of Christian love and moderation. The subject of our Missionary operations having called for our action, a series of resolutions have been passed, placing our purely Connexional work on one basis, and our Missionary department upon another; the former to remain under the control of the Annual Committee; the latter to be under the direction of a Missionary Committee, appointed for the purpose. The distribution of grants to our Missions, and the assessments of amounts to be raised by the Circuits for Missionary purposes, have been placed in the hands of the District Meetings, subject to the supervision of the Missionary Committee. These measures will, we trust, simplify our operations, and materially contribute to the pros perity of our Zion. By an explanatory resolution of the present Conference, the relation of our Superintendant Preachers to their separate charges may be continued for a longer period than heretofore, provided circumstances of special necessity demand it. The Evangelical Witness, so long and ably conducted by the Rev. J. H. Robinson, is to be continued under its present maragement, and is, we trust, now placed in a firm and prosperous condition. To those who appreciate the value, and hail the weekly visits of our Connexional organ, this intelligence will be most welcome. We look to you, dear brethren, to unite with us in the support of this important enterprise. Many other measures materially affecting your welfare have been adopted, for information upon which we refer you to the resolutions of our Minutes.

The religious services held in connection with our annual gathering, have been seasons of refreshing from the presence of

the Lord. We have no doubt that their influence will be felt

in the ministrations of our brethren among you.

We are grateful to be able to report an increase in the number of our membership; but we are humbled by the fact that the accessions to our ranks are so few. It is true that the places of those who have fallen in death have been taken by others; it is true that the losses sustained by defections, and removals beyond the range of our ministrations, have been more than made up; yet it is equally true that, had we approached the throne of grace more frequently and earnestly, had we been moved by a more intense love for the souls of those around us; had we grasped the promises of our covenant, keeping God with a firmer faith, the number of accessions to our ranks had been

much greater.

We are happy to inform you that during the past year a much greater number have heard the Gospel from the lips of our minutes than in the years gone by. As faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, we ground upon this cheering feature of our report our hopes of great ingatherings in the year to come. O! that we may address ourselves to the pleasing task of saving souls, that those who hear may not We note a small increase in the number of Sabbath Schools and scholars. In no department of our work is prosperity more important than in this. Our efforts in that direction cannot be too frequent, constant and faithful. By means of this institution, we influence the generation that shall take its place amid the active efforts of life, when the present has passed away. Are our pulpits to be filled by holy men? They must be trained in the way they should go in early life. Are the high places of our land to be filled by the pious and the upright? They must be trained in youth. Are our churches to be filled with earnest worshippers when we sleep with our fathers? Then must they be led to "remember their Creator in the days of their youth." We commend this institution to your prayers, your sympathies, and your efforts, and hope that, upon the return of another Conference, a large increase of Sabbath Schools will be reported.

We regret to announce the death of one of our young brethren in the ministry, the Rev. W. Keam. The deceased was a person of deep piety, cultivated mind, and excellent talent. He passed away to his reward triumphantly. Our loss is his eternal gain.

"Oh! may we triumph so,
When all our warfare's past,
And dying find our latest foe,
Under our feet at last."

Several young men have been received into our itinerancy during the present Conference, and a large number have been ordained and received into full connexion with us. May God, of his abundant mercy, make them eminently useful. Many of our religio

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Our Connexional finances are as usual well sustained. The Mission Fund is nearly \$300 in advance of last year. All the other funds are in an improved condition, with the exception of the Contingent Fund, which falls slightly short of last year.

The general improvement is highly encouraging.

Permit us, dear brethren, in offering to you our affectionate counsel, to remind you of the importance of personal piety. As professing Christians, you stand as the practical exponents of the principles of our holy religion. You are living epistles See that men read from the pages of your life the truth as it is in Jesus. Allow us to urge upon you the necessity of family religion; erect the family altar, gather your household together, and lead them to the throne of Grace. Train up those committed to your care in the way they should go, so shall they appear with you before God. The ordinances of our religion claim your observance. Be frequent and regular in attendance upon the ministrations of the word of God, neglect not the prayer meetings, punctually attend the class meetings, for in so doing your soul will prosper.

Allow us also to remind you of the relation you sustain to the unconverted around you. By your consistent example, your affectionate counsel, and your earnest prayers, lead all you can to Jesus. The work of saving souls is yours as well as ours. Up, then, ye men of God, and "work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh, when no man can work."

We are in duty bound to remind you of the obligations you are under as members of the body we represent. Does the organization to which you belong grant you special privileges? Those privileges carry along with them corresponding responsibilities. Receive those who labor among you in word and doctrine with cordiality, support them by your prayers and sympathies, supply their temporal necessities by your liberality. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love, for their work's sake." Contribute to the Connexional Funds, as God has prospered you; sustain every department of our work to the utmost of your ability; then shall God make our Zion a praise in the earth. "And now, brethren, we recommend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified."

ADDRESS

OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE TO THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,-

Being permitted in the good Providence of God to assemble in our thirty-sixth Annual Conference, we embrace the opportunity the occasion presents of sending to you our fraternal

greetings.

We rejoice in the fact of our identity in doctrine and Church government, in aims and christian enterprises. Not only are we both endeavoring to rear a permanent structure of ecclesiastical polity, which is both rational and scriptural in its character, and happy and elevating in its results—the principle of which is being introduced into other branches of the christian Church, and will, perhaps, ere long, become a fact in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States—but we are both striving to advance the cause of truth and righteousness in the world; are putting forth active efforts to extend the benificent sway of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to raise fallen, guilty and debased humanity to the possession of that excellence and happiness which true religion alone affords, and

to the enjoyment of celestial glory

We were much pleased with the brief visit of the Rev. J. Stacy; but could his stay have been prolonged so that he could have visited our principal circuits, his visit would have been still more gratifying and more profitable. But, though we were deprived of the gratification and profit of a longer stay amongst us, we hope his voyages across the great waters, and his visit, have been beneficial to his health, and that that health will long be adequate to the important duties devolving upon him. We learn with pleasure that it is the intention of your Committee to send a deputation to visit our Conference every two or three years, and we assure you this arrangement will be highly acceptable to this Conference, and that we shall gladly allow the Brethren thus sent a seat and vote in the Conference. We are highly gratified to learn that your Mission to Australia has been so auspiciously inaugurated, and that you are resolved to send another agent into that field; and that the labors of your Missionaries, Revds. Messrs. Innocent and Hall, have been so successful, and that your prospects are so encouraging in that distant land. We cannot but be much gratified to know that the success vouchsafed to our labors is the cause of such high satisfaction and pleasure to you, and that we have an interest in your prayers.

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We congratulate you on your liberality and success in establishing an institution for the training of young men of piety and ability for the important office of Ambassadors for Christ, and Pastors of your Churches; and we pray that the Head of the Church may give His blessing to the enterprise, and that very many successful Ministers of Christ may be supplied to the Church by your institution.

We have still to lament, as you are aware from the press,

the prevalence of war in the neighboring Republic, and all its demoralizing influences and bloody and devastating effects. We pray earnestly that this monster may be arrested in his progress of blood and misery, and the sword may soon be exchanged for the ploughshear, or some other peaceful and honorable pursuit. And especially that the result of this war may be that slavery should only be remembered as an institu-

tion of the past.

We are thankful to God that peace still reigns in our highly favored country; and we fervently pray that the alarm of war may never be heard in our land, and that the intellectual, commercial, moral and religious progress of our fair Province may never be retarded by the invasion of an enemy; and its peaceful inhabitants may never have to wield the sword in its defence. But though the bloody strife is not being waged upon our own soil, yet our close proximity to the theatre of war is a great injury to our commercial interests. It is also detrimental to us in other respects. We view, too, with some degree of alarm, the political state of the European Continent - the war already raging, and the smouldering embers ready, as soon as a favorable opportunity presents itself, to break out into a tremendous flame. May he who sits at the helm of affairs, overrule all these events to advance his own glory in the interests of his spiritual kingdom, and the accomplishment of all his glorious purposes.

As it regards our state as a Church, while peace prevails throughout our borders, yet we have not made that progress the past year we could have wished. Our increase in numbers is but small. We would humble ourselves deep before God on this account. We are happy to say there has been a considerable advance the past year in our finances. We pray that ourselves and all our people may be rebaptised with the Spir-

its influences.

During the year our Ministerial ranks have been invaded by death, and a promising and devoted young Brother, the Rev. W. Keam, has laid aside his armor, finished his work, and entered upon the glorious rest of Paradise. May his mantle fall upon many others! During the Conference, two of our aged Ministers have, by their own request, entered upon our superanuated list, and seven new agents have entered the field, six of them young men.

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Our General and Assistant Superintendents, as in the past, hold a place high in our estimation. The Rev. J. H. Robinson still occupies the editorial chair of the Evangelical Witness, and ably and honorably acquits himself in his other important Connexional duties. We are sorry that his health is in so poor a state, and hope that it may soon be re-established. The Rev. W. McClure still takes the charge of our Theological Institute, and doubtless his labors are of high advantage to those favored with his instructions. We hope that they will be both long spared to serve the Church of God as efficiently as they have done in the past,

Of late years we have diligently labored to extend our borders, and the cause of Christ around us, i. e., as far as our means would allow, by opening new Missions, and extending and dividing Circuits. And, perhaps, our zeal has been too ardent in this matter for our real and permanent good. We have almost run too fast, i. e., for our resources. That zeal will have to be more than ever directed now to the consolidation of our Connexional enterprises—to the strengthening of our stakes. Our influence will have to be brought to bear more fully in diligently cultivating the ground we do occupy, that it may indeed become a fruitful field. In concluding our brief epistle to you, dear Fathers and Brethren, we would add that it is our earnest prayer to God that the teeming showers of grace may speedily descend upon your Churches, and upon us throughout our length and breadth.

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CAVAN DISTRICT—RECKIPTS.	CAVAN DISTRICT—PAYMENTS
Cavan. \$129 62 ½ Manvers. 117 37 ½ Clarke 70 00 Lindsay β 60 00 Hope. 50 00 Milford. 50 00 Prince Edward 69 94 ½ Laxton Mission 38 39 ½ Omemee 25 00 Verulem 30 00	Rev. W. Williams \$9 62½ Rev. J. Follick 62 00 Rev. D. Bettis 124 00 Rev. J. Hocking 54 25 Rev. J. Peck 96 87½ Rev. W. Tindall 9 94½ Rev. J. Crawford 150 14½ Rev. R. J. Tyler 116 25
GODERICH DISTRICT.	GODERICH DISTRICT. \$623 09
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HAMILTON DISTRICT. \$444 61	HAMILTON DISTRICT. \$710 11
Hamilton \$144 03 Ancaster 124 36 Flamborough 80 00 Louth 50 04 Pelham 68 42 Barton 105 31½ Galt 75 59½ New Hope 80 00 Cayuga 80 00 Caledonia 70 00 Lake Erie 126 79	Rev. C. Shaw \$262 28 Revs. J. Hill & D. Smith 24 36 Rev. J. Shaw 46 50 Rev. T. Hamilton 77 54 Rev. J. Histon 39 42 Rev. J. C. Seymour 35 31½ Rev. J. A. Miller 171 09½ Rev. J. White 93 90 Revs. J. Baskerville and 77 50 W. H. Foss, 85 25 Rev. A. B. Demill 88 79
JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.	JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.
Lansdown \$120 00 Elizabethtown 100 00 Crosby 100 00 Kitley 80 00 Oxford 50 00 Smith's Falls 62 00 Marlborough 50 00 Mallorytown 60 00	Rev. E. F. Brown and J. W. Dochstader, 108 50 J. W. Dochstader, 77 50 Rev. W. Bothwell 77 50 Rev. D. Auld 77 50 Rev. J. Bain 62 00 Rev. R. N. Hill 116 25 Rev. R. Redeoff 95 00 Rev. J. McGuire 108 50 Rev. Seymour 86 25
MILTON DISTRICT.	MILTON DISTRICT.
Milton	Rev. T. Goldsmith and J. J. A. Lever, Rev. J. Simpson and T. L. Wilkinson, 70 171/2
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LONDON DISTRICT.	LONDON DISTRICT.
London	Revs. W. Gundy and A. Burns, \$193 08 Rev. W. Webb 163 08% Rev. E. Kershaw 119 31 Rev. H. Hall 125 24% Rev. S. B. Gundy 146 38 Rev. W. Preston 137 89% Rev. J. A. Wilkinson 100 84%
MONTREAL DISTRICT. \$1,230 27	MONTREAL DISTRICT.
Montreal \$615 70 Dunham 60 00 Bolton 40 00 Brome 50 00 Stanstead and Hatley 00 00	Rev. J. Shuttleworth & Rev. W. H. Withrow, Rev. B. Haigh
OWEN SOUND DISTRICT.	OWEN SOUND DISTRICT. \$1,031 82%
Mount Forest \$120 50 Holland 60 00 Durham 69 00 Owen Sound 94 67 Southampton 55 44½ Arran 57 60 Walkerton 144 07 Artemesia and Osprey 63 57 Meaford 30 00 Glenelg 49 30 Paisley 55 59½ Mulmer 60 00 Kincardine 40 00	Revs.W.Birks & W.Keam. \$144 50 Revs.J.Elliott & J.O'Hora
TORONTO DISTRICT.	TORONTO DISTRICT.
Toronto. \$192 63 Aurora 129 91 Penville 72 683 Brock 129 89 Yorkville.	Rev. George Brown \$120 13 Rev. D. Savage 89 91 Rev. T. M. Jefferies 61 43½ Rev. A. F. Dempsey 48 64 Rev. J. R. Gundy 38 75
WATERFORD DISTRICT. \$525 111/2	WATERFORD DISTRICT. \$358 861/2
Waterford \$123 86 Malahide 73 86 Middleton 50 00 Bayham 74 27 Norwich 50 00 Dereham 135 46 ½	Rev. O. Whitcomb \$ 63 02 Rev. J. Wilkinson 38 75 Rev. H. Wilkinson 137 45%
\$507 44%	\$289 22%

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RECAPITULATION.	
Receipts from Districts:	
Cavan District	
Goderich 444 61	
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Total rec'pts from Canada \$7110 17 Grant from England.....2200 00 From Rev. S. B. Gundy... 12 00 Total from all sources....\$9322 17 Balance advanced......286 63%

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Goderich	do		 	::	710	11
Hamilton				 	1001	05
Johnstown	do			 	730	50
London	do				985	
Milton			 		126	6316
Montreal					1031	
Owen S'd	do		 	 	1594	83
Toronto	do		 	 	358	861/
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RECAPITULATION.

Total paid to Districts....\$7401 97

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1	_ Miscellaneous Payments:
í	To over paid last year \$404 56 %
	To Rev. W. McClure, post-
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1	ages and stationery 12 00
1	To Treasurer Paternal fund 120 00
ı	To Rev. J. Seymour, special
ı	grant 20 00
ı	To Rev. J. Wilkinson, spe-
ı	To Rev. C. Shaw, expenses 75
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l	To Rev. J. S. Orr, special
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I	To expenses of Rev. J.J.A. 50 00
I	Lever to Montreal 18 00
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ı	ply for London 75 00
ı	To Key. W. Withrow ev-
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ı	grant 25 00
ŀ	To Rev.S. Rawson, for trav-
ı	elling expenses
i	To Rev. T. M. Jefferies,
	travelling expenses 20 00
ŀ	To Rev. J. Simpson travel.
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	To Treasurer postage etc
	tionery, &c 10 00
i	To Treasurer's expenses to
	and at Conference to
	and at Conference 6 00
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	London to prepare report
	for minutes 4 00
	Printing Missionary Report 140 00 .
	Carriage of do 7 00
	Stationery for office 12 00
	Grant to Chapel Fund 120 00
	Interest on Toronto Church 192 00
	Interest on Yorkville do 45 53
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Forward........\$1,403 0936

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В	OOK ROOM	ACCOUNT.	
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Sales during the year as follows:— To Ministers Miscellaneous At an average profit of 20 per cent Loss on years transactions	\$400 00 50 00 \$450 00 90 00 30 00 \$190 00	Commission allowed to Ministers, 10 per cent on \$400	40 00 80 00
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